Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

Mairi Gougeon MSP
Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands
Scottish Government

24 November 2025

Dear Cabinet Secretary,

EU law tracker reports

The Rural Affairs and Islands Committee is following-up on information drawn to our attention by the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee (CEEAC) in its fourth and fifth EU law tracker reports.

To support our ongoing scrutiny of the Scottish Government's alignment with EU law, we request an update regarding two case studies that were highlighted to us in CEEAC's fourth EU tracker report produced in February, and its fifth EU tracker report from July:

- In relation to legislative changes to organics products and labelling of organic laws as a result of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 and the adoption of other delegated EU acts in this area:
  - What is the Scottish Government's position regarding the potential for future alignment with the EU on issues of organics products and labelling of organic products?
  - What is the Scottish Government assessment of the potential implications of these new regulations on the relevant provisions of the EU-UK trading and cooperation agreement?
  - How might these implications influence a future decision by the Scottish Government on alignment?

- In relation to legislative changes to EU trading rules regarding plant and pest imports and certification as a result Regulation (EU) 2024/3115:
  - What is the Scottish Government's assessment of the new regulation?
  - What are the potential effects the new rules might have on trading arrangements with the EU?

On behalf of the Committee, I request a response to these points by 22 December.

I am copying this letter to the Convener of the CEEAC Committee.

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Yours sincerely,

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