

TRADE CONTINUITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (“the United Kingdom”) and the United Mexican States (“Mexico”) (hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”),

Recognising that the Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the United Mexican States, of the other part, done at Brussels on 8 December 1997 (“EU-Mexico EPPCCA”) will cease to apply to the United Kingdom at the end of the transition period provided for in the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, done at Brussels and London on 24 January 2020 (“transition period”);

Taking account of the trade and economic principles set out in the preamble to the EU-Mexico EPPCCA, and

Desiring that the rights and obligations between Mexico and the United Kingdom on trade-related matters, as provided for by the EU-Mexico EPPCCA, should continue after the end of the transition period;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Objective

The overriding objective of this Agreement is to preserve the preferential conditions relating to trade between the Parties which resulted from the EU-Mexico EPPCCA and to provide a platform for further trade liberalisation between the Parties.

ARTICLE 2

Definitions and interpretation

1. Throughout this instrument:

“Incorporated Agreement” means the trade-related provisions of the EU-Mexico EPPCCA as incorporated and made part of this Agreement (and related expressions are to be read accordingly); and

“*mutatis mutandis*” means with the technical changes necessary to apply the trade-related provisions of the EU-Mexico EPPCCA as if it had been concluded between