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Dear Bernard,

Thank you for your letter of 22 November 2024 regarding the Windsor Framework (Retail Movement Scheme: Plant and Animal Health) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2024, and the provision made in regulation 9(1) of that Statutory Instrument. I sincerely apologise for the delay in responding.

I appreciate the Committee's consideration of the Statutory Instrument, and note the points made in the Sixth Report of Session 2024-2025 regarding the provisions used in the Statutory Instrument.

My officials have responded to the Committee's questions through the requested memorandum published in the Sixth Report 2024-25, and explained that the purpose of the provision in question is to ensure that the relevant requirements can be read so as to be effective within domestic law in the specific circumstances in which they are applied, without producing an illogical or absurd result.

I do, however, note your concerns and those of the Committee with regards to this provision. Should similar circumstances arise in relation to future legislation, I will ensure the Department gives careful consideration to alternative solutions that would address the Committee's concerns in each case.

Yours sincerely,

**BARONESS HAYMAN OF ULLOCK**

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