



# International Trade Committee

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*Dear Liam*

I am writing further to previous correspondence, and oral evidence that you have given to my Committee, regarding roll-over of EU trade agreements. I attach a table which collates all of the information that we have been able to glean on the progress made to date in respect of the roll-over each of these agreements.

As you will see, this information is deficient in respect of the following:

- the Singapore Free Trade Agreement;
- the Vietnam Free Trade Agreement; and
- the West Africa Economic Partnership Agreement.

I would be grateful if you could let me know as soon as possible, and in any case no later than 20 March, how matters currently stand in relation to the roll-over of these three agreements. Any additional information that you can provide on other roll-over agreements would also be very welcome.

In addition, I understand that much of the work on roll-over in your Department is on hold while resources are reallocated to other no-deal preparations. I would be grateful if you could confirm in your response to this letter whether this is correct, and what impact this is likely to have on your ability to roll over the agreements that are categorised as amber (off-track) and red (significantly off-track) in the attached table.

*Angus B MacNeil*

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Chair of the International Trade Committee

**Progress with roll-over of EU trade agreements**  
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Agreement	% of UK trade covered (year to Q3 2018)*	Lead department	Status at 7 March 2019 (DExEU)** [6 February 2019 (DIT)]***	Date signed	Date laid	Treaty text	Short / long form	Explanatory Memorandum	Parliamentary Report	Lords EU Committee report
Albania Stabilisation and Association Agreement [Western Balkans]	< 0.01	FCO	Engagement ongoing [significantly off-track]							
Algeria Association Agreement	0.19	FCO	Engagement ongoing [not possible to be completed by March 2019]							
Andean Free Trade Agreement (Peru, Colombia, Ecuador) [EU agreement not yet applied in respect of Ecuador]	0.18	DIT	Engagement ongoing [significantly off-track]							
Andorra Cooperation Agreement [EU agreement is a partial Customs Union]	0.03	DIT	Will not be in place 29 March 2019							
Bosnia and Herzegovina Stabilisation and Association Agreement [Western Balkans]	0.01	FCO	Engagement ongoing [significantly off-track]							

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Cameroon [Interim] Economic Partnership Agreement [Central Africa]	0.01	DIT / DFID	Engagement ongoing [significantly off-track]							
CARIFORUM [Caribbean Forum] Economic Partnership Agreement (Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago)	0.26	DIT / DFID	Engagement ongoing [off-track; initialled]							
Central America Association Agreement (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama)	0.08	FCO	Engagement ongoing [off-track]							
Chile Association Agreement	0.15	DIT	Will be in place 29 March 2019	30 Jan 2019	6 Feb 2019	<a href="#">CP 35</a>	Short	<a href="#">Available here</a>	<a href="#">Available here</a>	<a href="#">HL Paper 300</a> (considered 26 Feb 2019)
Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (Canada)	1.43	DIT	Engagement ongoing [off-track]							

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East African Community Economic Partnership Agreement (Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda) [EU agreement not yet applied; Burundi, Tanzania and Uganda have yet to sign the EU agreement; since negotiations with EU were concluded, South Sudan has joined the East African Community]	0.16	DIT / DFID	Engagement ongoing [off-track]							
Eastern and Southern African States [Interim] Economic Partnership Agreement (Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles, Zimbabwe) [Comoros ratified the EU agreement in February 2019, after the roll-over agreement had been finalised; Zambia has yet to sign the EU agreement]	0.13 (without Comoros and Zambia)	DIT / DFID	Will be in place 29 March 2019	31 Jan 2019	6 Feb 2019	<a href="#">CP 31</a>	Long	<a href="#">Available here</a>	<a href="#">Available here</a>	<a href="#">HL Paper 300</a> (considered 26 Feb 2019)
Egypt Association Agreement	0.24	FCO	Engagement ongoing [significantly off-track]							

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Faroe Islands Free Trade Agreement (agreement with Denmark)	0.02	DIT	Will be in place 29 March 2019	31 Jan 2019	6 Feb 2019	<a href="#">CP 32</a>	Short	<a href="#">Available here</a>	<a href="#">Available here</a>	<a href="#">HL Paper 300</a> (considered 26 Feb 2019)
Georgia Association Agreement [EU agreement includes Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement]	0.01	FCO	Engagement ongoing [significantly off-track]							
Ghana Economic Partnership Agreement [Stepping Stone to West Africa Economic Partnership Agreement]	0.10	DIT / DFID	Engagement ongoing [significantly off-track]							
Israel Trade and Partnership Agreement [Association Agreement]	0.31	DIT	Will be in place 29 March 2019	18 Feb 2019	26 Feb 2019	<a href="#">CP 59</a>	Short	<a href="#">Available here</a>	<a href="#">Available here</a>	
Ivory Coast [Côte d'Ivoire] Economic Partnership Agreement [Stepping Stone to West Africa Economic Partnership Agreement]	0.03	DIT / DFID	Engagement ongoing [significantly off-track]							
Japan Economic Partnership Agreement [Free Trade Agreement]	2.19	DIT	Will not be in place 29 March 2019							
Jordan Association Agreement	0.03	FCO	Engagement ongoing							

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			[significantly off-track]							
Kosovo Stabilisation and Association Agreement [Western Balkans]	< 0.01	FCO	Engagement ongoing [significantly off-track]							
Lebanon Association Agreement	0.05	FCO	Engagement ongoing [significantly off-track]							
Mexico Free Trade Agreement	0.34	DIT	Engagement ongoing [significantly off-track]							
Moldova Association Agreement [EU agreement includes Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement]	0.04	FCO	Engagement ongoing [significantly off-track / not possible to be completed by March 2019]							
Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Agreement [Western Balkans]	0.01	FCO	Engagement ongoing [significantly off-track]							

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Morocco Association Agreement	0.18	FCO	Engagement ongoing [significantly off-track]							
Norway and Iceland Trading Arrangements [Trade Agreement] [both countries are EFTA / EEA members]	2.29	DIT / DEFRA	Engagement ongoing [off-track]							
Pacific [Interim] Economic Partnership Agreement (Fiji, Papua New Guinea) [Samoa and the Solomon Islands are in the process of acceding to the EU agreement]	0.02	DIT / DFID	Engagement ongoing [off-track] (now signed)	14 Mar 2019						
Palestinian Authority [Interim Political,] Trade and Partnership Agreement [Association Agreement] (agreement with the Palestine Liberation Organization)	< 0.01	DIT	Will be in place 29 March 2019	18 Feb 2019	26 Feb 2019	<a href="#">CP 61</a>	Short	<a href="#">Available here</a>	<a href="#">Available here</a>	
Republic of North Macedonia [former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia] Stabilisation and Association Agreement [Western Balkans]	0.15	FCO	Engagement ongoing [significantly off-track]							
San Marino Customs Union [EU agreement is a partial Customs Union]	0.00	DIT	Will not be in place 29 March 2019							

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Serbia Stabilisation and Association Agreement [Western Balkans]	0.04	FCO	Engagement ongoing [significantly off-track]							
Singapore Free Trade Agreement [EU agreement signed but not yet applied]	1.05	DIT								
South Korea Free Trade Agreement	1.16	DIT	Engagement ongoing [off-track]							
Southern Africa Customs Union (Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, eSwatini [Swaziland]) and Mozambique [Southern African Development Community] Economic Partnership Agreement	0.75	DIT / DFID	Engagement ongoing [off-track]							
Switzerland Trade Agreement	2.32	DIT / DEFRA	Will be in place 29 March 2019	11 Feb 2019	20 Feb 2019	<a href="#">CP 55</a>	Short	<a href="#">Available here</a>	<a href="#">Available here</a>	<a href="#">HL Paper 315</a> (considered 12 March 2019)
Switzerland-Liechtenstein Trade Agreement [Additional Agreement extending certain provisions of UK / Swiss Trade Agreement to Liechtenstein;	0.01	DIT	Will be in place 29 March 2019	11 Feb 2019	28 Feb 2019	<a href="#">CP 65</a>	Short	<a href="#">Available here</a>	<a href="#">Available here</a>	





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Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde / Cape Verde, Ivory Coast / Côte d'Ivoire, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania [former ECOWAS member], Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo) [EU agreement not yet applied but Stepping Stone Economic Partnership Agreements have been applied in respect of Ghana and Ivory Coast / Côte d'Ivoire]	Côte d'Ivoire)									

## Sources:

\* Office for National Statistics, ["UK total trade: all countries, non-seasonally adjusted"](#), 23 January 2019

\*\* Department for Exiting the European Union, ["International Agreements if the UK leaves the EU without a deal – Guidance: Trade"](#), 7 March 2019

\*\*\* ["SIGNED DEALS NOT DELIVERED: Liam Fox scrambles to sign trade deals after leaked list reveals just six out of 40 will be done in time for Brexit"](#), *Sun*, 12 February 2019 [leaked DIT slide from private briefing meeting for business organisations on 6 February 2019]

According to [DIT](#), the proportion of UK trade covered by EU agreements is **11%**. However, the Department states that this figure "excludes Turkey (plus San Marino and Andorra) which is part of a customs union with the EU, and excludes Japan, as the Economic Partnership Agreement only came into force on 1st February 2019 and therefore business have only very recently been trading under this agreement." According to the [UK Trade Policy Observatory](#), "Including these four countries brings the total figure to **over 14%** of the UK's trade."