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WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

TITLE **The Equine (Records, Identification and Movement)
(Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018**

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- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/262 of 17 February 2015 laying down rules pursuant to Council Directives 90/427/EEC and 2009/156/EC as regards the methods for the identification of equidae (“Equine Passport Regulation”)
- Decision 92/353/EEC of 11 June 1992 laying down the criteria for the approval or recognition of organisations and associations which maintain or establish stud-books for registered equidae
- Commission Decision 92/216/EEC of 26 March 1992 on the collection of data concerning competitions for equidae as referred to in Article 4(2) of Council Directive 90/428/EEC
- Commission Decision 92/354/EEC of 11 June 1992 laying down certain rules to ensure coordination between organisations and associations which maintain or establish stud-books for registered equidae
- Agreement on the European Economic Area 2018/424, as amended by Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 166/2016

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

Equine identification is a devolved function

The purpose of the amendments

The purpose of this SI (negative procedure), to be introduced by the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) will be to implement those UK wide modifications that are necessary to preserve the application of EU Regulations in regards to equine identification. It will ensure that equivalent identification rules to those that are contained within Regulation (EU) 2015/262 can continue to work across the UK once 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-equine-identification-england-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.