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Sir William Cash MP
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Dear Sir William Cash,

EM 9317/18: PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL AMENDING COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) NO 1224/2009, AND AMENDING COUNCIL REGULATIONS (EC) NO 768/2005, (EC) NO 1967/2006, (EC) NO 1005/2008, AND REGULATION (EU) NO 2016/1139 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL AS REGARDS FISHERIES CONTROL

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You will recall that the review of the EU Control Regulation 1224/2009 started back in May 2018 and that 851 amendments were tabled by EU member states. The UK did participate in the original REFIT consultation but was not able to participate in the amendment process during the transition period.

The EU's Control Regulation was made operable in the UK at the end of the transition period. The EU amendments are expected to be laid this year but will not be applicable to the UK, other than for marketing purposes in Northern Ireland as part of the Northern Ireland Protocol.

Under the terms of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement, additional requirements for UK vessels operating in EU waters will be notified prior to implementation via the 'Specialised Committee' for fisheries.

A review of the UK Control Regulation will be undertaken in the near future.

I am copying this letter to the Earl of Kinnoull, Chairman of the European Union Committee. I am also copying this letter to the Clerks of the Commons and Lords Committees, Jessica Mulley and Chris Johnson respectively; Les Saunders, Cabinet Office; and Steve Wigham, Defra Scrutiny Co-ordinator.

Yours sincerely,



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