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Mike Hedges MS  
Chair  
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Welsh Parliament  
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18 October 2024

Dear Mike,

Thank you for your letter of 24 September in response to my update on the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Amendment and Legislative Functions) and Animal Health (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2022 (“the 2022 Regulations”).

You request a definitive timetable for introducing an amendment Statutory Instrument (SI) to resolve Reporting Point 25. My officials are working to introduce this within the next six months. I trust this commitment provides suitable reassurance, however should there be a situation such as an emergency outbreak response, this timeline would have to be revisited. I will inform the Committee should timings change.

With regards to Reporting Point 30, I note your suggestion about informing the Senedd if it becomes clear that this commitment is unlikely to be met. You will be aware that it was I, in my previous role as Chair of the LJCC, that sought a commitment from the then Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd to change the procedure from negative to affirmative. You will therefore appreciate that I am keen for this change to be delivered.

However, you will be aware the Legislative Programme to the end of this Senedd has been announced and there is currently no legislative vehicle available to enable this change to be made. I also feel strongly it is not for this Cabinet to determine the will of future Cabinets by fixing a date by which opportunities to address this reporting point will stop being sought.

My officials will continue to routinely look for opportunities to enact this change and I will not be providing an update to the Senedd until such time as there is something to report.

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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.

I am copying this letter to the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several fluid, overlapping strokes that form a stylized representation of the name 'Huw Irranca-Davies'.

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