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AICES Response to Review of the Balance of Competences:

Review of the Internal Market: Free Movement of Goods; including the EU Customs Union and Intellectual Property Rights Call for Evidence

The Association of International Courier and Express Services (AICES) welcomes the opportunity to respond to the 'Review of the Internal Market: Free Movement of Goods; including the EU Customs Union and Intellectual Property Rights'.

AICES is the trade organisation in the UK for companies handling international express documents and package shipments. Our members provide door-to-door transport and deliveries of tracked next-day or time-definite shipments, including documents, parcels and merchandise goods. AICES members – including DHL, FedEx, TNT and UPS – directly employ around 38,000 people and indirectly support a total of almost 82,000 UK jobs and are responsible for over 95% of the international courier and express shipments moved through the UK every day.

In 2010, the express sector contributed £2.3 billion to UK GDP, and the sector facilitated £11 billion of UK exports a year. The express sector connects UK business to the international marketplace. Express services allow UK companies to implement best international business practice in terms of speed and efficiency, improve their customer service and compete effectively in the global economy.

AICES will shortly be submitting a paper to HMRC and BIS to highlight a number of areas where AICES believes the harmonization and simplification of customs rules and procedures would advance the concept of the EU – US Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) and provide significant economic benefits when goods move between the EU and US. AICES believes that the TTIP will need to address issues such as the further development and mutual recognition of AEO/Trusted Trader programmes; harmonisation of customs rules in the treatment of small consignments; and common valuation rules and messaging standards. For AICES members, TTIP could mean millions of extra packages to be transported by express generating significant revenues for the UK and jobs. AICES would therefore welcome the opportunity to contribute to any cross-departmental discussions on these negotiations.

Please note that is submission is confidential and should not be disclosed without the consent of AICES.

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