



ROYAL NORWEGIAN MINISTRY OF
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND MODERNISATION

Second Permanent Secretary Crawford Falconer
Department for International Trade
King Charles Street
Whitehall
London
SW1A 2AH

Your ref

Our ref

Date

20/6835-2

21. December 2020

Dear Crawford Falconer

I am writing to you on behalf of the Ministry of Local Government and Modernisation to set out for your Ministry and stakeholders how Norway will regulate our trading relationship concerning transfer of personal data.

Norway greatly values its longstanding and strong trading relationship with the United Kingdom. The swift conclusion of a comprehensive and high-quality free trade agreement is a shared ambition. I would like to reassure you that Norway will continue to prioritise these negotiations with the aim of the entry into force of the free trade agreement as soon as possible in 2021.

31 December 2020 marks the end of the transition period and the United Kingdom will no longer be part of the European single market. This means that there will be changes to our trading relationship concerning transfer of personal data. We agree that it is prudent to put in place mitigating actions to ensure continuity in our trading relationship after the end of the coverage period, when the United Kingdom will no longer be covered by the Trade-Related Agreements between the European Union and one or both of Iceland and Norway, until the entry into force of the free trade agreement. Primarily the United Kingdom and Norway will be able to continue trade in goods through the interim goods agreement, signed 8 December 2020.

In addition, concerning transfer of personal data, it is Norway's intention to treat the United Kingdom in the same manner as the European Union will treat the United Kingdom. This implies that personal data can be transferred from the EEA to the United Kingdom in compliance with chapter V in the GDPR. Furthermore, Norway intends to implement an adequacy decision from the European Commission regarding the United Kingdom into the

Postal address
Postboks 8112 Dep
0032 Oslo
postmottak@kmd.dep.no

Office address
Akersg. 59
www.kmd.dep.no

Telephone
+47 22 24 90 90
Org. nr.
972 417 858

Department
Department of IT
policy and Public
Management

Reference

EEA Agreement, as soon as such a decision is made. Pending implementation of an adequacy decision into the EEA Agreement, the Agreement states that an adequacy decision from the European Commission will apply for Norway at the same time as for the EU member states, unless Norway actively chooses not to. An adequacy decision regarding the UK will therefore automatically also apply for Norway from the same time as for the European Union. It is Norway's intention to welcome and implement an adequacy decision regarding the United Kingdom.

Norway welcomes reciprocation of this treatment from the United Kingdom where possible, considering the United Kingdom's current or future agreements with the European Union.

This letter does not constitute a legally binding agreement. Norway and the United Kingdom will communicate any changes to existing and future processes.

Norway will work towards the conclusion of a high quality, comprehensive free trade agreement, to come into force as soon as possible in 2021.

Yours sincerely

Eivind Dale
Secretary General

This document is signed electronically and has therefore no handwritten signature