Dear Gillian,

The Environment (Miscellaneous Amendments and Revocations) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

The Scottish Parliament recommended on 26 February 2019 that the Environment (Miscellaneous Amendments and Revocations) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 should include Scottish devolved matters as set out in the notification to the Parliament.

The Environment (Miscellaneous Amendments and Revocations) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 were made on 20 March and laid before the UK Parliament on 22 March 2019. I can now confirm that this SI varies in some respects from the original proposal but that the variation is not so significant as to need any further process.

The instrument varies from the notification in that the SI was laid for sifting at Westminster on 12 February 2019 (not 8 February 2019 as per paragraph 11 of the notification) and that the Regulations are somewhat renumbered in the final SI. With specific regard to pesticides, Regulations 10, 11 and 12 have been renumbered to Regulations 9, 10 and 11 respectively. Additionally, the Schedule to the instrument includes revocations of active substance related, directly applicable EU regulations (some of which are subject to savings provisions in relation to grace periods) that were not featured in the notification. After EU exit, these substances will be given effect by the new statutory approvals register, which is introduced by the Plant Protection Products (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019. The purpose of this is to give effect to national decisions on active substances in an efficient and timely way. These variations are not considered significant.

I am copying this letter to the Convenor of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee.

Yours,

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