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Given its role in the market, CILEX welcomes the opportunity to comment on the LSB's latest consultation regarding rules for applications to alter regulatory arrangements.

Following an assessment of the proposed new rules, we are pleased to see the LSB provide greater clarity through the development of templates and other pro forma documents, clearly articulating what is expected of applicants when seeking to implement rule changes. We assume that this will help to expedite application process times and that the benefits of increased certainty and predictability will better equip frontline regulators when making an application for alteration of regulatory arrangements.

To a similar end, we hope to see the practical application of the proposals lead to a proportionate and effective approach that can deliver on these benefits in the interests of all parties; with necessary requirements evaluated in line with the scale and significance of the alterations being sought.

We anticipate that the LSB's changes can achieve these outputs, providing greater clarity to enable more effective applications first time by requiring proportionate inputs, and in turn enhance and improve the application process overall.

Yours sincerely,



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