

16 July 2023

The Rt Hon Kemi Badenoch MP  
Secretary of State for Business and Trade  
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Dear Secretary Badenoch,

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* (Protocol), I have the honour to confirm the following agreement reached between the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (Viet Nam) and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (United Kingdom) during the course of negotiations on the Protocol:

“Both Governments shall continue consultation on cooperation for the implementation of the *Cyber Security Law* of Viet Nam or related legislation concerning cyber security with a view to ensuring consistency with the *Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership* (CPTPP).

Notwithstanding paragraph 2 of Article 14.18 (Dispute Settlement) of Chapter 14 (Electronic Commerce) of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP) as incorporated into the CPTPP (the TPP as incorporated into the CPTPP), the United Kingdom shall refrain from seeking recourse to Chapter 28 (Dispute Settlement) of the TPP as incorporated into the CPTPP with respect to any measure adopted or maintained pursuant to the *Cyber Security Law* of Viet Nam or related legislation concerning cyber security, which are alleged to be in violation of Viet Nam’s obligations under Article 14.11 (Cross-Border Transfer of Information by Electronic Means) and Article 14.13 (Location of Computing Facilities) of Chapter 14 (Electronic Commerce) of the TPP as incorporated into the CPTPP, for a period of five years after the date of entry into force of the CPTPP for Viet Nam.”

I have the further honour to propose that this letter and your letter in reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments, which shall enter into force on the date on which the Protocol enters into force for both Viet Nam and the United Kingdom.

Yours sincerely,

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Minister of Industry and Trade  
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam