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Dear Elin,

**The Official Controls (Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health Fees etc.) (Wales) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020**

I have today made The Official Controls (Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health Fees etc.) (Wales) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 2 and paragraph 21 of Schedule 7 to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018. The Regulations will come into force on implementation period completion day. I attach a copy of the statutory instrument and the accompanying Explanatory Memorandum, which I intend to lay once the statutory instrument has been registered.

This instrument will come into force under the urgent made affirmative procedure before it will be laid before the Senedd. This is necessary because the amendments made by the Regulations have been the result of delayed discussions with UK administrations and late alterations to equivalent English Regulations. The amendments in the Regulations include a new regulation making power which will need to be exercised early in the New Year in order to dis-apply certain conditions on imports from the EU into Wales. As a result of this delay, the Regulations, which would ordinarily be subject to the negative procedure, have to proceed under the 'urgent made affirmative' procedure on the basis that there is neither sufficient time to satisfy the sifting conditions set out the Withdrawal Act, nor lay the Regulations voluntarily in accordance with the 'draft affirmative' procedure.

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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 accordance with the procedure set out in paragraph 7 of Schedule 7 to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018, this instrument must be approved by the Senedd by 7 February in order for it to remain in effect. In these circumstances I understand Standing Order 21.4A is relevant and the Business Committee may establish and publish a timetable for the responsible committee or committees to report. It may be helpful to know that I intend to hold the plenary debate for this item of subordinate legislation on 26 January 2021.

I am copying this letter to the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd, Mick Antoniw MS, Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, Siwan Davies, Director of Senedd Business, Sian Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Services and Julian Luke, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lesley Griffiths". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned centrally below the text "Yours sincerely,".

**Lesley Griffiths AS/MS**

Gweinidog yr Amgylchedd, Ynni a Materion Gwledig  
Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs