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Dear Lord Balfe,

Thank you for your letter of 20 December to Matt Hancock about supplies of PKU dietary foods.

I appreciate your concerns.

Firstly, we do not want or expect a no-deal scenario. We remain confident that we will reach mutually advantageous agreement with the EU. We are not, however, complacent, and have comprehensive plans in place in the event the UK leaves the EU without a deal.

The Department is working to ensure that the UK is able to cope with any potential delay at borders that may arise in the short term from the unlikely event of a no-deal scenario. We are in contact with representative bodies for manufacturers of specialist foods, including those for people with PKU, and are monitoring the situation.

Our planning will ensure that from the day the UK leaves the EU, we will have the necessary resources to continue to ensure uninterrupted supplies of the foods people need.

I hope this reply is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

STEVE BRINE