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## **COM (20) 378: Commission Report on the reviews required under Article 19 (1) of Regulation 2017/852 on the use of mercury in dental amalgam and products (41472)**

We have considered your Explanatory Memorandum on the above Commission Report.

You helpfully recognise the potential impact on Northern Ireland of a possible future EU legislative initiative to phase-out the use of dental amalgam. We ask that you tell us, though, whether you will seek to engage with the Commission — on behalf of Northern Ireland — before the Commission publishes any draft legislation or whether you plan to wait and see what is published in 2022 and then consult and engage at that stage. We note the Commission's intention to begin preparatory work imminently.

We would welcome a response within ten working days.

We are copying this letter to Philip Dunne MP, Chair of the Environmental Audit Committee and Lloyd Owen, Clerk of the Committee; Neil Parish MP, Chair of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee and Ian Bradshaw, Clerk of the Committee; Rt Hon. Hilary Benn MP, Chair of the Future Relationship with the EU Committee and Gordon Clarke, Clerk of the Committee; Rt Hon. Jeremy Hunt MP, Chair of the Health Committee and James Davies, Clerk of the Committee; Simon Hoare MP, Chair of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee and Nicholas Beech, Clerk of the Committee; the Earl of Kinnoull, Chair of the EU Select Committee in the House of Lords and

Christopher Johnson, Clerk of the Committee; your Departmental EU Scrutiny team; and Les Saunders and Donald Harris in the Cabinet Office.

**CHAIR**