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Dear Convener,

## **THE OFFICIAL CONTROLS (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2025 EU EXIT LEGISLATION – PROTOCOL WITH SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT**

The Scottish Parliament agreed on 19 June 2024 that it was content for Scottish Ministers to give their consent to the Official Controls (Amendment) Regulations 2025 including Scottish devolved matters, as set out in the notification to the Parliament.

The Official Controls (Amendment) Regulations 2025<sup>1</sup> were made on 30 January 2025 under sections 14(1), (2), (3), (4)(a), (b), (e) and (7), 15(1) and 20(1) of the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023. It came into force on 10 February 2025. I can now confirm that this SI varies in some respects from the original proposal but that the variation is not so significant as to need any further process.

The notification to Parliament explained that consequential amendments reflecting the changes to the Official Controls Regulation<sup>2</sup> were to be made to assimilated law instruments made under that Regulation as well as to the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Scotland) Regulations 2012<sup>3</sup>. Consequential amendments to these instruments were made, but consequential amendments reflecting the changes to the Official Controls Regulation were also made to Regulation (EU) 2016/2031<sup>4</sup> on protective measures against pests of plants.

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<sup>1</sup> [The Official Controls \(Amendment\) Regulations 2025](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Regulation \(EU\) 2017/625](#)

<sup>3</sup> [The Trade in Animals and Related Products \(Scotland\) Regulations 2012](#)

<sup>4</sup> [Regulation \(EU\) 2016/2031](#)

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

Yours sincerely,



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