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Paul Davies MS
Chair
Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee
Welsh Parliament

11 October 2024

Dear Paul,

Further to the letter sent to the Committee on 12 February 2024 by my predecessor, the then Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd Lesley Griffiths MS regarding The Windsor Framework (Non-Commercial Movement of Pet Animals) Regulations 2024 ('the 2024 Regulations'). The letter informed the Committee of her intention to give consent to the Secretary of State for this UK SI to be applicable in Wales.

I am writing to inform the Committee that the 2024 Regulations were laid in Parliament yesterday, 10 October. I have laid a Written Statement which can be found [here](#).

Whilst it was originally intended for the 2024 Regulations to be laid in Parliament in February 2024, this did not happen so further discussions with the European Union on operational delivery could take place. Following satisfactory discussions, UK Government officials have confirmed that no amendments were required, and other than the introduction of phased coming into force dates, the draft remains the same as it was when consent was given in February 2024. Despite the change in Government, I am satisfied that the consent initially given in February remains valid.

The Regulations intersect with devolved policy and will apply to Wales. The Regulations, which are subject to the affirmative procedure, extend to Northern Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales. Parts 1, 2 and 4 will come into force on 31 March 2025. All other parts will come into force on 4 June 2025.

Although the Welsh Government's general principle is that the law relating to devolved matters should be made and amended in Wales, on this occasion, it is considered appropriate for the Regulations to apply to Wales. I consider that legislating separately for Wales would not be the most appropriate way to give effect to the necessary changes. Creating GB-wide regulations ensures consistency across the UK, avoiding legislative divergence that could jeopardise the continued implementation of the Windsor Framework.

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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 have written similarly to Mike Hedges MS, the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee.

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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