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Huw Irranca-Davies MS
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Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

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3 March 2022

Dear Huw,

The Ivory Prohibitions (Civil Sanctions) Regulations 2022 and The Ivory Act 2018 (Commencement No. 2 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2022

I am writing to make you aware I am giving consent to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to lay The Ivory Prohibitions (Civil Sanctions) Regulations on 16 March 2022. These regulations will come into force on 6 June 2022.

Agreement was sought by Victoria Prentis MP, Minister for Farming, Fisheries and Food to make these regulations, which will apply to the United Kingdom.

The Ivory Prohibitions (Civil Sanctions) Regulations 2022 (“the Enforcement Regulations”) makes detailed provision for the operation of the enforcement processes under the Ivory Act 2018 and will apply to the UK as a whole.

The Ivory Act (Commencement No.2 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2022) accompanies the Enforcement Regulations. These regulations commence sections of the Act on 6 June, where the prohibition of ivory sales in the UK will commence.

It is normally the policy of the Welsh Government to legislate for Wales in matters of devolved competence. However, as the Welsh Government’s position on ivory trade aligns with that of DEFRA and the other UK administrations, I am giving my consent to the proposed legislation which I believe will bring consistency to the introduction of an ivory sales prohibition in the UK.

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Without such consent, Wales would be left out of alignment with other UK administrations in its approach to ivory sale prohibition. This could reduce the positive impacts of banning ivory sales across the UK and maintain demand for products containing ivory, thus contributing to the persisting threat to global elephant populations, which are illegally poached for ivory.

I am copying this letter to the Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee, and the Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee for their information.

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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Victoria Prentis MP
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Dear Victoria,

The Ivory Prohibitions (Civil Sanctions) Regulations 2022 and The Ivory Act 2018 (Commencement No. 2 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2022

Thank you for your letter of 14 January requesting formal consent for the laying of The Ivory Prohibitions (Civil Sanctions) Regulations 2022 (HAB030) and The Ivory Act 2018 (Commencement No. 2 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2022 (HAB031).

Usually, it is the policy of the Welsh Government to legislate for Wales where powers lie with the Welsh Ministers. However, the Welsh Government's position on prohibiting the sale of ivory, aligns with that of DEFRA Ministers, and I believe the proposed legislation will achieve consistent and effective measures throughout the United Kingdom. Therefore, I hereby give my consent on behalf of the Welsh Government for this Statutory Instrument to be laid.

I will notify the Senedd of my consent to these Regulations and I shall be grateful to be kept informed about the SI's progress through Parliament.

As I am sure you will appreciate, should there be any material changes to this instrument this would render my consent void and would necessitate further consent being sought.

Regards,

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