



Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP
Secretary of State for Northern Ireland
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Dear Secretary of State,

COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) OF 8.2.2023 AMENDING COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2017/1151 AS REGARDS THE EMISSION TYPE APPROVAL PROCEDURES FOR LIGHT PASSENGER AND COMMERCIAL VEHICLES - C (2023) 843

At its meeting of 26 March 2025, the Northern Ireland Scrutiny Committee discussed the forthcoming implementation of this item of EU law about which our predecessor committee last wrote to the then Government in June 2023.

Members of the Committee have recently received representations from the motor industry in Northern Ireland which raised an issue of great importance to retail motoring dealerships and the wider motoring sector.

These industry representatives highlighted to us a number of concerns about the application of EU law on type-approval of motor vehicles to Northern Ireland under the Windsor Framework. They stated that once the current transitional arrangements expire at the end of 2025, the requirement for manufacturers to comply with two different type-approval regimes to sell vehicles into both Great Britain and Northern Ireland will have a detrimental impact on Northern Ireland.

In particular, they highlighted the potential restriction of consumer choice, as well as higher costs and wider impacts on the motor industry, including on jobs.

The Committee understands that a group of senior executives from the motor industry in Northern Ireland met with you, Lilian Greenwood MP, Minister for the Future of Roads, and officials from the Department for Transport, to discuss their concerns on 22 January 2025. The Committee would, therefore, appreciate if you could provide an update on what, if any, progress has been made since this meeting to address the issue?

We look forward to considering your response by the third week of April once the House returns after Easter recess.

I am copying this letter to Tonia Antoniazzi MP, Chair of the Commons Northern Ireland Affairs Committee, and Phillip Brett MLA, Chair of the Northern Ireland Assembly



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Committee for Economy, and Matthew O'Toole MLA, Chair of the Northern Ireland Assembly Committee for Finance.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair, Northern Ireland Scrutiny Committee