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To whom it may concern.

Last October we were in the UK and purchasing window treatments for a property we own there.

In discussion with several different suppliers we confirmed that there are strict guidelines as to cord length for roller blinds etc. The cord must either be of a type that snaps if a child was to get entangled in it or it must be a shorter cord that is at a height that cannot be reached by a small child.

As our property there is a rental property we opted to install curtains at french doors and a roller blind on a kitchen window that would not be reachable by a small child. Even though the blind is above a kitchen bench top we still had to install it with a short cord according to the UK regulations.

Would it not make sense for MBIE to follow these guidelines rather than reinventing the wheel and going through a consultation process for feedback etc etc.?

Best regards,

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