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Reforms to the tax treatment of red diesel and other rebated fuels

The Ulster Farmers' Union (UFU) is the largest farming organisation in Northern Ireland representing approximately 11,500 farming families. The UFU represents farmers from all areas of Northern Ireland, across all sectors and has a vision of a productive, profitable and progressive farming sector.

Red diesel is the primary fuel used by agricultural machines, making it crucial to farm businesses and food production. As farmers continue to face uncertainty with ongoing future trade discussions, COVID-19 and rising input costs, the UFU welcome the chancellor's decision to continue the current lower fuel duty for agriculture from April 2022. Maintaining current red diesel exemptions for agriculture is vital, to ensure British farmers are competitive in the global marketplace and food remains affordable for consumers.

The agricultural industry continues to improve and consider new ways to reduce its impact on the environment, through more fuel-efficient machinery, new technology and greener fuel, whenever it is a commercially viable option.

Yours Faithfully,

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