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Dear Clare,

## PUBLICATION OF CONSULTATION PAPER ON RESTRICTING PROMOTIONS OF FOOD AND DRINK HIGH IN FAT, SUGAR OR SALT

On 16 November 2023 I wrote to update the Committee on work to restrict the promotion of food and drink high in fat, sugar or salt (HFSS) where those are sold to the public.

As set out in my letter of 16 November, this included work to take forward consultation on the detail of proposed regulations via a series of roundtable events with public health and business stakeholders. The roundtable events have recently concluded and have helped further inform the consultation document and accompanying partial Business Regulatory Impact Assessment (BRIA) which are the focus of this letter.

I am pleased to advise that "Restricting promotions of food and drink high in fat, sugar or salt – Consultation on the detail of proposed regulations" has now been published. This is in line with a statutory requirement to consult on the detail of changes to food law (Article 9 of the General Food Law Regulation (Regulation (EC) No 178/2002)).

The consultation is available at <http://www.gov.scot/ISBN/9781835219058>.

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A partial Business Regulatory Impact Assessment has been published alongside the consultation paper and is available at <http://www.gov.scot/ISBN/9781835219867>.

The consultation will run for 12 weeks until 21 May 2024 and will provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to comment on the detail of proposed regulations. Subject to the outcome of the consultation process we will then proceed to laying regulations.

I would welcome the Committee's help in raising awareness of the consultation among interested organisations and individuals, encouraging them to respond via the web address above. I look forward to working with you and the Committee on our proposals and ask that this letter is circulated to members of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee.

My officials working on this consultation will be happy to provide any further information you may find helpful. Please contact [dietpolicy@gov.scot](mailto:dietpolicy@gov.scot) with any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,



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