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Dear Uel

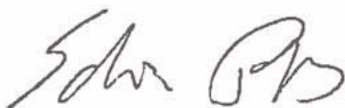
THE MOVEMENT OF SURREY LOAM FROM GB TO NI CRICKET CLUBS

I am writing to you following our meeting at Lisburn Cricket Club yesterday, at which we discussed the movement of Surrey Loam from GB. I undertook to confirm to you the outcome of the Department's considered view as discussed at the meeting.

I am pleased to advise you that following its full consideration, my Department is satisfied that due to the composition of this Loam product, it represents a very low risk to biosecurity. On that basis, the Department is content that this product can be moved without restriction from GB, for use in NI.

I trust that this addresses the real concerns of the Northern Cricket Union, local Club representatives, cricket ground operators and public representatives around the potential impacts of not having access to Surrey Loam, as an established specialist product for wicket upkeep.

Yours sincerely



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Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

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