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| **TITLE**  | **The Official Controls (Establishment Lists) (Revocation) Regulations 2024** |
| **DATE**  | **07 May 2024** |
| **BY** | **Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change & Rural Affairs** |

Members of the Senedd will wish to be aware that I have reiterated consent to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs previously given by my predecessor, the then Minister for Rural Affairs, North Wales and Trefnydd Lesley Griffiths MS, to exercise a subordinate legislation-making power in a devolved area in relation to Wales.

The above titled Statutory Instrument was initially laid before UK Parliament by the Secretary of State on 18 October 2023 in exercise of powers conferred by the article 126(1) of regulation (EU) 2017/635 of the European Parliament and of the Council on official controls and other official activities. It was later withdrawn and re-laid on 7 May 2024.

The Statutory Instrument revokes restrictions placed on certain Brazilian food establishments. This will enable previously restricted Brazilian food establishments to be added to the list of establishments approved for export to Great Britain, upon submission of an updated list of approved establishments by the Brazilian Competent authorities.

The Regulations do not diminish or undermine the powers of Welsh Ministers in any way, and they do not create, amend or remove any functions conferred on Welsh Ministers.

I would like to reassure the Senedd it is normally the policy of the Welsh Government to legislate for Wales in matters of devolved competence. However, in certain circumstances there are benefits in working collaboratively with the UK Government where there is a clear rationale for doing so. On this occasion, I have given my consent to this Statutory Instrument for reasons of efficiency and expediency in future policy change and adherence to international obligations, cross-government coordination, and consistency.

The Regulations were laid before UK Parliament on 7 May and come into force 29 May 2024.