



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

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Dear Mr Green,

William Hague has asked me to thank you for your recent letter and to reply on his behalf.

He has carefully noted your comments. Mr Hague understands your concerns over the imposition of metrification. It was open for the Government to apply for a further derogation, that is to say a ten year exemption, but they chose not to. Conservative MEPs fought to achieve this but were, regrettably, unsuccessful.

The next Conservative Government will look at ways of ending the present lunacy and change the law so that loose goods can be sold in measures that everyone can understand.

Yours sincerely,

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**Correspondence Secretary**

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