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Dear Ed,

Alternative Release Time for Public Sector Classification Guide and Forward Work Plan

I am writing to formally request an alternative to the 9:30am release time relating to the publication of the Public Sector Classification Guide and Forward Work Plan.

I am grateful for your consideration of bringing forward the release time from 9:30am to 7:00am on 31 August 2022.

The exemption to the release time from 9:30am to 7:00am is necessary as on 31 August 2022 we will be publishing the outcome of our classification review of the Energy Bills Support Scheme in Great Britain, which may have an impact on data that could be market sensitive.

The above publications will be released at the same time as a media statement which will include both the classification of the Energy Bills Support Scheme in Great Britain and also explain whether there is any impact on consumer prices inflation statistics.

We therefore wish to publish outside of UK market hours, to ensure an orderly release with equal access to information, prior to the time the UK markets open.

This request relates only to the August 2022 publications, and we expect future releases of the Public Sector Classification Guide and Forward Work Plan to adhere to the standard release time of 9:30am.

I would be grateful for confirmation that you are content to grant this alternative release time.

Yours sincerely,

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