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Huw Irranca-Davies MS Chair,
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Dear Huw,

The Pesticides (Revocation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2022

The above titled SI revokes retained direct EU legislation relating to pesticides, and in particular, legislation relating to plant protection products and maximum residue levels which are redundant retained EU law.

The effect of SI is to revoke redundant retained direct EU legislation which forms part of the plant protection product (“PPP”) and maximum residue level (“MRL”) regulatory regimes, so that these regimes can continue to operate effectively following the end of the implementation period. The revocations concern direct EU legislation which came into force towards the end of the implementation period (and so was not addressed by the earlier EU Exit SIs) and which is given effect in Great Britain through transitional provisions in the earlier EU Exit SIs and the national statutory registers. As a result, the retained direct EU legislation to be revoked is no longer required.

The SI is subject to the negative procedure, and was laid before Parliament on 18 January 2022 with a commencement date of 4 April 2022.

Although the Welsh Government’s general principle is that the law relating to devolved matters should be made and amended in Wales, on this occasion given the policy alignment between all three governments, and the clear advantages given the subject matter of the law relating to England, Scotland and Wales being accessible in a single instrument, I consider that legislating separately for Wales would be neither the most appropriate way to give effect to the necessary changes nor a prudent use of Welsh Government resources given other important priorities.

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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.

I am therefore writing to you to let you know I have given my consent, to the Secretary of State to make this SI in relation to Wales. I have laid a Written Statement, which can be found at:

<https://senedd.wales/media/hu5pxuh4/ws-ld14873-e.pdf>

I am copying this letter to Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee, SeneddClimate@senedd.wales and Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee, SeneddEconomy@senedd.wales for their information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie James". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

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