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Dear Mike,

### **The Plant Varieties Act (Amendment) Regulations 2026**

I refer to my letter to you of 15 December 2025. I wish to inform the Committee I have given my consent to the Secretary of State to make the Plant Varieties Act (Amendment) Regulations 2026 ("the Regulations"). In accordance with standing order 30A, I have laid a statutory instrument consent memorandum before the Senedd.

The link to the statutory instrument consent memorandum can be found here: [Statutory Instrument Consent Memorandum - The Plant Varieties Act \(Amendment\) Regulations 2026](#).

The Regulations intersect with devolved policy and apply to Wales (they also apply to England, Scotland and Northern Ireland). It was anticipated the Regulations would be made and laid in the UK Parliament on 11 February. This has been delayed due to comments made by the UK scrutiny committee who requested additional information be added to the Explanatory Memorandum and then further delayed by the recess of the UK Parliament. I regret the delay in this matter may impact on the window within which you are asked to consider this SI and report on the memorandum.

The Regulations are subject to the negative procedure and were laid before Parliament on 25 February 2026. These Regulations come into force on the 21st day after the day on which they are made.

I have released a written statement, which you can access here: [The Plant Varieties Act \(Amendment\) Regulations 2026](#).

Yours sincerely,

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