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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your letters of 6 August to Eric Pickles and Theresa May about cigarette packaging. As the issues you raise relate to health, your letters were passed to the Department of Health and I have been asked to reply.

Thank you also for Imperial Tobacco Limited's submission to the UK-wide *Consultation on the standardised packaging of tobacco products*. As you will be aware, the consultation closed on 10 August and the Department of Health is carefully considering all the responses that have been received.

I would like to clarify that the Government has not made any proposals to change cigarette packaging. The Government has an open mind on this issue and any decisions to take further policy action on tobacco packaging will only be taken after consideration has been given to the consultation responses, evidence and other relevant information.

I hope this reply is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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