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Dear Convener,

**EU EXIT LEGISLATION – PROTOCOL WITH SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT
THE OFFICIAL CONTROLS (EXTENSION OF TRANSITIONAL PERIODS) AND PLANT
HEALTH (FREQUENCY OF CHECKS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2024 – “DEFRA
OFC/21/R”**

The Scottish Parliament agreed on 2 October 2024 that it was content for Scottish Ministers to give their consent to the Official Controls (Extension of Transitional Periods) and Plant Health (Frequency of Checks) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 – “Defra OFC/021/R” including Scottish devolved matters, as set out in the notification to the Parliament.

Defra OFC/021/R was made on 7 October under the powers conferred by Article 144(6) of, and paragraphs 2 and 3(2) of Annex 6 to, Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products. I can now confirm that this SI is consistent with the consent granted.

I am copying this letter to the Convener of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee and Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands.

Yours sincerely

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