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Dear Finlay,

The Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products (Marketing Standards and Organic Products) (Transitional Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 – SI AFC/048

I am writing in relation to my recent letters of 5 and 30 October relating to the The Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products (Marketing Standards and Organic Products) (Transitional Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 statutory instrument.

In my original letters, I advised this Statutory Instrument (“SI”) was to be laid on 23 November and would amend relevant REUL and domestic legislation to extend grace periods concerning import requirements for organics and marketing standards for hops and poultrymeat. As set out in my letters this SI was laid without the Secretary of State obtaining consent to it from Scottish Ministers.

The SI was laid before UK Parliament on 23 November and will come into force on 1 January 2024. 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

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