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## Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee

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***By email only***

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Dear Cabinet Secretary,

### **Official Controls (Extension of Transitional Periods) (Amendment) Regulations 2022**

Thank you for your letter, dated 18 May 2022, relating to a consent notification for the above proposed UK statutory instrument (SI).

The Committee considered the SI notification at its meeting this morning and agreed with the Scottish Government's decision to consent to the provisions set out in the notification being included in UK, rather than Scottish, subordinate legislation.

Following consideration of the instrument, the Committee also agreed to write to the Scottish Government to ask the following-

- Why it is now considered appropriate to make regulations amending the rules around checks on SPS goods during the TSP;
- What the impact of these changes may be on stakeholders and the wider public, including further information about the outcome of the consultations between governments and stakeholders; and
- The outcome of discussions with stakeholders who have invested in preparations for the end of the transitional staging period.

The Committee would appreciate a response by 29 June 2022.

Yours sincerely

**Finlay Carson MSP**

Convener, Rural Affairs, Island and Natural Environment Committee