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Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry  
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Dear Minister,

In connection with the signing on this date of the *Protocol on the Accession of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership* (the “Protocol”), I have the honour to confirm the following agreement reached between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (United Kingdom) and the Government of Malaysia during the course of negotiations on the Protocol:

1. For the purposes of determining whether a good of heading 87.03 qualifies as originating in accordance with Chapter 3 (Rules of Origin and Origin Procedures) of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP), done at Auckland on 4 February 2016, as incorporated into the *Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership* (CPTPP), done at Santiago on 8 March 2018 (the “TPP as incorporated into the CPTPP”), the applicable product specific rule of origin will be:
  - (a) no change in tariff classification required for a good of heading 87.03, provided there is a regional value content of not less than:
    - (i) 25 per cent under the build-down method; or
    - (ii) 25 per cent under the build-up method.
2. Malaysia shall not:
  - (a) apply any quantitative limit on the importation of originating new motor vehicles from the United Kingdom, including any limit applicable to vehicles that are subject to an import licensing requirement; or
  - (b) impose any new or additional charge applicable to the importation of originating motor vehicles from the United Kingdom.

3. Malaysia's commitments in paragraph two of this letter shall apply notwithstanding any provisions of Chapter 29 (Exceptions and General Provisions) of the TPP as incorporated into the CPTPP.
4. In order to enhance the benefits of the CPTPP, the United Kingdom shall endeavour to facilitate technical cooperation and capacity building activities with Malaysia in areas of mutual interest in the automotive sector.

I have the further honour to propose that this letter and your letter of confirmation in reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments, subject to dispute settlement under Chapter 28 (Dispute Settlement) of the TPP as incorporated into the CPTPP, which shall enter into force on the date on which the Protocol enters into force for both the United Kingdom and Malaysia.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary of State for Business & Trade and President of the Board of Trade  
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