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Dear Mike

I wish to inform the Committee of the intention to consent to the laying and making of The Procurement Act 2023 (Specified International Agreements and Saving Provision) (Amendment) Regulations 2026.

The majority of this UK Statutory Instrument (UKSI) is giving effect to the international agreement "The Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of India 2025 (UK-India CETA)," and does not require WM's consent. However, there is a small element of the UKSI that relates to transitional provisions that amend a current UKSI known as The Procurement Act 2023 (Commencement No. 3 and Transitional and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2024. This element does require WM's consent.

Welsh Ministers will make separate regulations to give effect to the international agreements for Contracts covered by the Procurement Act 2023 for Wales. We expect to lay "The Procurement Act 2023 (Specified International Agreements) (Amendment)(Wales) Regulations 2026" on 10 February 2026.

The UKSI intersect with devolved policy and will apply to Wales. The Regulations extend to Northern Ireland, England, and Wales. The UKSI is subject to the affirmative procedure and is due to be laid before Parliament on 19 January 2026.

Welsh Ministers do not have the legislative powers to amend the Commencement and transitional provisions relating to the previous regime included in the Regulations. Consent is required for the UK Government to legislate in this devolved area. This will ensure that contracts covered by the previous regime continue to comply with the UK's international obligations under the UK-India Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA).

Providing consent is therefore consistent with our Principles on UK Legislation in devolved areas: it ensures that the required legislative provision is made to the commencement and transitional provisions in the Procurement Act 2023 and enables our policy objectives to be achieved.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Drakeford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

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