



Trade Act 2021

2021 CHAPTER 10

PART 1

INTERNATIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS

3 Free trade agreements and genocide

- (1) Subsection (2) applies if the responsible committee of the House of Commons publishes a report which—
 - (a) states that there exist credible reports of genocide in the territory of a prospective FTA counter-party, and
 - (b) confirms that, in preparing the report, the committee has taken such evidence as it considers appropriate.
- (2) If, after receiving a response from the Secretary of State, the committee publishes a report which—
 - (a) includes a statement to the effect that the committee is not satisfied by the Secretary of State's response, and
 - (b) sets out the wording of a motion to be moved in the House of Commons in accordance with subsection (3),subsection (3) applies.
- (3) A Minister of the Crown must make arrangements for the motion mentioned in subsection (2)(b) to be debated and voted on by the House of Commons.
- (4) Subsection (5) applies if the responsible committee of the House of Lords publishes a report which—
 - (a) states there exist credible reports of genocide in the territory of a prospective FTA counter-party, and
 - (b) confirms that, in preparing the report, the committee has taken such evidence as it considers appropriate.
- (5) If, after receiving a response from the Secretary of State, the committee publishes a statement to the effect that—

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- (a) it is not satisfied by the Secretary of State's response, and
(b) it seeks a debate on the report,
subsection (6) applies.
- (6) A Minister of the Crown must make arrangements for a motion for the House of Lords to take note of the report and the Secretary of State's response to be moved in that House by a Minister of the Crown.
- (7) References in this section to genocide are references to genocide occurring, or continuing, after this section comes into force.
- (8) In this section—
“genocide” has the same meaning as in the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (see Article 2 of the Convention);
“prospective FTA counter-party” means a state with which the United Kingdom is engaged in formal negotiations for a bilateral free trade agreement;
“the responsible committee of the House of Commons” means the select committee of the House of Commons charged with responsibility for this section;
“the responsible committee of the House of Lords” means the select committee of the House of Lords charged with responsibility for this section.

Commencement Information

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