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INTIMATION OF BILL PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES The Law Derived from the European Union (Wales) Bill

I am writing in response the Chief Executive and Clerk of the Assembly's letter of 22 March informing me that the Law Derived from the European Union (Wales) Bill was passed by the Assembly on 21 March. I am writing to you as following the 1 April responsibility for submitting Assembly Bills for Royal Assent now falls to you.

The letter asked me to confirm if I intended to make an order under section 114 of the Government of Wales Act 2006 which would prevent the Bill from being submitted for approval by Her Majesty in Council. I can confirm that I do not intend to exercise this power at the current time.

The Attorney General has written to you separately in respect of the exercise of his power under section 112 of the Government of Wales Act 2006 to refer the Bill to the Supreme Court for a decision on the question of whether its provisions would be within the Assembly's legislative competence. I reserve the right to exercise the power under section 114, following this reference being decided or otherwise disposed of by the Supreme Court.

I am copying this letter to the Chief Executive and Clerk of the Assembly.

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