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Dear Baroness Hayman,

THE MARKING OF RETAIL GOODS REGULATIONS 2025

Thank you for your letter, dated 5 January 2026, on The Marking of Retail Goods Regulations 2025. The House of Lords Northern Ireland Scrutiny Committee considered this letter at its meeting on 14 January.

We note your response to the Committee's question regarding the involvement of Northern Ireland ministers in the decision to use the powers contained in the above Regulations.

We emphasise again that while the new requirements only apply to Great Britain, the issue of labelling has important implications for Northern Ireland and the UK Internal Market. In this context, we note that you meet "regularly with the Minister of Agriculture, Environment, and Rural Affairs of Northern Ireland" and underscore the necessity of this continued engagement in relation to labelling and other issues.

While we have no further questions on the Regulations at this stage, we request a further update if the new powers are used or if a decision is taken by the Government to convene an industry working group to supplement existing routes of business engagement.

I am copying this letter to Andrew Muir MLA, Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Tonia Antoniazzi MP, Chair of the Commons Northern Ireland Affairs Committee and Robbie Butler MLA, Chair of the Northern Ireland Assembly Committee for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs.



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Yours sincerely,

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