

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 accession by the United Kingdom to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP):

- The Government of Japan expresses its firm determination to support the early accession of the United Kingdom to the CPTPP in accordance with the Accession Process of the CPTPP (Annex to CPTPP/COM/2019/D002).
- The Government of Japan takes note of the United Kingdom's interest in its market access to Japan under the CPTPP. Without prejudice to its outcome, the Government of Japan affirms its intention to provide to the United Kingdom, when a formal accession process has commenced, meaningful market access to Japan's market, as the Parties of CPTPP have, for the application of customs duties, tariff rate quotas and safeguards in the Tariff Schedule of Japan under the CPTPP, whilst recognising that the United Kingdom will also need to seek approval from other Parties of CPTPP as per the Accession Process.

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