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THE FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE (EXPORT RESTRICTIONS)(WALES) REGULATIONS 2007

I am writing to inform you that in order to bring The Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Export Restrictions)(Wales) Regulations 2007 into force in Wales in line with the rest of the UK, it has become necessary to breach the 21 day rule. These Regulations are due to be made today and come into force immediately.

These Regulations will implement in Wales European Commission Decision 2007/588/EC which amends Commission Decision 2007/554/EC. These Regulations will lift the ban on the export of live animals and products derived from them in Wales. The restrictions on exports and imports will still apply in the protection and surveillance zones in England.

The Regulations will be amended to reflect changes in the Commission Decision, as the FMD situation changes and will be revoked when Community controls are relaxed.

The Regulations are required to come into force immediately, to allow exports and imports of live animals and products from Wales. Parallel Regulations will come into force in England and Scotland today. Similar legislation is being prepared in Northern Ireland. Therefore, to ensure consistency of enforcement across the UK it is necessary to breach the 21 day rule, so that the Regulations can come into force immediately. In addition, the risk of not implementing the legislation with immediate effect would mean that Wales would be at a disadvantage as the restrictions on trade would remain.

Due to the length and complexity of the Regulations and the need to introduce them in Wales immediately, the Minister for Rural Affairs has deemed that it would not be

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reasonably practicable for them to be made bilingually within the timescale. However, a Welsh translation of the Regulations will be available in due course.

These Regulations have not been subject to consultation or a Regulatory Impact Assessment due the immediacy of the Instrument. However, an Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared and this will be laid, together with the Regulations, in Table Office.

A copy of this letter goes to Dr Dai Lloyd, Chair of the Subordinate Legislation Committee and Chris Reading, Clerk to the Subordinate Legislation Committee.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Cange for', is written in black ink on the page.