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Dear Holly

Common frameworks are internal to the UK setting out common approaches in those areas previously governed by EU law that fall within areas of devolved competence. They deal with inter-UK governance and internal working arrangements between the four UK Administrations. The intention is that the frameworks will assist in managing the risk of divergence across the UK in a range of specified policy areas following EU exit. They do not set the policy framework or future policy for any of the individual policy areas, rather they provide the governance structure to manage divergence following EU Exit.

Irish Government officials have not been consulted regarding the development of common frameworks. It would not have been appropriate to engage with an EU Member state on internal governance structures required as a result of EU Exit; if such engagement had taken place it would need to have been led by UK Government.

However this does not detract from the ongoing engagement on the specific policy areas that is undertaken with Irish Government colleagues as appropriate. Officials have very good lines of communication as part of normal business as usual interactions. Any cross border concerns relating to specific policies will be addressed through the usual channels.

Yours sincerely



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