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Dear Messrs. Lax and Landman

**COMMENCEMENT OF THE ALIEN AND INVASIVE SPECIES REGULATIONS, 2020 AND ALIEN AND INVASIVE SPECIES LISTS, 2020**

Thank you for your ongoing participation in the task team formed in 2020 in order to discuss and analyse specific implementation issues, which may be of concern in relation to the listing of trout in the Alien and Invasive Species Regulations, 2020 and the Alien and Invasive Species Lists, 2020, and to discuss and develop mitigation options around the specific identified implementation issues.

I have received an update from Departmental officials on the progress of the task team, and I am pleased that there has been robust discussion about various options, which will minimise the regulatory impact of the listing of trout.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that I have decided to commence the Alien and Invasive Species Regulations and the Alien and Invasive Species Lists of 2020, from 1 March 2021. The commencement however excludes the listing of the Rainbow and Brown Trout species until further notice. The listing of the two trout species is therefore suspended, pending the work of the task team and any potential amendments, which may occur as a result of the task team discussions.

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The Alien and Invasive Lists and the Regulations of 2020 contain important amendments in respect of other species and the legal framework as a whole which need to be implemented. Apart from the measures which apply to trout, the regulations and the lists contain important measures which will benefit both the private sector and all spheres of government. It is therefore important that those measures are promulgated while we continue our engagements in the task team.

I look forward to receiving further reports about your engagements with the Department.

Yours sincerely



**MS B D CREECY, MP  
MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

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