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Dear Chief Executive

European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 – implications for FSS

As you will be aware the Health and Sport Committee has now received three tranches of food related UK statutory instrument notifications for consideration. For ease of reference, you can link to the relevant webpage [here](#).

The Committee agreed at its meeting today to invite representatives of Food Standards Scotland to give evidence at 10am on the morning of Tuesday 18 December (for approximately one hour) regarding themes and issues emerging from the Committee's consideration of these UK statutory notifications. The Committee is keen to explore further the readiness of FSS to take over from the EU various new schemes and processes raised in our consideration of the statutory instrument notifications. We also wish to gain further insights into the financial and practical implications for the organisation as a result of these changes.

I would be grateful if you could confirm your availability, together with the details of other Food Standards Scotland representatives who will accompany you, by completing and returning the attached witness confirmation form to healthandsport@parliament.scot, **as soon as possible**, but no later than 30

November. We would normally suggest a maximum of four witnesses in total for a panel.

Further information on appearing as a witness can be found here: <http://www.parliament.scot/global/Games/Committee-Witnesses/index.html>.

In addition, the Committee are interested in hearing about your wider work including general performance and outcomes being delivered. To inform the oral evidence session the FSS is also requested to provide further written information relating to the following by Friday 30 November:

- The Scottish Government has referred to work between the FSS and FSA to develop a UK Framework for food and feed as ongoing. We request further information on how further information on existing EU networks and/or specialist facilities might be able to be accessed if there is no deal. We consider there to have been limited certainty provided to date on how access would be achieved.
- Reference has been made to a number of new schemes and processes being required. We request information on what assessment of the practical changes and costs has been conducted and a copy of these assessments. We also ask what additional costs are expected to be incurred by the FSS as a result and whether they are expected to be met within current budgets?
- Reference has been made by the Scottish Government to the “statement of performance setting” which FSS have to lay before Parliament from “time to time”. The last iteration was in August 2017 and did not include detailed reference to Brexit. Are there any plans to provide a further statement in the near future?
- Copies of your current strategic plan, outcomes and performance reports, financial performance reports together with any forward projections that exist.

If you wish to make a written submission please respond by using the attached **joint Data Protection and Submission Form**. Before making a submission, please read our [Privacy Notice](#) about submitting your views to a Committee. This tells you about how we process your personal data. Written responses should be sent electronically, in the form provided, to HealthandSport@parliament.scot.

I look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this invitation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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Clerk Health and Sport Committee

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