



Trade Act 2021

2021 CHAPTER 10

PART 1

INTERNATIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS

5 Interpretation of Part 1

(1) In this Part—

“appropriate authority” means—

- (a) a Minister of the Crown, or
- (b) a devolved authority;

“devolved authority” means—

- (a) the Scottish Ministers,
- (b) the Welsh Ministers, or
- (c) a Northern Ireland department;

“free trade agreement” means an agreement that is or was notifiable under—

- (a) paragraph 7(a) of Article XXIV of GATT, or
- (b) paragraph 7(a) of Article V of GATS;

“GATS” means the General Agreement on Trade in Services, part of Annex 1B to the WTO Agreement (as modified from time to time);

“GATT” means the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, part of Annex 1A to the WTO Agreement (as modified from time to time);

“primary legislation” means—

- (a) an Act of Parliament,
- (b) an Act of the Scottish Parliament,
- (c) a Measure or Act of Senedd Cymru, or
- (d) Northern Ireland legislation;

“subordinate legislation” has the meaning given in section 20(1) of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018;

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“the WTO Agreement” means the agreement establishing the World Trade Organisation signed at Marrakesh on 15 April 1994.

- (2) In this Part a reference to being a signatory to an international trade agreement includes a reference to—
 - (a) exchanging instruments, where the exchange constitutes the agreement;
 - (b) acceding to the agreement.
- (3) In this Part a reference to a draft of regulations being laid is a reference to a draft of the regulations, or a draft of the instrument containing the regulations, being laid before—
 - (a) each House of Parliament, in the case of regulations to which paragraph 4(1) or 5 of Schedule 2 applies;
 - (b) the Scottish Parliament, in the case of regulations to which paragraph 4(2) of Schedule 2 applies;
 - (c) Senedd Cymru, in the case of regulations to which paragraph 4(3) of Schedule 2 applies;
 - (d) the Northern Ireland Assembly, in the case of regulations to which paragraph 4(4) of Schedule 2 applies.

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- (5) In this section, “domestic law” means the law of England and Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland.

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in s. 5(4) omitted (1.1.2024) by virtue of [The Retained EU Law \(Revocation and Reform\) Act 2023 \(Consequential Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1424\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. para. 98(4)**

Commencement Information

I1 S. 5 in force at 6.5.2021 by [S.I. 2021/550](#), **reg. 2(d)**

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