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WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

TITLE **The Animal Welfare (Amendment)(EU Exit) Regulations 2018**

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The [retained EU] Law which is being amended

The Animal Welfare (Amendment)(EU Exit) Regulations 2018

- Council Regulation (EC) 1255/97 concerning Community criteria for control posts and amending the route plan referred to in the Annex to Directive 91/628/EEC;
- Council Regulation (EC) 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport and related operations and amending Directives 64/432/EEC and 93/119/EC and Regulation (EC) No 1255/97; and
- Council Regulation (EC) 1099/2009 on the protection of animals at the time of killing.

Any impact the SI may have on the Assembly's legislative competence and/or the Welsh Ministers' executive competence

Animal Welfare is a devolved subject matter

The purpose of the amendments

This purpose of this SI (negative procedure), to be introduced by the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) is to ensure that relevant EU Regulations in relation to protecting the welfare of animals whilst being transported, kept at control posts or at the time of their killing continue to be operable and enforceable in the UK, after the UK leaves the EU.

The SI and accompanying Explanatory Memorandum, setting out the effect of each amendment is available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/eu-withdrawal-act-2018-statutory-instruments/the-animal-welfare-amendment-eu-exit-regulations-2018>

Why consent was given

Consent has been given for the UK Government to make these corrections in relation to, and on behalf of, Wales for reasons of efficiency, expediency and due to the technical nature of the amendments. The amendments have been considered fully; and there is no divergence in policy. These amendments are to ensure that the statute book remains functional following the UK's exit from the EU. This is in line with the principles for correcting agreed by the Cabinet Sub-Committee on European Transition in May.