

23 October 2020

The Rt Hon Elizabeth Truss MP
Secretary of State for International Trade
The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Excellency,

In relation to the negotiations for the Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Japan for a Comprehensive Economic Partnership, I have the honour to confirm the following understanding of the Government of Japan regarding the autonomous tariff rate quota (TRQ) on malt:

- With respect to the tariff rate quota set out by relevant cabinet orders of Japan for malt classified under HS subheadings 1107.10 and 1107.20, the Government of Japan confirms that it maintains that tariff rate quota in a non-discriminatory manner, and that a quota amount of malt imported from foreign countries including the United Kingdom will continue to be ensured for allocation to domestic brewers and distillers as they deem necessary in producing beer or whisky, when it decides the annual total quantities of duty-free autonomous TRQ in accordance with Article 8-5 and Annexed Table 1 of “Temporary Tariff Measures Act”. Under the above framework, brewers and distillers in Japan will have access to duty-free malt imports from the United Kingdom every year.

I would be grateful if you would confirm that this understanding is shared by your Government.

Sincerely,

MOTEGI Toshimitsu
Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan

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Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan

Dear Minister Motegi,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of this date, which reads as follows:

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I would be grateful if you would confirm that this understanding is shared by your Government.

I have the further honour to confirm that Her Majesty's Government shares this understanding.

Sincerely,

The Rt Hon Elizabeth Truss MP
Secretary of State, Department for
International Trade
& President of the Board of Trade
United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland