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TITLE **The Validating Alternative Methods for Salmonella Typing
(Amendment) Regulations 2023**

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Members of the Senedd will wish to be aware I have given consent to the Secretary of State exercising a subordinate legislation-making power in a devolved area in relation to Wales.

Agreement was sought by The Rt Hon Lord Benyon, Minister for Biosecurity, Marine and Rural Affairs to make a Statutory Instrument (SI) titled [The Validating Alternative Methods for Salmonella Typing \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023](#).

The above titled SI was made by the Secretary of State on 13 July, in exercise of the concurrent plus powers conferred by Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) 2160/2003, on the control of salmonella and other specified food-borne zoonotic agents.

The SI amends the following 4 pieces of retained EU legislation, concerned with targets for the various requirements for sampling and testing for Salmonella.

- **Regulation 1190/2012** (concerning a Union target for the reduction of Salmonella Enteritidis and Salmonella Typhimurium in flocks of turkeys)
- **Regulation 517/2011** (as regards a Union target for the reduction of the prevalence of certain Salmonella serotypes in laying hens of Gallus gallus)
- **Regulation 200/2012** (concerning a Union target for the reduction of Salmonella enteritidis and Salmonella typhimurium in flocks of broilers)

- **Regulation 200/2010** (as regards a Union target for the reduction of the prevalence of Salmonella serotypes in adult breeding flocks of Gallus gallus)

The minor amendment to the regulations, to include a reference to typing method ISO – 16140-6, will enable the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) to use Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) as a stand-alone typing method for Salmonella in Poultry.

WGS provides much more information than conventional serotyping and facilitates the link between human and animal disease, which is key for aiding in epidemiological outbreak investigations.

The Regulations were laid before Parliament on 13 July and come into force on 4 August 2023.

Members will wish to note that the Regulations do not transfer any functions to the Secretary of State.

The Welsh Government's general principle is law relating to devolved matters should be made and amended by the Welsh Ministers. However, on this occasion, it is considered appropriate given the substance of the amendments, for a GB-wide SI (made by the UK Government) to apply to Wales as there is no policy divergence between the Welsh and UK Government in this matter. This ensures a coherent and consistent statute book, with the Regulations being accessible in a single instrument. Additionally, the Regulations make changes which are minor and technical in nature. Consequently, 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.