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Dear all,

We are pleased to provide provisional confirmation for the Food and Feed Safety and Hygiene Framework. This framework has undergone collaborative policy development, testing of policy conclusions, peer review and, where appropriate, external sector-specific engagement. This framework is in line with the framework principles agreed by the Joint Ministerial Committee (EU Negotiations) (JMC(EN)) in October 2017 between the UK Government, Welsh Government and Scottish Government, and subsequently endorsed by the Northern Ireland Executive.

Together with your confirmation of this framework it will enable the framework to shortly undergo parliamentary scrutiny with a view to JMC(EN) ministers then providing their final agreement for its/their full implementation before the end of the transition period.



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