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Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs & Islands
St Andrew's House
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Dear Cabinet Secretary,

The AIC represent the UK's Agricultural supply sector covering most inputs to agriculture; including fertiliser production, import and supply.

The current high gas price in the UK and Europe is proving a challenge for many sectors of the economy and, this also applies to many AIC members.

This is causing particular concern in the fertiliser sector with a consequence of continuing uncertainty between domestic production undertaken by CF, and the availability of imported fertilisers. As you will be aware, this has left the wider agricultural sector uncertain as to how much Nitrogen fertiliser production will take place this year in the UK and Europe.

We would therefore like to propose that you consider a fertiliser industry summit. This matter could be explored in more detail with key industry stakeholders on both sides of the issue, to ensure that you have a full and informed view of the situation relating to fertiliser availability through the 2022 cropping season.

AIC Scotland have been working pro-actively with NFUS and other stakeholders to encourage farmers to seek advice and support for fertiliser decisions. Supporting farmer liquidity to ensure continuity of production is crucial.

We would be happy to conduct the meeting face to face or if easier could offer a Zoom call to enable the meeting to take place.

Yours sincerely

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