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Dear Stephen,

EU (FUTURE RELATIONSHIP) BILL 2020

The Prime Minister announced on 24 December that a deal on the UK's future relationship with the EU has been agreed and that the EU (Future Relationship) Bill (the 'Bill') will be introduced as a matter of urgency in order to implement the agreement before the end of the transition period tomorrow.

This deal agreed with the EU fully delivers on what the British public voted for in the referendum and in last year's General Election. It takes back control of our laws, borders, money and fisheries, and ends any role for the European Court. The deal is based on friendly cooperation between sovereign equals, centred on free trade and inspired by our shared history and values. It means that the UK will have political and economic independence on 1 January 2021.

We will now work at pace to introduce the Future Relationship Bill in Parliament so we can ensure that our new relationship with the EU is in place as January begins.

The Government recognises the value of conducting Impact Assessments in normal circumstances, reviewing the costs, benefits and risks of proposed measures, as well as the important role that your Committee plays in this process. Given the tight turnaround time to introduce and pass the Bill we do not consider it feasible to produce an Impact Assessment this week in advance of the Bill being introduced.

The Government will of course continue to produce Impact Assessments for relevant future secondary legislation in the usual way.

I am grateful for the understanding of both you and the Regulatory Policy Committee.

With every good wish,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Gove".

**Rt Hon Michael Gove MP
Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster
and Minister for the Cabinet Office**