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Llŷr Gruffydd MS
Chair
Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee
Welsh Parliament
Cardiff Bay CF99 1SN

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Dear Llŷr,

I wish to inform the Committee of the intention to consent to the application to Wales of The United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 (Exclusions from Market Access Principles: Glue Traps) Regulations 2025. The Regulations will be made by the Secretary of State and will extend to England and Wales, Northern Ireland, and Scotland. The Regulations are subject to the affirmative procedure and would come into force 21 days after the date on which they are made.

On 3 October 2025, I received a letter from Baroness Hayman of Ullock, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, requesting consent to the Regulations. The Regulations are being made under The United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 (UKIMA) and will exclude the sale of glue traps from the market access principles within that Act. This means that the market access principles will not apply to, nor affect the operation of, any legislation so far as it prohibits the sale of glue traps in any part of the United Kingdom.

The UK Government has reversed the decision made by the previous UK Government and now supports the exclusion following the Scottish Government's indication it intends to ban the supply of glue traps in Scotland (in addition to use). Defra has now agreed to this as it is recognised it will result in minimal economic impact. In accordance with UKIMA, the UK Minister for Animal Welfare and Biosecurity, has approached the three devolved governments of the UK for consent.

The Regulations do not currently impact upon our policies or operations in Wales. As no evidence has been put forward after two years suggesting the ban on the use of glue traps is insufficient, I do not have any plans at this time to expand the ban in Wales to include sale. Should evidence be presented however that necessitates extending the ban to include sale, with the exclusion in place, there would be no barriers stemming from UKIMA. Given the potential benefit for Wales, I am content on this occasion to provide consent for the regulations to be made in the UK Parliament.

I have written similarly to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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