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Dear Convener

**THE UNITED KINGDOM INTERNAL MARKET ACT 2020 (EXCLUSIONS FROM MARKET ACCESS PRINCIPLES) REGULATIONS 2022
EU EXIT LEGISLATION – PROTOCOL WITH SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT**

I am writing in relation to the protocol on obtaining the approval of the Scottish Parliament to proposals by the Scottish Ministers to consent to the making of UK secondary legislation to amend the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020, to create a new exclusion from the market access principles under that Act.

That protocol, as agreed between the Scottish Government and the Parliament, accompanied the letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations, to the Conveners of the Finance & Constitution and Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committees on 4 November 2020 and replaced the previous protocol that was put in place in 2018.

I attach a Type 1 notification which sets out the details of the SI which the UK Government propose to make and the reasons why I am content that Scottish Ministers consent to the SI. Please note, we are yet to have sight of the final SI and it is not available in the public domain at this stage. We will, in accordance with the protocol, advise you when the final SI is laid and advise you as to whether the final SI is in keeping with the terms of this notification.

The Scottish Government received a request from the UK Government for confirmation of consent to creating an amendment to the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 on 6 May. Confirmation of consent is required to be sent to the UK Government by 6 June.

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I am copying this letter to the Convener of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee and the Convener of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee.

I look forward to hearing from you by 3 June.

Kind regards

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