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Dear Llywydd,

## **The Non-Commercial Movement of Pet Animals (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2022**

In accordance with section 11A(4) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946 I am notifying you that this statutory instrument comes into force on 9 April, less than 21 days after it has been laid. A copy of the instrument and the Explanatory Memorandum that accompanies it are attached for your information.

The purpose of the Regulations is to make amendments to the Pet Travel Scheme, contained in retained Regulation (EU) 576/2013 to permit the use of an alternative rabies antibody blood test on pets coming with refugees from Ukraine. This alternative test has a much shorter turnaround time than the one currently prescribed. This alternative test will enable the authorities to make much quicker risk management decisions, such as releasing those pets from quarantine.

It has become necessary not to adhere to the 21-day convention due to the high numbers of animals arriving in a short period, which will imminently exceed the limited available spaces in quarantine.

The use of the faster test will reduce the waiting periods of pets in quarantine and the overall burden on quarantine spaces, enabling refugees to enter Wales quicker and becoming reunited with their pets earlier, while also protecting Wales' biosecurity. The Explanatory Memorandum expands on the technical detail.

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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.

Additionally, these Regulations will ensure consistency with equivalent changes, also urgently being made in England and in Scotland.

I am copying this letter to Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, Siwan Davies, Director of Senedd Business, Sian Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Services and Julian Luke, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service.

Yours sincerely,

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 of the name.

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**Y Gweinidog Materion Gwledig a Gogledd Cymru, a'r Trefnydd**  
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