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Dear Edward,

**THE GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS (AMENDMENT) (EU EXIT) REGULATIONS  
2019**

**EU EXIT LEGISLATION – PROTOCOL WITH SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT**

The Scottish Parliament Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee recommended on the 7 December 2018 that the Genetically Modified Organisms (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 should include Scottish devolved matters, as set out in the notification to Parliament.

Our notification indicated that the UK SI would include provision to amend Commission Decision 2004/204/EC but the final SI did not include any such provision. In addition, please note there is a slight change to the SI's title to reflect the fact that the SI was made and laid in 2019 rather than 2018 as originally intended.

This UK-wide SI was made on 17 January 2019 and laid before the UK Parliament on 23 January. I can confirm that the final UK SI is substantially the same as the draft SI described in our notification and any variation is not so significant as to need any further process.

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

**MAIRI GOUGEON**

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