

Llywodraeth Cymru Welsh Government

WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

TITLE The Organic Production and Control (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

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Organic Production and Control (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 ("2019 Regulations")

The law which is being amended

European Directly Applicable Instruments

- Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products.
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products with regard to organic production, labelling and control.
- The EEA Agreement

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

The 2019 Regulations make amendments to legislation relating to organic products. The functions which are the subject of this SI are all transferred without encumbrance to the Welsh Ministers in relation to Wales.

The purpose of the amendments

The 2019 Regulations make amendments which will enable the law relating to organic products to continue to apply after the withdrawal of the UK from the EU.

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

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.