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Dear Carilyn,

Extension notice issued under Part 3 of Schedule 4 to the Legal Services Act 2007

This letter is an extension notice issued under paragraph 21(5)(b) of Schedule 4 to the Legal Services Act 2007 (the "Act"). The words used in this extension notice have the meanings given to them in the Act.

On 23 July 2021 we received CILEx Regulation's application for the approval of changes to its regulatory arrangements to provide a route for the regulation of ACCA-Probate Practitioners and ACCA-Probate firms in light of ACCA's decision to withdraw from legal services regulation. Paragraph 21(4) of Schedule 4 to the Act sets out an initial decision period of 28 days within which the Legal Services Board may decide on the application. Paragraph 21(5) allows for this period to be extended.

The proposed changes to CILEx Regulation's regulatory arrangements are significant and complex as is its impact on the regulatory landscape. The LSB also anticipates that it will be necessary to raise further enquiries with CILEx Regulation to ensure that the impact of the proposed changes is fully understood and assessed. On this basis, the LSB has concluded that it needs to extend the initial decision period to allow time to facilitate proper scrutiny and consideration of the application.

Therefore, in accordance with paragraphs 21(5), (6) and (7) of Schedule 4 to the Act, the Board hereby extends the initial decision period to 90 days from when the application was submitted. The end of the decision period will therefore be 20 October 2021, although the LSB can make a decision before that date.

If you have any questions in relation to this notice, please contact Gurdas Singh Sually (Gurdas.Sually@legalservicesboard.org.uk). A copy of this extension notice will be published on the LSB's website within the next two business days.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'M' followed by a horizontal line.

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