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Dear Chris,

**COM/2023/462 – Proposal for a regulation on the safety of toys**

Thank you for your letter dated 13 March 2025 in regards to the above proposal. You asked about the Government's engagement with public authorities in Northern Ireland on the proposal specifically and what the Government's assessment was as to the impacts of the proposal.

I would note that the Explanatory Memorandum (EM) previously supplied in 2023 is issued by the Department for Business and Trade (DBT), and should be taken to represent the Government's view on the Regulation and any impacts of it at the point of signature. We continue to engage the EU as relevant on the details of this proposal and DBT would need to produce a further EM to support scrutiny after the proposal completes its passage and is published in finality, in line with the Government's scrutiny commitments. The EM on the final legislation would need to account for any impacts - positive or negative - of the regulation and Government policy at that point in time.

The EM sets out the implementation timeline for new requirements in the proposal as beginning at the earliest in 2027. Since the 2023 EM, the Government has introduced and been progressing legislation on product safety and metrology as set out in its response to the Product Safety Review. Subject to parliamentary passage, this legislation may shape the UK's domestic approach to toy safety ahead of 2027. I would note that the Government is currently considering the potential use of the powers contained in the legislation before Parliament on matters such as toy safety.

The Government welcomes the Committee's consideration of the details of the proposal and its intention to engage with relevant stakeholders on the matter. DBT has confirmed that engagement was undertaken with the devolved administrations in the 2023 EM and the Government would consider further engagement with public authorities as required following the proposal coming into force as a regulation. NI departments may also engage with local authorities in Northern Ireland on relevant developments with regard to their functions. The Government would welcome any further perspectives that arise from the Committee's deliberation of the proposals with relevant stakeholders.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,

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