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**When replying please reply to: Edinburgh**

Rt Hon David Davis MP  
9 Downing Street  
London  
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Dear David Davis MP,

**Re. Comments to the Foreign Affairs Select Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

I was deeply concerned to hear your comments to the foreign affairs select committee yesterday in relation to the possibility that trade between the UK and the EU will be governed just by World Trade Organisation rules in the future.

Currently 38% of all UK lamb is exported to the EU and reportedly could face tariffs as high as 40% under the scenario you outlined.

This would be devastating for Scotland's sheep farmers. Please clarify your comments to reassure farmers and inform us of what steps you are taking to protect them during the upcoming negotiations.

Yours sincerely,

Alyn Smith MEP