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Forage Maize Seed Treatments

Dear Lesley,

I am writing as Chair of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee to draw your attention to the attached letter received from a representative of forage maize seed breeders.

The letter raises concerns about the impact on Welsh farmers of a change to import arrangements for forage maize seed, changes that are due to come into effect at the end of 2023. I also note that this issue has been raised with its members by farming union [NFU Cymru](#).

Dr Julian Little's letter will be noted at the Committee's meeting on 8 June. I would be grateful if you could let the Committee know Welsh Government's position on this issue, including your response to the proposed alternative solutions outlined in the letter, and whether you have had discussions with the Department for Food and Rural Affairs on the matter.

Kind regards,



Paul Davies MS

Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English