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Dear Edward,

## **Update on the Environmental Protection (Single-Use Vapes) (Scotland) Regulations 2024**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024, I gave evidence at the Net Zero, Energy and Transport committee session on the Environmental Protection (Single-use Vapes) Regulations 2024. Regulations were subsequently approved by the Parliament on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and signed into law on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024. At that time, I set out my view that alignment of approach with other UK nations should be prioritised to maintain certainty for businesses, whilst supporting effective implementation of the ban on the sale and supply of single-use vapes in Scotland.

The UK and other devolved Governments have confirmed their intention to lay regulations to ban the sale and supply of single-use vapes from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025. I am writing to you to advise that I therefore intend to bring forward amending regulations to change the coming into force date in Scotland from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 to 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025, in order to maintain alignment across the UK and support consistency of regulatory approach.

My officials and I will aim to make these changes as quickly as possible to ensure clarity for businesses and other stakeholders.

Yours sincerely,

**GILLIAN MARTIN**

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