



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Finlay Carson MSP  
Convener  
Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

The Scottish Parliament  
EDINBURGH  
EH99 1SP

By e-mail

[CEEAC.Committee@parliament.scot](mailto:CEEAC.Committee@parliament.scot)

11 March 2024

Dear Finlay,

### **Second EU Law Tracker Report**

The CEEAC Committee considered the [second report](#) from Dr Lisa Whitten of the [EU Law Tracker](#) at our meeting last week.

As previously communicated, there is an expectation that subject committees will consider the case studies relevant to their respective remits that are set out in the series of reports as part of their role in scrutinising the Scottish Ministers' policy commitment to align with EU law.

At Section 3, the report outlines various case studies that are likely to be of interest to the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee. There are four case studies in relation to Animal Health and Welfare (see sections 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3) and one case study in relation to Plant Health (see section 3.1).

As part of these case studies, the report outlines that the Committee may wish to request more detail on the Scottish Government position and practice as regards alignment with the EU Animal Health Law and the Plant Health Regulation. The Committee may also wish to seek an update from the Scottish Government regarding its consideration of the current proposal to update the EU regulatory framework to account for new genomic techniques.

In addition to the case studies at section 3.3, Appendix Two to the report sets out an analysis of the European Commission Work Programme 2024, with a detailed record of the 30 Significant/Priority Proposals for new EU laws would replace or make substantial revisions in areas of policy that are or could be in the scope of the Scottish

Government alignment commitment. To further bolster scrutiny of the implementation of the alignment policy, subject committees may also wish to seek updates from the Scottish Government on specific policies or policy areas of interest, the content of relevant EU legislative proposals/revisions as these progress through the EU institutions, and on Scottish Government assessments of the suitability or otherwise of Scotland aligning with specific upcoming EU law changes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clare Adamson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Clare Adamson MSP, Convener of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee