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Sir William Cash MP
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Dear Sir William,

EM 14135/21: PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL ON SHIPMENTS OF WASTE AND AMENDING REGULATIONS (EU) NO 1257/2013 AND (EU) NO 2020/1056 (AND ADD 1-5)

Thank you for your letter of 28 April 2022 in response to our update of 16 March 2022 on this proposal. You asked for a further update within six months.

My officials enquired with the European Commission earlier this year on aspects of the proposal which have relevance to the United Kingdom, but limited information was provided beyond an indication of timelines for negotiations on the proposal.

UK Government Representatives in Brussels understand that, under the EU's Ordinary Legislative Procedure, amendments to the proposal prepared by the European Parliament's Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee will be voted on in Committee at the end of November this year.

Key draft amendments proposed by the European Parliament Rapporteur include:

- Increasing the frequency the European Commission must update the proposed list of non-OECD countries, to which the export of non-hazardous recoverable waste is permitted, from two years to annually
- increasing the validity period for written consent for notifiable waste shipments from one to two years; and
- increasing the validity period of consent for waste destined to pre-consented facilities from three to five years. These proposals would decrease the frequency of notification applications required for some business in Northern Ireland.

The full list of amendments can be found here:

https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/ENVI-PR-719861_EN.pdf

Meanwhile, internal discussions within the Council of the EU are continuing, but a date has not yet been set for the proposal to be voted on.

My Department will continue to monitor progress on the proposal and will be in a better position to assess the full implications for the United Kingdom once the European Parliament and the Council have voted on amendments.

I am copying this letter to Philip Dunne MP, Chair of the Environmental Audit Committee and Martyn Atkins, Clerk of the Committee; Rt Hon. Sir Robert Goodwill MP, Chair of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee and Ben Williams, Clerk of the Committee; Simon Hoare MP, Chair of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee and Stephen Habberley, Clerk of the Committee; the Earl of Kinnoull, Chair of the European Affairs Committee in the House of Lords and Nick Boorer, Clerk of the Committee; Defra Scrutiny Co-ordinator; and Les Saunders in the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office.

Yours sincerely,



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