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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your letter on the sifting provisions of the European Union (Future Relationship) Act and the flow of proposed negative instruments in 2021.

I can confirm that the Government will shortly table a motion to task the European Statutory Instruments Committee with the sifting function set out in paragraph 8(3)(b) of Schedule 5 of the European Union (Future Relationship) Act. It is intended that the standing order will lapse, insofar as it relates to documents laid under that paragraph and matters arising from the consideration of such documents, two years after Implementation Period completion day. This is the period specified in paragraph 8(1) of Schedule 5 of the Act.

The Government expects a small and steady number of SIs to be laid under both the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 and the European Union (Future Relationship) Act 2020 during 2021. We are grateful to the Committee for its work.

With every good wish,

*Yours,
Jacob*