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Dear Finlay,

THE AMENDMENT TO THE DEFINITION OF QUALIFYING NORTHERN IRELAND GOODS (EU EXIT) REGULATIONS 2020

EU EXIT LEGISLATION – PROTOCOL WITH SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

The Scottish Parliament agreed on 21 December 2023 that it was content for Scottish Ministers to give their consent to the AMENDMENT TO THE DEFINITION OF QUALIFYING NORTHERN IRELAND GOODS (EU EXIT) REGULATIONS 2020 including Scottish devolved matters, as set out in the notification to the Parliament.

THE AMENDMENT TO THE DEFINITION OF QUALIFYING NORTHERN IRELAND GOODS (EU EXIT) REGULATIONS 2020 was made on 19 February 2024 under 8C(1) and (6) of, and paragraph 21 of Schedule 7 to, the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018⁽¹⁾ and section 47(9) of the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020⁽²⁾. I can now confirm that this SI *is consistent with the consent granted*.

I regret that this letter only reaches you now. The Scottish Government is experiencing a series of handling challenges with UKG as regards this programme of legislation. I will be making the case to UK ministers that this is unacceptable.

I am copying this letter to the Convener of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee.



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