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Victoria Prentis MP
Department for Environment, Food and
Rural Affairs,
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Dear Victoria,

**EM COM (2020) 483 FINAL: PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION OF THE
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL AMENDING
REGULATION (EU) 2018/848 ON ORGANIC PRODUCTION AS REGARDS ITS
DATE OF APPLICATION AND CERTAIN OTHER DATES REFERRED TO IN
THAT REGULATION**

Thank you for your letter dated 13 November on this proposal, which was considered by our Environment Sub-Committee on 25 November.

Thank you for setting out the Government's position on organics equivalence in the UK-EU negotiations and describing your engagement with the UK control bodies regarding their applications for EU recognition.

It is important that this issue is resolved positively to ensure Great Britain's organics producers can continue exporting their products, marketed as organic, to the EU and Northern Ireland after 1 January 2021. Please provide an update once there is a significant development.

I am copying this letter to Sir William Cash, the Chair of the Commons European Scrutiny Committee; Jessica Mulley, Clerk to the Commons Committee; Les Saunders, Cabinet Office; and John Leach, Departmental Scrutiny Coordinator.

Yours sincerely,

Lord Kinnoull
Chair of the European Union Committee