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Dear Angus,

Free Trade Agreement between the United Kingdom, and Norway, Iceland, and Liechtenstein

I am pleased to inform you that the new arrangements for trade with Norway, under the Free Trade Agreement between the United Kingdom, and Norway, Iceland, and Liechtenstein (the “Agreement”), will come into effect from today.

The Agreement will create a new services and investment relationship between the United Kingdom and Norway, whilst also lowering tariffs and establishing exclusive duty-free quotas for British exporters.

Cutting-edge digital provisions mean British businesses exporting to Norway can now benefit from commitments that limit unnecessary paperwork. Electronic documents, contracts and signatures mean goods can move seamlessly across borders, saving exporters both time and money.

British firms looking to set up or expand operations in Norway can now transfer staff and their families for four years; business travellers can benefit from guaranteed visa processing times and with the removal of residency requirements for senior management and directors, British nationals can sit on Norwegian company boards without having to relocate there.

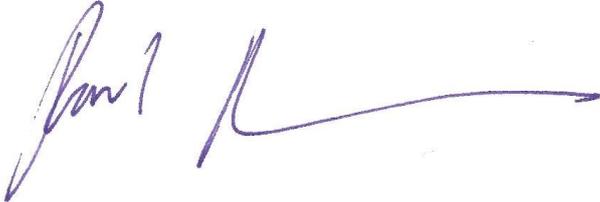
In addition, British artists, performers and entertainers will now be able to tour and perform for up to 90 days every six months without needing a permit, supporting the music industry.

We will be building on this new relationship when commitments on professional qualification recognition and international mobile roaming take effect after the legislation in these areas has been agreed by Parliament too.

Accordingly, we are provisionally applying the Agreement so that businesses and consumers can benefit from the vast majority of the new commitments, whilst we await completion of legislation to support implementation of new market access provisions on procurement. We expect this legislation to conclude early next year, paving the way for entry into force of the Agreement.

We also await confirmation from Iceland and Liechtenstein about their readiness to implement the Agreement also.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized first name followed by a long horizontal stroke.

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