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Senedd Cymru

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24th October 2023

Dear Huw,

The Plant Protection Products (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2023

I refer to my letter to you of 13 September 2023. I wish to inform the Committee I have given my consent to Minister of State to lay the Plant Protection Products (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2023 in relation to Wales. I have laid a Written Statement which can be found <https://senedd.wales/media/tc2p1has/ws-ld16099-e.pdf>

The Regulations intersect with devolved policy and will apply to Wales. The Regulations will extend to England, Scotland and Wales. The Statutory Instrument (SI) is subject to the affirmative procedure and was laid before the UK Parliament on 23 October 2023 with a commencement date of 31 December 2023.

Although the Welsh Government's general principle is that the law relating to devolved matters should be made and amended in Wales, on this occasion, it is considered appropriate for the UK Government to legislate on a GB-wide basis. Plant Health and Pesticides are areas where the Welsh Ministers have often consented to the SOS making legislation on a GB-basis due to the GB wide approach to the subject matter. This approach would ensure there is no divergence between Welsh and other GB regulations, reducing any confusion and disadvantage for Welsh trader and reducing any potential administrative burden for the Health and Safety Executive when administering permits for parallel trade and in undertaking any enforcement activity.

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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.

I have written similarly to Paul Davies MS, the Chair of the Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee (ETRA).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lesley Griffiths". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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