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Dear Mick,

**The Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020**

Thank you for your letter regarding the point raised in the report issued by the Committee on the above Regulations. You asked for further clarification as to why it was necessary to cite the enabling power in the Immigration Act when referring to article 3 of the 2019 Order.

As indicated in the initial response from officials, the reference to the enabling power was included because there was established precedent for doing so, and to be consistent with previous practice relating to regulations impacted by the exit from the EU.

The references to the relevant sections of the Immigration Act 1971 are not essential and the meaning of the provision would not be altered by their omission. However, we consider their inclusion to be a matter of drafting choice and, as we pointed out in the initial government response, there is precedent for this drafting approach particularly in relation to the Immigration Act 1971. The Principal Regulations we are amending contain similar provision (the relevant provisions are referred to in the initial response). We do not understand why the choice of drafting in this instance might be of political or legal importance or give rise to issues of public policy.

Yours sincerely,

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