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Dear George,

GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS

Thank you very much for your response, dated 3 July, to the House of Lords EU External Affairs Sub-Committee's questions on geographical indications and excise. The letter answered most of our questions. There is, however, still one area that was not addressed and where the External Affairs Sub-Committee would welcome some clarification.

Your letter contained a detailed explanation of protection of UK GIs in the UK. It did not, however, explain how UK GIs would continue to be protected across the EU's 27 Member States once the UK leaves the EU. There is reference, in both your response and in the latest Brexit White Paper, to the UK creating its own GI scheme which would be open to non-UK (and, therefore, also EU) applicants. However, what work is the Government undertaking to ensure that UK GIs will also continue to be protected across the EU?

I would be grateful if a response could be provided within 10 working days of receipt of this letter.

I am copying this letter to John Leach and Craig White, Scrutiny Coordinators, DEFRA; the Rt Hon Dominic Raab MP and Les Saunders at the Department for Exiting the EU; and George Hollingbery MP and Edwina Osbourne at DfIT.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman of the EU External Affairs Sub-Committee