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Committee on Regional Trade Agreements
Council for Trade in Services

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NOTIFICATION OF REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENT

1. Member(s) notifying:	Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, and the United Kingdom.
2. Date of notification:	31 December 2020
3. Notification pursuant to	[X] Article XXIV:7(a) of GATT 1994 [X] Article V:7(a) of GATS [] Paragraph 4(a) of the Enabling Clause
4. Parties to the Agreement:	United Kingdom, of the one part, and Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago (the CARIFORUM States), of the other part.
5. Date of signature:	Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and the United Kingdom signed on 22 March 2019. Trinidad and Tobago signed on 1 April 2019. The Dominican Republic signed on 4 April 2019. Antigua and Barbuda signed on 6 June 2019. The Bahamas signed on 27 November 2019.
6. Date(s) of entry into Force:	01 January 2021
7. Brief description of the Agreement:	<p>The preferential trading relationship between the CARIFORUM States and the United Kingdom was governed previously by the Economic Partnership Agreement between the CARIFORUM States, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part (the CARIFORUM-EU EPA, document series: WT/REG255).</p> <p>The Economic Partnership Agreement between the CARIFORUM States, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part (the CARIFORUM-UK EPA) is based on the CARIFORUM EPA.</p> <p>The CARIFORUM-UK EPA establishes a free trade area for trade in goods, within the meaning of Article XXIV of the GATT 1994, and for trade in services, within the meaning of Article V of the GATS.</p> <p>The CARIFORUM-UK EPA covers trade in goods, including rules of origin, preferential tariffs and quotas as well as investment and trade in services. It also contains provisions on current payments and capital movements, competition, innovation and intellectual</p>

property, public procurement, environment and social aspects, development cooperation as well as dispute settlement and institutional provisions.

As of 1 January 2021, the United Kingdom, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines will provisionally apply the CARIFORUM-UK EPA. The United Kingdom will continue preferential trading on the basis of Memoranda of Understanding with Saint Kitts and Nevis and with Trinidad and Tobago pending completion of domestic procedures for provisional application or ratification.

Haiti and Suriname are Parties to the CARIFORUM-UK EPA but have not yet signed the CARIFORUM-UK EPA, so will not access preferential trade under the provisions of the CARIFORUM-UK EPA until their signature and application of the Agreement.

8. Text and related schedules, annexes and protocols are:

[] submitted to the WTO Secretariat (electronic format)

[X] available from the following official Internet link(s):

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ms-no182019-economic-partnership-agreement-between-the-cariforum-states-of-the-one-part-and-the-united-kingdom-of-great-britain-and-northern-ire>