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Dear Mr Giard,

Nutrition Labelling Scheme – Small Volume Exemption

Thank you for your letter of 25 June 2009.

The exchanges we had with the trade recently at various forums are no doubt conducive to the smooth implementation of the Nutrition Labelling Scheme. You have very rightly pointed out that carefully thought-out facilitation mechanisms for the trade had been provided in the law, in relation to the revocation of small volume exemption (SVE). We note your suggestions on the operational details concerning the SVE revocation. We stand ready to work out reasonable arrangements to reduce the burden on the trade, and you would appreciate that we must proceed on a basis that does not compromise the integrity and effectiveness of the Scheme.

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It is encouraging to see that the partnership between the trade and the Government on this issue is bearing positive results and I look forward to your continuous support.

Yours sincerely,

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