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Chair of the European Affairs Committee
House of Lords
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Dear Peter,

IMMIGRATION RULES CHANGES

I am writing to inform you of changes to the Immigration Rules which are being laid today.

Changes to the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS)

The EUSS enables EU, other European Economic Area (EEA) and Swiss citizens living in the UK before the end of the transition period on 31 December 2020, and their family members, to obtain the UK immigration status they need to continue living in the UK.

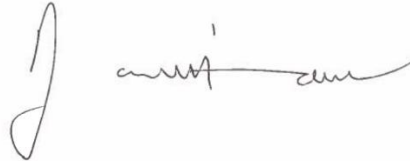
In accordance with the Citizens' Rights Agreements, the changes in respect of the Immigration Rules for the EUSS in Appendix EU are as follows:

- To refer to the scope for the Secretary of State to automatically convert pre-settled status under the EUSS to settled status (indefinite leave to enter or remain under Appendix EU) where the person qualifies for this and without the need for them to make a further valid application.
- To apply the procedural provisions in Annex 2 to the consideration of whether a person granted limited leave to enter or remain under Appendix EU continues to meet eligibility requirements.
- To enable a child applying to the EUSS who was resident in the UK before the end of the transition period, and has turned 21 years of age since then, to rely on the fact that they were aged under 21 at the end of the transition period and therefore have to meet no requirement as to dependency on their parent(s).
- To enable an EEA or Swiss citizen applying to the EUSS as a family member who has retained the right of residence, following the death or divorce of the relevant EEA or Swiss citizen who was resident in the UK before the end of the transition period, to meet simpler criteria.
- To require a joining family member to apply to the EUSS within three months of their first (not latest) arrival in the UK since the end of the transition period (or later where there are reasonable grounds for their delay).

- To enable limited leave to enter or remain granted under the EUSS (also referred to as pre-settled status) to be curtailed (subject to a right of appeal) for helping a person after the end of the transition period to obtain, or to attempt to obtain, EUSS leave or an EUSS family permit fraudulently.

These changes to the Immigration Rules are being laid on 10 September 2024 and will come into effect on 8 October 2024.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Hanson', written in a cursive style.

**Lord Hanson of Flint
Minister of State**