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Dear Peter,

**Signature of Enhanced Trade Partnership between the
Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the
Government of Thailand**

I am pleased to inform you of the signature and launch of the UK-Thailand Enhanced Trade Partnership (ETP). Minister Alexander had the opportunity to visit Thailand on his way to the 56th ASEAN Economic Ministers meeting in Laos, and as part of this trip he took the opportunity to sign the UK-Thailand ETP on behalf of the United Kingdom with the Government of Thailand on 18 September in Bangkok. The ETP builds on an already strong relationship with Thailand and paves the way towards deeper bilateral trade and investment between the UK and Thailand.

The UK-Thailand ETP is a non-legally binding memorandum of understanding (MoU) that creates a framework for further enhancing trade, investment and economic cooperation. Total trade in goods and services between the UK and Thailand was £5.9 billion to the end of Q1 2024. Thailand was the UK's 44th largest trading partner to the end of Q1 2024.

The partnership is underpinned by a comprehensive workplan guided by the priorities identified through consultations with businesses in the UK and Thailand. Its delivery will be overseen by the UK- Thailand Joint Economic and Trade Committee (JETCO) which will monitor progress and agree updates to the workplan guided by ongoing business consultation.

The ETP focuses across a range of sectors and cross-cutting areas including: Automotive; Digital; Education; Standards; Agriculture, Food and Drink; Investment; Technical Barriers to Trade; Healthcare; Customs; Competition, Subsidies and State-Owned Enterprises; Financial Services; Multilateral; Intellectual Property; Procurement; Services; Trade Remedies; Environment; Clean Growth; Labour; and Tourism.

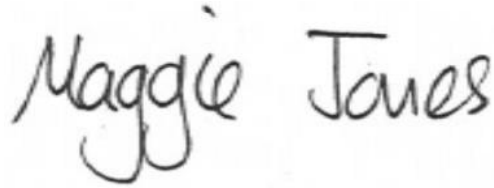
The workplan commits to a range of activities to capitalise on opportunities and address non-tariff barriers. This includes work to remove barriers in a range of areas including pharmaceuticals, automotive and digital.

It also provides a forum to take forward discussions around potential to negotiate a legally binding Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) on conformity assessment.

I have enclosed a final copy of the ETP MoU and its associated annex, both of which are also available on gov.uk.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact my office and I will connect you with my officials.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maggie Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'M' and 'J'.

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