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By email only.

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Dear Finlay,

The Organic Production (Control of Imports) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 ('the AFC/029 Regulations').

I am writing in relation to my recent letters of 5 and 26 June relating to the The Organic Production (Control of Imports) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 secondary instrument.

In my original letters, I advised this SI was to be laid without the Secretary of State obtaining consent to it from Scottish Ministers and would make changes to the law in relation to the importation of organics, an area of disputed competence between the Scottish Government and the UK Government. My letter also noted that I would advise you when the final SI was laid and whether it was in keeping with the terms of the notification shared with the Committee.

The SI was laid before UK Parliament on 3 August and will come into force on 1 September 2023. I can now confirm that this SI ***is consistent with the notification shared.***

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

Yours sincerely,



MAIRI GOUGEON