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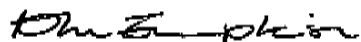
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You will have seen that three people have today been found guilty of plotting to destroy aircraft with improvised explosive devices (liquid bombs) disguised as soft drinks. This was of course the plot that resulted in the introduction of controls on liquids in 2006.

I am sure you will appreciate that the news of the verdict will raise public consciousness of the liquids regime at airports. It will be important to ensure that compliance with the regime is fully maintained in order to maintain the credibility and integrity of aviation security.

You will be aware that work is going on here, in the EU, in the US and elsewhere, aimed at developing technological solutions that we hope will lead to a liquids regime that is less cumbersome while maintaining an appropriate level of security. But in the meantime it is essential that the existing arrangements are implemented effectively, and the Department's aviation security compliance inspectors will of course continue to treat this with a high level of importance in their inspections.

Yours sincerely,



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