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Dear Chuka,

CONSULTATION ON THE ALIGNMENT OF NINE EU SINGLE MARKET DIRECTIVES WITH THE NEW LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

I am writing to inform you that today, 4th August 2015, BIS is publishing a consultation document on draft legislation which implements nine EU Single Market Directives which align with the New Legislative Framework.

The New Legislative Framework is a set of general principles and rules which aim to make legislation on the Single Market for Goods clearer, more consistent and more effective.

The consultation is being taken forward jointly with the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), which is the policy lead for the Civil Explosives Directive. To implement the Directives we propose to make the following Regulations, which will revoke and replace existing legislation and in the case of Civil Explosives by amending the Explosive Regulations 2014.

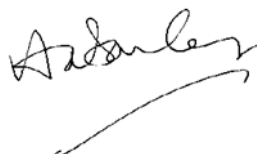
Existing Legislation	Proposed Legislation
Electrical Equipment (Safety) Regulations 1994	The Electrical Equipment (Safety) Regulations 2016
The Simple Pressure Vessels (Safety) Regulations 1991	The Simple Pressure Vessels (Safety) Regulations 2016
The Lifts Regulations 1997	The Lifts Regulations 2016
The Equipment and Protective Systems Intended for Use in Explosive Atmospheres Regulations 1996	The Equipment and Protective Systems Intended for Use in Potentially Explosive Atmospheres Regulations 2016
Electromagnetic Compatibility Regulations 2006	The Electromagnetic Compatibility Regulations 2016
The Measuring Instruments Regulations 2006 <i>(there are 15 individual instrument</i>	The Measuring Instruments Regulations 2016

<i>regulations plus amendment regulations which will be revoked and replaced by one omnibus regulation covering all instrument types).</i>	
Non-automatic Weighing Instruments Regulations 2000	The Non-automatic Weighing Instruments Regulations 2016
The Explosives Regulations 2014	The Explosives Regulations 2014 (Amendment) Regulations 2016
Pressure Equipment Regulations 1999	The Pressure Equipment (Safety) Regulations 2016

A draft of the 2016 Regulations can be found in the attached consultation document. The consultation is specifically about the form of these draft regulations. In addition we are seeking input from business to ensure our Impact Assessment correctly reflects the likely costs and benefits.

The new regulations would be enforced by local authorities' trading standards departments, the National Measurements and Regulatory Office and the Health and Safety Executive who already enforce the existing legislation.

I enclose a copy of the consultation document and am placing it, along with a copy of this letter, in libraries of both Houses.



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