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trawsgrifiad o'r cyfieithu ar y pryd.

The proceedings are reported in the language in which they were spoken in the committee. In
addition, a transcription of the simultaneous interpretation is included.

Aelodau'r pwylgor yn bresennol
Committee members in attendance

Mick Antoniw	Llafur (yn dirprwyo ar ran Julie James) Labour (substitute for Julie James)
Suzy Davies	Ceidwadwyr Cymreig Welsh Conservatives
David Melding	Y Dirprwy Lywydd a Chadeirydd y Pwyllgor The Deputy Presiding Officer and Committee Chair
Eluned Parrott	Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol Cymru Welsh Liberal Democrats
Simon Thomas	Plaid Cymru The Party of Wales

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National Assembly for Wales officials in attendance

Stephen Davies	Cynghorydd Cyfreithiol Legal Adviser
Gwyn Griffiths	Uwch-gynghorydd Cyfreithiol Senior Legal Adviser
Ruth Hatton	Dirprwy Glerc Deputy Clerk
Owain Roberts	Y Gwasanaeth Ymchwil Research Service
Gareth Williams	Clerc Clerk

*Dechreuodd y cyfarfod am 14:29.
The meeting began at 14:29.*

Cyflwyniad, Ymddiheuriadau, Dirprwyon a Datganiadau o Fuddiant
Introduction, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

[1] **David Melding:** Good afternoon, everyone, and welcome to this meeting of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee. I have apologies from Julie James, and I am very pleased to welcome Mick Antoniw to this meeting. As we all know, he is very familiar with our work. I will start with the usual housekeeping announcements. We do not expect a routine fire drill, so, if we hear the bell, please follow the instructions of the ushers, who will help us to leave the building safely. Please switch off all mobiles and other electronic equipment—even on ‘silent’, they can interfere with our systems. These proceedings will be conducted in Welsh and English. When Welsh is spoken, translation is available on channel 1, and channel 0 will amplify our proceedings if you are hard of hearing.

14:30

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[2] **David Melding:** Item 2 is for instruments that raise no reporting issues, but they are listed, should anyone have any issues. There are just the two, and I see that we are content.

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[3] **David Melding:** Under this item, we have an additional note from the Government on the Fruit Juices and Fruit Nectars (Wales) Regulations 2013, which will probably require some merits scrutiny. Have I got that right, Gwyn?

[4] **Mr Griffiths:** Diolch, Gadeirydd. Fel y gwelwch, mae'r Llywodraeth wedi ymateb i'r ddau bwynt a godwyd. Os edrychwr ar Atodlen 12, mae cyfeiriad at dermau yno—

[5] ‘vruchtendrank, Sijßmost, succo e polpa, sumo e polpa’.

[6] Mae'r geiriau hynny, os wyl wedi eu hynganu yn iawn, mewn ieithoedd gwahanol, ond nid oes awgrym pa ieithoedd ydynt. Dyna'r pwynt sydd wedi'i nodi yn yr adroddiad draft. Yn anffodus, mae'r Llywodraeth yn cytuno mai ieithoedd estron ydynt, ond nid yw'n esbonio pa ieithoedd ydynt.

[7] Mae'r ail bwynt yn esbonio'r ffaith nad yw 'asiantau asideiddio' wedi cael eu hesbonio ac nad oes cyfeiriad at y term hwnnw yn y rheoliad Ewropeaidd. Mae'r Llywodraeth o leiaf yn esbonio yn yr achos hwn beth y mae hynny'n ei olygu, a rwy'n gobeithio y bydd hynny rhywfaint o ddefnydd i bobl sydd â diddordeb yn y rheoliadau hyn.

[8] **David Melding:** Are there any further views?

[9] **Simon Thomas:** Diolch am yr eglurhad hwnnw. Roeddwn ddim ond am ddweud imi ddarllen hwn â chryn dipyn o ddiddordeb a dysgu llawer iawn am yr hyn y mae sudd yn gallu ei wneud. Nid oeddwn yn ystyried ei bod yn broses mor gymhleth nac ychwaith bod modd gwneud cymaint â'r hyn sy'n ymddangos yn rhywbeth cwbl naturiol ar yr olwg gyntaf. Felly, mae'n engrai ffdda o reoliadau ar lefel cyfraith Ewropeaidd yn galluogi'r cwsmer, o leiaf mewn theori, i ddeall yn well beth sy'n cael ei wneud yn ei enw. Roeddwn am nodi hynny.

[10] **David Melding:** Are there any other views? So, will we incorporate the

Those words, if my pronunciation was correct, are in different languages, but it is not noted which languages they are. That is the point that is noted in the draft report. Unfortunately, the Government agrees that these are foreign languages, but it does not explain which foreign languages they are.

The second point explains the fact that 'acidifying agents' is not explained and that there is no reference to that in the European regulation. The Government has at least explained in this case what that actually means, and it is hoped that that will be of some use to people who are interested in these regulations.

Simon Thomas: Thank you for that explanation. I would just say that I read this with some interest and I learnt a fair bit about what is involved in the process of making juices. I had not considered that the process was quite so complex and that so much could be done to what at first sight appeared to be a completely natural product. So, it is a good example of where regulations under European law can enable the customer, at least in theory, to better understand what is done in their name. I just wanted to put that on the record.

Government's response accordingly, and that we are happy with the tone of the report? I see that Members are in agreement. So, with those adjustments, we shall issue that. There is nothing further among the items on the public agenda.

14:33

Cynnig o dan Reol Sefydlog 17.42 i Benderfynu Gwahardd y Cyhoedd o'r Cyfarfod

Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to Resolve to Exclude the Public from the Meeting

[11] **David Melding:** I will now move a motion under the relevant Standing Order to conduct the rest of this meeting in private session, unless any Member objects. I move that

y pwylgor yn penderfynu gwahardd y the committee resolves to exclude the public cyhoedd o weddill y cyfarfod yn unol â Rheol from the remainder of the meeting in Sefydlog 17.42(vi). accordance with Standing Order 17.42(vi).

[12] I do not see any objections, so we shall now meet in private session—please switch off the broadcast and clear the public gallery.

*Derbyniwyd y cynnig.
Motion agreed.*

*Daeth rhan gyhoeddus y cyfarfod i ben am 14:33.
The public part of the meeting ended at 14:33.*