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WTO Airbus-Boeing dispute

Dear Gerry,

Thank you for your letter of 18 November providing an update about the WTO Airbus-Boeing dispute.

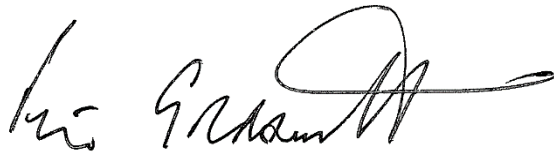
Your letter notes that the UK will apply retaliatory rights imposed by the EU by virtue of the EU Enforcement Regulation until the end of the Brexit transition period. You note that, after 1 January, “the UK will take all steps necessary to protect its position and assert its legal rights under the WTO rules”. We would be grateful for clarification about exactly what steps the UK will take after 1 January. Will the Department be bringing forward secondary legislation under the Taxation (Cross-border Trade) Act 2018, or otherwise, to apply identical measures as those imposed by the EU? If so, what is the timetable for this?

We also note that, separately, the Minister for Trade Policy, the Rt Hon Greg Hands MP, has provided an EM relating to Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/1646 of 7 November 2020 regarding this WTO dispute. We write without prejudice to how that EU document may be sifted by the Chair of the Lords EU Select Committee. In due course, there may be other queries arising from that document as part of the usual process of EU scrutiny.

We would be grateful for a response to this letter within 10 working days.

I am copying this letter to the Earl of Kinnoull, Chair of the Lords EU Select Committee Angus Brendan MacNeil MP, Chair of the Commons International Trade Committee; the Minister for Trade Policy, the Rt Hon Greg Hands MP; and the Minister for International Trade, Ranil Jayawardena MP.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lord Goldsmith', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Rt Hon the Lord Goldsmith QC
Chair of the House of Lords International Agreements Sub-Committee