

*EU-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement
Without prejudice*

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The texts will be final upon signature. The Agreement will become binding on the Parties under international law only after completion by each Party of its internal legal procedures necessary for the entry into force of the Agreement.

PREAMBLE

The European Union

and

New Zealand

hereinafter jointly referred to as the 'Parties' or individually referred to as a 'Party';

RECOGNISING their longstanding and strong partnership based on the common principles and values reflected in the Partnership Agreement on Relations and Cooperation, and their important economic, trade and investment relationship;

RESOLVING to strengthen their economic relations, and expand bilateral trade and investment;

RECOGNISING the importance of global cooperation to address issues of shared interest;

RECOGNISING the importance of transparency in international trade and investment to the benefit of all stakeholders;

SEEKING to establish a stable and predictable environment with clear and mutually advantageous rules governing trade and investment between the Parties, and to reduce or eliminate barriers thereto;

ACKNOWLEDGING that Te Tiriti o Waitangi/the Treaty of Waitangi is a foundational document of constitutional importance to New Zealand;

DESIRING to raise living standards, promote inclusive economic growth and stability, create new employment opportunities and improve the general welfare and, to this end, reaffirming their commitment to promote trade and investment liberalisation;

CONVINCED that this Agreement will create an expanded and secure market for goods and services, thus enhancing the competitiveness of their firms in global markets;

DETERMINED to strengthen their economic, trade, and investment relations in accordance with the objective of sustainable development, in its economic, social and environmental

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dimensions, and to promote trade and investment consistent with the aims for high levels of environmental and labour protection and relevant internationally-recognised standards and agreements to which they are party;

DETERMINED to enhance consumer welfare through policies that ensure a high level of consumer protection, consumer choice and economic well-being;

REAFFIRMING the Parties right to regulate within their territories to achieve legitimate policy objectives, such as the protection of human, animal or plant life or health; social services; public education; safety; the environment, including climate change; public morals; social or consumer protection; animal welfare; privacy and data protection; or the promotion and protection of cultural diversity; and, in the case of New Zealand, the promotion and protection of the rights, interests, duties, and responsibilities of Māori related to Te Tiriti o Waitangi/the Treaty of Waitangi;

COMMITTED to communicate with all relevant stakeholders from civil society, including the private sector, trade unions, and other non-governmental organisations;

RECOGNISING the importance of promoting inclusive participation in international trade and to address barriers and other challenges that exist for domestic stakeholders, in accessing international trade and economic opportunities, including in digital trade;

DETERMINED to address the particular challenges faced by small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in contributing to the development of trade and foreign direct investment;

RECOGNISING the importance of international trade in enabling and advancing Māori wellbeing, and the challenges that exist for Māori, including Wahine Māori, in accessing trade and investment opportunities derived from international trade, including the opportunities and benefits created by this Agreement;

SEEKING to advance gender equality and women's economic empowerment by promoting the importance of gender inclusive policies and practices in economic activities, including international trade, in an effort to eliminate all forms of gender-based discrimination;

REAFFIRMING their commitment to the Charter of the United Nations signed in San Francisco on 26 June 1945 and having regard to the principles articulated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10 December 1948;

BUILDING upon their respective rights and obligations under the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization, done at Marrakesh on 15 April 1994, and other multilateral and bilateral instruments of cooperation to which both Parties are a party;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS: