

# SL(5)640 – The Official Controls (Plant Health and Genetically Modified Organisms) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020

## Background and Purpose

These Regulations amend the Official Controls (Plant Health and Genetically Modified Organisms) (Wales) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/206) (W.48) which contains measures to prevent the introduction and spread of harmful plant pests and diseases.

These Regulations also amend the Plant Health etc. (Fees) (Wales) Regulations 2018 and the Plant Health (Fees) (Forestry) (Wales) Regulations 2019.

The purpose of these Regulations is the maintenance of biosecurity.

These Regulations also amend Schedule 3 to the 2020 Regulations as regards rules for the cases where and the conditions under which identity checks and physical checks on certain goods may be performed at control points and documentary checks may be performed at distance from border control posts.

## Procedure

Negative.

## Technical Scrutiny

No points are identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.2 in respect of this instrument.

## Merits Scrutiny

The following point is identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.3 in respect of this instrument.

**1. Standing Order 21.3(i) – that it imposes a charge on the Welsh Consolidated Fund or contains provisions requiring payments to be made to that Fund or any part of the government or to any local or public authority in consideration of any licence or consent or of any services to be rendered, or prescribes the amount of any such charge or payment.**

Part 2 of these Regulations make amendments to secondary legislation relating to Plant Health Fees payable to the Welsh Ministers.

## Implications arising from exiting the European Union

These Regulations will form part of retained EU law after IP completion day (i.e. the end of the implementation period, on 31 December 2020).



## Welsh Government response

A Welsh Government response is not required.

## Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the instrument at its meeting on 9 November 2020 and reports to the Senedd in line with the reporting point above and also to highlight issues as a result of the UK exiting the EU.

