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(via email)

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Dear Minister Muir,

At its meeting on 14 January 2026, the Northern Ireland Scrutiny Committee, which I Chair, discussed a response from Baroness Hayman of Ullock, dated 5 January 2026, to its letter of 3 December 2025 regarding the Marking of Retail Goods Regulations.

In response to the Committee's question on why the Northern Ireland Executive will not be formally consulted ahead of the use the powers contained in these Regulations, Baroness Hayman states that she meets regularly with "the Minister for Agriculture, Environment, and Rural Affairs of Northern Ireland, giving us ample opportunity to discuss these regulations and other matters..."

The Committee encloses its latest letter to the Minister and would be very grateful for any comments you may have on these issues.

In particular, the Committee would be keen to hear whether the Government has engaged you or your Executive colleagues on these Regulations.

Yours sincerely,

Lord Carlile of Berriew CBE KC,
Chair, Northern Ireland Scrutiny Committee