

Lesley Griffiths AM  
Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs

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Dear Lesley

### **The Carcase Classification and Price Reporting (Wales) Regulations 2018**

The Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee considered the Carcase Classification and Price Reporting (Wales) Regulations 2018 (the Regulations) at its meeting on 10 December 2018.

We raised a technical reporting point under Standing Order 21.2(vi) in respect of the Regulations. The reporting point raised the question of whether regulation 29(1) of the Regulations should refer to “visual classification” as opposed to just “classification”. You responded by saying it is “clear that the offence in 29(1) relates to visual classification only and not all classifications”.

As we noted in our reporting point, regulation 29 creates criminal offences and absolute clarity is required. Therefore, it would help this Committee if you could explain why it was necessary to make express reference to “by means of automated grading equipment” in regulation 29(2) but it was not necessary to make express reference to “visual classification” in regulation 29(1).

Since we **reported**, we have also become aware of a significant formatting error in the Welsh version of the Regulations published on [www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk). In the published versions, regulation 13 of the English text is split into two paragraphs, but the Welsh is not. We accept that both the English and the Welsh versions of the Regulations as signed by you are correct, but you may wish to draw the error to the attention of the National Archives.



I would be grateful for a response by 8 January 2019.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mick Antoniw". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

**Mick Antoniw AM**

Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

