

**Government Response: *The Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023***

Technical Scrutiny point 1:

The general principle followed, when amending existing legislation, is to maintain consistency with the terminology and phrasing of the original text. The Water Resource (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021 has “dechrau ar” to correspond to the English “beginning 1 January” in regulation 6(3). It was felt therefore that the same phrasing should be used on this occasion. Also, given that the explanatory note to the Regulations does state in both language texts that regulation 2(3) amends regulation 4 so that the limit of nitrogen in livestock manure applies to each 12-month period “beginning with 1 January”, it is sufficiently clear to the reader what is intended under regulation 2(3)(a). Therefore, an amendment to address this technical scrutiny point is not considered necessary.