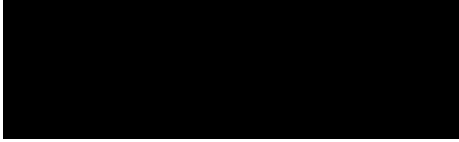


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Dear Michael

## **TARIFF LEVEL**

Thank you for your letter of 26 November in which you request information on any modelling/assessments that have been carried out in relation to tariff levels for both a negotiated outcome and a non-negotiated outcome.

In light of the developments including clarity on key aspects of the Northern Ireland Protocol and the Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) between the EU and UK, this matter has now moved on.

The TCA allows for tariff free, quota free trade with the EU. However, to draw out the full implications for trade and businesses here, it would be necessary to:

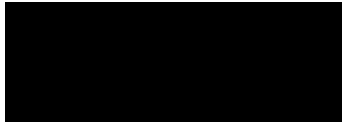
- a. examine the implications of the product specific rules of origin in the TCA for goods brought into Northern Ireland; and
- b. how these interact with the position on goods moving from GB to NI, which are governed by Article 5 of the Protocol, and the Joint Committee Decision No 4/2020 in relation to goods “not at risk” [of being moved into the EU], and hence the specific circumstances in which duties may be payable

The factual position and the combined implications of the TCA and the Protocol will vary materially from sector to sector (and from product to product) so it will not be possible to provide a comprehensive overview for some time. However, the Executive continues to monitor the situation and will be getting updated and more detailed

analysis on this issue as soon as is reasonably possible. We will provide a further update to you when we can.

I trust this update provides the Committee with assurance that Executive Ministers are considering this matter.

Yours sincerely



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**TARIFF LEVELS**

At its meeting on 25 November 2020, the Committee for the Executive Office received an update on Brexit issues from Junior Minister Lyons and Junior Minister Kearney.

During the oral evidence session, Junior Ministers agreed to provide information on any modelling/assessments that have been carried out in relation to tariff levels for both a negotiated outcome and a non-negotiated outcome.

I should be grateful for a response by **10 December 2020**.

Yours sincerely

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