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Committee on Regional Trade Agreements  
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**NOTIFICATION OF REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENT**

<b>1. Member(s) notifying:</b>	United Kingdom and Viet Nam
<b>2. Date of notification:</b>	31 December 2020
<b>3. Notification pursuant to</b>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Article XXIV:7(a) of GATT 1994</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Article V:7(a) of GATS</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Paragraph 4(a) of the Enabling Clause</b></p>
<b>4. Parties to the Agreement:</b>	United Kingdom of the one part; and Viet Nam of the other part.
<b>5. Date of signature:</b>	29 December 2020
<b>6. Date(s) of entry into Force:</b>	01 January 2021
<b>7. Brief description of the Agreement:</b>	<p>The United Kingdom's previous preferential trading relationship with Viet Nam was governed by the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam ("the EU-Viet Nam Agreement," see document series: WT/REG406).</p> <p>The Free Trade Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam ("the Agreement") is based on the EU-Viet Nam Agreement.</p> <p>The Agreement 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. Preferential treatment under the agreement will be provisionally applied by both parties as of 1 January 2021.</p> <p>Provisions on goods include rules of origin, preferential tariffs and quotas. As well as preferential trade in services, the Agreement also contains provisions on, <i>inter alia</i>, technical barriers to trade, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, government procurement, investment liberalisation, intellectual property, competition policy, trade remedies, state-owned enterprises, customs and trade facilitation, trade and sustainable development, cooperation and capacity building, and a dispute settlement mechanism.</p>
<b>8. Text and related schedules, annexes and protocols are:</b>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>submitted to the WTO Secretariat (electronic format)</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>available from the following official Internet link(s):</b></p> <p><b>United Kingdom:</b> <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/949053/ccs1220795270-uk-vietnam-free-trade-agreement-text.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/949053/ccs1220795270-uk-vietnam-free-trade-agreement-text.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Viet Nam:</b> <a href="https://fta.moit.gov.vn/">https://fta.moit.gov.vn/</a></p>