



The Rt Hon Jonathan Reynolds MP
Secretary of State for Business and Trade
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Dear Secretary of State Reynolds,

In connection with the signing on this date of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and ("the Agreement"), I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of this date, which reads as follows:

"In connection with the signing on this date of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of India ("the Agreement"), I have the honour to confirm the following agreement reached between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ("the United Kingdom") and the Government of the Republic of India ("India") (together "the Parties", severally "a Party") during the course of the negotiations of the Agreement with regards to Article 13.69 (Term of Protection – Intellectual Property Rights):

1. *The Parties shall, following entry into force of the Agreement, enter into consultations to review Article 13.69 if, during the period commencing on the date the Agreement is signed by the Parties and ending on the date of entry into force of the Agreement, an international agreement enters into force between India and a non-Party that includes obligations to increase their term of protection provided under Article 13.69.*
2. *If the event described in paragraph 1 occurs, the Parties shall:*
 - (a) *enter into consultations under the auspices of the Working Group on Intellectual Property Rights established pursuant to Article 13.15 (Working Group on Intellectual Property Rights – Intellectual Property Rights) of the Agreement as soon as reasonably practicable after the date of entry into force of the Agreement and, in any event, no later than one year after the date of entry into force of the Agreement;*
 - (b) *where these consultations are entered into, review Article 13.69 with a view to increasing the term of protection following the event referred to under paragraph 1; and*
 - (c) *following these consultations, complete the review under this Side Letter in a timely manner.*
3. *This Side Letter shall constitute an integral part of the Agreement.*

I have the further honour to propose that this letter and your letter of confirmation in reply shall constitute an agreement between the United Kingdom and India, which shall enter into force on the date on which the Agreement enters into force for both the United Kingdom and India.”

I have the further honour to confirm that your letter and this reply shall constitute an agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, which shall enter into force on the date on which the Agreement enters into force for both India and the United Kingdom and that shall constitute an integral part of the Agreement.

Sincerely yours,



Piyush Goyal
Minister of Commerce and Industry
Government of the Republic of India