



NOTE VERBALE

The General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union presents its compliments to the Contracting Parties of the Convention of 20 May 1987 on a Common Transit Procedure ("the Convention") and has the honour, as the depositary to the Convention, to refer to the Instrument of Accession of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the Convention (the "Instrument of Accession"), deposited with the General Secretariat on 30 January 2019, and to the Notes Verbales of 6 February and 29 March 2019 from the General Secretariat to the Contracting Parties of the Convention.

The General Secretariat has the honour to notify the Contracting Parties of the Convention of the receipt, on 31 January 2020, by the General Secretariat of a Note Verbale from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ("United Kingdom") concerning the Convention (the "Note Verbale").

In its Note Verbale the United Kingdom recalls that the Joint Committee established under Article 14(1) of the Convention adopted Decision No 1/2018 of 4 December 2018 as regards an invitation to the United Kingdom to accede to the Convention as from the date when the United Kingdom is no longer a Member State of the European Union or as from the date any transitional arrangements between the European Union and the United Kingdom, whereby the Convention would apply to and in the United Kingdom, cease to apply.

In its Note Verbale the United Kingdom informs the depositary that since the adoption of the above-mentioned Decision, a withdrawal agreement has been signed, ratified and approved by the United Kingdom and the European Union (the "Withdrawal Agreement"). The Withdrawal Agreement includes provisions for a transition period to start on 1 February 2020 and end on

31 December 2020 (the "transition period"). During the transition period European Union law, including the Convention, will continue to be applicable to and in the United Kingdom.

The United Kingdom has previously informed the General Secretariat that in the event the Withdrawal Agreement is signed, ratified and approved by the United Kingdom and the European Union, the United Kingdom will withdraw the Instrument of Accession. However, the United Kingdom now proposes to maintain the deposit of the Instrument of Accession as it will not take effect until the termination of the transition period. During the transition period, the Convention will continue to apply to the United Kingdom in accordance with the Withdrawal Agreement.

The General Secretariat has accepted the proposal of the United Kingdom, and the deposit of the Instrument of Accession is thus maintained until further notice by the United Kingdom.

The General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Contracting Parties of the Convention on a Common Transit Procedure the expression of its highest consideration.

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NOTE VERBALE

The General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union presents its compliments to the Contracting Parties of the Convention of 20 May 1987 on the Simplification of Formalities in Trade in Goods ("the Convention") and has the honour, as the depositary to the Convention, to refer to the Instrument of Accession of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the Convention (the "Instrument of Accession"), deposited with the General Secretariat on 30 January 2019, and to the Notes Verbales of 6 February and 29 March 2019 from the General Secretariat to the Contracting Parties of the Convention.

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In its Note Verbale the United Kingdom recalls that the Joint Committee established under Article 10(1) of the Convention adopted Decision No 1/2018 of 4 December 2018 as regards an invitation to the United Kingdom to accede to the Convention as from the date when the United Kingdom is no longer a Member State of the European Union or as from the date any transitional arrangements between the European Union and the United Kingdom, whereby the Convention would apply to and in the United Kingdom, cease to apply.

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The General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Contracting Parties of the Convention on the Simplification of Formalities in Trade in Goods the expression of its highest consideration.

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