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Chair,
Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

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18th July 2023

Dear Huw,

The Persistent Organic Pollutants (Amendment) Regulations 2023

I refer to my letter to you of 28 June 2023. I am writing to inform the Committee I have given my consent to the Secretary of State to lay the Persistent Organic Pollutants (Amendment) Regulations 2023 in relation to Wales. I have issued a Written Statement which can be found at [Written Statement: The Persistent Organic Pollutants \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(3 July 2023\) | GOV.WALES](#).

This SI amends retained Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Persistent Organic Pollutants (recast) (the "POPs Regulation"). This extends the expiry date from 4 July 2023 to 3 December 2025 for a derogation for the manufacturing, placing on the market and use of Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds for textiles for oil and water-repellency for the protection of workers from dangerous liquids that comprise risks to their health and safety. The Regulations extend to England, Scotland and Wales.

This Statutory Instrument was made under articles 2A, 15(1) and 18(1) of the POPs Regulation was subject to the negative resolution procedure and was laid before the UK Parliament on 29 June 2023.

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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.

The Welsh Government's general principle is the law relating to devolved matters should be made and amended in Wales. On this occasion, it is considered appropriate for the substance of the amendments 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. Furthermore, the Regulation being amended is GB-wide, so any amendments to it can only be made in English.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lesley Griffiths". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping 'L' and 'G'.

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