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Oslo, 30 December 2020

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GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
KINGDOM OF NORWAY ON INTERNATIONAL ROAD TRANSPORT
AND THE PROTOCOL TO THE AGREEMENT**

Letter No. 1

British Embassy Oslo to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Norway

*Oslo
30 December 2020*

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway on International Road Transport and the Protocol to the Agreement done at Oslo on 18 March 2019 (the "Road Transport Agreement"). I have the honour to propose on behalf of the United Kingdom that the following amendments should be made to the Agreement:

1. Article 1 (3) of the Road Transport Agreement shall read as follows:

"3. A provision of this Agreement shall not apply to the extent that it is inconsistent with:

(a) Regulation (EU) 2020/2224 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 December 2020 on common rules ensuring basic road freight connectivity following the end of the transition period provided for in the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, as published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 28 December 2020.

(b) any temporary measure or arrangement governing road transport between the UK and Norway put in place as a result of the UK's withdrawal from the European Union."

2. Article 14 of the Road Transport Agreement shall read as follows:

"1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the point in time which the EEA Agreement ceases to apply to the UK.

2. From the point in time of its entry into force, this Agreement shall supersede the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom

of Norway on the International Carriage of Goods by Road, signed in Oslo on 11th June 1970.

3. This Agreement shall remain in force unless one Contracting Party gives written notice to terminate it to the other Contracting Party. In that case this Agreement shall terminate six months after the date of such notice."

3. Article 15 of the Road Transport Agreement shall be deleted.

4. Article 1 of the Protocol to the Road Transport Agreement shall read as follows:

"Further to Article 5(2) of the Agreement, the permits specified in Article 4 of the Agreement for the authorised carriage of goods shall not be required until further notice. The Contracting Parties shall agree on future arrangements regarding permits specified in Article 4 of the Agreement before 30 September 2021. "

5. Article 7 of the Protocol to the Road Transport Agreement shall read as follows:

"1. This Protocol shall enter into force when the Agreement enters into force and it shall remain in force unless one Contracting Party gives written notice to the other Contracting Party to terminate the Agreement. In the event that such written notice to terminate is given, this Protocol shall terminate upon the termination of the Agreement.

2. Notwithstanding paragraph 1, this Protocol shall apply only to those territories to which the Agreement applies. Where the Agreement is extended to the territory of Gibraltar, Guernsey, Jersey or the Isle of Man pursuant to Article 13 of the Agreement, this Protocol shall also be extended from the date agreed by the Contracting Parties."

If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of the Kingdom of Norway, I have the honour to propose that this Note, together with your reply to that effect, shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of your reply.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Letter No. 2

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Norway to the British Embassy Oslo

Oslo
30 December 2020

Your Excellency

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of 30 December 2020, which reads as follows:

'As Above'

I have the honour to inform you that the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the Kingdom of Norway who therefore agree that your Letter and this reply shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments in this matter, which shall enter into force today.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

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