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Dear Huw Irranca-Davies MS

Thank you for your letter dated 6 March and the Committee's draft report from Senedd lawyers that identified technical reporting points as part of their review of the Packaging Waste (Data Collection and Reporting) (Wales) Regulations 2023 ("the Regulations").

As you noted, the Regulations were re-laid in the Senedd on 14 February, as it is important that these Regulations come into force as soon as possible given they are part of a set of Regulations across the UK. The Regulations are required to introduce reforms to the management of packaging and to ensure Wales is part of the joined-up UK-wide approach being taken.

The Welsh Government does not knowingly lay defective legislation before the Senedd and these Regulations have been part of a coordinated development process to ensure workable and consistent law across the UK. As the equivalent regulations, requiring producers to report packaging placed on the market, are now in force in England, Scotland, and Northern Ireland there is obviously a need to introduce the regulations in Wales as soon as possible.

However, given that your Committee's draft report has identified further technical reporting points with the Regulations, we have withdrawn them so that they can be considered before re-laying.

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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.

We understand that for the errors set out in my letter dated 1 March, the UK Government are planning to introduce an amending instrument to address these in their regulations, but these issues do not appear in the regulations in Scotland and Northern Ireland as they were identified and corrected before coming into force.

I am copying this letter to the Llywydd in her capacity as Chair of the Business Committee, to the Counsel General and Chair of the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee.

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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