

# Agriculture Bill

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**After Clause 42**

BARONESS MCINTOSH OF PICKERING  
BARONESS RITCHIE OF DOWNPATRICK  
BARONESS HENIG

Insert the following new Clause—

**“Trade and Agriculture Commission**

- (1) The Trade and Agriculture Commission must establish criteria for maintaining standards as high as, or higher than, standards applied within the United Kingdom at the time of import for agricultural goods imported under a trade agreement between the United Kingdom and any other state.
- (2) “Agricultural goods” under subsection (1) includes, but is not limited to, standards relating to—
  - (a) animal welfare,
  - (b) protection of the environment,
  - (c) food safety, hygiene and traceability, and
  - (d) plant health.
- (3) Her Majesty’s Government may not make any international trade agreement that contains provisions relating to the importation of agricultural and food products into the United Kingdom unless the Trade and Agriculture Commission has expressed in writing to the Secretary of State that it is satisfied the criteria under subsection (1) have been met in relation to the draft of the agreement.
- (4) The Trade and Agriculture Commission may submit recommendations to the Secretary of State for how the draft agreement could be revised in order to meet the criteria established under subsection (1).
- (5) Where the Trade and Agriculture Commission submit recommendations to the Secretary of State under subsection (4), the Secretary of State must—
  - (a) respond in writing within 14 calendar days, and
  - (b) lay the recommendations and response before Parliament.
- (6) The Trade and Agriculture Commission may appoint staff and advisers.

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- (7) The Trade and Agriculture Commission may authorise staff to do anything required or authorised to be done by the Commission.”

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