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Dear Lord Parkinson,

Thank you for your pertinent question to my Noble friend, Baroness Blake of Leeds, in the Chamber last week on CITES and the use of St Pancras as a designated port.

There are currently no plans to make Eurostar St Pancras a CITES designated port following a review by the UK Border Force that concluded it does not currently have the necessary capacity and infrastructure to undertake CITES checks. This will of course be kept under review.

More broadly, we are engaging with the EU and EU Member States, and exploring how best to improve arrangements for touring across the European continent without seeing a return to free movement. Our priority remains ensuring that UK artists can continue to thrive on the global stage.

I will deposit a copy of this letter in the libraries of both Houses.

With best wishes,

Baroness Twycross
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