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Dear Chairs,

I wrote to you in July to inform you that a meeting of the Ministerial Forum for Trade would be taking place on the 21 July.

Greg Hands, Minister for International Trade, chaired the meeting and my counterparts from Scotland and Northern Ireland were also present.

The meeting provided updates on the free trade negotiations taking place and I again stressed the importance of ensuring that these do not compromise the current environmental and animal health and welfare standards we hold dear in Wales. The meeting also provided updates on the continuity negotiations programme and the UK Trade Bill.

The engagement with DIT remains positive and my officials continue to work closely with UK Government officials to progress this work.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

We currently do not have a date for the next meeting, but I will write to you again before any further meetings take place.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. E. Morgan'.

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