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Llywydd
National Assembly for Wales

19 July 2019

Dear Elin,

PLANT HEALTH (FORESTRY) (AMENDMENT NO. 2) (WALES) ORDER 2019

In accordance with guidance I am notifying you that section 11A(4) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946, as inserted by Sch.10 para 3 of the Government of Wales Act 2006, which affords the rule that statutory instruments come into force at least 21 days from the date of laying, will be breached for the introduction of the above amending The Plant Health (Forestry) Order 2005. The Explanatory Memorandum is attached for your information.

The Statutory Instrument will allow greater control over the import of potentially high risk oak trees from countries where Oak Processionary Moth (OPM) is widespread. To ensure continued enforceability with the rest of the UK it has become necessary to breach the 21 day rule. Currently imports of oak trees from regions where this pest is present are allowed under certain surveillance and regulations, however, findings in the wider environment in England and Wales have proved that these regulations are not sufficient and as a result a number of OPM findings have been reported outside of London across England and Wales.

Scotland laid their equivalent Statutory Instrument on the 15th July and it came into force on the 16th of July. England laid their Statutory Instrument on the 15th July which came into force on the same day.

No Regulatory Impact Assessment or Consultation has been undertaken due to the urgency of implementing the Statutory Instrument. However, an Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared and this has been laid, together with the Regulations in Table Office.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

A copy of this letter goes to Mick Antoniw AM, Chair of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee and Sian Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Services.

Yours sincerely,

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

Rebecca Evans AC/AM

Y Gweinidog Cyllid a'r Trefnydd
Minister for Finance and Trefnydd