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WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

TITLE **The Organic Production (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (No. 2)**

DATE **07 December 2022**

BY **Lesley Griffiths, Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and
Trefnydd**

The Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd has given her consent to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for The Organic Production (Amendment) Regulations (No. 2) 2022 to be made in the UK Parliament. The Regulations make provision in a devolved area on behalf of the Welsh Ministers in relation to Wales. They were laid before Parliament on 6 December 2022 to come into force on 31 December.

The Regulations are required to extend derogations for the use of non-organic products in organic production for pullets, protein feed for pigs and poultry until 31 December 2025. It also delays the restriction on the use of non-organic gellan gum in production of processed organic food until 1 January 2026.

Under retained EU Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 a derogation was permitted for the use of non-organic pullets and protein feed to be granted until 31 December 2022 and for non-organic gellan gum until 1 January 2023. There are still insufficient supplies of these products. This has necessitated the extension of these derogations.

While these Regulations make provision in a devolved area of competence, these regulations are minor and technical in nature. As such, it is expedient to introduce a Great Britain-wide Statutory Instrument on this occasion.