

Lesley Griffiths MS  
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Trefnydd

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Dear Lesley

**The Animals and Animal Health, Feed and Food, Plants and Plant Health (Amendment) Regulations  
2022**

Thank you for your [letter of 18 October 2022](#) informing my Committee that you had granted consent for the UK Government to make the above Regulations. We considered the [Written Statement in respect of the draft Regulations](#), which you laid under Standing Order 30C on 21 October, at our meeting on 7 November.

The Written Statement provides that [Part 5 of the draft Regulations](#) makes changes to the *Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964*. That Part provides that section 29 of the 1964 Act is to be amended, which includes subject matter within the legislative competence of the Senedd. We therefore consider that the draft Regulations are a relevant statutory instrument under Standing Order 30A, and the Welsh Government should lay a statutory instrument consent memorandum in respect of them. Since the normal three-day Standing Order deadline has now lapsed since the draft Regulations were laid in the UK Parliament on 20 October 2022, we believe that a statutory instrument consent memorandum should be laid as soon as possible.

We also found your Written Statement to be lacking the inclusion of practical examples of the changes to be made by the Regulations; it only provided information about the changes in a general and high-level way. Since you had provided your consent to the Regulations, we had expected to see an explanation provided to all Members of the Senedd of their practical effect. While the annex to your letter of 18 October was helpful to my Committee's understanding of their effect, other Members of the Senedd would not have been informed of its contents as it was not a laid document. We

therefore believe that the Welsh Government should ensure that future statements laid under Standing Order 30C include practical examples of the changes to be made by the Regulations to which they relate.

We would be grateful to receive a response to the above matters as soon as possible and by Monday 21 November 2022.

Yours sincerely,

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