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Dear Lord Carlile,

Thank you for your letter of 03 December, further to mine of 19 November, about the Marking of Retail Goods Regulations 2025.

In my last letter, I affirmed that the territorial extent of the regulations is England, Wales and Scotland. It is therefore appropriate that the Welsh and Scottish ministers, rather than those in Northern Ireland, are formally consulted on any decision to apply the labelling requirement in Great Britain, as set out in the concordat.¹ However, in addition to official engagement, I meet regularly with the Minister of Agriculture, Environment, and Rural Affairs of Northern Ireland, giving us ample opportunity to discuss these regulations and other matters relating to Northern Ireland's place in the UK Internal Market.

As highlighted previously, these regulations serve to deliver on the commitments made by the Government in the Safeguarding the Union Command Paper;² namely to safeguard the supply of goods into Northern Ireland and maintain consumer choice there.

Thank you for your continued interest in this issue.

Yours sincerely,

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¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/not-for-eu-labelling-in-gb-concordat-between-the-uk-scottish-and-welsh-governments/concordat-between-the-uk-scottish-and-welsh-governments-not-for-eu-labelling>

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-the-union>