

## WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

TITLE The Official Controls (Establishment Lists) (Revocation) Regulations

2023

DATE 18 October 2023

BY Lesley Griffiths MS, Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and

Trefnydd

Members of the Senedd will wish to be aware that I have given consent to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to exercise a subordinate legislation-making power in a devolved area in relation to Wales.

The above titled Statutory Instrument (SI) was laid before the UK Parliament by the Secretary of State on 18 October 2023 in exercise of powers conferred by the article 126(1) of regulation (EU) 2017/635 of the European Parliament and of the Council on official controls and other official activities.

These regulations revoke restrictions placed on certain Brazilian food establishments. This will enable previously restricted Brazilian food establishments to be added to the list of establishments approved to export to Great Britain, upon submission of an updated list of approved establishments by the Brazilian Competent authorities.

## Impact the instrument may have on the Senedd's legislative competence and/or the Welsh Ministers' executive competence:

The Regulations do not diminish or undermine the powers of Welsh Ministers in any way, and they do not create, amend or remove any functions conferred on the Welsh Ministers.

I would like to reassure the Senedd it is normally the policy of the Welsh Government to legislate for Wales in matters of devolved competence. However, in certain circumstances there are benefits in working collaboratively with the UK Government where there is a clear rationale for doing so. On this occasion, I have given my consent to these Regulations for reasons of efficiency and expediency in future policy change and adherence to international obligations, cross-government coordination, and consistency.

The Regulations were laid before the UK Parliament on 18 October and come into force on 8 November 2023.