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Dear Huw,

I refer to my letter to you of 3 April. I am writing to inform the Committee I have given my consent to the Secretary of State to make The Validating Alternative Methods for Salmonella Typing (Amendment) Regulations 2023 in relation to Wales. I have laid a Written Statement which can be found at [Senedd Cymru](#).

The above titled SI was made by the Secretary of State, in exercise of the concurrent plus powers conferred by Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) 2160/2003, on the control of salmonella and other specified food-borne zoonotic agents. The Regulations were laid before Parliament on 13 July and come into force on 4 August 2023.

Members will wish to note that the Regulations do not transfer any functions to the Secretary of State.

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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.

The Welsh Government's general principle is law relating to devolved matters should be made and amended by the Welsh Ministers. However, on this occasion, it is considered appropriate given the substance of the amendments, for a GB-wide SI (made by the UK Government), 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. Additionally, the Regulations make changes which are minor and technical in nature. Consequently, I consider 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.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lesley Griffiths". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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