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Dear Jessica,

Thank you for your letter dated 4 October 2024.

The Government is continuing its assessment of the European Commission's '*Proposal for a Regulation on the welfare of dogs and cats and their traceability*'. As part of this, we have continued to engage the Commission on their proposal following publication of the previous explanatory memorandum.

Please note that the final text of the legislation must first be agreed by the EU institutions, and is not available yet. Until then, the Government will continue to monitor the Proposal and any amendments to its contents, and will continue to engage the EU as necessary.

Additionally, as a "new" EU act, it could only be added to the Windsor Framework under the process set out in Article 13(4) of the Framework once adopted by the EU. As set out in Schedule 6B of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, Government Ministers are under certain legal duties in respect of new EU acts for which the EU seeks the UK's agreement to add to the Windsor Framework.

Yours sincerely,

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Issued via email to: [wftf-sg@cabinetoffice.gov.uk](mailto:wftf-sg@cabinetoffice.gov.uk)

Dear Edmund,

**Proposal for a Regulation on the welfare of dogs and cats and their traceability**

At its meeting on 3 October 2024, the Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee (DSC) considered a [proposed EU Regulation on the welfare of dogs and cats and their traceability](#). The DSC agreed to monitor the proposed new act as it progresses through the EU legislative process.

In the Explanatory Memorandum of 7 May 2024, the UK Government states that it will engage with the European Commission and will “*seek further information on the operation of the proposals, the evidence underpinning the request for the proposals to apply in NI, the potential impacts in NI, as well as the equivalency process and its application, and the potential to apply a specific agreement or specific agreements with the EU.*”

The DSC agreed that I write to you to request an update on the UK Government’s engagement with the European Commission in this regard.

I would appreciate a response by 7 November 2024.

Yours sincerely,

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