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## **WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE WELSH GOVERNMENT**

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**TITLE**            **The Control of Mercury (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2022**

**DATE**            **20 October 2022**

**Lesley Griffiths AS/MS**

**BY**                **Y Gweinidog Materion Gwledig a Gogledd Cymru, a'r Trefnydd  
Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd**

Members of the Senedd will wish to be aware we are giving consent to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs exercising a subordinate legislation-making power in a devolved area in relation to Wales.

Agreement was sought by the former Minister of State for Farming, Fisheries and Food to make a Statutory Instrument (SI) titled The Control of Mercury (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2022 to apply in relation to Great Britain.

The regulations were laid before Parliament on 19 October by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in exercise of powers conferred by the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.

The SI amends a heading in Annex 2 to the retained Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/2287 to replace a reference to “a Member State” with a reference to “Great Britain”.

The Welsh Government’s general principle is the law relating to devolved matters should be made and amended in Wales. However, on this occasion, it is considered appropriate for the substance of the amendments to apply to Wales as there is no policy divergence between the Welsh and UK Government on this matter. This ensures a coherent and consistent statute book with the regulations being accessible in a Single Instrument. I consider legislating separately for Wales would be neither the most appropriate way to give effect to the necessary changes, nor a prudent use of Welsh Government resources given other important priorities. Additionally, these regulations make changes which are minor and technical in nature.