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Dear Victoria,

**Directive (EU) 2024/2853 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2024**

Thank you for your letter of 29 November addressed to BSI's chairman, John Hirst. John has asked me to reply on his behalf as this relates to our role as the National Standards Body (NSB).

Looking into the specifics of this Directive, we are not sure that there is sufficient relevance to our work for us to provide you with a useful response. The Directive is more about the liability of producers for the products they place on the market and the ability of consumers to seek redress, rather than about the product standards themselves.

I am very grateful to you for your letter and for the opportunity to submit a response. As the NSB, we represent the UK in the European Standards Organisations that are responsible for the development and management of all EN standards, adopted in the UK as BS EN standards, for products and services. We fully expect to see these more such consultations in future related to regulatory alignment with the EU and the role of standards and assurance, and we look forward to hearing from you again.

Please contact me directly.

Yours sincerely,

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Director-General, Standards

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John Hirst CBE  
Chairman, British Standards Institution

Issued via email to: [cservices@bsigroup.com](mailto:cservices@bsigroup.com)

Dear John,

**[Directive \(EU\) 2024/2853 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2024 on liability for defective products and repealing Council Directive 85/374/EEC](#)**

The Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee (DSC) was notified of the above published replacement EU act, under paragraph 6(1)(b) of [Schedule 6B of the Northern Ireland Act 1998](#).

At its meeting on 28 November 2024, the DSC agreed to carry out an inquiry into the replacement act. As part of its inquiry, the DSC is seeking your views on whether applying/not applying the act would have a significant impact specific to everyday life of communities in Northern Ireland in a way that is liable to persist.

Should you wish to provide views, you can do so via Citizen Space at the following link: <https://consult.nia-yourassembly.org.uk/windsor-framework-democratic-scrutiny-committee/eu-regulation-2024-2853>

Please note that the survey will close on **8 December 2024**.

Yours sincerely

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