Dear Gillian,

THE HEALTH AND SAFETY (AMENDMENT) (EU EXIT) REGULATIONS 2018/ THE GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS AND CONTROL OF MAJOR ACCIDENT HAZARDS

EU EXIT LEGISLATION – PROTOCOL WITH SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

I am writing jointly with Mairi Gougeon, Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment, in relation to the protocol on obtaining the approval of the Scottish Parliament to the exercise of powers by UK Ministers under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 in relation to proposals within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament.

As you know, Mike Russell wrote to the Conveners of the Finance & Constitution and Delegated Powers and Legislative Reform Committees on 11 September setting out the Scottish Government’s views on EU withdrawal. That letter also said that we must respond to the UK Government’s preparations for a No-Deal scenario as best we can, despite the inevitable widespread damage and disruption that would cause. It is our unwelcome responsibility to ensure that devolved law continues to function on and after EU withdrawal.

I attach a notification which sets out the details of the SI which the UK Government propose to make and the reasons why I am content that Scottish devolved matters are to be included in these SIs. This is one a series of such notifications that we and other Ministerial colleagues will be sending to Parliamentary committees over the coming weeks.
I am copying this letter to the Convener of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee.

I look forward to hearing from you within 28 days from the date of this letter.

Yours,

Roseanna Cunningham

Mairi Gougeon