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5166/20: COMMISSION DIRECTIVE (EU) .../... of XXX amending Directive 2006/126/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on driving licences

The Committee have asked me to thank you for your predecessor's Explanatory Memorandum on the above listed proposal of 10 February 2020.

We note that the proposal was adopted on 4 May 2020 as Commission Directive (EU) 2020/612. The Commission Directive will become applicable in Member States from 1 November 2020 and therefore, as per the UK/EU Withdrawal Agreement, it will have to be given legal effect in the UK from the same date i.e. before the end of the transition period.

We request further information on the Government's plans for the transposition of the Commission Directive. We are interested, in particular, in whether the Government will make use of the option to decide that restrictions to vehicles with an automatic transmission need no longer be recorded on driving licences—for the categories of vehicle listed in the Commission Directive—when an applicant already holds a driving licence obtained on a vehicle with a manual transmission (for covered categories).

The Committee notes your predecessor's endorsement of this change.

I am copying this letter to Lord Kinnoull and Christopher Johnson in the Lords; Les Saunders at the Cabinet Office; and to Margaret Browne, Departmental Scrutiny Co-ordinator.

CHAIR