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Dear Hilary,

Further to the Department's letter of 29 March, I am writing to update you on the Government's progress to transition existing international agreements with third countries as we prepare to leave the EU. (The enclosed list details this progress, all of which will be published on gov.uk shortly).

39 agreements have now completed the scrutiny process under the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act (2010), with the following completing this week:

- Trade and Partnership Agreement with Israel
- Agreement with Switzerland on Citizens' Rights
- Trade agreement with Liechtenstein

As you will know, a free trade agreement with Norway and Iceland and a citizens' rights agreement with the EEA EFTA states for a no deal scenario have recently been signed.

Furthermore, I am pleased to inform you that the agreement with Indonesia on Forest, Law Enforcement, Trade and Governance (FLEGT) has now been signed and will shortly begin the parliamentary scrutiny process.

As explained in previous letters, for those agreements that will not be in place, or will carry a gap in a no deal scenario, work is continuing to mitigate the impacts and Departments will continue to provide as much clarity as possible in the run up to our Exit from the EU.

My department will continue to provide updates on a regular basis. I would, of course, be glad to meet you to discuss any questions you may have on this programme of work.

I will deposit this letter and the attached appendix in the House Library. I am also writing to the Chairs of the European Scrutiny Committee, Foreign Affairs Committee and the Procedure Committee as well as the Chairs of the European Union Committee, the Constitution Committee and the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee in the House of Lords.

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Key

Will be in place	These agreements have been agreed/signed and where required are subject to parliamentary scrutiny in the UK and the Third Country
Alternative arrangement will be in place to deliver the effect of the agreement	Agreement is not being delivered in its original form but an alternative means of continuing the effect of the agreement has been confirmed with the Third Country
Engagement Ongoing	Engagement is ongoing with Third Countries and we will continue to update this list
Will not be in place	These will not be in place for 12th April in a No Deal scenario

Trade						
Name	Description	Will this agreement or arrangement be in place by 12 April in event of No Deal scenario	Additional Comment	Lead Department	Country	Source
Norway and Iceland Trading Arrangements	The UK-Iceland/Norway Trade in Goods Agreement would allow for preferential trading between the UK, Norway and Iceland in a no deal scenario.	Will be in place	Agreement signed on 2nd April 2019 and will be undergoing Parliamentary scrutiny shortly. For further information please see published article. For further information please contact euexit@trade.gov.uk.	DIT/DEFRA	Norway, Iceland	<p>European Economic Area Agreement (we are only incorporating the relevant Articles and Protocols on trade in goods from the EEA Agreement, including Protocols 2, 3, 4, 9 and 11.)</p> <p>Exchange of Letters No 3 of the Agreements in the form of exchanges of letters between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway concerning agriculture and fisheries, relating to the field of fishing, done in Brussels 14 July 1986 ("the 1986 Exchange of Letters on Fishing");</p> <p>Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters concerning certain fishery products from the Head of the Delegation of the Community to the Head of the Norwegian Delegation done at Brussels on 16 April 1973 ("the 1973 Exchange of Letters on Certain Fishery Products");</p> <p>Additional Protocol in the agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway consequent on the accession of the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden to the European Union, done at Brussels on 25 July 1995 ("the 1995 Additional Protocol");</p> <p>Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway consequent on the accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic to the European Union, done at Luxembourg on 14 October 2003 ("the 2003 Additional Protocol");</p> <p>Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Kingdom of Norway, done at Brussels on 3 May 2016, done at Brussels on 3 May 2016 ("the 2016 Additional Protocol")</p> <p>Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters from the Head of the Norwegian Delegation to the Head of the Delegation of the Community concerning certain agricultural products, done at Brussels on 16 April 1973 ("the 1973 Exchange of Letters on Agriculture");</p> <p>Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters concerning wines from the Head of the Norwegian delegation to the Head of the delegation of the Community, done at Brussels on 16 April 1973 ("the 1973 Exchange of Letters on Wines");</p> <p>Exchange of Letters No 1 of the Agreements in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway concerning agriculture and fisheries, done at Brussels 14 July 1986 ("the 1986 Exchange of Letters on Agriculture");</p> <p>Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway concerning certain arrangements in agriculture, done in Oporto on 2 May 1992 ("the 1992 exchange of letters");</p> <p>Agreement in the form of exchanges of letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway concerning certain agricultural products, done at Brussels on 20 December 1995 ("the 1995 Exchange of Letters");</p> <p>Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Community and the Kingdom of Norway concerning additional trade preferences in agricultural products undertaken on the basis of Article 19 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area, done at Brussels on 20 June 2003 ("the June 2003 Exchange of Letters")</p> <p>Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Community and the Kingdom of Norway concerning Protocol 2 to the bilateral Free Trade Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway, done at Brussels on 13 December 2004 ("the 2004 Exchange of Letters");</p> <p>Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway concerning additional trade preferences in agricultural products reached on the basis of Article 19 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area, done at Brussels on 15 April 2011 ("the 2011 exchange of letters");</p> <p>Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway concerning additional trade preferences in agricultural products, done at Brussels on 4 December 2017 ("the 2017 Exchange of Letters")</p> <p>Protocol No 6, as amended, concerning the special provisions applicable to imports of certain fish products into the Community ("Protocol 6"); 'as an Additional protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Iceland consequent on the accession of the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden to the European Union, done at Brussels on 26 January 1996 ("the 1996 Additional Protocol");</p> <p>Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Iceland consequent on the accession of the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden to the European Union, done at Brussels on 26 January 1996 ("the 1996 Additional Protocol");</p> <p>Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Iceland consequent on the accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic to the European Union, done at 14 October 2003; ("the 2003 Additional Protocol");</p> <p>Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Iceland, done at Brussels on the 3rd of May 2016 ("the 2016 Additional Protocol").</p> <p>Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters amending Protocol 6 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Iceland – Amendments to be made to Protocol 6 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Iceland, published on 10 August 1976 ("the 1976 Exchange of Letters");</p> <p>Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Iceland concerning additional trade preferences in agricultural products, done at Brussels on 23 March 2017 ("the 2017 Exchange of Letters")</p>

Political

Name	Description	Will this agreement or arrangement be in place by 12 April in event of No Deal scenario	Additional Comment	Lead Department	Country	Source
EU-Armenia Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement'	This agreement reaffirms relations with Armenia by providing a framework for dialogue and cooperation to allow for enhanced conditions for some aspects of trade.	Will not be in place, engagement ongoing	This is predominantly a political agreement which provides a framework to consolidate relations. There is no impact to the bilateral political relationship by not transitioning this agreement in time for EU Exit. The agreement with Armenia provides the framework for our trading relationship alongside political and economic cooperation. We do not expect any change to the current trading arrangement.	FCO	Armenia	EU-Armenia Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement
Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and the Republic of Azerbaijan	This agreement reaffirms relations with Azerbaijan by providing a framework for dialogue and cooperation to allow for enhanced conditions for some aspects of trade.	Will not be in place, engagement ongoing	This is predominantly a political agreement which provides a framework to consolidate relations. There is no impact to the bilateral political relationship by not transitioning this agreement in time for EU Exit. The agreement with Azerbaijan provides the framework for our trading relationship alongside political and economic cooperation. We do not expect any change to the current trading arrangement.	FCO	Azerbaijan	<p>Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Azerbaijan, of the other part</p> <p>Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Azerbaijan, of the other part, extending the provisions of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement to bilateral trade in textiles, taking account of the expiry of the bilateral textiles Agreement</p>

Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Cuba	This agreement reaffirms relations with Cuba by providing a framework for dialogue and cooperation.	Will not be in place, engagement ongoing	This is predominantly a political agreement which provides a framework to consolidate relations. There is no impact to the bilateral political relationship by not transitioning this agreement in time for EU Exit.	FCO	Cuba	Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Cuba, of the other part
Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and the Republic of Iraq	This agreement reaffirms relations with Iraq by providing a framework for dialogue and cooperation.	Will not be in place, engagement ongoing	This is predominantly a political agreement which provides a framework to consolidate relations. There is no impact to the bilateral political relationship by not transitioning this agreement in time for EU Exit.	FCO	Iraq	Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Iraq, of the other part
Strategic Partnership Agreement Between the European Union and Japan	This agreement reaffirms relations with Japan by providing a framework for dialogue and cooperation.	Will not be in place, engagement ongoing	This is predominantly a political agreement which provides a framework to consolidate relations. There is no impact to the bilateral political relationship by not transitioning this agreement in time for EU Exit.	FCO	Japan	Strategic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Japan, of the other part
Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Kazakhstan	This agreement reaffirms relations with Kazakhstan by providing a framework for dialogue and cooperation to allow for enhanced conditions for some aspects of trade.	Will not be in place, engagement ongoing	This is predominantly a political agreement which provides a framework to consolidate relations. There is no impact to the bilateral political relationship by not transitioning this agreement in time for EU Exit. The agreement with Kazakhstan provides the framework for our trading relationship alongside political and economic cooperation. We do not expect any change to the current trading arrangement.	FCO	Kazakhstan	Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Kazakhstan, of the other part
EU-Singapore Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (ESPCA)	This agreement reaffirms relations with Singapore by providing a framework for dialogue and cooperation.	Will not be in place, engagement ongoing	This is predominantly a political agreement which provides a framework to consolidate relations. There is no impact to the bilateral political relationship by not transitioning this agreement in time for EU Exit.	FCO	Singapore	EU-Singapore Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (ESPCA)
Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the EU and Turkmenistan (PCA)	This agreement reaffirms relations with Turkmenistan by providing a framework for dialogue and cooperation to allow for enhanced conditions for some aspects of trade.	Will not be in place, engagement ongoing	This is predominantly a political agreement which provides a framework to consolidate relations. There is no impact to the bilateral political relationship by not transitioning this agreement in time for EU Exit. The agreement with Turkmenistan provides the framework for our trading relationship alongside political and economic cooperation. We do not expect any change to the current trading arrangement.	FCO	Turkmenistan	Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the EU and Turkmenistan (PCA)
Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and the Republic of Uzbekistan	This agreement reaffirms relations with Uzbekistan by providing a framework for dialogue and cooperation to allow for enhanced conditions for some aspects of trade.	Will not be in place, engagement ongoing	This is predominantly a political agreement which provides a framework to consolidate relations. There is no impact to the bilateral political relationship by not transitioning this agreement in time for EU Exit. The agreement with Uzbekistan provides the framework for our trading relationship alongside political and economic cooperation. We do not expect any change to the current trading arrangement.	FCO	Uzbekistan	Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Uzbekistan, of the other part - with protocols

Aviation

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Moldova Air Services Arrangement	This arrangement provides the legal basis for flight between the UK and Moldova.	Will be in place	Concluded in March 2019. For further information please contact the Department for Transport [https://forms.dft.gov.uk/contact-dft-and-agencies/].	DfT	Moldova	Common Aviation Area Agreement between the European Union and its Member States and the Republic of Moldova

It is standard international practice for new Air Services Agreements (ASAs), or amendments to existing ASAs, to be applied administratively via a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) pending signature and completion of respective domestic legal requirements. This is with the exception of Switzerland, where domestic Swiss requirements mean that the replacement UK-Swiss ASA is being ratified ahead of entry into force.

Environment

Name	Description	Will this agreement or arrangement be in place by 12 April in event of No Deal scenario	Additional Comment	Lead Department	Country	Source
Indonesia FLEGT	This agreement prevents illegal trade in timber by ensuring Indonesian timber products imported into the UK meet Forestry Law and Governance standards.	Will be in place	The agreement was signed on 29th March but remains subject to final ratification by both the UK and Indonesia. This agreement will be provisionally applied upon leaving the EU and will be ratified at the earliest opportunity. Legislation required to give effect to this agreement cannot be laid/come into force until after Exit. Plans are in place to lay legislation on Day 1 Exit and for the agreement to come into force shortly thereafter. Mitigations will be in place to ensure no disruption to trade. For further information please contact DEFRA (defra.helpline@defra.gov.uk).	DEFRA	Indonesia	Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Indonesia on forest law enforcement, governance and trade in timber products to the European Union (FLEGT)