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Dear Pawel,

I wrote to you on 18 May setting out the UK's reasoning which leads us to conclude that 15.65m semi-trailers can be permitted in domestic traffic under Article 4.4 b) of Directive 96/53/EC – essentially because it is possible to achieve the same loading length through the modular concept. I attach a copy of that letter for your convenience.

Our consultation has now closed and we are currently preparing advice for our Ministers on the way forward. It would be helpful in the preparation of that advice if we had the Commission's views on the reasoning set out in my letter. If, on the other hand, the Commission does not want to be drawn into a discussion on this issue and does not intend to respond, it would be helpful to know that as well.

I am aware that the Commission (DG Enterprise) has put a 12 month standstill on our proposed regulations, under Directive 98/34/EC, but their letter did not comment on whether a derogation under Article 4.4 b) of 96/53/EC was permissible or not.

Best wishes

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