
WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

TITLE **The Import of Animals and Animal Products and Approved Countries (Amendment) Regulations 2022**

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Members of the Senedd will wish to be aware that I am giving consent to the UK Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs exercising a power to make regulations in a devolved area in relation to Wales.

The above titled Statutory Instrument (SI) will be made by the Secretary of State in exercise of the powers conferred by section 8(1) and (6) of, and paragraph 21 of Schedule 7 to, the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.

The SI makes technical amendments to several pieces of retained European Union law to remedy deficiencies arising from the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union. Specifically, they make changes to the processes by which third countries are listed by the UK, in relation to health conditions placed on other countries with respect to imports of animals and animal products.

The SI will enable that future changes in import conditions for animals and animal products entering Great Britain, can be made by the Secretary of State with consent of the Welsh Ministers specifying such changes in a document published for that specific purpose, instead of making such changes in the retained EU law through a statutory instrument each time a change is needed.

The regulations are due to be laid in draft before Parliament on 30 March 2022 to come into force on 01 July 2022.