NOTIFICATION of regional trade agreement

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| **1.** | **Member(s) notifying:** United Kingdom and Viet Nam |
| **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 Viet Nam of the other part. |
| **5.** | **Date of signature:** 29 December 2020 |
| **6.** | **Date(s) of entry into Force:** 01 January 2021 |
| **7.** | **Brief description of the Agreement:** 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).  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.  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.  Provisions on goods include rules of origin, preferential tariffs and quotas. As well as preferential trade in services, the Agreement also contains provisions on, *inter alia*, 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. |
| **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):**  **United Kingdom:** <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/949053/ccs1220795270-uk-vietnam-free-trade-agreement-text.pdf>  **Viet Nam:** <https://fta.moit.gov.vn/> |