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Dear David

UK Trade Bill – Legislative Consent

Thank you for your letter of 7 May 2019.

As I have previously explained we did not originally anticipate that there would time to lay a second Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum for the UK Trade Bill. However the Bill moved, and is continuing to move, slower than we originally expected and I am glad that (as a result of this delay) I was able to lay a second SLCM and that the Assembly had the opportunity to debate the amendment.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, and the wider EAAL committee, for considering the SLCM for a second time and for your contribution during the debate. I appreciate some of the concerns you raised during the debate, particularly around the existing arrangements for providing legislative consent to a UK Bill that is being amended so close to the Parliamentary scrutiny process being completed. Should further amendments be made to the Bill I will ensure that I keep you and the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee updated.

As you know, I will be appearing at the EAAL committee on 10 June and I would be happy to pick up any of the wider concerns raised during the debate then.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. E. Morgan'.

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