

Lesley Griffiths MS

Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd

18 September 2023

Dear Lesley,

## Regulations to implement the Windsor Framework

Thank you for your letter of 21 July 2023 in response to my letter of 7 July, and for your subsequent letters in respect of the following regulations which have been laid in the UK Parliament:

- the draft Windsor Framework (Retail Movement Scheme: Public Health, Marketing and Organic Product Standards and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2023;
- the Windsor Framework (Retail Movement Scheme) Regulations 2023;
- the draft Windsor Framework (Enforcement etc.) Regulations 2023;
- the Windsor Framework (Plant Health) Regulations 2023; and
- the Windsor Framework (Financial Assistance) (Marking of Retail Goods) Regulations 2023.

At its meeting of 11 September 2023, my Committee noted these letters and associated written statements, in which you confirmed that you had given your consent for the regulations to include provision in relation to Wales, and outlined your reasons for doing so.

I would be grateful if you could provide a response to my Committee's questions in respect of the regulations, which are included in the annex to this letter, by 28 September 2023.



Yours sincerely,

*Huw Irranca-Davies*

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## Annex

1. Regulation 6 of the Windsor Framework (Enforcement etc.) Regulations 2023 amends the Welsh language text of the Official Controls (Plant Health and Genetically Modified Organisms) (Wales) Regulations 2020. To what extent was the Welsh Government involved in the drafting of this regulation?
2. You stated the following in your written statement in respect of the Windsor Framework (Retail Movement Scheme) Regulations 2023:

*"Functions are conferred on the Secretary of State and a programme of governance will enable Welsh Government officials to ensure these functions are exercised in a manner that reflects Welsh interests. In addition, a Memorandum of Understanding will set out an agreement process to operate for any future possible changes to the [Retail Movement] Scheme."*

Could you provide to the Committee further information about the programme of governance and, when finalised, a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding to which you refer?

3. In its Command Paper on the Windsor Framework, the UK Government stated that legislation will be needed to further implement its arrangements, including reinstating provisions of the UK Internal Market Act 2020 which dropped during the Bill's original passage in 2020. Could provide to the Committee further information on any plans or legislative proposals you are aware of to implement the Windsor Framework, and confirmation of what, if any, intergovernmental discussions have taken place in this regard?