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## **WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE WELSH GOVERNMENT**

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**TITLE**            **The Seeds (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020**

**DATE**            **20 November 2020**

**BY**                **Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Trefnydd**

**SI laid in Parliament, which amends secondary legislation in a devolved area**

**The Seeds (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020**

The 2020 Regulations amend the following legislation:

- The Seeds (National Lists of Varieties) (Fees) Regulations 1994;
- The Seeds (National Lists of Varieties) Regulations 2001; and
- The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.

**Any impact the SI may have on the Senedd's legislative competence and/or the Welsh Ministers' executive competence**

The 2020 Regulations do not impact on the Senedd's legislative competence or the Welsh Ministers' executive competence.

**The purpose of the amendments**

The 2020 Regulations ensure the UK has a functioning statute book at the end of the Implementation Period. It exercises the power in Section 8C(1) of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 to implement the Protocol on Ireland / Northern Ireland to the Withdrawal Agreement. It amends the Seeds (National Lists of Varieties) Regulations 2001 so they apply to Great Britain only and create a Great Britain variety list. It amends the Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 to align its operability amendments with the Protocol and makes consequential amendments to the Seeds (National Lists of Varieties) (Fees) Regulations 1994.

The 2020 Regulations and accompanying Explanatory Memorandum, setting out the detail of the provenance, purpose and effect of the amendments is available here: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/1294/made>

### **Why consent was given**

Consent has been given for the UK Government to make these corrections in relation to, and on behalf of, Wales for reasons of efficiency, expediency and due to the technical nature of the amendments. The amendments have been considered fully and there is no divergence in policy. This is in line with the principles for correcting agreed by the Cabinet Sub-Committee on European Transition in May.