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Dear Minister,

ANIMAL WELFARE (LIVESTOCK EXPORTS) BILL

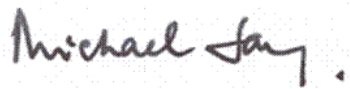
Thank you for your letter, dated 13 March 2024, on the Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill. The House of Lords Sub-Committee on the Windsor Framework considered this document at its meeting on 24 April 2024.

We note your statement the Government would not take the step of extending the provisions of the Bill to Northern Ireland “unless the people of Northern Ireland choose that outcome democratically and it was therefore reflected in a consent vote in the Assembly.” While we are not aware of any plan to do so, is the Government anticipating a legislative consent motion on this Bill? If the Northern Ireland Assembly supported the inclusion of Northern Ireland in the legislation, and this was agreed by the Government, would this be compatible with the Government’s responsibilities under international law, including the Windsor Framework?

We would be grateful for a response before the Report Stage of the Bill.

I am copying this letter to Sir William Cash MP, Chair of the Commons European Scrutiny Committee, George Wilson, Clerk of the Commons European Scrutiny Committee, Rt Hon Sir Robert Buckland MP, Chair of the Commons Northern Ireland Affairs Committee, Les Saunders, EU Document Scrutiny Manager, Foreign Commonwealth & Development Office; John Leach, Departmental Scrutiny Coordinator, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; and Tom Elliott MLA, Chair of the Northern Ireland Assembly Committee for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Jay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the end.

Lord Jay of Ewelme
Chair of the Windsor Framework Sub-Committee