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From the Secretary of State

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Dear *Minister*

Thank you for your letter of 29 November 2016.

We are concerned at the reports about the beaching of the North Sea Producer in Bangladesh.

The competent authority for England, the Environment Agency, is currently carrying out further investigations. At the present time we believe the vessel left the UK as a working vessel, but we want to reassure ourselves that Maersk, as the original owner of the vessel, has acted in accordance with the Basel Convention and EU Waste Shipment Regulations. The Environment Agency is in contact with lawyers from Maersk who are co-operating fully with their enquiries.

I am sorry that we have no further information to share with you at this time, but the Environment Agency need to explore all possible avenues for the UK to decide on what, if any, further actions are required.

Best wishes,

Andrea Leadsom

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Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

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