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Alun Ffred Jones AM
Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Committee
National Assembly for Wales

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Dear Alun Ffred,

Thank you for your letter dated 15 December 2015 regarding your concerns around the European Commission's proposals for a new regulation on organic production and labelling of organic products.

I am aware of the two issues raised in your correspondence. Much of the fine detail within the new Regulation will be developed and negotiated through the introduction of the implementing regulations. I will ensure that Welsh Government officials in the Brussels office will work with UKRep colleagues to set out Welsh interests and impacts and have them considered fully as part of these negotiations.

I will also raise these issues as appropriate in discussions with Ministerial colleagues ahead of meetings of the EU Council of Ministers.

I am happy to keep the committee regularly updated on progress.

Yours,
Rebecca

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