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Dear Marie,

Regulation (EU) 2026/1165 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2026 amending Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 as regards the extension of certain data protection periods

The above Regulation was notified to the Committee on 28 May 2026 as an amending Regulation pursuant to Schedule 6B to the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

When the Regulation was introduced as a proposal, this was also notified to the Committee on 2 January 2026. An Explanatory Memorandum (EM), prepared by the Health and Safety Executive, covered this proposal and was provided to the Committee on 8 April 2026.

Having examined the text of the final legislation as published by the EU, it is our assessment that there have been no substantive changes during the legislative process that would affect the expected impacts of the Regulation for Northern Ireland.

In order to allow the Committee to conduct its scrutiny as soon as possible, we on this occasion will not be providing a new EM as usual, but instead would direct their attention to the previously provided document, which still reflects the Government's assessment of this act.

I trust this information will be of assistance to the Committee - we ask that this letter is shared with them.

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