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Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment

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The Rt Hon Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP
Secretary of State for International Trade
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Dear Secretary of State

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 16 December 2021, which reads as follows:

“In connection with the signing of the Free Trade Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Australia (“the Agreement”), I have the honour to confirm the following mutual understanding reached between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (“the United Kingdom”) and the Government of Australia (“Australia”) during the course of the negotiation of the Agreement:

- 1. The United Kingdom and Australia recognise the value of trade data in accurately analysing the implementation of the Agreement.*
- 2. From the entry into force of the Agreement, the United Kingdom and Australia will exchange import statistics on an annual basis. This will allow our two governments to monitor preferential trade between our two countries and enable calculation of preference utilisation rates.*
- 3. The Committee on Trade in Goods established by the Agreement will determine procedures and specific data requirements, as appropriate, for data exchanges.*

I look forward to your letter in reply confirming that your Government shares this understanding.”

I have the further honour to confirm that my Government shares this understanding.

Yours sincerely

DAN TEHAN

