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Dear Llyr,

I refer to my letter to you of 28 June 2022. I am writing to inform the Committee I have given my consent to the Secretary of State to lay The Official Controls (Plant Health) (Frequency of Checks) Regulations 2022 in relation to Wales. I have laid a Written Statement which can be found at:

<https://senedd.wales/media/a4udat5q/ws-ld15212-e.pdf>

The Regulations intersect with devolved policy and will apply to Wales. The provisions could be made by Welsh Ministers in exercise of our own powers. The Regulations extend to England, Scotland and Wales.

The Regulations will be made by the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 22(3) and 54(3) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council ('the Official Control Regulations').

The Statutory Instrument (SI) is subject to the negative procedure and was laid before Parliament on 30 June 2022 with a commencement date of 22 July 2022.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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.

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, it is considered appropriate for the substance of the amendments to apply to Wales as there is no policy divergence between the Welsh and UK Government in this matter. This ensures a coherent and consistent statute book with the regulations 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.

I have written similarly to Huw Irranca-Davies MS, the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee (LJCC).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie James". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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