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Gen Philip

Firstly I just wanted to thank you and David for making the time to meet me at Stormont last week. It was good to see you and very helpful to discuss the issues that the Committee is currently working through.

Thank you also for your letter of 26 July, in which you asked for the UK Government's assessment of the impacts of the application of Regulation (EU) 2024/1938 on standards of quality and safety for substances of human origin (SoHO) intended for human application.

The Government has set out its assessment of this regulation's impacts in an explanatory memorandum signed by the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Public Health and Prevention) Andrew Gwynne MP, which was shared with the Committee on 25 July.

I note that in the Committee's meeting on 25 July, you considered the framework-level nature of this Regulation and discussed whether the UK Government was expected to provide any further materials. As the regulation contains references to guidance and delegated or implementing acts which are not yet available, there is some detail that will only become available at a later point.

My officials continue to work closely with officials in the Department of Health and Social Care to further consider how we can support the safety and quality of SoHO as well as the supply of SoHO from Great Britain to Northern Ireland. DHSC officials are continuing to engage with the relevant regulators and Devolved Governments on the SoHO Regulation, as aspects of the Regulation are within devolved competency.

I expect that I, or the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, will write to you with further clarification as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Thomas-Symonds'.

**Rt Hon Nick Thomas-Symonds
Minister for the Cabinet Office
HM Paymaster General**

It was great to meet you and David!

Mr Philip McGuigan MLA, Chairperson
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Rt Hon Nick Thomas-Symonds MP
Minister of State

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Nick, a chara,

At its meeting on 25 July 2024, the Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee (DSC) considered [Regulation \(EU\) 2024/1938 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 June 2024 on standards of quality and safety for substances of human origin intended for human application and repealing Directives 2002/98/EC and 2004/23/EC](#). This act was notified to the DSC on 18 July 2024.

The DSC decided to hold an inquiry into the replacement EU act, pursuant to paragraph 8(1) of Schedule 6B to the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

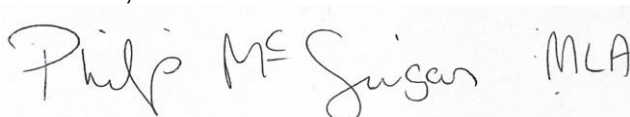
Under paragraph 9(2)(a), the DSC must seek substantive discussion and engagement with the British Government. Therefore, the Committee is requesting your assessment of:

- Whether it appears likely that the application of the replacement EU act would have a significant impact specific to everyday life of communities here in a way that is liable to persist; and
- Whether it appears likely that not applying the replacement EU act would have a significant impact specific to everyday life of communities here in a way that is liable to persist.

In considering the potential for divergence, the Committee also requests details of the position in England, Scotland and Wales.

I would appreciate a response **by Monday 5 August 2024 at 11.00am**.

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Philip McGuigan, MLA
Chairperson, Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee