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Welsh Government

Huw Irranca-Davies MS
Chair, Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

1 December 2021

Dear Huw,

Thank you for your letter of 18 November regarding the Animal Health, Plant Health, Seeds and Seed Potatoes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2021.

I note the comments of the Committee in relation to the principle any subordinate legislation impacting on Senedd's powers should not be made without the approval of the Senedd, subject to time. It should be noted however consent to the Statutory Instrument was given to the UK Government by the Minister for Climate Change prior to the First Ministers commitment coming into place on 11 October. Therefore at the time consent was given Standing Order 30C was followed.

The Committee will also wish to note there are three frameworks relating to the functions within the Statutory Instrument; Plant Varieties and Seeds, Plant Health and Animal Health and Welfare. These were provisionally agreed by Ministers at the end of the transition period and have been in operation since the beginning of this year. The decision to give legislative consent is a separate process, however the three frameworks allow for discussions on policy, regulatory and operational issues through the groups established between the four governments.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Consent to the Statutory Instrument was given due to the need to address failures of retained EU law to operate effectively following the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union. This ensures plant and animal health controls can operate effectively to protect biosecurity and support trade between Great Britain and the relevant third countries.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lesley Griffiths". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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