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Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales,
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Dear Minister

**Agriculture (Wales) Bill – Part 3: Matters Relating to Agriculture and Agricultural Products:
Chapter 2: Marketing Standards: Agricultural Products, and Schedule 1 (introduced by
section 32):**

Today Members met in private to consider key issues and themes for its Stage 1 report on the Agriculture (Wales) Bill (the “Bill”).

In considering the evidence received at Stage 1, it was noted that on 27 October Hybu Cig Cymru had pointed to the fact that Schedule 1 of the Bill, which lists the agricultural products relevant to marketing standards provisions, does not include ‘sheep meat’.

The Explanatory Memorandum for the Bill explains that the purpose and intent of Chapter 2 of the Bill is to replace Welsh Ministers’ existing powers in the Agriculture Act 2020 (“AA 2020”) to make provision about the standards with which a designated list of agricultural products must conform. These powers are due to expire at the end of 2024 under a “sunset” clause in AA 2020.

The table of derivations on Page 447 of the EM sets out that section 32 of the Bill is derived from Paragraph 16, Schedule 5 to AA 2020, and Schedule 1 is derived from Paragraph 17, Schedule 5 to AA 2020. We understand that these provisions are in turn derived from the CMO Regulation (the EU framework for Common Organisation of the Market under Common Agricultural Policy).



Gwyn Howells of Hybu Cig Cymru said that the wording of Schedule 1 is a “cut and paste” of the CMO regulation, and that it was his hope that the change to include sheep meat was ‘in drafting’.

Could you explain why ‘sheep meat’ has not been included in Schedule 1 of the Bill? Is there an intention for the Bill to be amended to include this, and if not then can you outline the rationale for not doing so?

The Committee would appreciate receiving a response on this point of drafting detail as soon as possible, in advance of finalising its Stage 1 report.

I look forward to your response,

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Davies". The signature is written in a cursive style and is centered on the page.

Paul Davies MS

Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

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