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Dear Marie,

**Regulation (EU) 2024/1610 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024 amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1242 as regards strengthening the CO<sub>2</sub> emission performance standards for new heavy-duty vehicles and integrating reporting obligations, amending Regulation (EU) 2018/858 and repealing Regulation (EU) 2018/956**

I write following the Government's notification to the Committee of the above Regulation today.

The primary purpose of the regulation is to introduce stricter CO<sub>2</sub> emissions targets for heavy duty vehicles, and to introduce some associated reporting requirements. These measures will not apply in Northern Ireland because Joint Committee Decision 2020/3 removed regulations relating to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions performance standards for vehicles from the Windsor Framework.

It is necessary for the Regulation to make consequential and technical amendments to other legislation that does engage the Windsor Framework, however. The Regulation amends Regulation (EU) 2018/858 and repeals Regulation (EU) 2018/965 in these terms, and therefore also engages Article 13(3) of the Windsor Framework. It is the Government's assessment however that the Regulation will have limited, if any, impact in practice and that the changes to the law are minor in nature as a result of the above mentioned Joint Committee Decision.

The residual technical and definitional amendments to Annex 2 legislation under the terms of Article 13(3) of the Windsor Framework accommodate the new concept of an "e-trailer". An e-trailer is a trailer which provides some level of contribution to propulsion when being towed) into type approval legislation - a relatively niche product, which the amendment in question will nonetheless clarify is able to seek approval if required.



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For these reasons, the Government's assessment is insofar as the Regulation amends a Regulation that engages Article 13(3) of the Windsor Framework, those changes are extremely minor and technical in nature and will have little, if any, impact in practice.

I trust that this will provide the factual information the Committee needs to carry out its functions, and would be grateful if you could please circulate it onwards to the Chair and members of the Committee.

**PAUL FLYNN**  
**DEPUTY DIRECTOR**