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WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

TITLE **The Rural Development (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2018**
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The law which is being amended

These Regulations amend Council Directive 129/2007.

They also amend the following EU Regulations:

- Council Regulation (EEC) 2078/92;
- Commission Regulation (EC) 746/96;
- Council Regulation (EC) 1257/1999;
- Council Regulation (EC) 1698/2005;
- Commission Regulation (EC) 1974/2006;
- Commission Regulation (EU) 65/2011;
- Regulation (EU) 1305/2013; and
- Regulation (EU) 1310/2013.

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

Agriculture is a devolved matter.

No legislative functions are transferred by this instrument. Where the transfer of such functions is necessary, this will be dealt by a separate instrument.

The administrative powers exercised by the European Commission in relation to rural development are being transferred to the relevant authority (The Welsh Ministers) without encumbrance.

The purpose of the amendments

The effect of these Statutory Instruments is limited to allowing the retained EU Regulations to operate effectively in the event of a no-deal situation on exit from the EU. This is being done to enable existing programmes in the UK currently funded by the EAFRD to continue

operating in the same way for the remainder of the 2014-2020 programme

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-rural-development-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.