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Dear Minister,

Phytosanitary Conditions (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2022

Thank you for your letter and notification, dated 20 September 2022, relating to the above UK statutory instrument.

The Committee considered the 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.

The Committee also agreed to ask for the following information—

- the available data on the rising prevalence of the Blueberry rust pest;
- any analysis of the reasons behind the rising prevalence of the Blueberry rust pest; and
- what steps relevant ministers are taking to control or eradicate the Blueberry rust pest.

Yours sincerely

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