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WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

TITLE **The Leghold Trap and Pelt Imports (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018**

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The [retained EU] Law which is being amended

- Council Regulation (EEC) No 3254/91
- Council Decision 97/602
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 35/97

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

In terms of Leghold Trap and Pelt Imports the operability amendments will cover some devolved matters (prohibition on the use of leghold traps) and some reserved matters (import ban on pelts).

The purpose of the amendments

The purpose of this SI (negative procedure), to be introduced by the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) will be to implement those UK wide modifications that are necessary to ensure EU legislation continues to operate effectively in terms of the prohibition of leghold traps and the introduction into the UK of pelts and manufactured goods of certain wild animal species originating in countries which catch them by means of leghold traps or trapping methods which do not meet international humane trapping standards.

The SI and accompanying Explanatory Memorandum, setting out the effect of each amendment is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/eu-withdrawal-act-2018-statutory-instruments/the-leghold-trap-and-pelt-imports-amendment-etc-eu-exit-regulations-2018>

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. These amendments are to ensure that the statute book remains functional following the UK's exit from the EU. This is in line with the principles for correcting agreed by the Cabinet Sub-Committee on European Transition in May.