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Dear Cllr Hackett

Thank you for your letters of 15 May and policy briefing sent to both me and the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) about the safety of transporting radioactive materials by sea.

You, on behalf of the Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA), have raised a number of concerns about the existing international regulations related to the shipment of nuclear materials, and made a number of suggestions about how those regulations can be tightened. As you are aware, because of the international nature of shipping, any changes to regulations require discussion and agreement through the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

Officials at the MCA are involved in the discussions at the IMO and, because of this, I have asked them to reply to the detailed points that the NFLA has raised, and to provide me with a copy.

Yours sincerely


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