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Dear CMA and OIM

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Guidance.

I note that you write in 2.3 and elsewhere about even-handedness, and I quote:

"....The OIM must have regard to the need to act even-handedly in relation to the UK Government and all the devolved administrations" (emphasis added).

I am very glad that you are giving this serious consideration.

It may be desirable for the Four Nations to have different standards as regards the quality of goods, services or professional qualifications, on occasions.

For example, the Welsh Government has proposed legislation to ban single-use plastics, for environmental reasons. But this could in principle be vetoed by the UK Government, in order to allow single-use plastic products to enter from England and elsewhere and be sold legally in Wales.

The CoP Conference will take place in Glasgow in November 2021. Fortunately, however, it is possible that the UK Government's Environment Bill (which includes the disposal of hazardous waste) will be passed before the CoP Conference starts in Glasgow in November 2021.

My point is that, if (say) Wales proposed a standard that conformed to internationally recognised standards (e.g. re health, safety or welfare), then it might be even-handed for Wales to be allowed to do so. Moreover, there should be consultation between all Four Nations with a view to a shared decision, and mutual respect, about such matters. And you as a body could play a great part in promoting such consultations.

I wish you well in your endeavour.

Yours faithfully

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Follow up: Follow up
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Sir / Madam,

I am emailing regaling the Office for the Internal market (OIM).

Firstly I think that as the OIM is collecting information regarding the internal market, there needs to be a UK internal market hub that clearly and transparently shows the trade statistics regarding: exports and imports between each constituent country in terms of the percentage of trade done to each constituent country and the total value of that trade, trade barriers (how open or closed trade is between each constituent nation is) along with other functions we can use from the EU system.

Secondly the members of the panels need to be appointed so that the OIM Panel is functional ready for it to start operation in September and these should be representative of the whole UK.

Thirdly an individual logo should be created to differentiate the OIM from the CMA and a website needs to be created to give the constituent nations and the general public a place to search and find information. Such as the trade information in my second point as well as a database that lists the previous and current trade disputes within the UK.

Fourthly a trade dispute council needs to be created consisting of representatives from the whole UK, this council should be given powers to deal with trade disputes and act as a mediator.

thank you for taking the time to read my email.

Yours faithfully

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