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## WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

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**TITLE**            **The Common Agricultural Policy and Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (Amendment Etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018**

**DATE**            **26 November 2018**

**BY**                **Julie James AM, Leader of the House and Chief Whip**

**The Common Agricultural Policy and Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (Amendment Etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018**

### **The law which is being amended**

Domestic legislation that extends to the whole of the UK:

The following instruments are being amended:

- The Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Order 2008; and
- The Common Agricultural Policy (Control and Enforcement, Cross-Compliance, Scrutiny of Transactions and Appeals) Regulations 2014.

The Common Agricultural Policy (Competent Authority and Coordinating Body) Regulations 2014 are being revoked.

### **Any impact the SI may have on the Assembly's legislative competence and/or the Welsh Ministers' executive competence**

Agriculture is a devolved matter.

This instrument does not transfer functions. Any necessary transfer of functions will be dealt with by a separate instrument.

### **The purpose of the amendments**

This instrument addresses failures of retained EU law to operate effectively and other deficiencies arising from the withdrawal of the UK from the EU. It deals with corrections that are technical in nature and do not make any significant policy changes, instead corrections adjust these domestic (UK) secondary legislation to incorporate new (agreed) terms to ensure the existing EU programmes will continue to be funded for the remainder of the 2014 to 2020 programme, if there is no deal. This SI is the first UK correcting Statutory Instrument included as part of the wider package to correcting the CAP.

The SI and accompanying Explanatory Memorandum, setting out the effect of each amendment is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/eu-withdrawal-act-2018-statutory-instruments/the-common-agricultural-policy-and-agriculture-and-horticulture-development-board-amendment-etc-eu-exit-regulations-2018>

**Why consent was given**

Consent has been given for the UK Government to make these corrections in relation to, and on behalf of, Wales for reasons of efficiency, expediency and due to the technical nature of the amendments. The amendments have been considered fully; and there is no divergence in policy. These amendments are to ensure that the statute book remains functional following the UK's exit from the EU. This is in line with the principles for correcting agreed by the Cabinet Sub-Committee on European Transition in May.