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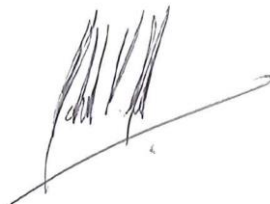
Dear Stewart

The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2020

During the Committee evidence session on the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2020, on Wednesday 29 April, I agreed to provide you with a written response to your question about whether the private trading of animals between individual farmers was permitted under the Regulations.

If a journey to trade an animal is part of a commercial business, and is essential for that business, it can take place. It is a reasonable excuse to travel for the purposes of work where it is not reasonably possible for that person to work from the place where they are living. Journeys in connection with hobbies should not take place, unless they are essential for animal welfare reasons, such as visiting a veterinary hospital.

I hope you find this information helpful. I am sending a copy of this letter to the Convenor of the COVID-19 Committee.



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