



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

Gillian Martin MSP
Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy
Scottish Government

24 February 2025

Dear Gillian,

THE PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) REGULATIONS 2025

At its meeting on 18 February, the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee considered the Scottish Government's consent notification for the above UK statutory instrument.

Further to our scrutiny of this notification, the Committee agreed that it is content for the Scottish Government to give consent to the provisions in the notification being included in UK subordinate legislation.

The Committee also noted that there is a forthcoming Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Stockholm Convention where specific exemptions in relation to POPs covered by the Regulations will be considered. It is less than ideal that domestic regulations to allow one of those exemptions are being made pre-emptively, as further updates could be required quickly after these regulations are made in response to the decision taken at the COP. The Committee requests that the Scottish Government update the Committee on the outcome of that forthcoming COP, specifically in relation to implications for these Regulations and UK alignment with the Stockholm Convention.

Yours sincerely,

Edward Mountain MSP

Convener

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