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Mike Hedges MS
Chair
Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

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Dear Mike,

The Organics (Amendment) Regulations 2021

The above titled SI is required to continue easements in relation to organic Control Bodies' on-site inspections of low-risk organics operators, which were introduced in 2020 by the European Commission, in response to the Covid-19 crisis.

The easements will allow for such on-site inspections to be replaced by documentary checks in order to reduce the risk to inspectors and operators of transmitting Covid-19.

The SI will be subject to the made affirmative procedure and it is proposed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs that it is laid before Parliament on 28 January.

I am writing to let you know that as these amendments are temporary emergency easements, I give my consent, pursuant to Article 38a(3) of the retained Regulation (EU) 834/2007, to the Secretary of State to make this statutory instrument in relation to Wales.

I am copying this letter to the Counsel General and Minister for European Transition and Minister Finance and Trefnydd.

Regards,

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