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Dear Angus,

### **Update on negotiations on the UK's future trading relationship with New Zealand: Agreement in Principle**

I am writing to update you and your committee on the progress made on the UK's future trading relationship with New Zealand.

On 20 October 2021, the Government agreed the main details of a trade deal between the UK and New Zealand.

You will shortly receive a letter sent to all parliamentary colleagues, updating them on the same.

The published agreement in principle is the first step in finalising our agreement with New Zealand before its entry into force. The full FTA text will now be finalised and undergo legal review prior to signature. The full FTA text will then be signed and published in due course, alongside an impact assessment and explanatory memorandum. My Department will endeavour to confidentially share these with your Committee shortly before publication, where time allows.

After this point there will be ample time for scrutiny of the finalised FTA, including by your Committee and the independent Trade and Agriculture Commission. I anticipate there being a period of at least three months between the publication of the signed FTA and it being laid in Parliament for the purposes of CRaG, in order that these important scrutiny processes can take place.

Throughout negotiations, we have remained in close contact with businesses, farmers, and other stakeholders. We will back British farmers in opening up new export opportunities, such as to the CPTPP markets which are expected to account for a quarter of global import demand for meat by 2030.

I have attached the following document: "FTA Negotiations: agreement in principle", which will be published online later today, alongside an explainer. I will be placing copies of both documents in the libraries of the House.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Anne Marie Trevelyan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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