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Dear Mr Mountain,

Thank you for your letter of 21 March 2023.

Environmental Standards Scotland is monitoring the development of UK REACH as part of our wider work on assessing how the environmental policy and legislation landscape is developing, and the extent to which Scotland is able to maintain alignment with Europe. We noted the development of UK REACH in one of the baseline evidence reviews which we conducted to inform the development of our Strategic Plan. We have also engaged directly with the Scottish Government's Scottish Chemicals Policy Network.

Environmental Standards Scotland does not have specific concerns about the proposals in Statutory Instrument notification. I can confirm that we have not received any specific representations or enquiries on this subject.

Environmental Standards Scotland is aware of concerns about the divergence between UK REACH and EU REACH and in particular, the UK's ability and capacity to assess new substances and any associated risks to the environment and to human health.

Environmental Standards Scotland will continue to monitor developments in this area. We will also continue to liaise with our partner organisations (the Office for Environmental

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Protection and the Interim Environmental Protection Assessor for Wales) elsewhere in the United Kingdom on this subject.

Yours sincerely,

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