Dear Fergus & Mairi,

UKSI NOTIFICATIONS – EU EXIT

At its meeting on 26 June, the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee considered the notifications below, which outline the Scottish Government’s intent to consent to UK Ministers making regulations on its behalf. The Committee can confirm that it is content for the consents to be given.

- Food and Drink (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

The Committee had a query on compensation measures for the CAP Regulations, in relation to the following section of the CAP notification:

Agriculture (Legislative Functions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

These amendments create an obligation on Scottish Ministers and the other Devolved Administrations to reimburse recipients of CAP direct payments who had adjustments deducted from their payments in 2018 under financial discipline provisions of Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013. Although the current
funding position is not clear, we have been reassured by UK Government Defra officials that in the absence of EU funds, funding of this obligation should be covered by the guarantee from HM Treasury. The other devolved administrations also agree with this view.

The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government to request clarity of the position this matter when further information is available.

Kind regards

Edward Mountain
Convener