

Government Response: The Trade in Animals and Related Products (Amendment and Legislative Functions) and Animal Health (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Order 2025

Technical Scrutiny point 1: As set out in the Explanatory Memorandum, the intention was for the 2025 Order to be issued under the free-issue procedure; due to administrative oversight this was not done. Instead, the 2025 Order will now be reissued as a corrective reprint, and subject to the free issue procedure.

Merit Scrutiny point 2: The Welsh Government can confirm that the situation is unchanged and that there is currently no suitable or prospective legislative vehicle available to address reporting point 30.

Merit Scrutiny point 3: Further to the letter from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs Huw Irranca-Davies MS on 9 September 2024, no impacts have been brought to our attention.

Merit Scrutiny point 5: The Welsh Government can confirm that the notices have been published in the London and Edinburgh Gazettes.

Merit Scrutiny point 6: Section 91(2) of the Animal Health Act 1981 does not place an obligation on the Welsh Ministers to send Orders to the local authorities.

In respect of the queries raised in the committee's report:

a) the Welsh Government can confirm that this Order was not sent to local authorities.

b) A Regulatory Impact Assessment ('RIA') was not carried out by the Welsh Government for this Order. In respect of any future section 10 Orders, the Welsh Government will consider whether an RIA is appropriate on case-by-case basis.