



# House of Commons

Thursday 18 June 2020

## PUBLIC BILL COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

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### TRADE BILL

*[FIRST TO FOURTH SITTINGS]*

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#### GLOSSARY

*This document shows the fate of each clause, schedule, amendment and new clause.*

*The following terms are used:*

*Agreed to:* agreed without a vote.

*Agreed to on division:* agreed following a vote.

*Negatived:* rejected without a vote.

*Negatived on division:* rejected following a vote.

*Not called:* debated in a group of amendments, but not put to a decision.

*Not moved:* not debated or put to a decision.

*Question proposed:* debate underway but not concluded.

*Withdrawn after debate:* moved and debated but then withdrawn, so not put to a decision.

*Not selected:* not chosen for debate by the Chair.

#### *FIRST AND SECOND SITTINGS*

Greg Hands

*Agreed to*

That—

- (1) the Committee shall (in addition to its first meeting at 9.25am on Tuesday 16 June) meet—
  - (a) at 2.00pm on Tuesday 16 June;
  - (b) at 11.30am and 2.00pm on Thursday 18 June;
  - (c) at 9.25am and 2.00pm on Tuesday 23 June;
  - (d) at 11.30am and 2.00pm on Thursday 25 June;
- (2) the Committee shall hear oral evidence in accordance with the following Table:

**Trade Bill, continued****TABLE**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Witness</i>
Tuesday 16 June	Until no later than 10.30am	The Institute of Directors The Confederation of British Industry
Tuesday 16 June	Until no later than 11.00am	Advertising Association
Tuesday 16 June	Until no later than 11.25am	Perpetuum Ltd
Tuesday 16 June	Until no later than 2.40pm	Ernst & Young UK Trade Policy Observatory
Tuesday 16 June	Until no later than 3.10pm	The National Farmers' Union
Tuesday 16 June	Until no later than 3.45pm	The Chemical Industries Association Make UK
Tuesday 16 June	Until no later than 4.10pm	The Trades Union Congress
Tuesday 16 June	Until no later than 4.30pm	Monckton Chambers
Tuesday 16 June	Until no later than 4.50pm	Trade Remedies Authority
Thursday 18 June	Until no later than 12.00pm	Client Earth The Trade Justice Movement
Thursday 18 June	Until no later than 12.30pm	Digital Trade Network Sam Lowe, Centre for European Reform
Thursday 18 June	Until no later than 1.00pm	British Chamber of Commerce in Korea

- (3) proceedings on consideration of the Bill in Committee shall be taken in the following order: Clauses 1 to 3; Schedules 1 to 3; Clauses 4 and 5; Schedules 4 and 5; Clauses 6 to 12; new Clauses; new Schedules; remaining proceedings on the Bill;
- (4) the proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at 5.00pm on Thursday 25 June.
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**Trade Bill, continued**

Greg Hands

That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication.

*Agreed to*

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Greg Hands

That, at this and any subsequent meeting at which oral evidence is to be heard, the Committee shall sit in private until the witnesses are admitted.

*Agreed to*

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*The following witnesses gave oral evidence:*

*Allie Renison, Head of EU and Trade Policy, Institute of Directors; and Jonathan Brenton, Head of Trade Policy, CBI*

*Konrad Shek, Deputy Director of Policy & Regulation, Advertising Association*

*Roy Freeland, CEO, Perpetuum Ltd*

*George Riddell, Director, Trade Policy, Ernst & Young; and Professor L. Alan Winters, UK Trade Policy Observatory*

*Nick von Westenholtz, EU Exit and International Trade Director, National Farmers' Union*

*Richard Warren, Head of Policy & External Affairs, UK Steel; and Ian Cranshaw, Head of International Trade and Operations Manager at Chemicals Northwest, Chemical Industries Association*

*Rosa Crawford, Policy Officer, Trades Union Congress*

*George Peretz QC, Monkton Chambers*

*Simon Walker CBE, Chair Designate, Trade Remedies Authority*

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*THIRD AND FOURTH SITTINGS*

Greg Hands

That, the Order of the Committee of 16 June be varied so as to omit the final three rows in the table and substitute the following—

Thursday 18 June	Until no later than 12.10 pm	Client Earth The Trade Justice Movement
Thursday 18 June	Until no later than 12.35pm	Sam Lowe, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Reform and member of the Strategic Trade Advisory Group
Thursday 18 June	Until no later than 1.00pm	Nick Ashton-Hart, Geneva Representative, Digital Trade Network

*Agreed to*

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**Trade Bill, continued**

*The following witnesses gave oral evidence:*

*David Lawrence, Senior Political Adviser, Trade Justice Movement; Tom West, IJK Environment Lead, Client Earth.*

*Sam Lowe, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Reform (also a member of the Strategic Trade Advisory Group).*

*Nick Ashton Hart, Geneva Representative, Digital Trade Network*

Stewart Hosie  
Drew Hendry

*Withdrawn after debate* 29

Clause 1, page 1, line 4, leave out “may” and insert “must”

Bill Esterson  
Gareth Thomas  
Matt Western  
Charlotte Nichols  
Fleur Anderson

*Negatived on division* 24

Clause 1, page 1, line 16, at end insert—

- “(1A) No regulations under subsection (1) may be made until the Secretary of State has entered into negotiations with other parties to the GPA with the objective of enabling greater labour market interventions and compliance with ILO standards in any UK procurement contract to which the GPA applies, and
- (a) the Secretary of State has made a statement to the House of Commons that the objective has been achieved either in full or in part, or
  - (b) the Secretary of State has made a statement to the House of Commons that the objective has not been achieved.”

Bill Esterson  
Gareth Thomas  
Matt Western  
Charlotte Nichols  
Fleur Anderson

*Not called* 25

Clause 1, page 1, line 16, at end insert—

- “(1A) No regulations under subsection (1) may be made until the Secretary of State has entered into negotiations with other parties to the GPA with the objective of securing greater environmental exceptions and carbon considerations in any UK procurement contract to which the GPA applies, and
- (a) the Secretary of State has made a statement to the House of Commons that the objective has been achieved either in full or in part, or
  - (b) the Secretary of State has made a statement to the House of Commons that the objective has not been achieved.”

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**Trade Bill, continued**

Bill Esterson  
 Gareth Thomas  
 Matt Western  
 Charlotte Nichols  
 Fleur Anderson

*Not called* 26

Clause 1, page 1, line 16, at end insert—

- “(1A) No regulations under subsection (1) may be made until the Secretary of State has entered into negotiations with other parties to the GPA with the objective of securing greater scope for UK small and medium-sized enterprises in any UK procurement contract to which the GPA applies, and
- (a) the Secretary of State has made a statement to the House of Commons that the objective has been achieved either in full or in part, or
  - (b) the Secretary of State has made a statement to the House of Commons that the objective has not been achieved.”

Bill Esterson  
 Gareth Thomas  
 Matt Western  
 Charlotte Nichols  
 Fleur Anderson

*Not called* 27

Clause 1, page 1, line 16, at end insert—

- “(1A) No regulations under subsection (1) may be made until the Secretary of State has entered into negotiations with other parties to the GPA with the objective of securing improvements to public health as a consequence of any UK procurement contract to which the GPA applies, and
- (a) the Secretary of State has made a statement to the House of Commons that the objective has been achieved either in full or in part, or
  - (b) the Secretary of State has made a statement to the House of Commons that the objective has not been achieved.”

*Clause agreed to.*

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Stewart Hosie  
 Drew Hendry

*Withdrawn after debate* 30

Clause 2, page 2, line 9, leave out “appropriate” and insert “necessary”

Stewart Hosie  
 Drew Hendry

*Withdrawn after debate* 31

Clause 2, page 2, leave out lines 13 and 14 and insert—

- “(b) an agreement between two or more countries aimed at reducing the barriers to trade in goods or services between them”