



**SECRETARY OF STATE  
AND PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRADE**

The Honorable Robert E. Lighthizer  
United States Trade Representative  
Office of the United States Trade Representative  
600 17th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20508

31 December 2020

Dear Ambassador Lighthizer,

I refer to the Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America on the Mutual Recognition of Certificates of Conformity for Marine Equipment done at Washington on 14 February 2019 (the "Agreement"), and your letter dated 21 December confirming that the United States of America has completed its internal requirements and procedures for the entry into force of the Agreement.

I am pleased to notify you that the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has similarly completed its internal requirements and procedures for the entry into force of the Agreement.

The Agreement will therefore enter into force at 2300 GMT on 31 December 2020, in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 21 of the Agreement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth Truss', written in a cursive style.

The Rt Hon Elizabeth Truss MP

Secretary of State for International Trade and President of the Board of Trade