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Mick Antoniw AM
Chair
Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee
National Assembly for Wales

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Dear Mick,

This letter is to inform you that I have laid a Statutory Instrument Consent Memorandum before the National Assembly for Wales in respect of the Plant Health (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 as required by Standing Order 30A.

I am writing to inform you that I am not minded to lay a motion for debate about this SI in this instance. I have reached this decision on the basis that our interest in this SI is restricted to simple amendments that address deficiencies arising from the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union.

Regulation 2 of the 2019 Regulations makes relevant provision and removes references to EU obligations in sections 2(1) and 3(1) of the Plant Health Act 1967. There is no divergence in policy between the Welsh Government, Scottish Government and the UK Government in this case.

SO30A provides that any Member may table a motion for a debate on this SI. Given the volume of legislation that the Assembly is considering, I will not myself be seeking to initiate such a debate.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lesley Griffiths". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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