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Dear Rob,

Further to my letter of 27 July 2015, I am writing to update you on the amendment of The Organic Products Regulations 2009 (as amended).

In my previous letter of 27 July, I indicated that I was content for the Department for the Environment Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) to take forward the necessary changes to the legislation and on 8 September 2015, George Eustice MP, Minister of State for Farming, Food and Marine Environment, wrote to me that he was grateful for the Scottish Government's consent to the laying of the proposed amending Statutory Instrument (SI).

On 11 September 2015 my officials were informed by Defra that the organic amending SI has been signed and laid in both Houses of Parliament and will come into force on 1 October 2015.

My officials will continue to liaise with stakeholders in Scotland and the relevant UK Government Department to review any potential impacts that may arise.

I hope you find this update useful.

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