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Foie Gras

Thank you for contacting me about your concerns over the production of pâté de foie gras.

The UK has some of the highest animal welfare standards in the world and Ministers have been active on a domestic, European and international level in seeking to improve quality of life for farm animals.

Let me assure you that foie gras is not produced from the livers of force-fed ducks or geese in the UK, and the Government is opposed to this production method. The UK is, however, unable to implement a unilateral ban on the import or sale of foie gras because this would contravene our international obligations.

Ultimately, it is up to consumers to decide whether or not to purchase foie gras. I am assured that there is work ongoing with European partners to drive up standards of animal welfare across the board and ensure that consumers, through honest labelling, are able to make informed choices about the food they eat.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Kind regards,

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