Lord Boswell of Aynho
Chairman, European Union Committee
House of Lords
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21 March 2019

Dear Lord Boswell,

Further to the letter of 7 March sent by the Secretary of State for Exiting the EU sharing a list of agreements we are transitioning for Exit day, I am writing to provide some further information on this programme of work. I have enclosed a list setting out the details of this progress.

I am pleased to inform you that 31 agreements have now completed the scrutiny process under the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act (2010), with the following completing this week:

**Insurance**
- UK-Switzerland Agreement on Direct Insurance other than Life Insurance and Decision

**Fisheries**
- High Seas Fishing Conservation
- International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)
- Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC)
- North Atlantic Ocean (NASCO)
- North-East Atlantic fisheries (NEAFC)
- Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (NAFO)
- Port State Measures

**Transport**
- Swiss Air Services Arrangement
- Swiss Road Transport Agreement

**Trade**
- UK-Australia Agreement on Mutual Recognition in Relation to Conformity Assessment, Certificates and Markings
- UK-New Zealand Agreement on Mutual Recognition in Relation to Conformity Assessment

I also wanted to let you know that the following agreements have recently been signed and will, where necessary, begin the parliamentary scrutiny process ahead of ratification:
Transport:
- Jordan Air Services Arrangement
- United States Air Safety Arrangement
- Norway Road Transport Agreement

Trade:
- Pacific Economic Partnership Agreement

This information will be available on gov.uk shortly.

I trust you will welcome this update which clearly demonstrates the ongoing work to deliver successor international agreements as we prepare to leave the EU. For those agreements that will not be in place or will carry a gap in a no deal scenario, Departments are doing everything possible to accelerate this work and will continue to provide as much clarity as possible.

I will deposit this letter and the attached list of agreements in the House Library. Furthermore to ensure the records are correct, I will continue to write to you, providing updates on a weekly basis. Do let me know if you have any questions on this programme of work to transition international agreements and I would be glad to meet you to discuss this further.

I am writing in similar terms to the Chairs of the European Scrutiny Committee and the Procedure Committee as well as the Chairs of the Constitution Committee and the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee in the House of Lords.


CHRIS HEATON-HARRIS MP
PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXITING THE EUROPEAN UNION
### Relation to Conformity Assessment

UK-New Zealand Agreement on Mutual Recognition in Relation to Conformity Assessment, Certificates and Markings

UK-Australia Agreement on Mutual Recognition in Relation to Conformity Assessment, Certificates and Markings

Pacific Economic Partnership Agreement

Norway Road Transport Agreement

It is standard international practice for new Air Services Agreements (ASAs), or amendments to existing ASAs, to be ratified to ensure continuity for land transport access between the two countries. This agreement ensures continuity for land transport access between the UK and Norway in the event of a No Deal scenario.

### Source

*EU-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, the one part, and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the other part*  
*Interim Partnership Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Pacific States, of the other part*  
*Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway on International Road Transport*

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<td>This arrangement provides the legal basis for flight between the UK and Jordan</td>
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<td>United States Air Safety Arrangement</td>
<td>This arrangement facilitates recognition of each other's certification and inspection processes, therefore reducing the requirement for relevant products and processes to undergo dual certification or inspection</td>
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<td>Agreement on cooperation in the regulation of civil aviation safety between the European Community and the United States of America</td>
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<td>Road Transport Agreement</td>
<td>This agreement ensures continuing the legal basis for flight between the UK and Norway in the event of a No Deal scenario.</td>
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<td>This agreement replicates the effect of the EU-Med Agreement on mutual recognition in relation to conformity, assessment, certificates and markings and other measures for access between the two countries.</td>
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### Additional Information

For further information please see published articles.

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