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Dear Rachel,

As announced by the Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union on 18 July 2018, the Government will be publishing a series of technical notices.

I would therefore like to draw your Committee's attention to the following technical notices that will be published today setting out the Government's proposed approach to:

- Satellites and space programmes if there's no Brexit deal
- Running an oil or gas business if there's no Brexit deal
- Merger review and anti-competitive activity if there's no Brexit deal
- Trading goods regulated under the 'New Approach' if there's no Brexit deal
- Trading under the mutual recognition principle if there's no Brexit deal
- Appointing nominated persons to your business if there's no Brexit deal
- European Social Fund (ESF) grants if there's no Brexit deal
- European Regional Development Funding if there's no Brexit deal
- Connecting Europe Facility energy funding if there's no Brexit deal

These notices will set out information for businesses and citizens to understand what they would need to do in a 'no deal' scenario, so they can make informed plans and preparations.

This does not reflect an increased likelihood of 'no deal;' an acceleration at this point was long-planned to ensure plans are in place by March 2019 in the unlikely scenario they are needed. Negotiations are progressing well and both the UK and the EU continue to work hard to seek a positive deal. However, it is the job of a responsible Government to prepare for all scenarios, including the unlikely event that we reach March 2019 without agreeing a deal.

I attach a copy of the notices which I will place in the libraries of both Houses along with a copy of this letter. The documents will also be available on gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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