

RURAL AFFAIRS AND ISLANDS COMMITTEE APPEARANCE – Further consideration of The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

<i>Date and Time of Committee Appearance</i>	9 October 2024 10:15 – 11:15
<i>Where</i>	T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room
<i>Purpose of Evidence session</i>	<i>To give evidence, once again, on The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 and to seek the RAI Committee’s approval.</i>
<i>Official Support Required</i>	<i>[Redacted text], Head of Agriculture Support Policy Development unit</i> <i>[Redacted text]</i>
<i>Comms Support/Media Handling</i>	<i>No comms support required.</i> <i>No media handling required.</i>

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COMMITTEE AGENDA

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1. Subordinate legislation

The Committee will take evidence on the Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 from—

- **Jim Fairlie**
Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity
Scottish Government
- **[Redacted text]**
Head of Agriculture Support Policy Development unit
Scottish Government
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Scottish Government

Papers for this item:

- www.parliament.scot/~media/committ/9025/SSI-Rural-Development-clerks-paper, posted 03 October 2024
- 1 private paper will be discussed during this agenda item

2. Subordinate legislation

Jim Fairlie, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity to move—

S6M-14345—That the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee recommends that the Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 be approved.

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Response to Committee

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Committee call for views –

https://yourviews.parliament.scot/raine/rural-development-regulations-2024/consultation/published_select_respondent

Key points

- Continuation of SRDP support is considered crucial.
- We are extending the SRDP at programme level but stakeholders have made reference to the importance of specific schemes within it including Less Favoured Area Support Scheme (LFASS), Agri-environment Climate Scheme, crofting support and Community-led Local Development.
- While there are some questions around the extension to 2030 this does not take into account the Route Map timeline remaining valid.
- There are calls to change LFASS payment rates and/or to rebase but the Cabinet Secretary and the Route Map make clear, that LFASS will remain unchanged until 2026.

Key quotes

NFU Scotland:

- “We are deeply concerned that this SSI has been delayed and urge the RAI Committee to pass this at its meeting on Wednesday 9 October.”
- “It is crucial that schemes such as LFASS continue to be delivered as we transition through the Agricultural Reform Route Map.”
- “...put simply, without this SSI, the ongoing delivery of LFA support is at severe and unwarranted risk.”
- “...it is our strong belief that a cliff edge is exactly what will be delivered if this SSI is not passed by the RAI Committee on 9 October.”
- “Issues concerning the current operation of LFASS, such as possible rebasing, are completely separate to this SSI and must not be conflated.”
- “To conclude, NFU Scotland is in complete support of this SSI. We would welcome the opportunity to talk through the urgency of this and what is at risk if the SSI is not passed with the RAI Committee.”

Scottish Tenant Farmers Association:

- “The Scottish Tenant Farmers Association supports this SSI and its objective of providing stability and continuity by “bridging the gap” until appropriate replacement funding mechanisms can be developed and implemented.”

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Scottish Land & Estates:

- “SLE appreciates the need for the Scottish Statutory Instrument on Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) Miscellaneous Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2024 and agrees that there is a need for government to be able to make these payments.”

National Sheep Association Scotland:

- “Under the current circumstances and uncertainty regarding future farm support and scheme development, NSA Scotland believes current support should be extended and built upon going forward and would welcome discussions surrounding future schemes to ensure they are fit for purpose and safeguard the viability of those farming in disadvantaged areas.”

Scottish Beef Association:

- “The payments made under the SRDP, particularly LFASS and AECS along with Crofters support, are vital to many farms with suckler cows... Due to the above and provide stability the Scottish Statutory Instrument is a necessary means to keep these payments from 2025 onwards.”

SE Link:

- “One component of the SRDP which must be continued in the short term is the Agri-Environment-Climate Scheme (AECS). The passing of this SSI will enable this scheme to continue until such time as it can be developed and become a core component of the new four tier framework (currently proposed for consideration in Tier 3 from 2027 onwards).”

Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar:

- “Overall Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar would be supportive of the continuation of the schemes until other suitable schemes and programmes were implemented.”

The Highland Council:

- “The extension to the SRDP is vital in that it would provide a regulatory framework to extend the Community Led Local Development (CLLD) Programme of funding to rural communities.”

Scottish Agricultural Arbiters and Valuers Association:

- “We understand that the present position in the development of Scotland’s future agricultural support policy may have the practical requirement to extend the LFASS Regulations for 2025 while the Rural Support plan with future policies is developed under the new Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Act.”

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Note by Clerk

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STRATEGIC OVERVIEW

Top Line: Our published Agricultural Reform Route Map sets out the timescale for a phased transition from legacy Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) schemes into our new co-developed four-tier framework. Extending the Scottish Rural Development Programme (SRDP) will deliver this and ensure there are no cliff edges in support and a just transition.

SG Proposals / Policies – What are we seeking to achieve

Seeking to Achieve

To ensure that the legacy Common Agricultural Policy (“CAP”) Scottish Rural Development Programme (“SRDP”) schemes can continue after 2024.

Why?

The Agricultural Reform Programme (“ARP”) Route Map requires the SRDP to be extended to enable it to continue as part of the phased transition to future agriculture support and to meet commitments to avoid cliff edges and ensure a just transition.

Background

The policy intent of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020 (“the 2020 Act”) was to enable the continued operation of CAP schemes following EU Exit. The Stability and Simplicity commitment was for a five year period following EU Exit, so the SRDP was extended until the end of 2024.

The future agricultural policy landscape has since progressed through the Vision for Scottish Agriculture, Agricultural Reform Route Map and the passing of the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Act 2024 (“the 2024 Act”).

Handling

The passage of the 2024 Act has resulted in heightened expectations of future policy development progress. While the continuation of existing SRDP schemes has been outlined through the Route Map, there will be some who consider an extension to 2030 and use of the 2020 Act to be a delay to required change.

EU alignment

In CAP terms this has been framed as “broad alignment to EU CAP objectives”. The SRDP was approved by the European Commission and the objectives of the SRDP remain aligned to the key policy objectives of the EU CAP 2023-27.

Less Favoured Area Support Scheme (“LFASS”) remains aligned to providing support to constrained areas. However, it is acknowledged that the EU CAP 2023-2027 phased this out for the replacement Areas of Natural Constraint (ANC) support.

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The EU had intended for a phased transition between support which the Route Map commitment of “working with stakeholders on how best to deliver this type of support under the new framework” is aligned to but on a revised timescale.

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DETAILED POLICY NOTE

GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE SRDP

The Scottish Rural Development Programme (SRDP) delivers Pillar 2 of the EU Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). It funds economic, environmental and social measures for the benefit of rural Scotland.

The purpose of the SRDP is to help achieve sustainable economic growth.

The main priorities are: enhancing the rural economy, supporting agricultural and forestry businesses, protecting and improving the natural environment, addressing the impact of climate change and supporting rural communities.

Under assimilated law (formerly referred to as retained EU law) the legacy Common Agricultural Policy (“CAP”) Scottish Rural Development Programme (“SRDP”) schemes will end after 2024, which is in line with the commitment to Stability and Simplicity.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT APPROACH

The approach is consistent with the previous use of Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020 powers to extend the SRDP. The rationale and background to the development of the SRDP, including consultations, can be found in the policy note for the [Rural Development \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020](#). Subsequent to this stakeholders have been engaged via the Agricultural Reform Programme including on the Vision for Scottish Agriculture and the published Route Map. This includes consultation on the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Act 2024.

The approach can be summarised as follows:

- It is not considered appropriate or proportionate to undertake full impact assessments for this regulation, as it does not introduce new policy, or a change in policy, but simply enables the continued functioning of assimilated EU CAP legislation pertaining to rural development and the continuation of the SRDP and rural development support from 2025.

However, it is noted there are three new impact assessments – Island Communities (ICIA), Child Rights and Wellbeing (CRWIA) and Consumer Duty that have been considered in discussion with their respective teams. It is acknowledged that any change to support, or new support, will require to be impact assessed during the co-development process within the Agricultural Reform Programme, when the 2024 Act powers will be used to enact change.

The overriding message is the decision to extend the SRDP is a binary choice and the greatest impact would be the cliff edge at the end of 2024 if crucial agricultural support to rural communities across the mainland and islands was not extended.

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SUMMARY OF REGULATIONS WITHIN THE SSI

The 2024 Regulations use the powers of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020(1), “The 2020 Act”.

Amendment of the Less Favoured Area Support Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2010

Regulation 2(1)

Inserts the scheme years from 2025 to 2029 and details the period within each. This is to ensure payments for LFASS can be made after the end of 2024.

Regulation 10(2)

This moves the end date of the scheme from 2024 until 2030.

Schedule 5

This adds the rates of payment from 2025 until 2030. These are unchanged.

Amendment of the Common Provisions Regulation

Article 26

This moves the end date from 2024 until 2030.

Article 50(1)

This extends the requirement for an “Annual Implementation Report” for a further year to cover 2025.

Article 65

This moves the end date from 2024 until 2030.

Amendment of the Rural Development Regulation

Article 31(5)

This amends the end date for payments to areas facing natural or other specific constraints from 2024 until 2030.

Article 75(1)

This extends the requirement for an “Annual Implementation Report” for a further year to cover 2025.

Amendment of the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 808/2024

Article 4

This moves the end date from 2024 until 2030.

(1) 2020 asp 17.

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STAKEHOLDER VIEWS

Originally, the SRDP was developed in conjunction with stakeholders over a 3 year period which included three stakeholder events, eight stakeholder thematic working groups, two public consultations, a series of public roadshows and regular bilateral meetings with key stakeholders. There was an external “ex-ante” evaluation and it was fully impact assessed including a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment (BRIA) and an Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA). It also received formal approval by the European Commission as was required at the time.

The purpose of this SSI is to extend the operation of assimilated law in Scotland that pertains to rural development, and in doing so to bridge the gap between the phasing out of such legacy schemes and the introduction of new schemes using the powers of the ARC Act.

The Agricultural Reform Programme is where the Scottish Government commitment to co-develop future agricultural policy with rural partners is being actively realised and it has engaged islands stakeholders and customers, including through involvement in the Agriculture Reform Implementation Oversight Board and on the Vision for Scottish Agriculture and Route Map.

KEY POINTS

- The Scottish Government recognises the importance of the SRDP to stakeholders, so we have extended it to allow it to continue to operate whilst a replacement is developed.
- Closure would remove approximately £550 million per annum from the rural economy. It would have implications on the viability of rural businesses and prevent Scottish Government from meeting political commitments and delivering on outcomes, including those for climate and nature.
- Providing continuity of support contributes to the SG missions of improving public services, tackling the climate emergency and growing the economy.
- In amending EU assimilated law which includes domestic regulations we must remain aligned to EU law. The new principles that apply are:
 - to ensure a fair income for farmers;
 - vibrant rural areas
- LFASS has previously been stated not to comply with the EU CAP rules however it does align to these principles by preventing rural depopulation of less favoured areas, therefore there is no conflict with the scheme extension.
- Extending the CAP / SRDP would provide for a straightforward delivery of existing schemes on the same terms from 2025. The only change would be the end date of 2030, as previously approved in the submission requesting the extension of support dated 7th Sept 2023.
- Doing so will ensure there are no cliff edges in support, which is one of the commitments we have made.
- This extension will allow us to align with the ARP Route Map and the phased transition from legacy CAP into the four-tier framework (via the ARC Bill).

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Q&A

Q1: Why are we extending the legacy SRDP again and what impact does this have on the Route Map?

A: The Agricultural Reform Route Map is clear that there will be a phased transition from legacy CAP schemes into a new co-developed four-tier framework. This will involve initial changes to existing support from 2025 and a phased approach to launching the new framework from 2026.

This requires the legacy SRDP schemes to be extended and that is what this regulation does.

Q2: Why not use the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Act 2024?

A: The power to enable the continuation of the operation of CAP legislation and thus the support thereunder is found in section 3 of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020.

It does not require the use of 2024 Act powers. These powers are currently unavailable until they are commenced using a commencement SSI.

Q3: Why have you extended the SRDP until 2030?

A: Extending the programme provides assurance to the Agricultural Reform Programme and will enable a managed approach to the phased transition from legacy CAP into future support, which will include continuing to meet legacy commitments where required.

It is important to note that while this regulation provides the legal basis for the continuation of the SRDP, as a programme, future decisions on which schemes will operate, or when they will close as part of a phased transition, is subject to future Ministerial decisions.

Q4: Why are you only extending reporting for one year?

A: The requirement for an “Annual Implementation Report” has been extended for 2025 only, as reporting of legacy CAP schemes will be a requirement of Rural Support Plan reporting under the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Act 2024. The extension ensures there is no gap in reporting.

Q5: Where are all of the Impact Assessments?

A: The SRDP was co-developed with stakeholders, consulted upon, fully impact assessed and approved by the European Commission. The impact assessment approach is consistent with the approach taken to extend the SRDP previously. This is based on it not being proportionate to revisit impact assessments when there was no substantive change to existing schemes.

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This approach is caveated by there being three new impact assessments – Island Communities (ICIA), Child Rights and Wellbeing (CRWIA) and Consumer Duty. A CRWIA has been completed alongside an ICIA. It was judged that a Consumer Duty Assessment was not required.

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Q6: The EU Referendum was in 2016 – why is future policy taking so long?

A: EU Exit formally occurred on 31 January 2020. The Scottish Government consulted upon a 5 period of stability and simplicity following EU Exit.

The Scottish Parliament unanimously passed the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020 to enable the continuation of CAP schemes and payments from 2021 and secondary legislation was laid to extend the SRDP until the end of 2024. This delivered on the commitment to stability and simplicity after EU Exit, while future agriculture policy was being co-developed.

We have since established the Agricultural Reform Programme and published our Vision for Scottish Agriculture and Route Map.

The Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Act 2024 was brought through Parliament and received Royal Assent on 30 July 2024.

We are actively co-developing future agricultural support with those directly impacted.

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MOTION TO BE MOVED BY THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND CONNECTIVITY FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

Following the questions, the RAI Committee Convener may ask that a motion be moved for the SSI, in which case you may wish to move a motion as follows:

“I move that draft SSI: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 be approved by this Committee”.

CHAMBER VOTE

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<i>Date and Time</i>	<i>6 November 2024 Prior to decision time</i>
<i>Where</i>	<i>Chamber</i>
<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Should the Conservative Party confirm that they wish to reserve their position then this means they will speak to the SSI on Wednesday 6 November and Ministers will have up to 3 minutes to respond, ahead of the SSI going to a vote.</i> <i>The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024.</i>
<i>Official Support Required</i>	<i>TBC</i>
<i>Comms Support/Media Handling</i>	<i>No comms support required. No media handling required.</i>

CHAMBER VOTE

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Response

(attached separately)

N/A – No response letter

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Committee call for views –

https://yourviews.parliament.scot/raine/rural-development-regulations-2024/consultation/published_select_respondent

Key points

- Continuation of SRDP support is considered crucial.
- We are extending the SRDP at programme level but stakeholders have made reference to the importance of specific schemes within it including Less Favoured Area Support Scheme (LFASS), Agri-environment Climate Scheme, crofting support and Community-led Local Development.
- While there are some questions around the extension to 2030 this does not take into account the Route Map timeline remaining valid.
- There are calls to change LFASS payment rates and/or to rebase but the Cabinet Secretary and the Route Map make clear, that LFASS will remain unchanged until 2026.

Key quotes

NFU Scotland:

- “We are deeply concerned that this SSI has been delayed and urge the RAI Committee to pass this at its meeting on Wednesday 9 October.”
- “It is crucial that schemes such as LFASS continue to be delivered as we transition through the Agricultural Reform Route Map.”
- “...put simply, without this SSI, the ongoing delivery of LFA support is at severe and unwarranted risk.”
- “...it is our strong belief that a cliff edge is exactly what will be delivered if this SSI is not passed by the RAI Committee on 9 October.”
- “Issues concerning the current operation of LFASS, such as possible rebasing, are completely separate to this SSI and must not be conflated.”
- “To conclude, NFU Scotland is in complete support of this SSI. We would welcome the opportunity to talk through the urgency of this and what is at risk if the SSI is not passed with the RAI Committee.”

Scottish Tenant Farmers Association:

- “The Scottish Tenant Farmers Association supports this SSI and its objective of providing stability and continuity by “bridging the gap” until appropriate replacement funding mechanisms can be developed and implemented.”

The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Scottish Land & Estates:

- “SLE appreciates the need for the Scottish Statutory Instrument on Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) Miscellaneous Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2024 and agrees that there is a need for government to be able to make these payments.”

National Sheep Association Scotland:

- “Under the current circumstances and uncertainty regarding future farm support and scheme development, NSA Scotland believes current support should be extended and built upon going forward and would welcome discussions surrounding future schemes to ensure they are fit for purpose and safeguard the viability of those farming in disadvantaged areas.”

Scottish Beef Association:

- “The payments made under the SRDP, particularly LFASS and AECS along with Crofters support, are vital to many farms with suckler cows... Due to the above and provide stability the Scottish Statutory Instrument is a necessary means to keep these payments from 2025 onwards.”

SE Link:

- “One component of the SRDP which must be continued in the short term is the Agri-Environment-Climate Scheme (AECS). The passing of this SSI will enable this scheme to continue until such time as it can be developed and become a core component of the new four tier framework (currently proposed for consideration in Tier 3 from 2027 onwards).”

Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar:

- “Overall Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar would be supportive of the continuation of the schemes until other suitable schemes and programmes were implemented.”

The Highland Council:

- “The extension to the SRDP is vital in that it would provide a regulatory framework to extend the Community Led Local Development (CLLD) Programme of funding to rural communities.”

Scottish Agricultural Arbiters and Valuers Association:

- “We understand that the present position in the development of Scotland’s future agricultural support policy may have the practical requirement to extend the LFASS Regulations for 2025 while the Rural Support plan with future policies is developed under the new Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Act.”

GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE SRDP

The Scottish Rural Development Programme (SRDP) delivers Pillar 2 of the EU Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). It funds economic, environmental and social measures for the benefit of rural Scotland.

The purpose of the SRDP is to help achieve sustainable economic growth.

The main priorities are: enhancing the rural economy, supporting agricultural and forestry businesses, protecting and improving the natural environment, addressing the impact of climate change and supporting rural communities.

Under assimilated law (formerly referred to as retained EU law) the legacy Common Agricultural Policy (“CAP”) Scottish Rural Development Programme (“SRDP”) schemes will end after 2024, which is in line with the commitment to Stability and Simplicity.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT APPROACH

The approach is consistent with the previous use of Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020 powers to extend the SRDP. The rationale and background to the development of the SRDP, including consultations, can be found in the policy note for the [Rural Development \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020](#). Subsequent to this stakeholders have been engaged via the Agricultural Reform Programme including on the Vision for Scottish Agriculture and the published Route Map. This includes consultation on the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Act 2024.

The approach can be summarised as follows:

- It is not considered appropriate or proportionate to undertake full impact assessments for this regulation, as it does not introduce new policy, or a change in policy, but simply enables the continued functioning of assimilated EU CAP legislation pertaining to rural development and the continuation of the SRDP and rural development support from 2025.

However, it is noted there are three new impact assessments – Island Communities (ICIA), Child Rights and Wellbeing (CRWIA) and Consumer Duty that have been considered in discussion with their respective teams. It is acknowledged that any change to support, or new support, will require to be impact assessed during the co-development process within the Agricultural Reform Programme, when the 2024 Act powers will be used to enact change.

The overriding message is the decision to extend the SRDP is a binary choice and the greatest impact would be the cliff edge at the end of 2024 if crucial agricultural support to rural communities across the mainland and islands was not extended.

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<i>Date and Time of Committee Appearance</i>	<i>25 September 2024 11:45 – 12:15</i>
<i>Where</i>	T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room
<i>Purpose of Evidence session</i>	<i>To give evidence on The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 and to seek the RAI Committee’s approval.</i>
<i>Official Support Required</i>	<i>[Redacted text]</i>
<i>Comms Support/Media Handling</i>	<i>No comms support required. No media handling required.</i>

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COMMITTEE AGENDA

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OPENING REMARKS

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STRATEGIC OVERVIEW

Top Line: Our published Agricultural Reform Route Map sets out the timescale for a phased transition from legacy Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) schemes into our new co-developed four-tier framework. Extending the Scottish Rural Development Programme (SRDP) will deliver this and ensure there are no cliff edges in support and a just transition.

SG Proposals / Policies – What are we seeking to achieve

Seeking to Achieve

To ensure that the legacy Common Agricultural Policy (“CAP”) Scottish Rural Development Programme (“SRDP”) schemes can continue after 2024.

Why?

The Agricultural Reform Programme (“ARP”) Route Map requires the SRDP to be extended to enable it to continue as part of the phased transition to future agriculture support and to meet commitments to avoid cliff edges and ensure a just transition.

Background

The policy intent of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020 (“the 2020 Act”) was to enable the continued operation of CAP schemes following EU Exit. The Stability and Simplicity commitment was for a five year period following EU Exit, so the SRDP was extended until the end of 2024.

The future agricultural policy landscape has since progressed through the Vision for Scottish Agriculture, Agricultural Reform Route Map and the passing of the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Act 2024 (“the 2024 Act”).

Handling

The passage of the 2024 Act has resulted in heightened expectations of future policy development progress. While the continuation of existing SRDP schemes has been outlined through the Route Map, there will be some who consider an extension to 2030 and use of the 2020 Act to be a delay to required change.

EU alignment

In CAP terms this has been framed as “broad alignment to EU CAP objectives”. The SRDP was approved by the European Commission and the objectives of the SRDP remain aligned to the key policy objectives of the EU CAP 2023-27.

Less Favoured Area Support Scheme (“LFASS”) remains aligned to providing support to constrained areas. However, it is acknowledged that the EU CAP 2023-2027 phased this out for the replacement Areas of Natural Constraint (ANC) support. The EU had intended for a phased transition between support which the Route Map commitment of “working with stakeholders on how best to deliver this type of support under the new framework” is aligned to but on a revised timescale.

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DETAILED POLICY NOTE

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SUMMARY OF REGULATIONS WITHIN THE SSI

The 2024 Regulations use the powers of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020(1), “The 2020 Act”.

Amendment of the Less Favoured Area Support Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2010

Regulation 2(1)

Inserts the scheme years from 2025 to 2029 and details the period within each. This is to ensure payments for LFASS can be made after the end of 2024.

Regulation 10(2)

This moves the end date of the scheme from 2024 until 2030.

Schedule 5

This adds the rates of payment from 2025 until 2030. These are unchanged.

Amendment of the Common Provisions Regulation

Article 26

This moves the end date from 2024 until 2030.

Article 50(1)

This extends the requirement for an “Annual Implementation Report” for a further year to cover 2025.

Article 65

This moves the end date from 2024 until 2030.

Amendment of the Rural Development Regulation

Article 31(5)

This amends the end date for payments to areas facing natural or other specific constraints from 2024 until 2030.

Article 75(1)

This extends the requirement for an “Annual Implementation Report” for a further year to cover 2025.

Amendment of the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 808/2024

Article 4

This moves the end date from 2024 until 2030.

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STAKEHOLDER VIEWS

Originally, the SRDP was developed in conjunction with stakeholders over a 3 year period which included three stakeholder events, eight stakeholder thematic working groups, two public consultations, a series of public roadshows and regular bilateral meetings with key stakeholders. There was an external “ex-ante” evaluation and it was fully impact assessed including a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment (BRIA) and an Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA). It also received formal approval by the European Commission as was required at the time.

The purpose of this SSI is to extend the operation of assimilated law in Scotland that pertains to rural development, and in doing so to bridge the gap between the phasing out of such legacy schemes and the introduction of new schemes using the powers of the ARC Act.

The Agricultural Reform Programme is where the Scottish Government commitment to co-develop future agricultural policy with rural partners is being actively realised and it has engaged islands stakeholders and customers, including through involvement in the Agriculture Reform Implementation Oversight Board and on the Vision for Scottish Agriculture and Route Map.

KEY POINTS

- The Scottish Government recognises the importance of the SRDP to stakeholders, so we have extended it to allow it to continue to operate whilst a replacement is developed.
- Closure would remove approximately £550 million per annum from the rural economy. It would have implications on the viability of rural businesses and prevent Scottish Government from meeting political commitments and delivering on outcomes, including those for climate and nature.
- Providing continuity of support contributes to the SG missions of improving public services, tackling the climate emergency and growing the economy.
- In amending EU assimilated law which includes domestic regulations we must remain aligned to EU law. The new principles that apply are:
 - to ensure a fair income for farmers;
 - vibrant rural areas
- LFASS has previously been stated not to comply with the EU CAP rules however it does align to these principles by preventing rural depopulation of less favoured areas, therefore there is no conflict with the scheme extension.
- Extending the CAP / SRDP would provide for a straightforward delivery of existing schemes on the same terms from 2025. The only change would be the end date of 2030, as previously approved in the submission requesting the extension of support dated 7th Sept 2023.
- Doing so will ensure there are no cliff edges in support, which is one of the commitments we have made.
- This extension will allow us to align with the ARP Route Map and the phased transition from legacy CAP into the four-tier framework (via the ARC Bill).

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Q&A

Q1: Why are we extending the legacy SRDP again and what impact does this have on the Route Map?

A: The Agricultural Reform Route Map is clear that there will be a phased transition from legacy CAP schemes into a new co-developed four-tier framework. This will involve initial changes to existing support from 2025 and a phased approach to launching the new framework from 2026.

This requires the legacy SRDP schemes to be extended and that is what this regulation does.

Q2: Why not use the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Act 2024?

A: The power to enable the continuation of the operation of CAP legislation and thus the support thereunder is found in section 3 of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020.

It does not require the use of 2024 Act powers. These powers are currently unavailable until they are commenced using a commencement SSI.

Q3: Why have you extended the SRDP until 2030?

A: Extending the programme provides assurance to the Agricultural Reform Programme and will enable a managed approach to the phased transition from legacy CAP into future support, which will include continuing to meet legacy commitments where required.

It is important to note that while this regulation provides the legal basis for the continuation of the SRDP, as a programme, future decisions on which schemes will operate, or when they will close as part of a phased transition, is subject to future Ministerial decisions.

Q4: Why are you only extending reporting for one year?

A: The requirement for an “Annual Implementation Report” has been extended for 2025 only, as reporting of legacy CAP schemes will be a requirement of Rural Support Plan reporting under the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Act 2024. The extension ensures there is no gap in reporting.

Q5: Where are all of the Impact Assessments?

A: The SRDP was co-developed with stakeholders, consulted upon, fully impact assessed and approved by the European Commission. The impact assessment approach is consistent with the approach taken to extend the SRDP previously. This is based on it not being proportionate to revisit impact assessments when there was no substantive change to existing schemes.

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This approach is caveated by there being three new impact assessments – Island Communities (ICIA), Child Rights and Wellbeing (CRWIA) and Consumer Duty. A CRWIA has been completed alongside an ICIA. It was judged that a Consumer Duty Assessment was not required.

Any change to support, or new support, will require to be impact assessed during the co-development process within the Agricultural Reform Programme, when the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Act 2024 powers will be used to enact change.

Q6: The EU Referendum was in 2016 – why is future policy taking so long?

A: EU Exit formally occurred on 31 January 2020. The Scottish Government consulted upon a 5 period of stability and simplicity following EU Exit.

The Scottish Parliament unanimously passed the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020 to enable the continuation of CAP schemes and payments from 2021 and secondary legislation was laid to extend the SRDP until the end of 2024. This delivered on the commitment to stability and simplicity after EU Exit, while future agriculture policy was being co-developed.

We have since established the Agricultural Reform Programme and published our Vision for Scottish Agriculture and Route Map.

The Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Act 2024 was brought through Parliament and received Royal Assent on 30 July 2024.

We are actively co-developing future agricultural support with those directly impacted.

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ANNEX F

MOTION TO BE MOVED BY THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND CONNECTIVITY FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

Following the questions, the RAI Committee Convener may ask that a motion be moved for the SSI, in which case you may wish to move a motion as follows:

“I move that draft SSI: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 be approved by this Committee”.

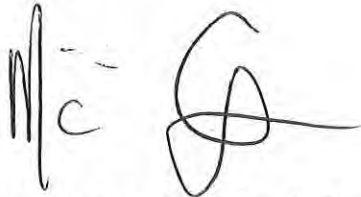
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Statement of Compatibility

Statement Declaration

For SSIs

"In accordance with section 23(2) of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024 (the Act), the Scottish Ministers certify that, in their view, the Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 is compatible with the UNCRC requirements as defined by section 1(2) of the Act."

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mairi Gougeon', written in a cursive style.

4TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Mairi Gougeon - Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands

From: [Redacted text]
Agriculture Policy Division
26 June 2024

Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands

Extending the Scottish Rural Development Programme (SRDP) including the Less Favoured Area Support Scheme (LFASS) to 2030, as per the Route Map

Priority and Purpose

1. **Routine.** However, it would assist planning for multiple ongoing secondary legislation if the laying date and the policy proposals are approved.
2. **Under retained EU Law and the commitment to Stability and Simplicity CAP/SRDP will end after 2024.**
3. The Agricultural Reform Programme (ARP) Route Map requires CAP/SRDP to be extended to allow the phased delivery of future agricultural support via the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill (“ARC Bill”).
4. This will require using the powers of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020 (“the 2020 Act”) to lay secondary legislation to extend the current end date of CAP/SRDP.
5. The SSI matches the timeline of The Rural Support (Simplification and Improvement) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 SSI.

Recommendation

6. Recommend that you:
 - Approve the SSI for laying on 4 September 2024 (the draft policy note in Annex A is currently undergoing SGLD checks, in the event of any changes these will be highlighted to you).

Context and Issues

7. CAP 2014-2020 looked to phase out LFASS to replace with ANC for CAP 2023-2027 (date gap due to transitional period between CAP programmes).
8. Scotland opted to retain LFASS following EU Exit to meet stability and simplicity commitment and LFASS extended via 2020 Act.

9. The policy intent of the 2020 Act was to provide the powers to extend CAP/SRDP to end 2024 following EU Exit, aligned to the Stability and Simplicity commitment.
10. The powers to “simplify or improve CAP legislation”, “provide for the operation of CAP legislation beyond 2020”, and to “modify financial provision in CAP legislation” are subject to a sunset clause of 7 May 2026 (i.e. the end of this parliamentary term). After this date we will be unable to amend the retained CAP/SRDP legislation - although it would still be able to operate until repealed.
11. As previously agreed on 22 September 2023, officials have been working on legislation to extend to 2030. The Scottish Agriculture Bill includes the “ability to amend Retained EU Law for CAP legacy schemes and other agricultural legislation, as needed, to ensure their continued effective operation and regulation until they expire”. It also repeals the ‘Scottish’ sunset clause in section 5 of the 2020 Act” but this does not address the immediate CAP/SRDP end date.
12. This proposal to extend further to align with ARP Route Map and the phased transition from legacy CAP into the new four-tier framework (via ARC Bill).
13. The SSI would amend “Assimilated law (Retained EU law)” for CAP 2014-2020 which still contains provision for LFA support.
14. The 2020 Act power to extend CAP legislation is subject to affirmative procedure.

Options Considered and Advice

[Redacted text]

Assessment of Options

[Redacted text]

Contribution to the Government’s Four Missions

15. Providing continuity of support contributes to the SG missions of improving public services, tackling the climate emergency and growing the economy.

Delivery

16. Extending the CAP / SRDP would provide for a straightforward delivery of existing schemes on the same terms from 2025. The only change would be the end date of 2030, as previously approved in the submission requesting the extension of support dated 7th Sept 2023.
17. Doing so will ensure there are no cliff edges in support, which is one of the commitments we have made.
18. This extension will allow us to align with the ARP Route Map and the phased transition from legacy CAP into the four-tier framework (via the ARC Bill).

Verity House Agreement Implications

19. LEADER/CLLD is delivered by Local Action Groups (LAGs) and local authorities are often lead delivery partners. Future planning must be handled sensitively and this work would provide important certainty.

20. There is not considered to be any other impact on local authorities or the terms of the Verity House Agreement.

Financial Considerations

21. This is a commitment to continue CAP/SRDP into future budget years as per the Route Map and beyond the current HM Treasury funding guarantees. However, decisions on the utilisation of any future budget within the programme will be taken during each budget year.

Legal Considerations

[Redacted text]

New Deal for Business Implications

22. N/A

Sensitivities

23. The current end date is public knowledge via the 2020 Act and commitment to Stability and Simplicity but delivery partners, stakeholders or parliament have been silent on it.

24. The ARP Route Map and your commitments on continued support extend beyond the current end date and it is the future developments that stakeholders and parliament are currently focused on, notably through the ARC Bill.

25. It will also be important to extend to a date that provides suitable leeway should there be any slippage of the Route Map timelines and to ensure we are not forced into extending CAP/SRDP again in future.

26. This can be aligned with schemes closing as we transition into the new framework, as set out by the Route Map and future updates to it.

Quality Assurance

27. This Submission has been approved by John Kerr, Deputy Director for Agriculture Policy Division.

Conclusions and next Steps

28. It is recommended that you:

- Approve the Continuity SSI Draft policy instructions for laying on 4th September 2024.

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Agriculture Policy Division

Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers Copy List	For Action	For Information Portfolio interest	For Information Constituency interest	For Information General awareness
Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands	X			
Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity		X		

Officials Copy List
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POLICY INSTRUCTIONS: SUBJECT OF PROPOSED SSI

This outline assumes that policy officials and solicitors are both starting from scratch. There will be occasions where both will have worked together on the policy area for some time. In these circumstances you should agree how much detail the policy instructions need to contain.

1. Timetable

[Redacted text]

2. Policy background

Scottish Ministers extended the operation of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and Scottish Rural Development Programme (SRDP) (including the Less Favoured Area Support Scheme (LFASS)) using section 3 of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020 (“the 2020 Act”) until the end of 2024, in line with the public commitment to “Stability and Simplicity” following EU Exit.

The date also aligned with section 22 of the 2020 Act which required Scottish Ministers to lay a report before the Scottish Parliament on progress towards establishing a new Scottish agricultural policy no later than 31 December 2024.

This has been achieved through the publications of the Vision for Scottish Agriculture (March 2022), the Route Map and proposed 4 tier framework (February 2023) and the introduction of the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill (“ARC Bill”).

With the introduction of the ARC Bill and the published Route Map the timeline on establishing a new Scottish agricultural policy is now clear. In order to deliver on the route map commitments, which include the phased approach to transitioning between the SRDP and new support, it is our intention to use section 3 of the 2020 Act to extend the existing SRDP until 2030.

Extending legislation further than the anticipated route map dates removes a potential cliff edge, provides certainty to the rural economy and assurance to the Agriculture Reform Programme, all while providing mitigation against any future revision to the proposed transition timeline into the new four tier framework. This is a proportionate response to manage risk and make best use of resource.

EU Alignment Consideration

It is Scottish Government policy to ensure broad alignment to EU CAP objectives. The new EU CAP will be "based on a more flexible performance and results-based approach. The new ARC Bill s3(2)d will likewise focus on creating a flexible approach which will allow Scotland to adapt to changing social, economic, and environmental conditions. It also states that when preparing the Rural Support Plan

Ministers must have regard to “developments in the law and policy of the European Union”.

The new EU CAP will support European agriculture to contribute to the ambitions contained in the European Green Deal. This will emphasise actions in pursuit of achieving environmental and climate ambitions whilst contributing to the Green Deal targets. It will also be a key tool in reaching the ambitions of the Farm to Fork and biodiversity strategies. The new Agriculture Bill similarly will contribute to wider ambitions such as the obligation to reach net zero emissions across the economy as a whole by 2045.

The new EU CAP is structured around ten specific objectives which are linked to common EU goals for social, environmental, and economic sustainability in agriculture and rural areas, and form the basis upon which EU countries design their CAP strategic plans. The 10 objectives are:

- to ensure a fair income for farmers;
- to increase competitiveness;
- to improve the position of farmers in the food chain;
- climate change action;
- environmental care;
- preserve landscapes and biodiversity;
- support generational renewal;
- vibrant rural areas;
- protect food and health quality; and
- fostering knowledge and innovation.

The Agriculture Bill also fits into a wider legislative programme during this parliament including linked legislation of the:

- Good Food Nation Bill (recently passed);
- Land Reform Bill;
- Nature Environment Bill; and
- Crofting Bill.

The government is working to ensure the legislative programme is taken together as a coherent whole in order to drive forward our ambitions for the land, and the communities who depend on it.

With regards to LFASS it is not aligned to the new EU CAP rules but is being retained in order to provide stability to farmers and crofter in the most fragile and challenging areas until such time as a replacement Scottish approach is developed.

Current law

SSI The Rural Development (Scotland) Regulations 2015, 2015/192 - The purpose of the SSI is to provide the appropriate domestic powers to implement the Scottish Rural Development Programme 2014 – 2020 (“the SRDP”) which has been prepared under the framework of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 on support for rural

development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 (“the Rural Development Regulation”).

Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) Scotland Bill (The 2020 Act) - The Bill provides powers for the Scottish Ministers to modify the effect of retained EU law relating to the CAP, and to collect and process agricultural data. It provides the power to simplify or improve CAP legislation, provide for CAP legislation beyond 2020 and the power to modify financial provision in CAP legislation.

The Rural Development (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 – provides the powers to ensure the continuation of rural development support and the SRDP in Scotland from 2021, as well as simplifying and improving the operation of the CAP retained EU legislation pertaining to rural development and correcting deficiencies in that legislation arising from the UK withdrawal from the EU.

SSI 2010 No 273 The Less Favoured Support Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2010, as amended - These regulations were made by the Scottish Ministers in exercise of the powers conferred by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 and other enabling powers. They provide support for less-favoured areas in Scotland, which are typically characterized by challenging agricultural conditions.

European Communities Act 1972 – this made legal provisions for the UK’s accession to three European Communities: the common market, the European Atomic Energy Community and the European Coal and Steel Community.

3. Enabling Powers

In the past, the primary power to enable amendments to the principal Regulation came from the European Communities Act 1972. Following the UK’s departure from the EU on 31 January 2020, the Scottish Ministers are no longer able to use the powers under that Act to make such amendments, and from 2021 onwards SRDP payments would cease as the principle Regulation would no longer comply with EU law.

The Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill was therefore introduced to the Scottish Parliament on 6 November 2019. It passed Stage 2 on 17 June 2020, and Stage 3 took place on 26 August 2020. In particular, in relation to the continuation of LFASS, section 3 of that Bill provides the Scottish Ministers with regulation-making powers to secure the operation of CAP legislation beyond 2020. This is complemented by regulation-making powers in sections 2 and 4, which provide for the simplification or improvement of the operation of the main CAP legislation and for the modification of financial provision in CAP legislation respectively.

Scottish Ministers originally extended the operation of the CAP and SRDP using section 3 of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data)(Scotland) Act 2020 (“the 2020 Act”) until the end of 2024 in line with the public commitment to “Stability and Simplicity” following EU exit. The date aligned with section 22 of the 2020 Act which required Scottish Ministers to lay a report before the Scottish Parliament on progress

towards establishing a new Scottish agricultural policy no later than 31 December 2024.

The Rural Development (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 was then brought in in March 2021 in order to fix deficiencies related to the adoption of EU transition arrangements between CAP programmes into EU law prior to IP completion day and corrected a minor drafting point in the Rural Development (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2020.

It is now the intention of Scottish Ministers to further extend the operation of the CAP and SRDP using section 3 of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data)(Scotland) Act 2020 (“the 2020 Act”) until the end of 2030.

4. Policy instructions

The instrument makes amendments to ensure compliance with Council Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013. It will enable:

- The continuation of the Scottish Rural Development Programme from 2025 onwards. The SSI needs to make provision for the 2025 scheme year and onwards
- Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 (“The Rural Development Regulation”) provides for all of the pillar 2 schemes under the Scottish Rural Development Programme. It works in tandem with Regulations 807/2014 and 808/2014 and the Rural Development (Scotland) Regulations which together create the legal framework for Pillar 2 in Scotland.
- It is our intention to extend the period of the current Scottish Rural Development programme and keep the ability to run all the schemes supporting the rural economy.
- The payment rates for the Less Favoured Area Support Scheme (LFASS) will remain the same as XX and the table showing these is included below.
- New policy to support Scotland’s Rural Economy, as set out in the Vision for Agriculture, the Route Map and ARC Bill, has been committed to. The extension of the existing schemes will allow replacement schemes to be co-developed and a phased transition.

Leaving the SRDP as is will ensure a phased transition, provides certainty to the rural economy whilst we move to the new framework and removes a potential cliff edge, all whilst providing mitigation against any future revision. This will allow us to deliver on the commitments of the published Route Map, which include a phased approach to transitioning between the SRDP and new support.

The delivery of the programme is dependent on ongoing finance from both HMT and SG. Both of these are uncertain.

LFASS payment rates 2024

The table below shows the maximum effective rates for the scheme and these are the payment rates we are looking to reinstate to provide support to the rural economy. These will continue as is, so back to the same rate as 2018.

Land category	Gross margin loss due to LFA	Standard areas	Fragile mainland areas	Very fragile island areas
	Maximum Payment rate calculation	Effective rate – cost per adjusted hectare after co-efficients applied (£)	Effective rate – cost per adjusted hectare after co-efficients applied (£)	Effective rate –cost per adjusted hectare after co-efficients applied (£)
Severely disadvantaged land – Land Quality Categories A and B (partial compensation rate)	£254	£52.16	£62.10	£71.35
Disadvantaged land – Land Quality Categories C and D (partial compensation rate)	£157	£34.12	£54.51	£63.00

Provided your eligible land is at least 3 ha after any deductions you will be paid the minimum payment of £385.

The Rural Development Regulation sets a minimum payment rate of €25/hectare. The SRDP uses a set exchange rate of £1 = €1.20.

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1. Email of 25/06/25

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 4:31 PM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>[Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Cc: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: 2024 Rural Development extension SSI - drafting instructions - SGLD to policy - comments on drafting instructions - 7 June 2024 - legal rural

Hi [Redacted Text]

I have gone through this and made some comments as far as I can.

[Redacted Text]

Hope this helps

Regards

[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 11:59 AM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Cc: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: 2024 Rural Development extension SSI - drafting instructions - SGLD to policy - comments on drafting instructions - 7 June 2024 - legal rural

I'll do my best

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 11:55 AM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Cc: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: 2024 Rural Development extension SSI - drafting instructions - SGLD to policy - comments on drafting instructions - 7 June 2024 - legal rural

Hi,

We really need any input by COP today to allow us to finalise the submission and this doc for [Redacted Text] tomorrow morning and then send both to PO/SGLD before the box closes.

There's a shortage of others available in the team due to annual leave so it has to go before I finish tomorrow.

[Redacted Text]

Agriculture Support Policy Development Unit | The Scottish Government | Email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 11:01 AM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Cc: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: 2024 Rural Development extension SSI - drafting instructions - SGLD to policy - comments on drafting instructions - 7 June 2024 - legal rural

[Redacted Text]

Apologies, missed this one, I'll do my best to read though them by the end of today but it would be helpful if you did not send to [Redacted Text] until mid-afternoon tomorrow (I have a space in my calendar between 1 and 3 so might get it done then?)

[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 10:21 AM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>[Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Cc: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: 2024 Rural Development extension SSI - drafting instructions - SGLD to policy - comments on drafting instructions - 7 June 2024 - legal rural

Hi,

This has to go to [Redacted Text] tomorrow, so if we've not heard back from you by 5pm this evening then we'll just assume that you're happy with it and send it off tomorrow.

Thanks,

[Redacted Text]

Agriculture Support Policy Development Unit | The Scottish Government | Email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 8:55 AM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Cc: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: 2024 Rural Development extension SSI - drafting instructions - SGLD to policy - comments on drafting instructions - 7 June 2024 - legal rural

Morning,

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

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2. Email of 02/07/24

CAP SRDP E5

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** CAP & SRDP Policy
Sent: Tuesday, July 2, 2024 10:10 AM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Cc: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: ARE - ARP - Submissions - CSec Extension of SRDP (Including LFASS) until 2030 - 26 June 2024

Hi [Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

If you need anything else, please let me know.

Thanks,

[Redacted Text]

Agriculture Support Policy Development Unit | The Scottish Government | Email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, July 2, 2024 9:15 AM

To: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: ARE - ARP - Submissions - CSec Extension of SRDP (Including LFASS) until 2030 - 26 June 2024

[Redacted Text]

Agriculture Support Policy Development Unit | The Scottish Government | Email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Sent: Monday, July 1, 2024 11:13 AM

To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: ARE - ARP - Submissions - CSec Extension of SRDP (Including LFASS) until 2030 - 26 June 2024

Good Morning [Redacted Text]

I am [Redacted Text], part of the ARP Comms team. I was just going through a list of emails that I have been passed on that are to be checked for adding to our Submission Tracker for visibility reasons. [Redacted Text] I was just wondering if the ARP team had any involvement with it so I can add it our own tracker or not? And if so, would you be able to send an eRDM link that I can add for further information when needed?

Any questions please let me know.

Kind Regards,

[Redacted Text]

Project Support Officer

Agriculture Reform Programme | Division - ARE
Scottish Government | Saughton House Edinburgh EH11 3XD

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** [Redacted Text]

Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 3:32 PM

To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: ARE - ARP - Submissions - CSec Extension of SRDP (Including LFASS) until 2030 - 26 June 2024

Another one [Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

ALT Deputy Business Manager

Agriculture & Rural Economy Directorate / Agriculture & Land Transitions /
Scottish Government / D1 / Saughton House / Broomhouse Drive /
Edinburgh / EH11 3XD

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs,
Land Reform & Islands 2024

Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 2:15 PM

To: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands

<CabSecRALRI@gov.scot>; Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity

<MinisterforAC@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted

Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>;

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<CommunicationsNetZero&RuralAffairs@gov.scot>; DG Net Zero

<DGNetZero@gov.scot>; Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy

<DirectorARE@gov.scot>; Deputy Director of RPID <DDRPID@gov.scot>; Deputy

Director SASA <DDSASA@sasa.gov.scot>; Deputy Director of ISD

<DDISD@gov.scot>; Deputy Director of Food & Drink

<DeputyDirectorofFood&Drink@gov.scot>; Deputy Director for Land Reform, Rural

and Islands Policy <DeputyDirectorLandReformRuralAndIslandsPolicy@gov.scot>;

Sheila Voas <Sheila.Voas@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>[Redacted

Text]@gov.scot>[Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>[Redacted

Text]@gov.scot>[Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: ARE - ARP - Submissions - CSec Extension of SRDP (Including LFASS)
until 2030 - 26 June 2024

This email is for the official record and confirms a Ministerial Decision. This email must be placed in the official record (eRDM) by your team in line with SG records management policy.

Hi [Redacted Text]

Ms Gougeon is content to approve.

Many thanks,

[Redacted Text] Deputy Private Secretary
Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands – Mairi Gougeon MSP

: [Redacted Text]

Room 2N.08 | St. Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG

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You can find Ms Gougeon's updated preferences [HERE](#).

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From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** CAP & SRDP Policy
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 11:56 AM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands
<CabSecRALRI@gov.scot>
Cc: Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot[Redacted Text]Communications Net Zero, Energy and Rural Affairs <CommunicationsNetZero&RuralAffairs@gov.scot>; DG Net Zero <DGNetZero@gov.scot>; Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy <DirectorARE@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; Deputy Director of RPID <DDRPID@gov.scot>; Deputy Director SASA <DDSASA@sasa.gov.scot>; Deputy Director of ISD <DDISD@gov.scot>; Deputy Director of Food & Drink <DeputyDirectorofFood&Drink@gov.scot>; Deputy Director for Land Reform, Rural and Islands Policy <DeputyDirectorLandReformRuralAndIslandsPolicy@gov.scot>; Sheila Voas <Sheila.Voas@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: Submission - Extension of SRDP (Including LFASS) until 2030

Good morning,

Please find attached a submission regarding the extension of the SRDP, including LFASS, until 2030 as per the Route Map.

You are invited to:

Approve the SSI for laying on 4 September 2024.

Please let me know if you require anything further.

Thanks,

[Redacted Text]

Agriculture Support Policy Development Unit | The Scottish Government | Email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

[Redacted Text]

3. Email of 03/07/24

[Redacted Text]

4. Email of 16/07/24

[Redacted Text]

5. Email of 24/07/24

[Redacted Text]

6. Email of 23/08/23

CAP SRDP E28

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot > **On Behalf Of** Children's Rights & Wellbeing Impact Assessment (CRWIA)

Sent: Friday, August 23, 2024 4:32 PM

To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot >; Children's Rights & Wellbeing Impact Assessment (CRWIA) <CRWIA@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot >; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: CRWIA for SSI - Extension of the SRDP

Hi [Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

Many thanks.

Best wishes

[Redacted Text]

Child Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment Policy Officer

Children's Rights Unit | Children and Families Directorate | Scottish Government

Email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2024 1:41 PM
To: Children's Rights & Wellbeing Impact Assessment (CRWIA) <CRWIA@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: CRWIA for SSI - Extension of the SRDP

Hi,

[Redacted Text]

Thanks,

[Redacted Text]

Agriculture Support Policy Development Unit | The Scottish Government | Email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Children's Rights & Wellbeing Impact Assessment (CRWIA)
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 10:00 AM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; Children's Rights & Wellbeing Impact Assessment (CRWIA) <CRWIA@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: CRWIA for SSI - Extension of the SRDP

Hi [Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

Many thanks.

Best wishes

[Redacted Text]
Child Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment Policy Officer
Children's Rights Unit | Children and Families Directorate | Scottish Government
Email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 12:09 PM
To: Children's Rights & Wellbeing Impact Assessment (CRWIA) <CRWIA@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: CRWIA for SSI - Extension of the SRDP

Hi,

[Redacted Text] Please now find attached latest version:

[Redacted Text]

Agriculture Support Policy Development Unit | The Scottish Government | Email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot > **On Behalf Of** Children's Rights & Wellbeing Impact Assessment (CRWIA)
Sent: Friday, August 9, 2024 10:26 AM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot >; Children's Rights & Wellbeing Impact Assessment (CRWIA) <CRWIA@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot >; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: CRWIA for SSI - Extension of the SRDP

Hello [Redacted Text],

[Redacted Text]

Many thanks.

Best wishes

[Redacted Text]

Child Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment Policy Officer
Children's Rights Unit | Children and Families Directorate | Scottish Government
Email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

From: [Redacted Text]
Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 12:53 PM
To: Children's Rights & Wellbeing Impact Assessment (CRWIA) <CRWIA@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot >; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: CRWIA for SSI - Extension of the SRDP

Hi,

I've been on leave for the last couple of weeks but just wanted to clarify something before I go through these comments.

[Redacted Text]

Thanks

[Redacted Text]

Agriculture Support Policy Development Unit | The Scottish Government | Email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot <[Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Children's Rights & Wellbeing Impact Assessment (CRWIA)
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2024 3:27 PM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot; Children's Rights & Wellbeing Impact Assessment (CRWIA) <CRWIA@gov.scot>
Cc: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: CRWIA for SSI - Extension of the SRDP

Hi [Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

Many thanks.

Best wishes

[Redacted Text]

Child Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment Policy Officer
Children's Rights Unit | Children and Families Directorate | Scottish Government
Email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

From: [Redacted Text] [Redacted Text]@gov.scot
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2024 11:28 AM
To: Children's Rights & Wellbeing Impact Assessment (CRWIA) <CRWIA@gov.scot>
Cc: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: CRWIA for SSI - Extension of the SRDP

Hi [Redacted Text]

Thanks for coming back. I've gone through your comments and either responded or edited, as necessary.

Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks,

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

Agriculture Support Policy Development Unit | The Scottish Government | Email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot > **On Behalf Of** Children's Rights & Wellbeing Impact Assessment (CRWIA)

Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2024 10:54 AM

To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot >; Children's Rights & Wellbeing Impact Assessment (CRWIA) <CRWIA@gov.scot>

Cc: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot >; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot >; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot >

Subject: RE: CRWIA for SSI - Extension of the SRDP

Hi [Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

Many thanks.

Best wishes

[Redacted Text]

Child Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment Policy Officer

Children's Rights Unit | Children and Families Directorate | Scottish Government

Email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot >

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2024 11:51 AM

To: Children's Rights & Wellbeing Impact Assessment (CRWIA) <CRWIA@gov.scot>

Cc: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot> [Redacted Text]@gov.scot >; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot >; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot >

Subject: RE: CRWIA for SSI - Extension of the SRDP

Hi,

[Redacted Text]

Thanks,

[Redacted Text]

Agriculture Support Policy Development Unit | The Scottish Government | Email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

[Redacted Text].

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot > **On Behalf Of** Children's Rights & Wellbeing Impact Assessment (CRWIA)

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2024 11:31 AM

To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot >; Children's Rights & Wellbeing Impact Assessment (CRWIA) <CRWIA@gov.scot>

Cc: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: CRWIA for SSI - Extension of the SRDP

Hi [Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

If you have any further questions, don't hesitate to reach out.

Many thanks.

Best wishes

[Redacted Text]

Child Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment Policy Officer

Children's Rights Unit | Children and Families Directorate | Scottish Government

Email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot >

Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2024 10:39 AM

To: Children's Rights & Wellbeing Impact Assessment (CRWIA) <CRWIA@gov.scot>

Cc: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: CRWIA for SSI - Extension of the SRDP

Hi [Redacted Text],

Thanks for coming back so quickly. [Redacted Text]

Thanks,

[Redacted Text]

Agriculture Support Policy Development Unit | The Scottish Government | Email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Children's Rights & Wellbeing Impact Assessment (CRWIA)
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2024 4:38 PM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; Children's Rights & Wellbeing Impact Assessment (CRWIA) <CRWIA@gov.scot>
Cc: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: CRWIA for SSI - Extension of the SRDP

Hello [Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

Best wishes

[Redacted Text]
Child Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment Policy Officer
Children's Rights Unit | Children and Families Directorate | Scottish Government
Email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2024 6:54 AM
To: Children's Rights & Wellbeing Impact Assessment (CRWIA) <CRWIA@gov.scot>
Cc: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>
Subject: CRWIA for SSI - Extension of the SRDP

Morning,

[Redacted Text]Once the draft has been completed, I will forward this on for review.

Thanks,

[Redacted Text]

Agriculture Support Policy Development Unit | The Scottish Government | Email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

[Redacted Text]

7. Email of 27/08/24

CAP SRDP E30

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2024 12:05 PM

To: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot[Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 - SGLD to policy - outstanding tasks - 26 August 2024 - legal rural

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]
[Redacted Text]Project Lead
Constitutional Projects Unit

[Redacted Text]

8. Email of 29/08/24

CAP SRDP E32

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2024 7:07 AM
To: PLU SSI Programme Mailbox <PLUSISProgrammeMailbox@gov.scot>
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Subject: RE: Timings for Statement on SSI - SRDP LFASS Extension

Hi,

[Redacted Text]

Thanks,

[Redacted Text]

Agriculture Support Policy Development Unit | The Scottish Government | Email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** [Redacted Text]
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Subject: RE: Timings for Statement on SSI - SRDP LFASS Extension

Hi [Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] [Redacted Text]

Hope this helps.

[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2024 1:25 PM

To: PLU SSI Programme Mailbox <PLUSSIProgrammeMailbox@gov.scot>

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Text]@gov.scot [Redacted Text] CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>;

[Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: Timings for Statement on SSI - SRDP LFASS Extension

Good afternoon PLU colleagues,

[Redacted Text]

Thanks,

[Redacted Text]

Agriculture Support Policy Development Unit | The Scottish Government | Email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

[Redacted Text]

9. Email of 29/08/24

[Redacted Text]

10. Email of 29/08/24

CAP SRDP E39

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2024 2:48 PM

To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: SRDP Extension SSI

Thanks [Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

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From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2024 1:46 PM

To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: SRDP Extension SSI

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]Project Lead
Constitutional Projects Unit

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From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2024 1:39 PM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: SRDP Extension SSI

Hi [Redacted Text]

Here's the links:

[Redacted Text]

Thanks,

[Redacted Text]
Agriculture Support Policy Development Unit | The Scottish Government | Email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

[Redacted Text]

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Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: SRDP Extension SSI

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]Project Lead
Constitutional Projects Unit

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From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** CAP & SRDP Policy
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2024 1:12 PM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: SRDP Extension SSI

Hi [Redacted Text]

Please find attached a link to the finalised submission on continuation of the SRDP for you to check Annex A.

[Redacted Text]

Thanks,

[Redacted Text]

Agriculture Support Policy Development Unit | The Scottish Government | Email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

[Redacted Text].

11. Email of 29/08/24

CAP SRDP E41

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2024 2:55 PM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: SRDP Extension SSI

[Redacted Text] – [Redacted Text] and [Redacted Text] are the alignment people.

[Redacted Text] – thanks for the draft and confirming the terminological position.

[Redacted Text]
[Redacted Text]Project Lead
Constitutional Projects Unit

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[Redacted Text]@gov.scot

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Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: SRDP Extension SSI

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[Redacted Text]
[Redacted Text]Project Lead
Constitutional Projects Unit

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Subject: RE: SRDP Extension SSI

Hi [Redacted Text]

Here's the links:

[Redacted Text]

Thanks,

[Redacted Text]
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From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
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Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: SRDP Extension SSI

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[Redacted Text]Project Lead
Constitutional Projects Unit

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To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: SRDP Extension SSI

Hi [Redacted Text]

Please find attached a link to the finalised submission on continuation of the SRDP for you to check Annex A.

[Redacted Text]

Thanks,

[Redacted Text]
Agriculture Support Policy Development Unit | The Scottish Government | Email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

[Redacted Text]

12. Email of 29/08/24

CAP SRDP E46

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** CAP & SRDP Policy
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2024 5:07 PM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Rural Development SSI - 4 September 2024 - EU alignment assessment

Thanks [Redacted Text]

I appreciate the quick turnaround.

[Redacted Text]
[Redacted Text]
[\[Redacted Text\]](#) | CAP Replacement and SRDP | Agriculture Policy Division | Scottish Government |
✉ email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2024 5:05 PM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; EU Alignment Mailbox

<EUAlignmentmailbox@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Rural Development SSI - 4 September 2024 - EU alignment assessment

Content with that, thanks for the quick consideration [Redacted Text].

[Redacted Text] - any further comments or concerns needed I am around tomorrow morning.

Thanks



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Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2024 5:03 PM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; EU Alignment Mailbox <EUAlignmentmailbox@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Rural Development SSI - 4 September 2024 - EU alignment assessment

Hi [Redacted Text]

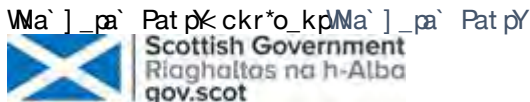
Thank you for sending this over.

[Redacted Text]

Happy for [Redacted Text], [Redacted Text] or [Redacted Text] to chime in with any further thoughts.

Kind Regards,

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Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Rural Development SSI - 4 September 2024 - EU alignment assessment
Importance: High

[Redacted Text]

Thanks. I will take a look before close and get back to you.

Adding [Redacted Text] and [Redacted Text] in my team for awareness.



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From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** CAP & SRDP Policy
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2024 3:14 PM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot[Redacted Text]@gov.scot[Redacted Text]
Cc: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: Rural Development SSI - 4 September 2024 - EU alignment assessment
Importance: High

The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment)
(Scotland) Regulations 2024
Laying date: 4 September 2024

Afternoon [Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

The submission and policy notes are below:

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]Happy to discuss and apologies for the turnaround time.

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] CAP Replacement and SRDP | Agriculture Policy Division | Scottish Government |
gov.scot

13. Email of 19/09/24
Contains 13a and 13b

CAP SRDP E47

From[Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** CAP & SRDP Policy

Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2024 12:37 PM

To: Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>

Cc: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy <DirectorARE@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Invitation to a meeting of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, Wednesday 25 September 2024

Hi [Redacted Text]

With regards to Mr Fairlie's appearance at committee on Wednesday 25th September, to give evidence for:

11:45 – 12:15 Consideration of The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024.

I now attach opening remarks and the briefing pack.

After the pre-meet this afternoon we will confirm which officials will be supporting next week.

Thanks,

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

Agriculture Support Policy Development Unit | The Scottish Government | Email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 11:36 AM

To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; Saddler G (SASA) <Gerry.Saddler@sasa.gov.scot>

Cc: Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy <DirectorARE@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Invitation to a meeting of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, Wednesday 25 September 2024

Adding team mailbox for awareness.

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] | CAP Replacement and SRDP | Agriculture Policy Division | Scottish Government |
✉ email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

From[Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 11:34 AM

To: Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; Saddler G (SASA) <Gerry.Saddler@sasa.gov.scot>

Cc: Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy <DirectorARE@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Invitation to a meeting of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, Wednesday 25 September 2024

Thanks for confirming [Redacted Text] – much appreciated.

[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity

Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 11:26 AM

To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@sasa.gov.scot>

Cc: Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy <DirectorARE@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text] [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Invitation to a meeting of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, Wednesday 25 September 2024

Hi [Redacted Text]

That's grand, thanks. Yes it would be 14:00 on Thursday 19 September.

[Redacted Text]

**[Redacted Text]Private Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity – Jim Fairlie MSP
The Scottish Government**

St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG

E: MinisterforAC@gov.scot

[REDACTED TEXT] [Redacted Text]



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Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 11:23 AM

To: Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@sasa.gov.scot>

Cc: Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy <DirectorARE@gov.scot>[Redacted

Text]@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot[Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Invitation to a meeting of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, Wednesday 25 September 2024

Hi [Redacted Text]

Thanks for your email confirming the date for the Minister to give evidence to the RAI Committee in relation to our Plant Health Import Fees SSI. I have provided details below of the officials that will be providing Ministerial support:

[Redacted Text], Senior Policy Advisor, SASA Policy and Pesticide Survey Unit, SASA Division

[Redacted Text] Lawyer, Solicitors for Rural Affairs, Directorate for Legal Affairs

I can confirm that we will provide briefing and short opening remarks for the Ministers appearance. Could I possibly seek clarification on the timing for that is 14:00 on Wednesday, 18 September or Thursday, 19 September?

I also wanted to clarify that our team do not lead on The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 SSI and have copied in John Kerr and [Redacted Text] who I think are. And apologies if you have already been in touch with them separately.

Regards

[Redacted Text]10/09

From[Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity

Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 9:29 AM

To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>;

[Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; Saddler G (SASA) <Gerry.Saddler@sasa.gov.scot>

Cc: Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>; Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy <DirectorARE@gov.scot>

Subject: Invitation to a meeting of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, Wednesday 25 September 2024

Hi,

Mr Fairlie has agreed to give evidence at the RAI Committee on Wednesday 25 September. Timings are TBC, but will follow after Ms Gougeon's agenda item on pre-budget scrutiny:

11:15 – 11:45 Consideration of The Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland Act Amendment (No.2) Regulations 2024

11:45 – 12:15 Consideration of The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Can briefing and short opening remarks be provided for the Minister covering these SSIs by **14:00 on Wednesday 19 September**? Could you also advise who will be available to attend Parliament on 25 September to provide official support for the Minister during the session?

Private Office will look to schedule a pre-meet in due course (likely held via Teams).

Grateful for confirmation this has been picked up.

Thanks,

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] Private Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity – Jim Fairlie MSP
The Scottish Government

St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG

E: **MinisterforAC@gov.scot**

[REDACTED TEXT] [Redacted Text]



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14. Email of 05/11/24

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CAP SRDP E48

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 5:30 PM

To: Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform & Islands 2024

<CabSecforRALRI@gov.scot>; Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024

<MinisterPB@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>;

John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Hi [Redacted Text]

A condensed briefing pack (based on the last RAI Committee appearance) and a draft speaking note are attached.

eRDM:

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] | CAP Replacement and SRDP | Agriculture Policy Division | Scottish Government |
✉ email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity

Sent: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 4:20 PM

To: Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <MinisterPB@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform & Islands 2024 <CabSecforRALRI@gov.scot>

Cc: Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Hi [Redacted Text]

Mr Fairlie would speak to the SSI.

Copying in officials for their awareness – grateful if speaking points and briefing could be provided for the Minister.

Thanks,

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] Private Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity – Jim Fairlie MSP
The Scottish Government

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From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024

Sent: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 2:28 PM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform & Islands 2024

<CabSecforRALRI@gov.scot>

Cc: Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <MinisterPB@gov.scot>

Subject: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Hi folks

The Conservative Party have indicated at today's Bureau meeting that they intend to reserve their position on The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024.

Should the Conservative Party confirm that they wish to reserve their position then this means they will speak to the SSI on **Wednesday 6 November** and Ministers will have up to **3** minutes to respond, ahead of the SSI going to a vote. The SSI will be taken just before Decision Time in the Chamber.

I'd be grateful if you could confirm which Minister will speak to the SSI by 17:00 today please.

We'll confirm the position tomorrow as soon as we're able to do so.

Many thanks

[Redacted Text]

[REDACTED TEXT] Deputy Private Secretary to Minister for Parliamentary Business

[REDACTED TEXT] MinisterPB@gov.scot [Redacted Text] The Scottish Government | St Andrew's House, Regent Road, EDINBURGH EH1 3DG

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15. Email of 30/08/24

CAP RD E4

From: John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>

Sent: Friday, August 30, 2024 12:55 PM

To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

[Redacted Text]

I am content. [Redacted Text]

I have "signed" the ICIA and CRWIA docs.

John

John Kerr | Head of Agriculture Policy Division | The Scottish Government
D Spur, Saughton House Edinburgh EH11 3XD | [Redacted Text] john.kerr@gov.scot

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2024 5:54 PM
To: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024
Importance: High

Adding team mailbox.

[Redacted Text]
From: [Redacted Text] **On Behalf Of** CAP & SRDP Policy
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2024 5:52 PM
To: John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot[Redacted Text]@gov.scot[Redacted Text]@gov.scot[Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024
Importance: High

Hi John[Redacted Text]

Apologies for the tight turnaround time on this. **These need to be approved and sent to Private Office on Friday, including counter-signing the impact assessments.**

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[Redacted Text], Project Lead, Constitutional Projects Unit.[Redacted Text] EU alignment support.

[Redacted Text]
[\[Redacted Text\]](#) | CAP Replacement and SRDP | Agriculture Policy Division | Scottish Government |
✉ email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

[Redacted Text]

16. Email of 30/08/24

CAP RD E5

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2024 1:17 PM
To: SSI Unit <SSI_Unit@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

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Afternoon [Redacted Text]

All of the documents are with the Cabinet Secretary for final approval. There was a delay due to the range of new requirements and impact assessments but these are all done and approved at Deputy Director level.

I have asked about the PO number.

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] | CAP Replacement and SRDP | Agriculture Policy Division | Scottish Government |
✉ email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** SSI Unit
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2024 5:18 PM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Hello [Redacted Text]

Please see the note below about this forthcoming SSI.

Thanks,

[Redacted Text]SSI Unit

[REDACTED TEXT] [Redacted Text] [Redacted Text] [Redacted Text] [Redacted Text]
[Redacted Text]

17. Email of 30/08/24

CAP RD E10

From: John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>

Sent: Friday, August 30, 2024 3:16 PM

To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy

<CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

We spoke. [Redacted Text]

J

John Kerr | Head of Agriculture Policy Division | The Scottish Government
D Spur, Saughton House Edinburgh EH11 3XD [Redacted Text]john.kerr@gov.scot

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Sent: Friday, August 30, 2024 2:54 PM

To: John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy

<CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: Re: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

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From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Sent: Friday, August 30, 2024 2:52:45 pm

To: John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>[Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>[Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: Re: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

From: John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>

Sent: Friday, August 30, 2024 2:41:40 pm

To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>[Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy

<CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

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D Spur, Saughton House Edinburgh EH11 3XD | [Redacted Text]john.kerr@gov.scot

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2024 9:51 AM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

[Redacted Text]
As discussed, yes content it delivers the intent as agreed and [Redacted Text] are content.

[Redacted Text]
[Redacted Text] [Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] [Head of Agriculture Support Policy Development Unit](#)
The Scottish Government | D Spur, Saughton House | Edinburgh EH11 3XD

[Redacted Text]@gov.scot [Redacted Text]
From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2024 5:54 PM
To: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot [Redacted Text]
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024
Importance: High

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Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024
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[Redacted Text] [Redacted Text], Project Lead, Constitutional Projects Unit.
[Redacted Text] [Redacted Text], EU alignment support.

[Redacted Text]

[\[Redacted Text\]](#) | CAP Replacement and SRDP | Agriculture Policy Division | Scottish Government |
✉ email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

[Redacted Text]
[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

18. Email of 02/09/24

CAP RD E16

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Sent: Monday, September 2, 2024 3:44 PM

To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Hi [Redacted Text]

With thanks to [Redacted Text] this PO has now been raised and the PO number is [REDACTED TEXT]

[Redacted Text] [Redacted Text]
Text]

[\[Redacted Text\]](#) | Deputy Business Manager | Business Support for SLR Divisions |

Agriculture and Rural Economy Directorate | Email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot | [Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Sent: Monday, September 2, 2024 12:48 PM

To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: Re: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, September 2, 2024 12:41:28 PM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Hi [Redacted Text]

Apologies, this should be paid from [Redacted Text]
Thanks,

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] | Deputy Business Manager | Business Support for SLR Divisions |
Agriculture and Rural Economy Directorate | Email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot |

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, September 2, 2024 12:34 PM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot[Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Hello [Redacted Text]

Could you send the me cost centre etc please?

**[Redacted Text]Business Support for SLR Divisions | Agriculture and Rural
Economy Directorate | The Scottish Government
Working from home.
Saughton House, D Spur
Broomhouse Drive
Edinburgh
EH11 3XD**

[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, September 2, 2024 12:14 PM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Hi [Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]
Please let me know if there are any issues.

Thanks,

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] | Deputy Business Manager | Business Support for SLR Divisions | Agriculture and Rural Economy Directorate | Email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot |

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2024 6:01 PM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Cc: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Evening all

Noting Oracle and all the changes, what is the current process for purchase orders?

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] | CAP Replacement and SRDP | Agriculture Policy Division | Scottish Government |
✉ email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** SSI Unit
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2024 5:18 PM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Hello [Redacted Text]

Please see the note below about this forthcoming SSI.

Thanks,

[Redacted Text]SSI Unit

[REDACTED TEXT] **[Redacted Text]** [Redacted Text] [Redacted Text] [Redacted Text]
[Redacted Text]

If you have any issues or queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

CAP RD

19. Email of 03/09/24

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** CAP & SRDP Policy
Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 6:24 PM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; PLU SSI

Programme Mailbox <PLUSSIProgrammeMailbox@gov.scot>; SSI Unit <SSI_Unit@gov.scot>
Cc: John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Thanks for the earlier discussion [Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] | CAP Replacement and SRDP | Agriculture Policy Division | Scottish Government |
✉ email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

From: [Redacted Text]

Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 5:06 PM

To: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; PLU SSI Programme Mailbox <PLUSSIProgrammeMailbox@gov.scot>; SSI Unit <SSI_Unit@gov.scot>

Cc: John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Hi [Redacted Text]

Thanks for sending on.

[Redacted Text]

Thanks again,

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]Parliament and Legislation Unit

Scottish Government

St Andrew's House, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG

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From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** CAP & SRDP Policy

Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 4:47 PM

To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; PLU SSI Programme Mailbox <PLUSSIProgrammeMailbox@gov.scot>; SSI Unit <SSI_Unit@gov.scot>

Cc: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot> [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Adding John Kerr and [Redacted Text] from the attached to bring everything into one place and I have changed the title of this email for clarity.

[Redacted Text]
[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] | CAP Replacement and SRDP | Agriculture Policy Division | Scottish Government |
✉ email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 2:56 PM

To: PLU SSI Programme Mailbox <PLUSSIProgrammeMailbox@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: INV-1779-2024 RE: Official correspondence from The Scottish Government

Hi [Redacted Text]

Apologies, just spotting your email now.

[Redacted Text]

Thanks,

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]Parliament and Legislation Unit

Scottish Government

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From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** CAP & SRDP Policy

Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 12:33 PM

To: PLU SSI Programme Mailbox <PLUSSIProgrammeMailbox@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: INV-1779-2024 RE: Official correspondence from The Scottish Government

Importance: High

Afternoon,

[Redacted Text] [Redacted Text]

Thanks,

[Redacted Text]

Agriculture Support Policy Development Unit | The Scottish Government | Email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

20. Email of 04/09/24

[Redacted Text]@gov.scot> [Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** CAP & SRDP Policy

Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 6:49 PM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform & Islands 2024

<CabSecforRALRI@gov.scot>; SSI Unit <SSI_Unit@gov.scot>; PLU SSI Programme Mailbox

<PLUSSIProgrammeMailbox@gov.scot>

Cc: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>;

[Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Importance: High

Evening [Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

Regards

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] | CAP Replacement and SRDP | Agriculture Policy Division | Scottish Government |

✉ email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** SSI Unit

Sent: Monday, September 2, 2024 11:33 AM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform & Islands 2024

<CabSecforRALRI@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>

Cc: SSI Unit <SSI_Unit@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; [Redacted

Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Hello [Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

Regards,

[Redacted Text]SSI Unit

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform & Islands 2024

Sent: Monday, September 2, 2024 10:30 AM

To: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>

Cc: SSI Unit <SSI_Unit@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Thanks [Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

Thank you,

[Redacted Text] [Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] | Private Secretary

CabSecforRALRI@gov.scot [Redacted Text] [Redacted Text]

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From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** CAP & SRDP Policy

Sent: Monday, September 2, 2024 10:10 AM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform & Islands 2024

<CabSecforRALRI@gov.scot>

Cc: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Hi [Redacted Text]

Please find attached addressing to points you raised:

Latest submission (with the two prior ones for reference)

Policy Note

Island Communities IA

Children's Rights & Wellbeing IA & statement of compatibility

Consumer Duty IA

Draft SSI

All comments are addressed and removed.

The submission has been cleared by John Kerr.

[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform & Islands 2024

Sent: Friday, August 30, 2024 4:11 PM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform & Islands 2024

<CabSecforRALRI@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; Minister for

Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>; DG Net Zero

<DGNetZero@gov.scot>; Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy

<DirectorARE@gov.scot>; Deputy Director for Land Reform, Rural and Islands Policy

<DeputyDirectorLandReformRuralAndIslandsPolicy@gov.scot>; Deputy Director of Food &

Drink <DeputyDirectorofFood&Drink@gov.scot>; Deputy Director of ISD <DDISD@gov.scot>;

John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; Amanda Callaghan <Amanda.Callaghan@gov.scot>; Sheila

Voas <Sheila.Voas@gov.scot>; Deputy Director of RPID <DDRPID@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Hello again,

Can I check if this has been picked up or will this now come to Cab Sec next week noting the signing of the SSI will need to be pushed back?

Thanks,

[Redacted Text] [Redacted Text] Private Secretary

CabSecforRALRI@gov.scot [Redacted Text] [Redacted Text]

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From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform & Islands 2024

Sent: Friday, August 30, 2024 3:09 PM

To: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>; DG Net Zero <DGNetZero@gov.scot>; Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy <DirectorARE@gov.scot>; Deputy Director for Land Reform, Rural and Islands Policy <DeputyDirectorLandReformRuralAndIslandsPolicy@gov.scot>; Deputy Director of Food & Drink <DeputyDirectorofFood&Drink@gov.scot>; Deputy Director of ISD <DDISD@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; Amanda Callaghan <Amanda.Callaghan@gov.scot>; Sheila Voas <Sheila.Voas@gov.scot>; Deputy Director of RPID <DDRPID@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Hi [Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

Happy to discuss further.

Thanks,

[Redacted Text] [Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] | Private Secretary

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From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** CAP & SRDP Policy

Sent: Friday, August 30, 2024 2:54 PM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform & Islands 2024

<CabSecforRALRI@gov.scot>; Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity
<MinisterforAC@gov.scot>; DG Net Zero <DGNetZero@gov.scot>; Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy <DirectorARE@gov.scot>; Deputy Director for Land Reform, Rural and Islands Policy <DeputyDirectorLandReformRuralAndIslandsPolicy@gov.scot>; Deputy Director of Food & Drink <DeputyDirectorofFood&Drink@gov.scot>; Deputy Director of ISD <DDISD@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; Amanda Callaghan <Amanda.Callaghan@gov.scot>; Sheila Voas <Sheila.Voas@gov.scot>; Deputy Director of RPID <DDRPID@gov.scot>
Cc: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Apologies for the tight turnaround. [Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] Senior Policy Advisor
Common Agricultural Policy Replacement and Scottish Rural Development Programme |
Agriculture Support Policy Development Unit | The Scottish Government |
Email [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

From: John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2024 12:55 PM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

[Redacted Text]
[Redacted Text]

I have "signed" the ICIA and CRWIA docs.

John

John Kerr | Head of Agriculture Policy Division | The Scottish Government
D Spur, Saughton House Edinburgh EH11 3XD | [Redacted Text] john.kerr@gov.scot

From: [Redacted Text]
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2024 5:54 PM
To: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot [Redacted Text]@gov.scot [Redacted Text]@gov.scot [Redacted Text]@gov.scot
Subject: FW: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation)

(Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Importance: High

Adding team mailbox.

[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text] **On Behalf Of** [Redacted Text]

Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2024 5:52 PM

To: John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Importance: High

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[Redacted Text], Project Lead, Constitutional Projects Unit.[Redacted Text] EU alignment support.

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] | CAP Replacement and SRDP | Agriculture Policy Division | Scottish Government |

✉ email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

[Redacted Text]---

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[Redacted Text]

21. Email of 04/09/24

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 11:23 AM

To: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

CAP RD E22

[Redacted Text]

Agriculture Support Policy Development Unit | The Scottish Government | Email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot > **On Behalf Of** SSI Unit

Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 10:10 AM

To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot >

Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot >; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot >

Subject: RE: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

I understand the SSI is ready. [Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] [Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text] **On Behalf Of** SSI Unit

Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 9:38 AM

To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot >

Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot >; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot >

Subject: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Hello [Redacted Text]

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Regards,

[Redacted Text]SSI Unit

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From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot > **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform & Islands 2024

Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 12:44 PM

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Hi [Redacted Text]

Cab Sec has considered and is content with the policy memo. Please also find attached signed statement of compatibility.

Regards,

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] | Private Secretary

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Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 8:20 PM

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Cc: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>

Subject: Re: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

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Thanks for your email.

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From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> on behalf of CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 6:49 PM

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Regards

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Sent: Monday, September 2, 2024 11:33 AM

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Thanks [Redacted Text],

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Thank you,

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Hi [Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]
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I am content [Redacted Text] I have "signed" the ICIA and CRWIA docs.

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From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

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To: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>

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Great news, thanks [Redacted Text]

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[Redacted Text]Parliament and Legislation Unit

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Removing Private Office

For wider awareness we have just received the attached which confirms the Cab Sec is content with the policy note and includes the signed statement of compliance.

The eRDM links to all of the various documents are in the first email below.

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Importance: High

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John

John Kerr | Head of Agriculture Policy Division | The Scottish Government
D Spur, Saughton House Edinburgh EH11 3XD | [Redacted Text] john.kerr@gov.scot [Redacted Text]

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To: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
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[Redacted Text] **From:** [Redacted Text] **On Behalf Of** CAP & SRDP Policy
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2024 5:52 PM
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Importance: High

Hi [Redacted Text]

Apologies for the tight turnaround time on this. **These need to be approved and sent to Private Office on Friday, including counter-signing the impact assessments.**

Getting all of these documents to this stage was a lot more involved than normal due to new requirements. The SSI has a laying date of 4 September 2024 and [Redacted Text] had made PO aware there was an urgent submission on it due. I have also let the SSI Unit know that we are awaiting formal approval of these documents.

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] [Redacted Text], Project Lead, Constitutional Projects Unit.[Redacted Text] [Redacted Text], EU alignment support.

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] | CAP Replacement and SRDP | Agriculture Policy Division | Scottish Government |
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24. Email of 04/09/24

CAP RD E29

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** CAP & SRDP Policy

Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 2:37 PM

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I have emailed Private Office. SSI Unit are copied in.

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From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

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Thanks,

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Agriculture Support Policy Development Unit | The Scottish Government | Email:[Redacted Text]@gov.scot

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Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 12:33 PM
To: PLU SSI Programme Mailbox <PLUSSIProgrammeMailbox@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>[Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: INV-1779-2024 RE: Official correspondence from The Scottish Government
Importance: High

Afternoon,

[Redacted Text] [Redacted Text]
Thanks,

[Redacted Text]Agriculture Support Policy Development Unit | The Scottish Government | Email:
[Redacted Text]@gov.scot

[Redacted Text]

25. Email of 04/09/24

CAP RD E31

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** CAP & SRDP Policy
Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 2:52 PM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform & Islands 2024 <CabSecforRALRI@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>
Cc: John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; SSI Unit <SSI_Unit@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Much appreciated [Redacted Text].

[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text] **On Behalf Of** [Redacted Text]
Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 2:46 PM
To: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform & Islands 2024 <CabSecforRALRI@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; SSI Unit <SSI_Unit@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Hi [Redacted Text]

Please find attached a copy of the signed [Redacted Text]. A hard copy has been sent to the SSI Unit.

Many thanks,

[Redacted Text] | Deputy Private Secretary
Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands – Mairi Gougeon MSP

[Redacted Text]

Room 2N.08 | St. Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG

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From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** CAP & SRDP Policy
Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 2:34 PM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform & Islands 2024 <CabSecforRALRI@gov.scot>
Cc: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; SSI Unit <SSI_Unit@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024
Importance: High

Thanks [Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] | CAP Replacement and SRDP | Agriculture Policy Division | Scottish Government |
✉ email:[Redacted Text]@gov.scot

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform & Islands 2024
Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 12:44 PM
To: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>
Cc: DG Net Zero <DGNetZero@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>; Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy <DirectorARE@gov.scot>; Deputy Director for Land Reform, Rural and Islands Policy <DeputyDirectorLandReformRuralAndIslandsPolicy@gov.scot>; Deputy Director of Food & Drink <DeputyDirectorofFood&Drink@gov.scot>; Deputy Director of ISD <DDISD@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; Amanda Callaghan <Amanda.Callaghan@gov.scot>; Sheila Voas <Sheila.Voas@gov.scot>; Deputy Director of RPID <DDRPID@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

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Hi [Redacted Text]

Cab Sec has considered and is content with the policy memo. Please also find attached signed statement of compatibility.

Regards,
[Redacted Text]
[Redacted Text] | Private Secretary
CabSecforRALRI@gov.scot | [Redacted Text]

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From[Redacted Text] **On Behalf Of** [Redacted Text]
Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 8:20 PM
To: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>
Cc: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

[Redacted Text]
Thanks for your email.

[Redacted Text]John[Redacted Text]
[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> on behalf of CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 6:49 PM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform & Islands 2024 <CabSecforRALRI@gov.scot>; SSI Unit <SSI_Unit@gov.scot>; PLU SSI Programme Mailbox <PLUSSIProgrammeMailbox@gov.scot>
Cc: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text] [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Evening [Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]
Regards

[Redacted Text]
[Redacted Text] | CAP Replacement and SRDP | Agriculture Policy Division | Scottish Government |
✉ email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** SSI Unit
Sent: Monday, September 2, 2024 11:33 AM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform & Islands 2024 <CabSecforRALRI@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>
Cc: SSI Unit <SSI_Unit@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; Lewis Kerr

<Lewis.Kerr@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Hello [Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

Regards,

[Redacted Text]SSI Unit

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform & Islands 2024

Sent: Monday, September 2, 2024 10:30 AM

To: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>

Cc: SSI Unit <SSI_Unit@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Thanks [Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

Thank you,

[Redacted Text] [Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] | Private Secretary

CabSecforRALRI@gov.scot[Redacted Text] [Redacted Text]

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From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** CAP & SRDP Policy

Sent: Monday, September 2, 2024 10:10 AM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform & Islands 2024 <CabSecforRALRI@gov.scot>

Cc: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Hi [Redacted Text]

Please find attached addressing to points you raised:

Latest submission (with the two prior ones for reference)

Policy Note

Island Communities IA

Children's Rights & Wellbeing IA & statement of compatibility

Consumer Duty IA

Draft SSI

All comments are addressed and removed.

The submission has been cleared by John Kerr.
[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform & Islands 2024

Sent: Friday, August 30, 2024 4:11 PM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform & Islands 2024 <CabSecforRALRI@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>; DG Net Zero <DGNetZero@gov.scot>; Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy <DirectorARE@gov.scot>; Deputy Director for Land Reform, Rural and Islands Policy <DeputyDirectorLandReformRuralAndIslandsPolicy@gov.scot>; Deputy Director of Food & Drink <DeputyDirectorofFood&Drink@gov.scot>; Deputy Director of ISD <DDISD@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; Amanda Callaghan <Amanda.Callaghan@gov.scot>; Sheila Voas <Sheila.Voas@gov.scot>; Deputy Director of RPID <DDRPID@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Hello again,

Can I check if this has been picked up or will this now come to Cab Sec next week noting the signing of the SSI will need to be pushed back?

Thanks,

[Redacted Text] [Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] | Private Secretary

CabSecforRALRI@gov.scot [Redacted Text] [Redacted Text]

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From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform & Islands 2024

Sent: Friday, August 30, 2024 3:09 PM

To: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>; DG Net Zero <DGNetZero@gov.scot>; Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy <DirectorARE@gov.scot>; Deputy Director for Land Reform, Rural and Islands Policy <DeputyDirectorLandReformRuralAndIslandsPolicy@gov.scot>; Deputy Director of Food & Drink <DeputyDirectorofFood&Drink@gov.scot>; Deputy Director of ISD <DDISD@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; Amanda Callaghan <Amanda.Callaghan@gov.scot>; Sheila Voas <Sheila.Voas@gov.scot>; Deputy Director of RPID <DDRPID@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Hi [Redacted Text],

[Redacted Text]

Happy to discuss further.

Thanks,

[Redacted Text] [Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] | Private Secretary

CabSecforRALRI@gov.scot [Redacted Text] [Redacted Text]

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From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot > **On Behalf Of** CAP & SRDP Policy

Sent: Friday, August 30, 2024 2:54 PM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform & Islands 2024 <CabSecforRALRI@gov.scot>; Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>; DG Net Zero <DGNetZero@gov.scot>; Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy <DirectorARE@gov.scot>; Deputy Director for Land Reform, Rural and Islands Policy <DeputyDirectorLandReformRuralAndIslandsPolicy@gov.scot>; Deputy Director of Food & Drink <DeputyDirectorofFood&Drink@gov.scot>; Deputy Director of ISD <DDISD@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; Amanda Callaghan <Amanda.Callaghan@gov.scot>; Sheila Voas <Sheila.Voas@gov.scot>; Deputy Director of RPID <DDRPID@gov.scot>

Cc: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Apologies for the tight turnaround. [Redacted Text]

Previous drafts of submission also attached for background)

[Redacted Text] Senior Policy Advisor

Common Agricultural Policy Replacement and Scottish Rural Development Programme | Agriculture Support Policy Development Unit | The Scottish Government |

Email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

From: John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>

Sent: Friday, August 30, 2024 12:55 PM

To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

I have "signed" the ICIA and CRWIA docs.

John

D Spur, Saughton House Edinburgh EH11 3XD [Redacted Text]john.kerr@gov.scot

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2024 5:54 PM
To: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>[Redacted Text]@gov.scot>[Redacted Text]@gov.scot>[Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024
Importance: High

Adding team mailbox.

[Redacted Text]
From: [Redacted Text] **On Behalf Of** CAP & SRDP Policy
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2024 5:52 PM
To: John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>[Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>;[Redacted Text]@gov.scot>[Redacted Text]@gov.scot>[Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024
Importance: High

Hi John[Redacted Text]
Apologies for the tight turnaround time on this. **These need to be approved and sent to Private Office on Friday, including counter-signing the impact assessments.**

Getting all of these documents to this stage was a lot more involved than normal due to new requirements. The SSI has a laying date of 4 September 2024 and [Redacted Text] had made PO aware there was an urgent submission on it due. I have also let the SSI Unit know that we are awaiting formal approval of these documents.

[Redacted Text]Project Lead, Constitutional Projects Unit.[Redacted Text]EU alignment support.

[Redacted Text]
[\[Redacted Text\]](#) | CAP Replacement and SRDP | Agriculture Policy Division | Scottish Government |
✉ email: [Redacted Text]

Submission:
[Redacted Text]

Policy Note:
[Redacted Text]
[Redacted Text]

Draft SSI:
[Redacted Text]

26. Email of 04/09/24

CAP RD E32

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** CAP & SRDP Policy

Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 3:01 PM

To: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; PLU SSI Programme Mailbox <PLUSSIProgrammeMailbox@gov.scot>; SSI Unit <SSI_Unit@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

All done.

Thanks everyone.

[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** CAP & SRDP Policy

Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 2:37 PM

To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; PLU SSI Programme Mailbox <PLUSSIProgrammeMailbox@gov.scot>; SSI Unit <SSI_Unit@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

I have emailed Private Office. SSI Unit are copied in.

[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 2:19 PM

To: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; PLU SSI Programme Mailbox <PLUSSIProgrammeMailbox@gov.scot>; SSI Unit <SSI_Unit@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Hi [Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

Thanks,

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]Parliament and Legislation Unit

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From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** CAP & SRDP Policy

Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 1:13 PM

To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; PLU SSI Programme Mailbox <PLUSSIProgrammeMailbox@gov.scot>; SSI Unit <SSI_Unit@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Hi [Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

Thanks,

[Redacted Text]

Agriculture Support Policy Development Unit | The Scottish Government | Email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

[Redacted Text]**From:** [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 5:06 PM

To: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; PLU SSI Programme Mailbox <PLUSSIProgrammeMailbox@gov.scot>; SSI Unit <SSI_Unit@gov.scot>

Cc: John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>[Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Hi [Redacted Text],

Thanks for sending on.

[Redacted Text]

Thanks again,

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]Parliament and Legislation Unit
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Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 4:47 PM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; PLU SSI Programme Mailbox <PLUSSIProgrammeMailbox@gov.scot>; SSI Unit <SSI_Unit@gov.scot>
Cc: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>[Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Adding [Redacted Text] and [Redacted Text] from the attached to bring everything into one place and I have changed the title of this email for clarity.

[Redacted Text]
[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]
[Redacted Text] CAP Replacement and SRDP | Agriculture Policy Division | Scottish Government |
✉ email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 2:56 PM
To: PLU SSI Programme Mailbox <PLUSSIProgrammeMailbox@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; SSI Unit <SSI_Unit@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: INV-1779-2024 RE: Official correspondence from The Scottish Government

Hi [Redacted Text]

Apologies, just spotting your email now.

[Redacted Text]

Thanks,
[Redacted Text]
[Redacted Text]Parliament and Legislation Unit
Scottish Government
St Andrew's House, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG

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Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 12:33 PM
To: PLU SSI Programme Mailbox <PLUSSIProgrammeMailbox@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy

<CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: INV-1779-2024 RE: Official correspondence from The Scottish Government
Importance: High

Afternoon,

We are due to lay our SSI for the extension of the SRDP tomorrow, but we are experiencing a few issues.

[Redacted Text]

Thanks,

[Redacted Text]

Agriculture Support Policy Development Unit | The Scottish Government | Email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot [Redacted Text].

27. Email of 08/10/24

CAP RD E 37

Contains 27a

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 12:22 PM

To: Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>

Cc: Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy <DirectorARE@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Invitation to a meeting of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, Wednesday 9 October 2024

[Redacted Text]

Following the pre-meet this morning I have revised the opening marks, as requested by Minister Fairlie, to reflect his discussion with the [Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] [Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Sent: Monday, October 7, 2024 3:09 PM

To: Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>

Cc: Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy <DirectorARE@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Invitation to a meeting of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, Wednesday 9 October 2024

[Redacted Text]

With apologies for the delay I have attached the updated briefing and relevant material.

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] CAP Replacement and SRDP | Agriculture Policy Division | Scottish Government |
✉ e[Redacted Text]@gov.scot

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity

Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 2:35 PM

To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>; Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy <DirectorARE@gov.scot>

Cc:[Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Invitation to a meeting of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, Wednesday 9 October 2024

Thanks [Redacted Text] – will look out on Monday.

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] (she/her)

Private Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity – Jim Fairlie MSP

The Scottish Government

St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG

E: MinisterforAC@gov.scot

[REDACTED TEXT] [Redacted Text]



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From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 2:24 PM

To: Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>; Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy <DirectorARE@gov.scot>

Cc:[Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Invitation to a meeting of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, Wednesday 9 October 2024

[Redacted Text]

The responses to the call for evidence are still being collated, apologies I thought we had suggested we'd get the refresh to you before lunch on Monday.

Best,

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] [Head of Agriculture Support Policy Development Unit](#)

The Scottish Government | D Spur, Saughton House | Edinburgh EH11 3XD

[Redacted Text]@gov.scot

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot > **On Behalf Of** Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity

Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 1:27 PM

To: Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>; James Muldoon <James.Muldoon@gov.scot>; Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy <DirectorARE@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot >

Subject: RE: Invitation to a meeting of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, Wednesday 9 October 2024

Apologies if I have missed this coming in – grateful if you can provide an update on briefing/opening remarks.

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] Private Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity – Jim Fairlie MSP

The Scottish Government

St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG

E: MinisterforAC@gov.scot

[REDACTED TEXT] [Redacted Text]



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From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot > **On Behalf Of** Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity

Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2024 4:51 PM

To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot >; Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy <DirectorARE@gov.scot>

Cc: Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot> [Redacted Text]@gov.scot >

Subject: FW: Invitation to a meeting of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, Wednesday 9 October 2024

Hi,

Forwarding on the invite from committee ([Redacted Text] has also issued a diary hold).

Grateful if we could have an updated briefing pack for Mr Fairlie's consideration with short opening remarks by 17:00 on Tuesday 1 October.

Can you also confirm who will attend as official support for the Minister?

Thanks,

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] Private Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity – Jim Fairlie MSP

The Scottish Government

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E: MinisterforAC@gov.scot

[REDACTED TEXT] [Redacted Text]



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From: Rural Affairs and Islands Committee <rural.committee@Parliament.Scot>

Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2024 3:23 PM

To: Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>; Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted Text]@Parliament.scot>; [Redacted Text]@parliament.scot>

Subject: RE: Invitation to a meeting of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, Wednesday 9 October 2024

Dear [Redacted Text]

Please pass on the Committee's thanks to the Minister for giving evidence at Committee this morning.

You'll be aware that the Committee agreed to defer consideration of The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 to allow the Committee longer to scrutinise it.

I am writing to confirm that the Minister is now invited to give evidence on this instrument on **Wednesday 9 October**. Grateful if you could confirm attendance at your earliest convenience.

Kind regards

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] | Assistant Clerk | Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

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From: Rural Affairs and Islands Committee <rural.committee@Parliament.Scot>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 9:11 AM
To: Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>; Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>; Rural Affairs and Islands Committee <rural.committee@Parliament.Scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@Parliament.scot>; [Redacted Text]@parliament.scot>
Subject: RE: Invitation to a meeting of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, Wednesday 25 September 2024

Thanks [Redacted Text] that's noted.

Grateful if you can confirm supporting officials in the coming days.

Kind regards

[Redacted Text] | Assistant Clerk | Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

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From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** MinisterforAC@gov.scot
Sent: Monday, September 9, 2024 9:00 PM
To: Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>; Rural Affairs and Islands Committee <rural.committee@Parliament.Scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@Parliament.scot>
Subject: RE: Invitation to a meeting of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, Wednesday 25 September 2024

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Hi [Redacted Text]

Confirming that Mr Fairlie is available to attend this committee session on Wednesday 25 September. I will be in touch in due course to confirm the names of supporting officials.

Many thanks,

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] Private Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity – Jim Fairlie MSP

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From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity

Sent: Monday, September 9, 2024 10:20 AM

To: Rural Affairs and Islands Committee <rural.committee@Parliament.Scot>;

Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted Text]@Parliament.scot>

Subject: RE: Invitation to a meeting of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, Wednesday 25 September 2024

Good morning [Redacted Text]

Hoping to have an update for you this afternoon – apologies for the delay.

Kind regards,

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] Private Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity – Jim Fairlie MSP

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Sent: Monday, September 9, 2024 9:42 AM
To: Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>; Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@Parliament.scot
Subject: RE: Invitation to a meeting of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, Wednesday 25 September 2024

Hi [Redacted Text]

Wondering if you were now in a position to confirm the Minister's attendance at this meeting?

Kind regards

[Redacted Text] | [Assistant Clerk](#) | [Rural Affairs and Islands Committee](#)

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Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2024 2:20 PM
To: Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>; Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@Parliament.scot; [Redacted Text]@parliament.scot
Subject: RE: Invitation to a meeting of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, Wednesday 25 September 2024

Hi [Redacted Text]

That's correct - apologies for any confusion.

A few moments ago we also received confirmation that a further SSI - The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 – has been laid. I understand this SSI is also within the Minister's portfolio responsibilities.

Therefore, the Committee would like to invite the Minister to give evidence on both instrument at its meeting on 25 September. For clarity, approximate timings around scheduling have been set out below. Please note a change of timings from my initial invitation to reflect changes in timings for business taking place beforehand.

11:15 – 11:45 Consideration of The Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland Act Amendment (No.2) Regulations 2024

11:45 – 12:15 Consideration of The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Please let me know if the Minister will be able to attend Committee. I am contactable on [Redacted Text] if you would like to discuss this further.

Kind regards

[Redacted Text] | Assistant Clerk | Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

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From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot [Redacted Text] **On Behalf Of** MinisterforAC@gov.scot

Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 4:41 PM

To: Rural Affairs and Islands Committee <rural.committee@Parliament.Scot>; Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted Text]@Parliament.scot>

Subject: RE: Invitation to a meeting of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, Wednesday 25 September 2024

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Hi [Redacted Text],

For the avoidance of doubt, can I confirm you are suggesting 10:45 on Wednesday 25 September for discussing this SSI (timing subject to business on the day), and that the Minister isn't down to attend the budget portions that day?

Kind regards,

[Redacted Text]

Private Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity – Jim Fairlie MSP

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From: Rural Affairs and Islands Committee <rural.committee@Parliament.Scot>

Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 4:30 PM

To: Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted Text]@Parliament.scot>

Subject: RE: Invitation to a meeting of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, Wednesday 25 September 2024

Hi [Redacted Text]

Thanks for your quick response. Noted regarding the mailbox address.

We would be hoping to schedule consideration of the instrument at this meeting if the Minister has availability. An estimated start time for this agenda item would be 10:45, however as ever this will be dependent on earlier business that day.

Grateful if you could confirm attendance as soon as possible.

Kind regards

[Redacted Text] | [Assistant Clerk | Rural Affairs and Islands Committee](#)

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From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** MinisterforAC@gov.scot

Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 4:21 PM

To: Rural Affairs and Islands Committee <rural.committee@Parliament.Scot>

Cc: [Redacted Text]@Parliament.scot>; Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Invitation to a meeting of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee,
Wednesday 25 September 2024

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Good afternoon [Redacted Text]

Please note the Minister's email address since May 2024 is MinisterforAC@gov.scot.

Mr Fairlie is not scheduled to appear at committee with Ms Gougeon to discuss the budget on 25 September. They are both appearing next Wednesday 11 September covering general issues in the RAI remit though.

Are we to consider the invite to give evidence on the SSI separately? Would you be able to advise approximate timings?

Kind regards,

[Redacted Text]

**[Redacted Text] Private Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture and
Connectivity – Jim Fairlie MSP
The Scottish Government**

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From: Rural Affairs and Islands Committee <rural.committee@Parliament.Scot>

Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 4:10 PM

To: Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity 2023 <MinisterAC@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted Text]@Parliament.scot>

Subject: Invitation to a meeting of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee,
Wednesday 25 September 2024

Good morning,

I am writing on behalf of Finlay Carson MSP, Convener of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee to invite the Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity to give evidence in relation to the below Scottish Statutory Instrument at its meeting on
Wednesday 25 September

THE PLANT HEALTH (IMPORT INSPECTION FEES) (SCOTLAND) AMENDMENT (NO. 2) REGULATIONS 2024

As you'll know, the Minister has already confirmed attendance at this meeting to give evidence (alongside the Cabinet Secretary) regarding the Scottish Budget 2025/26. It is envisaged the Committee would commence consideration of this instrument immediately following this agenda item.

I would be grateful if you were able to confirm attendance at your earliest convenience. Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

[Redacted Text] | Assistant Clerk | Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

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28. Email of 06/11/24

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From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, November 6, 2024 5:18 PM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; PLU SSI Programme Mailbox <PLUSSIProgrammeMailbox@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations (SSI 2024/Draft) - briefing

Thank you for getting back to me, much appreciated. If you could copy the PLU mailbox in for anything SSI related going forward that would be much appreciated.

Kind Regards

[Redacted Text] [Redacted Text]
From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, November 6, 2024 4:24 PM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>[Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>[Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations (SSI 2024/Draft) - briefing

Thanks [Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] is currently in Parliament with Minister Fairlie.

[Redacted Text], I have attached the email exchange between the relevant POs to inform us of this and the briefing/speaking note we provided yesterday.

Happy to discuss.

[Redacted Text] | CAP Replacement and SRDP | Agriculture Policy Division | Scottish Government |
✉ email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Sent: 06 November 2024 16:19
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy
<CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot[Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment)
(Scotland) Regulations (SSI 2024/Draft) - briefing

Hi [Redacted Text] [Redacted Text]
Im afraid, Im not close with this work. Im copying CAP team mailbox and [Redacted
Text] – hopefully they can advise further.

[REDACTED TEXT] [Redacted Text]
From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, November 6, 2024 4:12 PM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment)
(Scotland) Regulations (SSI 2024/Draft) - briefing
Importance: High

Hi [Redacted Text]

I wonder if you can advise in [Redacted Text] absence? He hasn't picked up my
message and think he is now OOO at meetings.

Thanks
[Redacted Text]
From: [Redacted Text]
Sent: Wednesday, November 6, 2024 3:04 PM
To: J[Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Cc:[Redacted Text]@gov.scot[Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment)
(Scotland) Regulations (SSI 2024/Draft) - briefing
Importance: High

Hello [Redacted Text]

I wanted to touch base with you about the Rural Development (Continuation of
Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations (SSI 2024/Draft)
which is due to be voted on in Parliament this afternoon. [Redacted Text]Mr Fairlie is
[Redacted Text]

If you could come back to me in the next hour I would be most grateful.

Thanks

[Redacted Text] | Parliament and Legislation Unit | Cabinet, Parliament and Governance Division | Scottish Government

[Redacted Text]



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29. Email of 14/01/25

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 4:23 PM

To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Sent: 31 August 2024 08:00

To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

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From: [Redacted Text] **On Behalf Of** CAP & SRDP Policy

Sent: Friday, August 30, 2024 2:54 PM

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<MinisterforAC@gov.scot>; DG Net Zero <DGNetZero@gov.scot>; Director of Agriculture and

Rural Economy <DirectorARE@gov.scot>; Deputy Director for Land Reform, Rural and Islands

Policy <DeputyDirectorLandReformRuralAndIslandsPolicy@gov.scot>; Deputy Director of

Food & Drink <DeputyDirectorofFood&Drink@gov.scot>; Deputy Director of ISD

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RPID <DDRPID@gov.scot>

Cc: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Apologies for the tight turnaround. [Redacted Text]

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[Redacted Text] Senior Policy Advisor
Common Agricultural Policy Replacement and Scottish Rural Development Programme |
Agriculture Support Policy Development Unit | The Scottish Government |
Email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

From: John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2024 12:55 PM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot> [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

[Redacted Text]
I am content. [Redacted Text]

I have "signed" the ICIA and CRWIA docs.

John

John Kerr | Head of Agriculture Policy Division | The Scottish Government
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From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2024 5:54 PM
To: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024
Importance: High

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[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text] **On Behalf Of** CAP & SRDP Policy
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2024 5:52 PM
To: John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: Immediate: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024
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Hi [Redacted Text]
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Getting all of these documents to this stage was a lot more involved than normal due to new requirements. The SSI has a laying date of 4 September 2024 and [Redacted Text] had made PO aware there was an urgent submission on it due. I have also let the SSI Unit know that we are awaiting formal approval of these documents.

[Redacted Text]Project Lead, Constitutional Projects Unit.[Redacted Text]EU alignment support.

[Redacted Text]
[\[Redacted Text\]](#) | CAP Replacement and SRDP | Agriculture Policy Division | Scottish Government |
✉ email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

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Draft SSI:
[Redacted Text]

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Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

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Submission:
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37. Email of 30/09/24

CAP RD E36

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Sent: Monday, September 30, 2024 11:47 AM

To: CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Draft letter to RAI Committee regarding SRDP Continuation SSI

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[Redacted Text]Head of Agriculture Support Policy Development Unit

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[Redacted Text]@gov.scot [Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity

Sent: Friday, September 27, 2024 5:12 PM

To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform & Islands 2024 <CabSecforRALRI@gov.scot>; Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <MinisterPB@gov.scot>; Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy <DirectorARE@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; Amanda Callaghan <Amanda.Callaghan@gov.scot>; Alison Coull <Alison.Coull@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; PLU SSI Programme Mailbox <PLUSSIProgrammeMailbox@gov.scot>

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Hi [Redacted Text]

Confirming Mr Fairlie is content and the attached reply has issued to committee this afternoon.

Thanks,

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]Private Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity – Jim Fairlie MSP

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E: MinisterforAC@gov.scot

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From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2024 6:16 PM
To: Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform & Islands 2024 <CabSecforRALRI@gov.scot>; Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <MinisterPB@gov.scot>; Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy <DirectorARE@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; Amanda Callaghan <Amanda.Callaghan@gov.scot>; Alison Coull <Alison.Coull@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; PLU SSI Programme Mailbox <PLUSSIProgrammeMailbox@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Draft letter to RAI Committee regarding SRDP Continuation SSI

[Redacted Text]
Apologies for the late response to this.

[Redacted Text]Mr Fairlie [Redacted Text]

More the happy to discuss,

[Redacted Text] [Redacted Text][Head of Agriculture Support Policy Development Unit](#)

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[Redacted Text]@gov.scot [Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity
Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2024 3:58 PM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Cc: Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Draft letter to RAI Committee regarding SRDP Continuation SSI

Hi [Redacted Text]

Minister has shared the attached with comments. Could you check and reword the sections highlighted?

Thanks,

[Redacted Text]**Private Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity – Jim Fairlie MSP**
The Scottish Government
St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG

E: MinisterforAC@gov.scot [Redacted Text] [Redacted Text]



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From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2024 5:13 PM

To: Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity <MinisterforAC@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform & Islands 2024 <CabSecforRALRI@gov.scot>; Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <MinisterPB@gov.scot>; Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy <DirectorARE@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; Amanda Callaghan <Amanda.Callaghan@gov.scot>; Alison Coull <Alison.Coull@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; PLU SSI Programme Mailbox <PLUSSIProgrammeMailbox@gov.scot>

Subject: Draft letter to RAI Committee regarding SRDP Continuation SSI

Minister,

Please find attached draft letter as discussed.

Happy to discuss,

[Redacted Text] could you have saved in erdm please

[Redacted Text] [Head of Agriculture Support Policy Development Unit](#)

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[Redacted Text]@gov.scot [Redacted Text]

38. Email of 07/06/2024

[Redacted Text]

39. Email of 28/08/24

[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2024 3:02:22 pm

To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; Islands Impact Assessment <IslandsImpactAssessment@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: ICIA

Hi [Redacted Text] and [Redacted Text],

Thank you for sending over your draft.

[Redacted Text]

I am more than happy to chat over if helpful, however you are ready for sign-off and publication.

Kind regards,

[Redacted Text] Islands Communities Policy Advisor
Islands Policy Unit
D:ARE | | Scottish Government



From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2024 6:36 PM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Cc: Islands Impact Assessment <IslandsImpactAssessment@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: ICIA

Evening [Redacted Text]

I have completed a draft ICIA for consideration based on our chat earlier.

[Redacted Text]

Happy to take views and [Redacted Text] can pick up any actions tomorrow, while I am out of the office.

Thanks

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] | CAP Replacement and SRDP | Agriculture Policy Division |
Scottish Government | * email: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

[Redacted Text]**From:** [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, August 23, 2024 3:05 PM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Cc: Islands Impact Assessment <IslandsImpactAssessment@gov.scot>
Subject: ICIA

Hi [Redacted Text]

Apologies, I mentioned I'd sent you this earlier in the week. Following our chat on SRDP please see attached blank ICIA template and a link to the page with the guidance.

[Redacted Text]

If you need anything else, let me know and once you are ready happy to look over any drafts.

Thanks,

[Redacted Text] (he/him)
Carbon Neutral Islands Team Leader
Islands Policy Unit
D:ARE | [Redacted Text] | Scottish Government
[Redacted Text]

40. Email of 29/08/24

[Redacted Text]
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[Redacted Text] [Redacted Text] [Redacted Text]
[Redacted Text] [Redacted Text] [Redacted Text]
From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** CAP & SRDP Policy
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2024 9:38 AM
To: Lewis Kerr [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy
<CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 - SGLD to policy - feedback on impact assessments, UNCRC Statement of Compliance, policy note and draft sub to Cab Sec - 28 August 2024 - legal rur

Hi [Redacted Text],

[Redacted Text]

Thanks

[Redacted Text]
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[Redacted Text]@gov.scot

[Redacted Text].

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[Redacted Text]

41. Email of 10/09/24

[Redacted Text]From: [Redacted Text]@parliament.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 1:07 PM
To: [Redacted Text]gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Draft SSI: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024
[Redacted Text]Dear [Redacted Text]If it would be easiest to discuss over a Teams call please let me know and I can send you a calendar request.

Yours,[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** SGLD_SSI_Laying@gov.scot

Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 3:19 PM

To: SPSSIs <SPSSIs@parliament.scot>

Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot; [Redacted Text]@parliament.scot>; [Redacted Text]@parliament.scot>; Minister for Parliamentary Business <MinisterPB@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@parliament.scot>; [Redacted Text]@Parliament.scot>; [Redacted Text]@Parliament.scot>; [Redacted Text]@Parliament.scot>; [Redacted Text]@Parliament.scot>; [Redacted Text]@parliament.scot>; [Redacted Text]@Parliament.scot>; [Redacted Text]@Parliament.scot>; [Redacted Text]@parliament.scot>; [Redacted Text]@parliament.scot>; [Redacted Text]@parliament.scot>; [Redacted Text]@parliament.scot>; [Redacted Text]@Parliament.scot>; [Redacted Text]@parliament.scot>

Subject: Draft SSI: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

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The draft SSI is laid under section 3(4) of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020.

The lead officials for further enquiries are:

Administrator: [Redacted Text], Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Economy, email [Redacted Text]@gov.scot.

Solicitor: [Redacted Text], email [Redacted Text]@gov.scot.

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[Redacted Text]

43. Email of 11/09/24

[Redacted Text]

44. Email of 11/09/24

[Redacted Text]

45. Email of 12/09/24

From: [Redacted Text]

Sent: 12 September 2024 11:02

To: [Redacted Text]@parliament.scot>

Subject: RE: Draft SSI: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

[Redacted Text]Hi [Redacted Text]

Apologies for the time taken to reply.

[Redacted Text]I hope this is helpful but please do let me know if you have any further queries.

Kind regards

[Redacted Text]**From:** [Redacted Text]@parliament.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 2:59 PM

To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Draft SSI: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

[Redacted Text]Thanks [Redacted Text] very happy to have a chat if it's easier than writing back.

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]**From:** [Redacted Text]@gov.scot [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 1:57 PM
To: [Redacted Text]@parliament.scot>
Subject: RE: Draft SSI: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation)
(Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

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[Redacted Text]

Thank you for your email. I will endeavour to get back to you with answers to your queries as soon as I can.

Kind regards

[Redacted Text]
[Redacted Text]**From:** [Redacted Text]@parliament.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 1:07 PM
To: [Redacted Text]gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Draft SSI: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation)
(Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Dear [Redacted Text]
[Redacted Text]If it would be easiest to discuss over a Teams call please let me know and I can send you a calendar request.

Yours,

[Redacted Text]
[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot [Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of**
SGLD_SSI_Laying@gov.scot
Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 3:19 PM
To: SPSSIs <SPSSIs@parliament.scot>
Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot; [Redacted
Text]@gov.scot; [Redacted Text]@parliament.scot>; [Redacted
Text]@parliament.scot>; Minister for Parliamentary Business
<MinisterPB@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@parliament.scot>; [Redacted
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From: [Redacted Text]@parliament.scot>
Sent: 12 September 2024 14:11
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Draft SSI: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Hi [Redacted Text]

Thanks for your helpful response, no further questions from me.

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]**From**[Redacted Text]@gov.scot <[Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2024 11:02 AM

To: [Redacted Text]@parliament.scot>

Subject: RE: Draft SSI: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

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Hi [Redacted Text]

Apologies for the time taken to reply.

[Redacted Text] I hope this is helpful but please do let me know if you have any further queries.

Kind regards

[Redacted Text]**From:** [Redacted Text]@parliament.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 2:59 PM

To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Draft SSI: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

Thanks [Redacted Text], very happy to have a chat if it's easier than writing back.

[Redacted Text]

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Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 1:57 PM

To: [Redacted Text]@parliament.scot>

Subject: RE: Draft SSI: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024

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Kind regards

[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]@parliament.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 1:07 PM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
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[Redacted Text]
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[Redacted Text]If it would be easiest to discuss over a Teams call please let me know and I can send you a calendar request.

Yours,

[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot <A[Redacted Text]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** SGLD_SSI_Laying@gov.scot
Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 3:19 PM
To: SPSSIs <SPSSIs@parliament.scot>
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47. Email of 17/09/24

[Redacted Text]

48. Email of 17/09/24

[Redacted Text]

49. Email of 18/09/24

From: [Redacted Text]

Sent: 18 September 2024 16:05

To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>

Subject: The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 - SGLD to policy - comments on draft opening remarks and briefing ahead of RAIC appearance - 18 September 2024 - legal rural

Hi [Redacted Text]

Thanks for sharing these. I've left some tracked changes and a query in Annex E of the briefing, but am otherwise content.

Will Private Office make the arrangements for our attendance at Committee next week?

Thanks

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 12:23 PM

To: John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; Lewis Kerr [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; CAP & SRDP Policy <CAP.SRDP.Policy@gov.scot>

Subject:

Hi,

In advance of the pre-meet with Jim Fairlie tomorrow regarding his appearance at committee for the SSI that enables the continuation of the SRDP, please now find attached the opening remarks and briefing pack.

This must be with Jim's office by 2pm tomorrow so if you have any comments or amendments could you please return them in advance of this.

Thanks,

Opening remarks - [Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

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[Redacted Text]@gov.scot

[Redacted Text].

50. Email of 25/09/24

From: [Redacted Text]

Sent: 25 September 2024 17:01

To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Cc: Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy <DirectorARE@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Letter to committee following SSI not passing

[Redacted Text]

Some further comments/tracked changes in the attached version Andy sent earlier below.

[Redacted Text]

Happy to discuss any of the above of course.

Thanks

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2024 4:51 PM

To: Alison Coull <Alison.Coull[Redacted Text] [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Cc: Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy <DirectorARE@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text] [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Letter to committee following SSI not passing

[Redacted Text], (and [Redacted Text] awaiting your edits),

Thanks for responding. Mr Fairlie is eager to get this sent today given the invite being received from Committee to return to the deferred SSI on 9 October.

I will copy-in MfPB along with the Cab Sec. Also PLU colleagues.

Best,

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] Head of Agriculture Support Policy Development Unit

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Tel: [Redacted Text] | Mob: [Redacted Text] | e: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot

From: [Redacted Text]Alison.Coull[Redacted Text]
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2024 4:31 PM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Cc: Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy <DirectorARE@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text] [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Letter to committee following SSI not passing

I have no comments on the letter.

[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2024 4:08 PM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Cc: Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy <DirectorARE@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text] [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Letter to committee following SSI not passing

Adding [Redacted Text]. Sorry!

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From: [Redacted Text]gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2024 3:59 PM
To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Cc: Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy <DirectorARE@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Letter to committee following SSI not passing

[Redacted Text]

I attach a copy with minor edits, and some comments.

[Redacted Text]

I have copied in Alison Coull for any comments she has on this, and would in any event be grateful if the letter could be held back until she has had a chance to do so.

[Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text]

From: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2024 3:26 PM

To: [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Cc: Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy <DirectorARE@gov.scot>; John Kerr <John.Kerr@gov.scot>; [Redacted Text]@gov.scot>

Subject: Letter to committee following SSI not passing

Importance: High

[Redacted Text] – [Redacted Text]

More generally this is the paragraph by paragraph blunt approach that the Minister wants

Just heard also Committee just invited him back on 9 October

Best,

[Redacted Text] [Redacted Text]

[Redacted Text] Head of Agriculture Support Policy Development Unit

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51. Email of 07/10/24

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