SL(5)654 – The Equine Identification (Wales) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020

**Background and Purpose**

The Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland in the withdrawal agreement requires that the EU legislation listed in Annex 2 to that Protocol is implemented in Northern Ireland. These Regulations therefore amend the Equine Identification (Wales) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 in order to implement the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland and for the purposes of dealing with matters arising out of, or related to, that Protocol.

These Regulations come into force immediately before implementation period completion day.

**Procedure**

Negative

The Regulations were made by the Welsh Ministers before they were laid before the Senedd. The Senedd can annul the Regulations within 40 days (excluding any days when the Senedd is: (i) dissolved, or (ii) in recess for more than four days) of the date they were laid before the Senedd.

**Technical Scrutiny**

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

**Merits Scrutiny**

No points are identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.3 in respect of this instrument.

**Implications arising from exiting the European Union**

The changes made by the instrument are necessary to ensure that retained EU legislation and the domestic EU legislation enforcing it continues to operate effectively, in order to implement the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland and for the purposes of dealing with matters arising out of, or related to, that Protocol.

**Welsh Government response**

A Welsh Government response is not required.
Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the instrument at its meeting on 23 November 2020 and reports to the Senedd to highlight issues as a result of the UK exiting the EU.