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Dear Mike,

The Windsor Framework (Retail Movement Scheme: Plant and Animal Health) Regulations 2024.

I refer to my letter to you of 16 July. I wish to inform the Committee I have given my consent to the Minister of State to lay the Windsor Framework (Retail Movement Scheme: Plant and Animal Health) Regulations 2024 in relation to Wales. I have laid a Written Statement which can be found [here](#).

The Regulations intersect with devolved policy and will apply to Wales. The Regulations extend to England, Scotland and Wales. The Statutory Instrument (SI) is subject to the negative procedure and was laid before UK Parliament on 9 August 2024 and will come into force on 26 August 2024 for Regulation 3 and 2 September 2024 for all other purposes.

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 substance of the amendments to apply to Wales. The SI relates to a devolved area, however, the SI operates GB-wide and has effect as to the acceptance of goods into Northern Ireland. Given the application to Northern Ireland it would not be within competence of Welsh Ministers to make this SI wholly as Wales-only. Additionally, there is no policy divergence between the Welsh and UK Government in this matter. This ensures a coherent and consistent statute book with the regulations being accessible in a single instrument. Making the regulations GB-wide also ensures there will be no risk of legislative divergence in the UK which would likely jeopardise the continued implementation of the Windsor Framework.

I have written similarly to Llŷr Gruffyd MS, the Chair of the Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure (CCEI) 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.

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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