

The Accession Working Group of the Comprehensive and Progressive  
Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership for the United Kingdom  
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The working group to negotiate the accession of the United Kingdom (Accession Working Group: AWG) of the CPTPP held a meeting in Tokyo from 24 to 28 July, 2022. The meeting was held at the levels of Chief Negotiators and experts.

The meeting discussed matters including market access, adopted by the CPTPP Commission on 19 January, 2019 (CPTPP/COM/2019/D002). The CPTPP members reaffirm that the CPTPP is open to accession by economies committed to the Agreement's objectives, able to meet and adhere to its high standards and ambitious market access commitments, and having demonstrated a pattern of complying with trade commitments.

Next steps are being coordinated among the CPTPP members and with the UK. The CPTPP members remain committed to upholding the high standard rules and market access throughout the accession process, which is the first accession process to the CPTPP.