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

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**TITLE**        **The Organic Products (Production and Control) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020**

**DATE**        **16 October 2020**

**BY**            **Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Trefnydd**

**SI laid in Parliament, which amends secondary legislation in a devolved area**

**The Organic Products (Production and Control) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020**

The 2020 Regulations amends the following legislation which apply in Wales:

EU Regulations

- Commission Regulation (EC) No 889/2009 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products with regard to organic production, labelling and control

Subordinate legislation

- The Organic Production and Control (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019
- The Organic Production (Control of Imports) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019
- The Organic Products (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

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

The 2020 Regulations relates to areas within devolved competence. The amendments ensure existing functions of the Welsh Ministers are retained as far as possible in relation to retained EU law and that the statute book operates properly following Implementation Period (IP) completion day, at the end of the Transition Period.

## **The purpose of the amendments**

The SI makes amendments to a set of organics legislation, primarily with the purpose of making changes necessitated by the introduction of the Northern Ireland Protocol, as well as correcting references to the European Commission, Member States and the European Union. Other changes have been made to correct typographical errors.

The 2020 Regulations and accompanying Explanatory Memorandum, setting out the effect of amendments is available here:

<https://statutoryinstruments.parliament.uk/timeline/RlqKi0nf/SI-2020/>

## **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 and expediency and to ensure consistency and coherence of the statute book. The amendments have been considered fully; and there is no divergence in policy. These amendments are to ensure that the statute book remains functional at the end of the Implementation Period.