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Welsh Government

**WRITTEN STATEMENT
BY
THE WELSH GOVERNMENT**

TITLE **The Official Controls (Temporary Measures) (Coronavirus)
(Amendment) (No.3) Regulations 2021**

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Members of the Senedd will wish to be aware that we are giving consent to the Secretary of State exercising a subordinate legislation-making power in a devolved area in relation to Wales.

Agreement was sought by Victoria Prentis MP, Minister of State (Minister for Farming, Fisheries and Food), to make a Statutory Instrument (SI) titled The Official Controls (Temporary Measures) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) (No.3) Regulations 2021 to apply in relation to Great Britain.

The above titled SI will be made by the Secretary of State in exercise of powers conferred by Article 141 of the Retained Regulation (EU) 2017/625 on official controls and other official activities.

The SI amends Retained Regulation (EU) 2020/466, which expired on 31 December 2021, to allow the continuation of certain temporary measures to the system of official controls implemented as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic to be in place until 1 July 2022.

The amendment provides competent authorities with the continued ability to introduce temporary measures to help prevent disruptions to the food supply chain, ensuring that

official controls can still be conducted in compliance with wider guidelines and procedures put in place to deal with staff shortages as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic.

The regulations were laid before Parliament on 4 January 2022 to come into force on 31 December 2021.