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Rural Affairs and Islands Committee
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By email only

Dear Cabinet Secretary,

**UK SI NOTIFICATIONS:
OFFICIAL CONTROLS (EXTENSION OF TRANSITIONAL PERIODS)
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2024
OFFICIAL CONTROLS (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) REGULATIONS
2024**

Thank you for your letter of 2 April 2024, advising the Committee about forthcoming statutory instruments relating to the implementation of the BTOM, and subsequent notifications relating to the above UK SIs.

The Committee considered the notifications by correspondence and agreed it was content for these provisions relating to devolved competence to be included in UK SIs.

I note that the timescale for parliamentary scrutiny was curtailed and agree with you that this is regrettable. I have asked the clerks to explore at official level what can be done to ensure the Committee can be alerted at the earliest point when it is likely to be sent urgent notifications in future.

The Committee expects both the Scottish Government and UK Government will ensure there is sufficient time for parliamentary scrutiny of any SIs relating to the provisions expected to be introduced on 31 October 2024.

Noting this other secondary legislation relating to the implementation of the BTOM, the Committee intends to discuss this wider issue when you next give evidence to it on issues within the RAI remit.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Finlay Carson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Finlay Carson MSP
Convener
Rural Affairs and Islands Committee