



The 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

Thank you for your letter of 10 February 2026 on the above issue, which the Northern Ireland Scrutiny Committee considered at its meeting on 18 March 2026.

We are grateful for the detail provided in your letter and are encouraged to learn that the Government intends to “legislate to mandate that vehicles placed on the market in Great Britain must hold dual GB and EU type approvals and markings, in order to enable their sale in both Great Britain and Northern Ireland.”

In light of this, we would be grateful for further detail as to the implementation timeline for introducing mandatory dual vehicle type approval.

We also note that “the Department for Transport has published a call for evidence to understand why some manufacturers have chosen not to dual approve and to understand any other options to address the current challenges being faced with regard to dual-approving vehicles.” Now that the call for evidence has closed, we would appreciate further detail, including who responded to the call for evidence, and what information they shared.

We would be grateful for a response that the Committee can consider when the House returns following 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 Committee for Economy, and Matthew O'Toole MLA, Chair of the Northern Ireland Assembly Committee for Finance.



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Yours sincerely,

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