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Dear Minister,

## **EU EXIT LEGISLATION**

- **The Animal Welfare and Invasive Non-native Species (EU Exit) Regulations 2020**

We are writing to you in reference to your letter dated 12 October 2020 attaching a notification in relation to the above Statutory Instrument which the UK Government proposes to make.

As you will be aware the above notification related to subject areas across the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee and the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee and as such, this notification was considered, in part, by each of these Committees at their meetings this week.

The areas of the notification that were considered by each Committee are outlined below:

- Animal slaughter and transportation – REC
- Invasive species – ECCLR
- Leghold traps – ECCLR

Both Committees agreed that they were content for the Scottish Government to give consent to UK Ministers making regulations on their behalf in relation to this SI.

The REC Committee noted that despite the dispute over the import and export control reservation, the Scottish Ministers are content for the changes in this field to be made by UK SI because they are technical changes, with limited impact in Scotland.

Yours sincerely,

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Gillian Martin MSP

Convener

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