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Dear Huw,

Thank you for your letter of 18 January 2024, regarding further information on the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 (Services Exclusions) Regulations 2023.

While both administrations oppose the attack on devolution the UK Internal Market Act represents, the Welsh and Scottish Governments will take different approaches. I can only comment on the approach adopted by the Welsh Government.

We look at each request on a case-by-case basis, providing consent or not based on its merits. In this case, we agreed there was no policy reason to withhold consent for a reserved area with no direct impact in areas of devolved competence.

As noted in my previous letter, we have made a commitment to ensure the Senedd is informed where we are proposing to consent to regulations.

Yours sincerely,

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