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Dear Bernard

### **Implementation of July Import Controls**

I am writing to inform you that, as set out by Ministers in Parliament today, the UK Government has decided that there will be no further import controls on EU goods introduced this year and businesses can stop their preparations for the July deadline. The Government will publish a Target Operating Model in the Autumn setting out the new regime of border import controls and will target the end of 2023 as the revised introduction date.

The Government has announced the new Target Operating Model will apply equally to goods from the EU and from the Rest of the World. It will be based on a proper assessment of risk, with a proportionate, risk based, and technologically advanced approach to controls. This includes the Single Trade Window which will start to deliver from 2023, the creation of an Ecosystem of Trust between Government and industry, and other transformational projects as part of our 2025 Borders Strategy.

The controls that have already been introduced will remain in place. Specifically, the following controls which were planned for introduction from July 2022 will now not be introduced:

- A requirement for further Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) checks on EU imports currently at destination to be moved to Border Control Post (BCP)

- A requirement for safety and security declarations on EU imports
- A requirement for further health certification and SPS checks for EU imports
- Prohibitions and restrictions on the import of chilled meats from the EU

We would be grateful if you could share this information with Member States' CVOs and their relevant Competent Authorities.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine Middlemiss". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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