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Thursday 20th October, 2011

The (Rt Hon. the) Baroness Wilcox
Minister for IP
House of Lords
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Re: Anti-Counterfeiting Group Conference - Follow Up

Dear Lady Wilcox

It was very good to hear you speak at the Anti-Counterfeiting Group Conference last week on issues of brand protection and counterfeiting.

It was also particularly pleasing to meet you beforehand, during your "walkabout", and talk with you about some of the significant issues regarding the illicit trade in cigarettes and tobacco in the UK, which have a negative impact on government revenue and damages intellectual property. Thank you for showing an interest.

I would be delighted to meet with you and have the opportunity to provide a wider briefing, including sharing with you some key research and findings from the UK and across Europe.

I look forward to hearing from you and hope that I can meet with you soon on these pressing issues.

Yours Sincerely

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Thank you for your letter of 20 October requesting a meeting to provide a wider briefing on some of the significant issues on illicit tobacco in the UK and its negative effects. I also appreciated the brief opportunity for a discussion in the margins of the Anti Counterfeiting Group conference on 13 October.

Since you have written, I understand that you have met with one of my officials, [REDACTED], Intellectual Property Office, on 27 October 2011. During these discussions he suggested that my colleagues in Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs may particularly benefit from further discussions regarding the UK and cross-Europe key research and findings that you have offered to provide.

I would be happy to forward your request for a meeting to my Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs' colleagues if you agree with this suggestion.

BARONESS WILCOX

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State