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Exchange of Letters

between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and
the Republic of Türkiye amending the Free Trade Agreement between the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the
Republic of Turkey

London and Ankara, 7 May 2025

[The Exchange of Letters is not in force]

*Presented to Parliament
by the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs
by Command of His Majesty
September 2025*



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GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE REPUBLIC OF
TÜRKİYE AMENDING THE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN
IRELAND AND THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY**

Letter No. 1

Department for Business and Trade to Turkish Ministry of Trade

*London
7 May 2025*

Your Excellency

I have the honour to refer to the Free Trade Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Republic of Turkey, done at Ankara on 29 December 2020 (the "Agreement"), and to the recent discussions between our respective governments pursuant to paragraph 5 of Article 4 of the Agreement, to agree on text replacing, modernising, or expanding on the provisions relating to Technical Barriers to Trade.

Further to those discussions, and pursuant to paragraph 3 of Article 10 of the Agreement, I have the honour to propose that the Agreement be amended as follows:

1. Chapter 4 (Technical Barriers to Trade) of the Agreement shall be replaced by the text in Annex 1 to this Letter,
2. Annexes 4-A and 4-8, as set out in Annex 2 to this Letter, shall be inserted after Annex 2-B-2a of the Agreement.

I have the further honour to propose that references to "the date this Chapter enters into effect" in the text in Chapter 4 and its Annexes are read as references to the date this amendment enters into force.

If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to your government, I have the honour to propose that this letter, and Your Excellency's reply in the affirmative, each signed in both the Turkish and English languages, both language versions being equally authentic, shall together constitute an agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Republic of Türkiye, which shall enter into force on the date of receipt of the later of the Parties' written notifications of completion of their respective internal procedures necessary for the entry into force of this agreement.

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

Letter No. 2

Turkish Ministry of Trade to the Department for Business and Trade

Ankara

7 May 2025

Your Excellency

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated 7 May 2025 which reads as follows:

‘As Above’

I have the honour to inform you that my government agrees to this proposal.

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

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