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

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**TITLE**            **The Organic Production (Organic Indications) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020**

**DATE**            **08 January 2021**

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

**SO30C** – Notification in Relation to Statutory Instruments made by UK Ministers in devolved areas under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 not laid before the Assembly

**The Organic Production (Organic Indications) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (the “2020 Regulations”)**

### **The law which is being amended**

#### **EU legislation**

- Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products.

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

The 2020 Regulations make minor technical amendments to retained direct EU legislation to ensure the operability of this legislation at the end of the transition period. There is no impact on the Welsh Ministers’ executive competence or the Senedd’s legislative competence.

### **The purpose of the amendments**

The 2020 Regulations ensures that organic rules are updated in preparation for the end of the transition period by amending deficiencies within the retained EU legislation.

The Regulations and accompanying Explanatory Memorandum, setting out the effect of amendments is available here: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/1669/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 on matters relating to organic labelling for reasons of efficiency, expediency and due to the technical nature of the amendments. There is no divergence in policy after full and careful consideration of the proposed amendments, assessment of the policy instructions and legal analysis of the drafting. These amendments are to ensure that the statute book remains functional following the UK's exit from the EU.

The 2020 Regulations will follow the 'urgent made affirmative procedure' that is set out in paragraph 5 of Schedule 7 to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018. In accordance with this procedure, the 2020 Regulations may be made without a draft of the instrument being laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament, provided a declaration is made by the relevant Minister that as a result of urgency, it is necessary to make the regulations without a draft being laid and approved.