## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 2021 No. 290

## The Government of Wales Act 2006 (Amendment) Order 2021

## Amendment of paragraph 9 of Schedule 7B to the 2006 Act

- **4.**—(1) Paragraph 9 (exceptions to the restrictions in paragraph 8) of Schedule 7B to the 2006 Act is amended as follows.
  - (2) After sub-paragraph (2)(h), insert—
    - (i) the Controller of Plant Variety Rights(1)
  - (3) In sub-paragraph (4)(a), omit "(within the meaning of paragraph 6 of Schedule 7A)".
  - (4) After sub-paragraph (4), insert—
    - "(4A) In sub-paragraph (4)(a), a "devolved function" is a function involving deciding an application or an appeal in relation to a matter that is not a reserved matter, but this does not include the function of deciding an appeal from a court or from a tribunal to which paragraph 9 of Schedule 7A applies (tribunals other than devolved tribunals)."
  - (5) After sub-paragraph (7), insert—
    - "(8) Paragraph 8(1)(c) does not apply to a provision of an Act of the Senedd which removes, or confers power by subordinate legislation to remove, a function specifically exercisable in relation to a Minister of the Crown where that function is the giving of consent by the Welsh Ministers and that function—
      - (a) exists to any extent by virtue of regulations made under sections 8 to 8C of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018(2); or
      - (b) is conferred by, or by regulations made under—
        - (i) the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020(3);
        - (ii) the Direct Payments to Farmers (Legislative Continuity) Act 2020(4);
        - (iii) the Coronavirus Act 2020(5);
        - (iv) the Agriculture Act 2020(6);
        - (v) the Fisheries Act 2020(7); or
        - (vi) an Act of Parliament resulting from the Trade Bill that was introduced into the House of Commons on 19th March 2020.
    - (9) Paragraph 8(1)(c) does not apply to a provision of an Act of the Senedd which removes, or confers power by subordinate legislation to remove, a function specifically

<sup>(1)</sup> See section 2 of the Plant Varieties Act 1997 (c. 66).

<sup>(2) 2018</sup> c. 16. Section 8 was amended by section 27 of the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (c. 1) ("the 2020 Act"). Section 8A was inserted by section 3 of the 2020 Act, section 8B was inserted by section 18 of the 2020 Act and section 8C was inserted by section 21 of the 2020 Act.

**<sup>(3)</sup>** 2020 c. 1.

<sup>(4) 2020</sup> c. 2.

<sup>(5) 2020</sup> c. 7.

<sup>(6) 2020</sup> c. 21.

<sup>(7) 2020</sup> c. 22.

exercisable in relation to a Minister of the Crown where that function is the seeking of consent, or consultation, by the Welsh Ministers, in relation to the exercise by the Welsh Ministers of a function that is to any extent exercisable concurrently with a Minister of the Crown, and is conferred by, or by regulations made under—

- (a) the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020;
- (b) the Fisheries Act 2020; or
- (c) an Act of Parliament resulting from the Trade Bill that was introduced into the House of Commons on 19th March 2020.".