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Mike Hedges MS
Chair
Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee
Welsh Parliament
Cardiff Bay
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Dear Mike,

I refer to my letter to you of 14 October 2025. I wish to inform the Committee I have given my consent to the Secretary of State to make the Phytosanitary Conditions (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2025 ('the Regulations'). I have laid a Written Statement which can be found here: <https://laiddocuments.senedd.wales/ws-ld17541-en.pdf>

The Regulations apply to Wales, England and Scotland. The Regulations are subject to the negative procedure and were laid before Parliament on 6 November 2025 with a commencement date of 30 November 2025, except for the correction to the existing import requirements for *Xylella fastidiosa* which come into force on 6 May 2026.

Although the Welsh Government's general principle is the law relating to devolved matters should be made by the Welsh Ministers, on this occasion it was considered appropriate for the Regulations to be made by the Secretary of State for the reasons outlined in my letter of 14 October.

There is no policy divergence between the Welsh and UK Government in this matter and the Regulations amend legislation that was not made bilingually.

I have written similarly to Llŷr Gruffydd MS, the Chair of the Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure (CCEI) Committee.

Yours sincerely

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