

Government Response: *The Official Controls (Extension of Transitional Periods and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021*

Technical Scrutiny point: No technical points raised

Merit Scrutiny point:

Due to the urgency of the Regulations, the Welsh Government did not carry out a consultation.

The UK Government carried out a very short consultation exercise from 10 – 13 December 2021 in relation to the Official Controls (Extension of Transitional Periods) (England and Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2021.

That consultation document stated that similar changes would be brought forward in relation to domestic legislation in Wales.

The consultation was targeted at key stakeholders in the SPS sector, including representative trade and industry organisations and interest groups. Welsh Government officials provided details of specific Welsh stakeholders, who were asked to respond to UK Government.

Defra officials collated and shared the consultation response with Welsh Government. At the close of consultation, only one response had been received, which was supportive of the proposals.