OPEN GENERAL IMPORT LICENCE DATED 2\textsuperscript{nd} August 2019 - EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is for guidance only and does not form part of the Licence.)

1. The Open General Import Licence (“Licence”), which came into force on 2\textsuperscript{nd} August, replaces the previous version of the Open General Import Licence.

2. The Licence permits the importation of all goods into the United Kingdom, subject to the various exceptions it sets out.

3. These exceptions include restrictions imposed pursuant to specific UK or EU legislation (see paragraph 4 of the Licence) and category A or B toxic chemicals and precursors listed in Annex 2 of the Licence (see paragraph 7 of this Licence). Goods within an entry in Annex 1 of the Licence which are described in column 5 of that entry as “Prohibited” may not be imported into the United Kingdom.

4. Goods within an entry in Annex 1 of the Licence which originate in, or are consigned from, a country, territory or area listed in column 4 of that entry and which are described in column 5 of that entry as "Controlled", may not be imported into the UK under the authority of this Licence, but, unless they are also goods comprised within an entry referred to in paragraph 5 of the Licence, they may be imported into the United Kingdom provided a specific licence authorising their importation has been granted by the relevant authority, the Import Licensing Branch at the Department for International Trade (see paragraph 6 of this Licence).

5. Entry 9 at Annex 1 concerns firearms and ammunition. Pursuant to this entry, the Licence does not permit ammunition or firearms (originating in or consigned from anywhere in the World manufactured on or after 1 January 1900) as described in paragraphs (a) to (f) of that entry to be imported into the United Kingdom. Note, however, that there are numerous exceptions here – the Licence does permit the import of such ammunition or firearms where such goods fall within any of sub-paragraphs (i) to (viii) of that entry. Note, also, that column 5 of this entry has been completed with the word “Controlled” and thus ammunition or firearms may nonetheless be imported if a specific licence authorising importation has been granted.

6. Because goods not restricted under the Licence may be subject to other import controls (e.g. pursuant to EU legislation), potential importers should consult the Import Licensing Branch at the Department for International Trade or their local HM Revenue and Customs office before arranging to import goods to which restrictions might apply.