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Chair
Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee
National Assembly for Wales
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Dear Chair,

Regulations made under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Thank you for your letter of 22 March and for alerting the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (SLSC) to the disagreement between yourselves and the UK Government over the devolution settlement.

Unfortunately, the Sub-Committees of the SLSC have already considered the instruments to which you refer and cleared them from scrutiny. Once the Sub-Committees have cleared an instrument from scrutiny, they do not have ground to raise further concerns about the instrument.

We did draw the Food and Drink, Veterinary Medicines and Residues (Amendments etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 and the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 to the special attention of the House on the ground of policy interest in relation to the geographic indication of food products. The 19th Report of Sub-Committee B is available on our website.

I would like to assure you that the Sub-Committees are alert to concerns about the devolution settlement and will continue to raise such issues with the UK Government as appropriate. We will raise particular questions now that we are aware of the concerns about State aid and geographical indication of food products.

Yours sincerely
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Rt Hon. Lord Trefgarne PC
Chairman of the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee