

FREE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND
NORTHERN IRELAND AND NEW ZEALAND

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PREAMBLE

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (“the United Kingdom”) and New Zealand, hereinafter each individually referred to as a “Party” or collectively as the “Parties”,

CONSCIOUS of their longstanding and strong partnership based on common principles and values, and of their important economic, trade, and investment relationship;

RESOLVING to strengthen their economic relations, further liberalise and expand bilateral trade and investment;

SEEKING to establish clear and mutually advantageous rules governing their trade and investment, to promote a predictable business environment and open and fair competition, and eliminate barriers between them;

RECOGNISING the unique relationship that exists between Māori and the United Kingdom, noting that representatives of the British Crown and Māori were the original signatories to Te Tiriti o Waitangi/The Treaty of Waitangi whilst acknowledging that the New Zealand Crown has now succeeded the British Crown and assumed all rights and obligations under that Treaty;

ACKNOWLEDGING that Te Tiriti o Waitangi/The Treaty of Waitangi is a foundational document of constitutional importance to New Zealand;

DETERMINED to build on their rights and obligations under the WTO Agreement and other international agreements relating to matters covered by this Agreement to which both Parties are party;

RESOLVING to promote transparency, good governance, and the rule of law, and prevent and combat bribery and corruption in international trade and investment;

RECOGNISING the Parties’ respective autonomy and right to regulate within their territories in order to achieve legitimate public policy objectives such as the protection and promotion of public health, public morals, animal welfare, labour standards, safety, the environment including climate change, and in the case of New Zealand meeting its Te Tiriti o Waitangi/The Treaty of Waitangi obligations;

RECOGNISING the importance of mutually supportive trade and environmental policies and of taking urgent action to protect the environment, reaffirming each Party’s commitments under multilateral environment agreements including the *United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change* (UNFCCC) and the *Paris Agreement*;

SEEKING to increase women's access to and ability to fully benefit from the opportunities created by this Agreement and to support the conditions for women to participate equitably in global, regional, and domestic economies;

RECOGNISING the value of Māori leadership and economy, and the challenges that exist for Māori in accessing international trade and economic opportunities, including in digital trade;

RECOGNISING that small and medium-sized enterprises contribute significantly to economic growth but often face barriers to trading internationally and require support to participate in and benefit from the opportunities created by this Agreement;

AFFIRMING the importance of coherent and mutually supportive trade and labour policies, including the promotion of adherence to internationally recognised labour rights, and of full and productive employment and decent work for all;

SEEKING to emphasise the importance of sustainable development in promoting inclusive economic growth;

RECOGNISING the importance of promoting consumer protection to enhance consumer trust and participation in trade, including online, as well as encouraging cooperation between relevant authorities;

NOTING the importance of facilitating new opportunities, addressing unjustified barriers, promoting trust and certainty for businesses and consumers in digital trade, including by cooperating on digital innovation and emerging technologies to ensure this can be achieved;

RECOGNISING the importance of ensuring certainty for service suppliers, including by enabling the temporary entry of business persons to supply services in each of the Parties' territories; and

SEEKING to ensure emerging and future trade and investment challenges and opportunities are addressed, and the Parties' priorities are further advanced over time,

HAVE AGREED as follows: