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TITLE **The Veterinary Medicines and Residues (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020**

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SI laid in Parliament, which amends secondary legislation in a devolved area

The Veterinary Medicines and Residues (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020

The 2020 Regulations amend the following legislation:

EU legislation:

- Commission Decision 2002/657/EC of 12 August 2002 implementing Council Directive 96/23/EC concerning the performance of analytical methods and the interpretation of results;
- Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/1871 of 7 November 2019 on reference points for action for non-allowed pharmacologically active substances present in food of animal origin; and
- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2090 of 19 June 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and Council regarding cases of suspected or established non-compliance with Union rules applicable to the use or residues of pharmacologically active substances authorised in veterinary medicinal products or as feed additives or with Union rules applicable to the use or residues of prohibited or unauthorised pharmacologically active substances.

Secondary legislation:

- The Food and Drink, Veterinary Medicines and Residues (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019;
- The Veterinary Medicines and Animals and Animal Products (Examination of Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019;
- The Veterinary Medicines Regulations 2013 (GB); and
- The Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum

Residue Limits) (England and Scotland) Regulations 2015.

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

The 2020 Regulations do not impact on the Senedd's legislative competence or the Welsh Ministers' executive competence.

The purpose of the amendments

The 2020 Regulations amends both domestic and retained direct EU legislation to ensure that the regulatory regimes for veterinary medicines and residues surveillance remain operable and enforceable in the United Kingdom (UK) after the end of the Implementation Period (IP), and that the (UK) meets its obligations under the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland to the withdrawal agreement.

The amendments also introduces light touch regulatory controls on medicines that are approved in Northern Ireland and not Great Britain and that move from Northern Ireland onto the Great Britain market. These controls are necessary to ensure that the UK regulator, has the necessary assurances of safety quality and efficacy for medicines on the UK market for the purposes of ensuring public health, animal health and welfare and consumer safety.

The 2020 Regulations and accompanying Explanatory Memorandum, setting out the detail of the provenance, purpose and effect of the amendments is available here: https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2020/9780348214345

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. This is in line with the principles for correcting agreed by the Cabinet Sub-Committee on European Transition in May.