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The Rt Hon George Eustice MP  
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Dear George,

## **Chemicals regulation post-Brexit**

Thank you for joining us for an evidence session on 22 October: we appreciate your time, and that of your official, Gabrielle Edwards.

We acknowledge that the Government now seems to have recognised the scale of the task that is chemicals regulation, and has made progress towards having a functional regime in place by 1 January 2021. We support those welcome developments.

However, we still have concerns that the Departments' preparations are not as advanced as they need to be, and that sufficient weight is not being given to the challenges facing companies, large and small, that both produce chemicals and use them downstream.

We therefore intend to return to this issue around the time that UK REACH takes effect, to seek an update on the development of the regulatory regime, and its impact on both the chemicals industry and the wider manufacturing sector.

We are writing in similar terms to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Alok Sharma, and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Employment, Mims Davies.

Yours sincerely,

Lord Teverson  
Chair of the EU Environment Sub-Committee