

International Trade Secretary's vision for new UK-USA trade agreement

A new UK-USA free trade agreement should be ambitious in emerging sectors such as fintech and data-driven technology.

In a speech at the Centre for Policy Studies, International Trade Secretary Dr Liam Fox will set out how the UK and USA can both benefit from striking a bold and ambitious free trade agreement after Brexit.

Underlining the importance of the World Trade Organization (WTO) to global trade, Dr Fox will also call on the US to help the UK and other countries to overhaul the global trade rules so that it is ready to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

In the speech, he will restate the government's position that the NHS will never be for sale to the private sector and a US, or any other trade deal, will not alter this.

The government has also been clear that it will not lower its high food safety, animal welfare or animal protection standards as part of any new trade agreement.

On his priorities for a US-UK FTA, Dr Liam Fox will say:

As two of the most innovative economies in the world, we should work together to shape the sectors of the future, from trade in services to fintech and data-driven technology.

Not only will this be a boon for businesses and communities across our countries, but it could also be a trailblazer, setting the global benchmark for how two leading economies can trade with each other.

So I'm pleased that President Trump took the opportunity to underline his commitment to achieving this goal this during his visit.

He will also outline the urgent need to resolve the stalemate in the appointment of members to the WTO's Appellate Body, which rules on disputes between WTO members.

Urgent reform is also needed to ensure the WTO is fit to meet the challenges of the 21st century. Reform would include updating outdated WTO rules on digital and services trade.

Calling for the UK and US to work together on reforming the global trading system, he will say:

The United Kingdom and the United States are in a great position to drive the overhaul that the international rules-based trading system badly needs. This means reforming WTO rules to prevent countries engaging in unfair trade practices such as illegal subsidies or dumping.

It means tackling issues like industrial subsidies and state-owned enterprises. It means strengthening the dispute settlement system.

And it means removing barriers to trade by agreeing new rules for e-commerce, and tackling obstacles to digital trade such as unjustified data localisation.

Our two great nations have done so much down the generations to open up our markets, and those of us who genuinely believe in free trade have a duty to uphold these values.

[Enjoy a trouble-free summer music festival season in Montenegro](#)



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Montenegro is a popular music festival destination. [Southern Soul Festival](#) is a boutique festival in Ulcinj and [Sea Dance Festival](#) is the coastal sister of EXIT music festival in Budva, organised this year from 26th of June to 2nd of July and from 30 August to 1 September 2019 respectively. Other music festivals run from June to September throughout Montenegro.

Whilst the majority of thousands of British festival goers have a great time in Montenegro with no problems, some might require assistance from Embassy's consular section.

Getting a replacement passport from us, if yours got lost, damaged or stolen, is not a kind of trouble you wish to deal with when you come to the seaside

to enjoy a festival. Replacing can be a hassle. It means reporting the loss to the police, is expensive and could mean you might miss some on the festival events. So take care of your belongings, but first read [the top 10 summer travel tips](#) and pieces of advice below:

Before you set off for Montenegro, do these six simple things:

- get travel insurance and check what it covers – European health insurance is not valid in Montenegro
- leave a photocopy of your passport with your family in the UK
- fill in the last page of your passport with your emergency contacts
- check with the festival organisers if you can pre-book a safety locker at the festival
- check our [travel advice page](#)
- follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

When you arrive, make sure you:

- register with the police, local tourist organisation or accommodation provider within 24 hours of arriving
- keep your valuables safe – do not leave your belongings unattended and lock them away if you have the possibility to do so
- carry a photocopy of your passport with you and leave the original locked away
- be extra careful in large crowds, keep your cash in a zipped pocketed or bag
- have one of your cash cards and some cash separate from the rest of your valuables just in case
- do not get involved in any way with drugs, penalties are high in Montenegro
- follow the instructions of the event organisers and the Montenegrin Police whenever necessary
- temperatures in Montenegro can be high, so take all necessary precaution especially if swimming under the influence of alcohol

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After it's over, continue to be vigilant:

- bear in mind you will be tired, which makes you less cautious
- don't fall asleep on the beach if you have your valuables on you. Crime levels are low, but street crime can sometimes occur, particularly in larger towns. Watch out for pick pockets in public places like tourist hot spots, beaches, airports and on public transport
- local traffic around the festival location will be over crowded, so give yourself plenty of time to get back to the airport or to get to your bus or train

If something goes wrong:

- you can always reach the local emergency services (ambulance, police, fire brigade) by calling 112 from any mobile or landline
- Embassy is available to offer help and support, especially if you have been hospitalised, arrested or are a victim of crime. Read about what [we can and cannot do](#) to assist you. You can always call us on +382 (0)20 420 100 if you need help, advice or an Emergency Passport. Our full contact details are on the [GOV.UK website](#), directions to the Embassy can be found using [the Google map](#)
- don't forget that the festival organisers can also support you. Go to one of the information points at the campsite. For more information on the festival itself, visit their website

Further information

For further guidance on overseas travel visit FCO's [travel advice for British nationals](#) and [our services page](#).

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1. 24 June 2019 Update of festival related information, including dates and location.
2. 26 June 2018 Updated information about the festivals and Embassy's contact details.
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4. 5 July 2016 Minor update of content and dates of festivals.
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Universities recognised for excellence in cyber security

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Two UK universities have been added to the growing list of Academic Centres of Excellence in Cyber Security Research (ACEs-CSR), further enhancing the

UK's leading position in cyber security research.

The two new centres at De Montfort University and Northumbria University have been recognised by the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) and the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) as having first rate research capabilities.

Their strengths include improving our approaches to help people better understand how to protect themselves online, and developing new technologies to protect critical infrastructure like telecommunications.

They join a list of 17 other institutions across the whole of the UK which are regarded as strategic partners to Government, and are producing cutting edge research in cyber security.

Digital Minister Margot James said:

The UK has some of the best minds in the cyber security field and it's only right that we recognise those universities that can excel when it comes to carrying out world leading research. The global threat of cyber security is never far from our minds we want to ensure that our best and brightest can help shape our national cyber security strategy.

Chris Ensor, NCSC Deputy Director for Cyber Growth said:

I'm delighted to welcome Northumbria and De Montfort Universities to the ACE-CSR community. We have seen the community grow from 8 universities to 19 and that has been down to the hard work and investment they have all put in. Both are existing members of our Research Institutes and it is brilliant to see how they have built on and developed their broader capacity and capability over several years, to now meet the standards required of an Academic Centre of Excellence in Cyber Security Research.

Professor Lynne Coventry, Principal Investigator and Research Director of Psychology who leads the Northumbria Cyber Security Research Group said:

Cyber security research has typically been directed towards finding technological solutions, but as our technological perimeter has strengthened, people have been left behind and become prime targets for cyber attackers.

To stop today's advanced attacks we need to understand how to better protect the general public by adopting a people-centric cybersecurity strategy and exploring how to design security technology and policies which support individuals in their endeavours, rather than being perceived as a barrier. At

Northumbria our holistic, multidisciplinary approach to cyber security integrates diverse knowledge from specialists in technology, human behaviour, business, law and design. We are delighted to receive this recognition for our work in these areas.

Professor Eerke Boiten, Director of the CTI and Professor in Cyber Security at De Montfort University said:

We are very proud of this achievement. Being named an ACE-CSR highlights our strong industry engagement and first class research capabilities

This recognition will strongly support our future plans for national and international collaborative research in topics such as industrial control systems, human factors in security, incident response, cybercrime and privacy. It also perfectly complements the provisional NCSC certification that DMU offers for two of its Master's degrees in Cyber Security and Cyber Technology. The ACE-CSR programme is part of delivering by Government's £1.9 billion National Cyber Security Strategy (NCSS) 2016-2021.

Northumbria University was a founding member of the Research Institute in Science of Cyber Security, while De Montfort is an Airbus Centre of Excellence in Cyber Security and Forensics.

Notes to editors:

- List of institutions that are recognised as Academic Centres of Excellence in Cyber Security Research are:
- University of Birmingham
- University of Bristol
- University of Cambridge
- Cardiff University
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Kent
- Imperial College London
- King's College London
- Lancaster University
- Newcastle University
- University of Oxford
- Queen's University Belfast
- Royal Holloway, University of London
- University of Southampton
- University of Surrey
- University of Warwick
- University College London
- The universities will be recognised as Academic Centres of Excellence in Cyber Security Research until June 2022.

Foreign Office minister co-chairs 5th Sharaka Dialogue with Qatar

The fifth meeting of the Qatar-UK Sharaka bilateral dialogue took place in London on 20 June 2019.