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Chair
Culture, Communications, Welsh Language,
Sport and International Relations Committee
Welsh Parliament
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Dear Delyth,

Following the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning's appearance at the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee on 2 April 2025, I am writing to provide an update on a potential agreement between the UK and European Union on Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures.

As the Cabinet Secretary stated to the Committee, the remit of negotiating an agreement lies with the UK Government. The Welsh Government remains supportive of a potential SPS agreement, subject to the scope and form of that agreement, and our full and meaningful involvement in its negotiations. My officials are continuing to engage regularly with UK Government officials in Defra regarding the scope of a potential agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures. Ministerial engagement is also taking place on the potential agreement through the Inter-Ministerial Group for Environment, Fisheries and Rural Affairs. I will provide further details as and when I am able.

I hope the Committee will find this information useful.

Yours sincerely,

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