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Sent by email: [redacted]

Dear [redacted]

Three months of possible illegal sale of menthol tobacco products

Thank you for your letter of 2 September. The content of which has been noted.

Regarding your concerns about menthol flavoured tobacco, we have been advised by the EU Commission on 7 July, that a number of products are actively being investigated by them, working alongside the Swedish Competent Authority.

This is in accordance with the process under Article 3 of the EU Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/779.

As the United Kingdom must continue to comply with the Commissioning Regulations during this transition period, any independent UK investigations are now on hold.

Once the current EU/Swedish investigation has been concluded a decision will be made on any further action required.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

Michael Brodie
Interim Chief Executive

cc [redacted] (Special Advisers to the Secretary of State)