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Dear John,

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER HL17600

On 3rd September 2019 you asked the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy the following Question for Written Answer:

To ask Her Majesty's Government whether, in the event of a no-deal Brexit, UK approved bodies will only be able to provide third party conformity assessment, where required, for products placed on the UK market; and whether equivalent EU notified bodies will be able to provide such assessment for products placed on both the UK and EU markets via CE marking. (HL17600)

Please find my response below:

After exit day, the Government is setting up a new UK regulatory regime. We recognise the valuable contribution UK Notified Bodies make to the economy, which is why notified bodies operating under the new regulatory regime will automatically become UK approved bodies. UK approved bodies will only be able to provide conformity assessment for the UK market and for countries with which we have signed a relevant mutual recognition agreement. We meet regularly with the sector to discuss the impact of Brexit and how they can prepare.

To help ensure the flow of goods into the UK, CE marked goods can be placed on the UK market for a time-limited period after exit day if we leave the EU without a withdrawal agreement. The results of conformity assessment carried out by EU notified bodies will be valid in the UK during this time-limited period. This will help UK manufacturers who sell to both the EU and UK markets.

I am placing a copy of this letter in the Libraries of the House.

Lord Duncan of Springbank