

## REUL ACT updates

### *Substance of updates*

- The core of updates will be a list of REUL Act SSIs and consent-engaging UK SIs as laid/notified in the relevant update period.
- For this purpose, an instrument made by Scottish or UK Ministers under other powers but with the primary purpose of directly handling REUL Act changes that took effect on 1 January 2024 will be listed, for example the Importation of Animals and Related Products (Miscellaneous Amendment and Revocation) (Scotland) Order 2023.
- The Scottish Government will incorporate “forward look” information on assimilated law policy including with regards to primary legislation that includes delegated powers recognisable to REUL Act powers, to the extent possible and meaningful given that Scottish Ministers do not share UK Ministers’ deregulatory and divergent agenda for the future treatment of assimilated law.

### *Format and frequency of updates*

- The format of updates will be a letter sent by the Cabinet Secretary for Constitution and External Affairs to the Constitution, External Affairs, Europe and Culture Committee.
- The update series will be distinct from alignment, inter-governmental relations and all other pre-existing reporting arrangements.
- Updates will be sent bi-annually in 2024, 2025 and 2026 with reporting periods to 23 December and 23 June respectively.
- The Constitution, External Affairs, Europe and Culture Committee will publish update letters on its webpage.

### *Timing of updates*

- Updates will be sent after each January and July UK statutory report, so that updates can contain appropriate commentary on or supplementation of UK reports where appropriate.
- Update letters will be sent before February recess and after summer recess each year.

### *Review of these arrangements*

- Should there be a material change of circumstances, for example the volume of REUL Act instruments arising increases significantly, either of the Scottish Government or the Scottish Parliament may propose updates to these arrangements for discussion and agreement.

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