

Lesley Griffiths MS
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Dear Lesley,

Organics regulations

During the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee's meeting on Thursday 16 March 2023, you told the Committee that the UK is due to review organic regulation and is working to the EU's December 2023 deadline (after which the EU's recognition of the UK as equivalent for the purpose of exporting organic products to the EU is expected to end). However, you also stated that due to the complexities of the legislation, it was "highly unlikely" that new regulations would be introduced by the end of 2023.

I would like to raise a few follow up points:

- What would be the implications of missing the 2023 deadline?
- Is there a risk that Wales/UK could lose its organic equivalence recognition with the EU?
- What is the scale of the issue i.e. how many organic producers in Wales export to the EU?

I look forward to your response.

Kind regards,



Darren Millar MS
Temporary Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

