Dear Graeme,

Thank you for your letter received on 5 October regarding the Public Water Supplies (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/281).

The Scottish Government has acted to correct the errors which regrettably occurred in this SSI by laying an amending instrument, the Public and Private Water Supplies (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/321), before Parliament on 3 October. Subject to completing its Parliamentary stages, the amending instrument comes into force on 26 October 2017, so that the correct values are in place for the date of coming into force of SSI 2017/281 on 27 October. Scottish Water, the body to whom these provisions apply, has been informed of these amendments.

If the errors in SSI 2017/281 were not corrected until after its coming into force date, there would have been a period of unclarity when the incorrect values were in force, and I trust that the action which has been taken to avoid that situation will allay the concerns of the Committee.

Yours,

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