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Dear Mike

Thank you for your letter of 5 June requesting an update on commitments made by my predecessor relating to the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Amendment and Legislative Functions) and Animal Health (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2022 (“the 2022 Regulations”). You have sought an update on points 8, 25 and 30 of the Committee’s original report on the 2022 Regulations.

In respect of reporting point 8 (which identified an error in the equivalence between the English and Welsh texts of regulation 4(2)(a)(viii) of the 2022 Regulations) this was corrected on making rather than by amending instrument. My officials have reviewed the circumstances of the correction, and I am content that the error and correction were both very minor and would have fallen within the circumstances which the Counsel General has subsequently described in his correspondence with the Committee on the correction on making process. It is unfortunate that when the (then) Minister wrote with an update to the Committee in January 2023, this was not picked up as it should have been nor has it subsequently been drawn to the Committee’s attention in the way we would have wished.

The omission to reference article 5(5)(a) in the Schedule to the 2022 Regulations (reporting point 25) still requires correction by an amending instrument. Although it was originally anticipated this would be brought forward in January 2023, for reasons of other higher priority matters it has not yet been possible to deal with this. It does remain our intention to resolve this, and when this happens I will ensure the Committee’s attention is drawn to this in line with the recent commitments given by the Counsel General.

With regard to reporting point 30 the Government has committed, on the assumption that a suitable power can be identified, to amend the scrutiny procedure applicable to one of the delegated powers in the Regulations from the negative to the affirmative procedure. My officials have yet to establish a suitable vires to enable this change to be made but this remains under review and when I am in a position to provide further information I will of course update the Committee.

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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 am copying this letter to the Counsel General.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several fluid, overlapping strokes that form a stylized representation of the name 'Huw Irranca-Davies'.

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