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I would like to inform you that today, the Trade Remedies Investigations Directorate (TRID) has become operational and has started work on Transition Reviews.

This priority work will involve reviewing the existing EU measures to make each transitioned measure specific to the UK market situation and is a significant, and important, part of TRID's responsibilities. Our Call for Evidence identified 43 EU measures currently in force that have UK producer interest and should be maintained part in the future UK independent trade remedies system.

As you will know, we laid secondary legislation earlier in the year which temporarily allowed the Trade Remedies Investigations Directorate (TRID) to operate within the Department and to carry out the functions that will be undertaken by the Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) once established.

I am also pleased to announce that last week we appointed Simon Walker CBE as Chair Designate of the Trade Remedies Authority, who will oversee the governance of TRID (and subsequently the TRA).

TRID will play a vital part in protecting UK industry from injury caused by unfair trading practices, such as dumping and subsidies, and unforeseen surges in imports. This safety net usually takes the form of an increase of duty on imports of specific products following an investigation. The Government believes that trade remedy measures are key to ensuring an effective rules-based system for international trade as they can level the playing field and restore the competitive balance.

If you have any questions, please do contact me.

With all good wishes.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized capital 'C' followed by the name 'Burns' in a cursive script.

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