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By email: windsorframework.committee@niassembly.gov.uk

2 April 2025

Dear Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee (DSC) members,

COM/2023/462 PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION ON THE SAFETY OF TOYS

Thank you for your letter dated 13 March 2025 seeking input from the Consumer Council for Northern Ireland (Consumer Council) on:

- Whether it appears likely that the application of the proposed EU act would have a significant impact specific to everyday life of communities in Northern Ireland in a way that is liable to persist;
- Whether it appears likely that not applying the proposed EU act would have a significant impact specific to everyday life of communities in Northern Ireland in a way that is liable to persist; and
- Details of any other matters regarding the proposed EU act which you wish to draw to the DSC's attention.

Product safety legislation is reserved with policy overseen by the Office of Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) under the Department for Business and Trade, and product safety enforcement conducted through the local councils.

The Consumer Council is fully committed to working with NI Assembly committees to ensure Northern Ireland consumers are represented, and where we have relevant information, research or consumer insights we will provide these. The Consumer Council does not have any statutory remit in relation to product safety nor do we have any consumer data or research on this topic.

The Consumer Council engages with the Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) on a quarterly basis through its Consumer Reference Panel working group, where we represent Northern Ireland consumers. At the most recent meeting of the Consumer Reference Panel on 20 March, we highlighted the DSC request for information on the impact of COM2023/462 proposal for a regulation on the safety of toys and sought advice on which Department would be best placed to advise.



OPSS confirmed that queries in relation to reserved matters such as product safety should be directed to the Windsor Framework Task Force which will consult OPSS and other relevant departments to gather information on the impact of proposals.

Yours sincerely



Anne-Marie Murphy
Director of Strategy and Emerging Markets



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13 March 2025

Noyona Chundur
Chief Executive,
Consumer Council for Northern Ireland

Issued via email to: [REDACTED]

CC: Anne-Marie Murphy Director of Strategy and Emerging Markets,
Consumer Council for Northern Ireland

Dear Noyona,

[COM/2023/462 Proposal for a Regulation on the safety of toys](#)

At its meeting on 13 March 2025, the Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee (DSC) considered the abovementioned proposed EU act.

Following consideration, the DSC agreed that I write to the Consumer Council and request any views you may have on:

1. Whether it appears likely that the application of the proposed EU act would have a significant impact specific to everyday life of communities in Northern Ireland in a way that is liable to persist;
2. Whether it appears likely that not applying the proposed EU act would have a significant impact specific to everyday life of communities in Northern Ireland in a way that is liable to persist; and
3. Details of any other matters regarding the proposed EU act which you wish to draw to the DSC's attention.

If possible, I would appreciate a response by 10 April 2025.

Yours sincerely,

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