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My Lords,

**Windsor Framework (Non-Commercial Movement of Pet Animals) Regulations 2024
debate**

It has been brought to my attention that at the above debate I answered a question on microchipping which, on reflection, could be interpreted incorrectly.

In response to a question raised by Baroness Hoey, I responded as follows:

“The noble Baroness, Lady Hoey, asked whether there would be exemption certificates for microchipping on the basis that a dog might not be able to be microchipped if a vet said that that was the case. I have been assured that if the pet cannot be microchipped with a UK chip, the pet owner can still travel with the pet animal from GB to Northern Ireland under the existing pet passport scheme.”

The answer I gave could be interpreted that if the pet does not have a UK chip, they can travel under the EU Pet Travel Scheme instead of the Windsor Framework Scheme without any microchip, which is not the case. To confirm, there is no exemption for the requirement of a microchip for pet travel between Great Britain and Northern Ireland. A microchip is a requirement to travel under the Northern Ireland Pet Travel Scheme and under EU pet travel rules.

I will be depositing this letter to the House library.

Yours sincerely,

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