



The Rt Hon Jonathan Reynolds MP  
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Dear Secretary of State Reynolds,

In connection with the signing on this date of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ("the Agreement"), I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of this date, which reads as follows:

*"In connection with the signing on this date of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of India ("the Agreement"),, I have the honour to confirm the following agreement reached between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ("the United Kingdom") and the Government of the Republic of India ("India") (jointly "the Parties", severally "a Party") during the course of the negotiations of the Agreement with regards to Section D (Geographical Indications) of Chapter 13 (Intellectual Property Rights):*

1. *The Parties shall, following entry into force of the Agreement, enter into consultations to review Section D (Geographical Indications) of Chapter 13 (Intellectual Property Rights) of the Agreement if, during the period commencing on the date the Agreement is signed by the Parties and ending on the date of entry into force of the Agreement:*
  - (a) *an international agreement enters into force between a Party and a non-Party that grants any substantive advantage, favour, privilege or immunity with regard to the protection of geographical indications for wines, spirits, agricultural products, or foodstuffs that is not granted by the Agreement; or*
  - (b) *an international agreement enters into force between the United Kingdom and a non-Party that includes obligations to introduce a sui generis system for the protection of categories of goods other than wines, spirits, agricultural products, or foodstuffs in the United Kingdom.*
2. *The relevant Party shall, through the contact points referred to in Article 13.13 (Contact Points – Intellectual Property Rights) of the Agreement, promptly notify the other Party if an event described in paragraph 1 occurs and provide any relevant information in relation to that event to the other Party.*



3. *If an event described in paragraph 1 occurs, the Parties shall:*

- (a) enter into consultations under the auspices of the Working Group on Intellectual Property Rights established pursuant to Article 13.15 (Working Group on Intellectual Property Rights – Intellectual Property Rights) of the Agreement as soon as reasonably practicable after the date of entry into force of the Agreement and, in any event, no later than one year after the date of entry into force of the Agreement;*
- (b) agree on a timetable at an initial meeting held within the timeframe specified in subparagraph (a), or alternatively agree within the timeframe specified in subparagraph (a) not to enter into further consultations;*
- (c) where such further consultations are entered into, review Section D (Geographical Indications) of Chapter 13 (Intellectual Property Rights) of the Agreement with a view to amending the Agreement so that Section D grants no less favourable treatment than the protection granted by the international agreement referred to in paragraph 1; and*
- (d) where such further consultations are entered into, use reasonable endeavours to complete a review under this Side Letter in a timely manner.*

4. *This Side Letter shall constitute an integral part of the Agreement.*

*I have the honour to propose that this letter and your letter of confirmation in reply shall constitute an agreement between the United Kingdom and India, which shall enter into force on the date on which the Agreement enters into force for the United Kingdom and India."*

I have the honour to confirm that your letter and this reply shall constitute an agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, which shall enter into force on the date on which the Agreement enters into force for India and the United Kingdom and shall constitute an integral part of the Agreement.

Sincerely yours,



Piyush Goyal  
Minister of Commerce and Industry  
Government of the Republic of India