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Dear Mr Drummond

As noted by officials at the second meeting of the Working Group, following the most recent Ministerial Working Group on Building and Fire Safety, a need was identified to take precautionary action on both the highest risk cladding material and the use of large scale fire test results in new development.

Accordingly, as an interim measure, changes will be made to our published Technical Handbooks from 1 April 2021 to identify the need to avoid use of Category 3 MCM cladding in new building work and to remove reference to BS 8414/BR135 as alternative guidance.

I recognise that this action is closely linked to the purpose of the fire review group and would stress that this is an interim assurance measure until the outcome of your current review can be confirmed.

I would like to thank you for your continued participation in the important work being conducted by the Fire Review Group.

Yours Sincerely

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