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Dear Graeme

DEFRA AND DEVOLVED ADMINISTRATIONS MINISTERIAL MEETING

I write to notify the Committee that I will be participating in a Defra and devolved administrations ministerial meeting on 20 April on the UK leaving the EU. The meeting will be held in London and attendees include: Mr Eustice, Minister of State for Farming, Fisheries and Food for the UK Government; Ms Griffiths, Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs in the Welsh Government; and Mr Lavery, Permanent Secretary for the Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in the Northern Ireland Executive.

The agenda for the meeting includes an update on recent events, such as the Article 50 letter and the UK Government's Great Repeal Bill White Paper; progress on information sharing working groups in which officials from each administration are participating; case studies from each administration highlighting the complexity of product supply chains and the potential ways they might be affected by the UK leaving the EU; and a discussion on a future work programme over the coming months.

I will provide the Committee with a report on the meeting in due course.

I am writing in similar terms to Mr Mountain, Convener of the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee.

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