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Dear Llywydd

Thank you for your letter of 12 July in relation to the Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Act 2023 and the commencement process.

As noted in my letter of 22 March, this was the first time that a Bill passed by the Senedd had engaged in the World Trade Organisation process (WTO). The approach we took in relation to the six-month WTO standstill period was based on our understanding of the requirements and mechanisms involved in that process. I acknowledge there is benefit in reviewing this process if it helps provide greater clarity in future and will ask my officials to arrange a meeting with the Senedd Commission to discuss further.

I am copying this letter to the Chair of Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee, the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee and Chair of the Finance Committee.

Yours sincerely

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