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Dear Liam,

CPTPP General Review – agreed Terms of Reference

I am writing to inform you that the members of CPTPP have agreed the Terms of Reference for the upcoming General Review of the agreement.

CPTPP was conceived as a living agreement, designed to evolve to maintain its high standards and remain cutting-edge. Written into the agreement is a commitment that it will be regularly reviewed, at least every five years as a minimum. Under the Chairship of New Zealand, CPTPP members have been working together to agree the review's Terms of Reference, with the aim that it will begin in 2024. The UK has played a full role in this process, ensuring that our interests are well served.

The Secretary of State for Business and Trade joined her fellow CPTPP Ministers on Wednesday, the 15th November, where they collectively signed off the Terms of Reference. As such they have been published [here](#) alongside a Joint Ministerial Statement marking the agreement.

I attach copies of the Terms of Reference and the Joint Ministerial Statement for your information.

My officials will be engaging proactively with stakeholders ahead of the review, giving them an opportunity to input their views and ensuring we can best represent the UK's interests during the review. The Government is also committed to keeping Parliament up to date on discussions with our trading partners. In that vein, we will ensure to keep your committee updated on progress of the General Review as it develops.

Yours sincerely,

The Rt Hon Greg Hands MP
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