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WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

TITLE **The Market Measures (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019**

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The Market Measures (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (“2019 Regulations”)

The law which is being amended

Amendment of legislation applicable in relation to Wales

- The Hops Certification Regulations 1979
- The Quality Standards for Green Bananas (England and Wales) Regulations 2012
- The Olive Oil (Marketing Standards) Regulations 2014

Amendment of other legislation

The 2019 Regulations also amend other legislation. However, that legislation is not applicable in relation to Wales, and as such is not discussed in this statement.

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

CMO is primarily a devolved subject matter.

This SI contains provision which enables the Welsh Ministers, in relation to Wales, to exercise administrative functions previously conferred on the Secretary of State by the Hops Certification Regulations 1979 without encumbrance.

The purpose of the amendments

The Common Market Organisation (“CMO”) is the framework for the market measures provided for under the Common Agriculture Policy (“CAP”), providing the framework for the market support schemes set up in the various agricultural sectors. The CMOs were set up as a means of meeting the objectives of the CAP and in particular to stabilise markets, ensure a fair standard of living for agricultural producers and increase agricultural productivity. It has over time broadened out to provide a toolkit that enables the EU to:

- manage market volatility;
- incentivise collaboration between and competitiveness of agricultural producers; and
- facilitate trade.

The 2019 Regulations make amendments to existing domestic legislation which forms part of UK law relating to CMO.

The 2019 Regulations provide operability fixes that in policy terms are intended to maintain a status quo position as far as possible and is not intended to have noticeable impacts on the ground for the agricultural sector.

After EU Exit and without amendment, the above domestic legislation would contain inoperable provisions that would prevent the delivery of market support schemes to the agricultural sector.

The Regulations and accompanying Explanatory Memorandum, setting out the effect of amendments is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/eu-withdrawal-act-2018-statutory-instruments>

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.