

Vaughan Gething MS  
Minister for Economy

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Dear Vaughan

**The United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 (Exclusions from Market Access Principles: Services)  
Regulations 2022**

Thank you for your letter of 22 August in which you confirm that you have given your consent for the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy to make the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 (Exclusions from Market Access Principles: Services) Regulations 2022 (the Regulations).

The Committee has agreed that I should write to you to seek clarification on a number of matters. I would be grateful for a response to the following questions by 29 September 2022:

1. Could you provide further information about the changes the Regulations would make to the exceptions in the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 and the impact this would have on devolved functions and the ability of the Senedd to legislate?
2. Can you clarify why you did not engage with Members before making the decision to consent?
3. It appears that the Scottish Government has used the consultation run by the UK Government to seek exclusions from the 2020 Act. Did the Welsh Government respond to this consultation or consider it an avenue to seek exclusions from the Act?

4. At the time of issuing this letter the Regulations have yet to be made. Could you inform the Committee and Senedd Members when the Regulations are made?

Your sincerely,

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