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Dear Andrew,

Amendment of Operator Licensing Statutory Instrument

Thank you for your consideration of the draft Statutory Instrument, The Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) (Amendment) Regulations (No.2) 2022, which was laid subject to the negative procedure.

Following the European Statutory Instruments Committee's report and determination that the affirmative procedure should apply for these regulations, I will be laying in draft an affirmative instrument using the procedure in Schedule 5, paragraph 6 (1) of the European Union (Future Relationship) Act 2020 after the Easter recess.

I note the points raised in the report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee with regard to these regulations being laid initially using the negative procedure and the Committee's concerns over doing so. It was necessary to proceed with the Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 ('SI No.1'), due to the practical consequences delaying it would have on the goods transport industry, which will need to use the new licences in the near future.

The drafting of this further amending instrument is designed to achieve the same policy outcome as the previous draft of the Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) (Amendment) Regulations (No.2) 2022. However, the drafting is slightly different to account for the fact that SI No.1 has now come into force. As a result of this, this instrument will be directly amending the defect that has been introduced by SI No.1 into retained EU law.

Once again, I would like to thank you and the Committee for your scrutiny of these Regulations and reiterate my sincere apology for the error which necessitated them.

Yours,
Charlotte

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