



The small bulb specialists

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Dear Mrs. Gipslover.

It is with great regret that we must write to tell you that we are ceasing our export trade - hopefully for a short time only.

We hope to send bulbs to countries that do not require a health certificate but the paper work etc involved in preparing the bulbs for other countries is considerable and at this time we feel unable to continue efficiently.

The reason that we have had to make this unhappy decision is pressure of work as we are losing our Managing Director - Lord Skelmersdale. For seven years he has been very active in the Upper House of the British Parliament and this hard work has now been rewarded by his appointment as a Junior Whip in the House of Lords and Lord in Waiting to the Queen. Regretfully the Addison Rules (the rules by which certain public figures' lives are run) prevent him from continuing any paid employment during the time of his appointment. Unfortunately the overseas department was mainly his concern and hence its temporary closure.

I shall be taking over from him as Managing Director and I trust that you will understand the position. We have very much enjoyed having dealings with you in the past and I sincerely hope that it will not be long before we will be able to export again.

Yours sincerely,

Christine Skelmersdale.

Lady Skelmersdale

Director