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Dear Convener,

## **THE WELFARE OF ANIMALS (TRANSPORT) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2025 EU EXIT LEGISLATION – PROTOCOL WITH SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT**

The Scottish Parliament agreed on 19 June 2025 that it was content for Scottish Ministers to give their consent to The Welfare Of Animals (Transport) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 including Scottish devolved matters, as set out in the notification to the Parliament.

The Welfare Of Animals (Transport) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 were made on 30 June 2025 under Articles 30(1) and 30a(8) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport and related operations. I can now confirm that this SI varies in some respects from the original proposal but that the variation is not so significant as to need any further process.

Following consideration of consultation responses, and as set out in the notification, the Regulations disapply the prohibition on the lifting of chickens by the legs, and make it clear that when chickens are caught by the legs, they must be caught by two legs, and this has been applied equally to turkeys under 5kg. In addition, following consideration of the consultation responses, the Regulations make provision that, in the case of turkeys weighing more than 5kg, it is prohibited to lift or carry them in an inverted position, whether holding them by the legs or not.

I am copying this letter to the Convener of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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