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Dear Mr Moore,

Thank you for your follow up letter dated 9 March, about the UKCA Mark and the fire industry.

The UK has left the European Union and now has its own domestic regulatory regime. Therefore, the CE marking can no longer be recognised as demonstrating conformity for the market in Great Britain. I am afraid that we cannot make a commitment to indefinitely accept the CE marking or EU certification.

The Government understands that implementing the new UKCA mark can be costly and time consuming. This is why we introduced a package of easements after the end of the Transition Period. These transitional measures were welcomed by manufacturers and we will continue to support businesses in adjusting to the new arrangements.

Firstly, we are currently in a 12-month period during which CE marked goods can continue to be placed on the market in Great Britain. Secondly, beyond that 12-month period, individual items that are placed on the market in Great Britain before 1 January 2022 can continue to circulate with CE marking after this date until they reach their end user. Thirdly, while the UKCA marking will become mandatory for all goods, for a further 12 months until 31 December 2022, rather than being affixed directly to the product it can be shown in a different way. For example it could be placed on a separate label or in documentation that accompanies the product. I should also point out that UK-based notified bodies automatically gained the additional status of UK approved bodies on 1 January 2021 with the same scope of designation.

There are no current plans to establish groups to coordinate the activities of approved bodies. However, we will be engaging further with both conformity assessment bodies and manufacturers to ensure that the process of acquiring new certificates of conformity where needed is as smooth as possible. Ideally this would be without the need for retesting where possible. The Withdrawal Agreement means that notified bodies should share information relating to conformity assessments with other bodies where requested by the manufacturer, which is intended to help facilitate this.

Thank you once again for taking the time to write, I look forward to cooperating with you in the year ahead.

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