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Constable Mike Jackson Chair, EHI Panel BY EMAIL

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Dear Mike

Re: Written Questions following private briefing on the Official Control Regulations (OCR)

Please see response to your written questions following a private briefing on the Official Control Regulations (OCR).

1. What consultation took place with industry regarding the Draft Official Controls? Are businesses aware of the forthcoming changes and what it represents for their trading with the EU?

Exporters are already using export health certificates in order to send their goods to the EU. That process is working well, and these businesses accept that the OCR must be in place to allow this trade to continue.

Officers have endeavoured to implement the OCR as a framework through which the Minister will be able to create the import restrictions necessary to maintain SPS health, whilst ensuring that impacts to businesses (those importing from the EU and those exporting to the UK) are minimised.

2. Can the Minister clarify the position on importing fertilisers and animal feed from the EU under the proposed Official Controls?

The OCR is part of the Safer Rules for Safer Foods package of Regulations and therefore does not cover the importation of fertilisers. The importation of fertilisers is regulated in Jersey by the Water Pollution (Jersey) Law 2000.

In respect of animal feed, the OCR will ensure that imports into the island are in compliance with internationally accepted standards.

I trust the above is of assistance to the Panel and please do contact me if my officers can be of any further assistance or if you require additional briefings.

Yours sincerely

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