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By email:

Dear Lord Lansley,

Trade Act 2021 (Power to Implement International Trade Agreements) (Extension to Expiry) Regulations 2025

Thank you for contributing to the Statutory Instrument debate regarding the extension of the section 2 power within the Trade Act 2021 on 10 November. I value your continued engagement on the Trade Act, which, as mentioned in the debate, extends to your extensive scrutiny of the Trade Act during its passage through Parliament, first under the May administration and then, finally, through the Johnson administration.

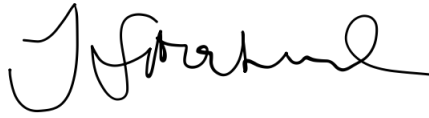
During the debate you asked whether, should the UK and Turkey/the Republic of Korea (RoK) negotiate a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) which includes provisions regarding mutual recognition agreement on conformity assessments – even though these provisions were not present in the original EU-Turkey or RoK agreements - could section 2 of the Trade Act be used to implement it.

While I do not want to pre-empt what the content of any UK-Turkey/RoK FTA may include – as Turkey and RoK both had trade agreements with the EU before the UK left the EU, I can confirm that the implementation of any UK-Turkey/RoK FTA could be in the purview of section 2, and additional primary legislation is not currently considered necessary to implement either FTA.

Following signature of the existing FTA with Turkey, an upgraded Technical Barriers to Trade chapter was signed in May 2025, which brings our bilateral trade relations in this area into harmonisation with the EU. This chapter was subsequently laid before Parliament and will not be reopened in the FTA negotiation currently underway.

I hope this addresses your question and, once again, thank you for your continued engagement on the Government's trade agenda. I am placing a copy of this letter in the libraries of both Houses.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Stockwood', written in a cursive style.

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