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Dear Minister,

TOBACCO AND VAPES BILL

Thank you for your letter of 16th March 2026, which the Northern Ireland Scrutiny Committee considered at its meeting of 22nd April 2026.

Thank you for the further information you have provided regarding the EU's Technical Regulation Information System (TRIS) and the concerns raised by certain EU Member States in relation to the above Bill.

We are grateful also to you for setting out, in some detail, the Government's response to the opinions received on the TRIS notification.

We note that this Bill has now completed its Parliamentary passage. We do not require a response to this letter, though we retain an interest in the matter of the Bill's application to Northern Ireland.

I am copying this letter to Tonia Antoniazzi MP, Chair of the Commons Northern Ireland Affairs Committee and Phillip McGuigan MLA, Chair of the Northern Ireland Assembly Committee for Health.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair, Northern Ireland Scrutiny Committee