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Dear Mike,

I am writing to inform you that the meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Group on UK-EU relations was held on 12 May 2025.

We discussed the reset of the UK-EU relationship. As you will be aware the EU-UK Summit took place on the 19 May and the UK formally announced a renewed approach to UK-EU relations, with new opportunities for enhanced security, safety, and economic prosperity for citizens and businesses on both sides of the Channel.

The UK-EU Common Understanding Agreement contains many of the priorities that we set out to UK government, and it provides the foundations for further negotiations with the EU, which will offer us an opportunity to continue to work with the UK and the EU to ensure Wales interests continue to be reflected in negotiations.

The agreement included a commitment to deliver a 'Common Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Area' that will benefit the agrifood and drinks sectors in Wales, particularly in the sale of red meat. There will also be closer working to link emissions trading systems and energy to support green growth and green jobs. Improved steel quotas into the EU will also provide much needed support for our steel sector.

Yours sincerely,

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