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Dear Liam,

Update on Amendments to Cumulation Provisions with Trade Partners (Serbia and North Macedonia) that are also Parties to the PEM Convention

I am writing to update the committee on amendments we have made to the extended cumulation provisions in the rules of origin Protocols of the UK's continuity agreements with Serbia and North Macedonia.

DBT officials have agreed these amendments bilaterally with Serbia and North Macedonia after those partners raised concerns with how extended cumulation provisions apply. The amendments revise and simplify the conditions to apply extended cumulation. This will allow businesses to continue using materials from the EU and mutual PEM partners to export tariff free, as intended by the original agreement.

The amendments to each respective agreement will enter into force on the latter of the parties' notifications of completion of their domestic procedures. On the UK side, we will send this notification to each partner once both the CRaG process and the 40 praying days of the Statutory Instrument have completed. The CRaG process started on 23 February 2026, and HMT will lay the necessary Statutory Instrument shortly. There will be an overlap in processes to ensure a timely resolution for traders and businesses.

These amendments are now ready for you, and other Members, to scrutinise.

Yours sincerely,

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