

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

the United Kingdom and Mexico, taking into account the object and purpose of this Agreement.

2. Throughout the Incorporated Agreement and this instrument, “this Agreement” means the entire Agreement, including anything incorporated by Articles 3 and 4.

ARTICLE 3

Incorporation of the trade-related provisions of the EU-Mexico EPPCCA

1. The trade-related provisions of the EU-Mexico EPPCCA in effect immediately before they cease to apply to the United Kingdom are incorporated into and made part of this Agreement, *mutatis mutandis*, subject to the provisions of this instrument and the modifications provided for in the Annex to this Agreement.¹

2. In the event of any inconsistency between this instrument and the Incorporated Agreement, this instrument shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

ARTICLE 4

Incorporation of Declarations

The trade-related Declarations made by the Parties to the EU-Mexico EPPCCA in effect immediately before it ceases to apply to the United Kingdom shall apply, with the same legal effect, *mutatis mutandis*, subject to the provisions of this instrument.

ARTICLE 5

Territorial application

This Agreement shall apply, on the one hand, to the territory of Mexico, and, on the other hand, to the territory of the United Kingdom and the following territories for whose international relations the United Kingdom is responsible, to the extent that and under the same conditions which Article 56 of the EU-Mexico EPPCCA applied immediately before it ceased to apply to the United Kingdom:

- (a) Gibraltar;
- (b) the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

¹ For greater certainty, and in accordance with Article 7 of this instrument, this includes Decision No 2/2000 of the EC-Mexico Joint Council of 23 March 2000 , as amended, (“Decision 2/2000”) and Decision No 2/2001 of the EU-Mexico Joint Council of 27 February 2001, as amended, (“Decision 2/2001”).