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Dear Sarah,

I am writing to inform the Committee that I have given my consent to the Minister of State for Biosecurity, Animal Health and Welfare to lay the Official Controls (Extension of Transitional Periods) (Amendment) Regulations 2024.

I have laid a Written Statement which can be found at:

<https://senedd.wales/media/4pynmxqb/ws-ld16460-e.pdf>

These Regulations have been made using powers in

- paragraph 2 of Annex 6 to, Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products, and
- paragraph 11A of Schedule 2 to the Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations 2011.

Consent has been given for the UK Government to make these Regulations following the agreement on, and publication of, the Border Target Operating Model (TOM).

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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.

In conjunction with the Official Controls (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024, this statutory instrument will implement the second milestone of the TOM from 28 April 2024. The purpose of the SI is to amend the Transitional Staging Period ('TSP') end date, from 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024 to 31 January 2025 so the second stage of the TOM can begin from 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

It also amends the Meat Preparations (Amendment and Transitory Modification) (England) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020. I have made equivalent provisions for Wales in the Meat Preparations (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2024 which was laid before the Senedd on the 12 April.

We have not yet agreed with the UK and Scottish governments a date for physical checks to begin on imports from Ireland and have already announced that our facilities will not be operational until spring 2025 so a further extension to the transitional staging period will be required from the end of January 2025.

The Statutory Instrument is subject to the negative procedure and was laid before Parliament on 22 April 2024 and will come into force on 28 April 2024.

I would like to reassure this Committee that while it is normally the policy of the Welsh Government to legislate for Wales in matters of devolved competence, in certain circumstances there are benefits in working collaboratively with the UK Government where there is a clear rationale for doing so. I have therefore given my consent to these Regulations for reasons of efficiency and expediency, and cross-UK coordination and consistency.

I am writing in similar terms to Paul Davies MS, Chair of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee.

Yours sincerely,



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