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Dear Liam,

**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 second and final tranche of GIs in the agreement.

I am pleased to announce that 39 GIs will receive protected status on 20 December, including renowned products such as Scottish Wild Salmon, several UK cheeses, Welsh Leeks, and Cornish Sardines, which join the 44 GIs already protected in our agreement.

The Department is working to ensure 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.

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

Yours sincerely,



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Minister of State for Trade Policy and Economic Security
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Annex

The following UK food, wine and spirit drink names will receive protected GI status in Japan on the 20th of December:

1. Armagh Bramley Apple
2. Ayrshire New Potatoes/Ayrshire Earlies
3. Beacon Fell Traditional Lancashire Cheese
4. Bonchester Cheese
5. Buxton Blue
6. Cambrian Mountains Lamb
7. Carmarthen Ham
8. Cornish Sardines
9. Dovedale Cheese
10. Fal Oyster
11. Fenland Celery
12. Gower Salt Marsh Lamb
13. Lakeland Herdwick
14. New Forest Pannage Ham
15. New Season Comber Potatoes / Comber Earlies
16. Newmarket Sausage
17. Orkney Beef
18. Orkney Lamb
19. Scottish Wild Salmon
20. Shetland Lamb
21. Swaledale Ewes Cheese
22. Teviotdale Cheese
23. The Vale of Clwyd Denbigh Plum
24. Vale of Evesham Asparagus
25. Welsh Leeks
26. West Wales Coracle Caught Salmon
27. West Wales Coracle Caught Sewin
28. Whitstable Oysters
29. Yorkshire Forced Rhubarb
30. Darnibole¹
31. Gloucestershire Cider
32. Gloucestershire Perry
33. Rutland Bitter
34. Single Malt Welsh Whisky
35. Sussex¹
36. Traditional Welsh Cider
37. Traditional Welsh Perry
38. Worcestershire Cider
39. Worcestershire Perry

¹ Product type: Wine