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Dear Peter,

### **Update on geographical indications (GIs) in the UK-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)**

I am writing to update you on the progress of establishing protected status for some of the UK's most iconic products in Japan.


The Department for Business and Trade, along with officials from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, have been working closely with Japanese officials to agree a date for entry into force of the necessary amendments to the CEPA, and both the UK and Japan have now completed the necessary technical and legislative processes for listing the first tranche of GIs in the agreement.

I am pleased to announce that 37 GIs will receive protected status on 29 February, including famed products such as Melton Mowbray Pork Pies, Welsh Lamb, Scotch Beef, Irish Potteen, and English Wine, joining the seven GIs already protected in our agreement. The Department is working to ensure other British producers can see the full benefits of the enhanced GI protection our agreement provides. Japanese GIs will also be protected in the UK under this agreement. I have included a full list of the UK products gaining protection as an Annex to this letter.

The Department is also continuing work to secure protection for further products. The GI additions have been split into two tranches running in parallel to aid processing time, and officials will continue work to finalise the completion of UK and Japanese processes for the second and final tranche.

This is an important step in our bilateral trading relationship with Japan, reinforcing the importance of the CEPA and of continuing to strengthen economic ties between the UK and Japan.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Johnson', with a horizontal line underneath.

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