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Dear Edward,

## VETERINARY MEDICINES AND ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS (EXAMINATION OF RESIDUES AND MAXIMUM RESIDUE LIMITS) (AMENDMENT ETC) (EU EXIT) REGULATIONS 2019

### EXIT LEGISLATION – PROTOCOL WITH SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

The Scottish Parliament's Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee recommended on 5 December 2018 that the Veterinary Medicines and Animals and Animal Products (Examination of Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) (Amendment etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018 include Scottish devolved matters, as set out in the notification to the Scottish Parliament dated 15 November 2018.

This SI varies slightly to the original proposal outlined in the notification which indicated that the instrument was to be subject to negative procedure in the UK Parliament whereas it has since been laid as an affirmative instrument. However, this variation in the approval procedure to apply to the SI is not considered so significant as to need any further process. The change of procedure in relation to this SI does not impact on the substance of what the Scottish Parliament has already consented to as set out in the notification.

The Westminster sifting committees' recommendation that the SI be subject to affirmative procedure was related to the reserved parts of the Statutory Instrument. I can confirm that the GB-wide amendments made by this instrument remain consistent with the consent granted by the Scottish Parliament. The only minor change is the year in the instrument's title, which was previously 2018 and is now 2019.

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