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Dear Huw,

**The Approved Country Lists (Animals and Animal Products) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 - DEFRA/AH/062**

The above titled Statutory Instrument is required to allow the import into Great Britain of poultry and poultry products to resume from certain regions of Ukraine and the whole of Australia following the successful control of avian influenza outbreaks in those countries.

These Regulations are made by the Secretary of State in exercise of powers conferred by the Trade in Animals and Animal Products (Legislative Functions) and Veterinary Surgeons (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/1225), in particular, regulation 7.

They amend Annex 1 to retained Commission Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 laying down a list of third countries, territories, zones or compartments from which poultry and poultry products may be imported into and transit through Great Britain and the veterinary certification requirements applicable to export of those goods. The Regulations also amend certain 'closing' and 'opening' dates which specify the periods when exports from affected regions are either prohibited or permitted, reflecting the dynamic nature of diseases.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen. This instrument essentially allows trade to resume from areas temporarily affected by avian influenza, in line with current policy agreed between all governments of Great Britain.

I am writing to let you know that I give my consent to the Secretary of State to make this statutory instrument in relation to Wales. I have laid a Written Statement, which can be found at: [Written Statement: The Approved Country Lists \(Animals and Animal Products\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2021](#). It has not been possible in this instance to provide advance notice of my intention to consent, as per the recent commitment given by the First Minister, owing to the timescales involved in bringing this urgent SI forward.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

As there is a functioning Common UK Animal Health and Welfare Framework through which the policy has been agreed and because goods of this nature move freely within Great Britain, there is no reason for policy divergence between GB nations. Furthermore, these Regulations do not amend any Welsh Instrument made by Welsh Ministers.

I am copying this letter to the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution, and Minister for Health and Social Services.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lesley Griffiths". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end of the name.

**Lesley Griffiths AS/MS**  
**Y Gweinidog Materion Gwledig a Gogledd Cymru, a'r Trefnydd**  
**Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd**