

**2021 No. 132**

**PROTECTION OF TRADING INTERESTS**

**TRADE**

**The Protection of Trading Interests (Authorisation) Regulations  
2021**

*Made - - - - at 9.00 p.m. on 5th February 2021*

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 5, second paragraph, point (a), of Council Regulation (EC) No 2271/96 of 22 November 1996 protecting against the effects of the extra-territorial application of legislation adopted by a third country, and actions based thereon or resulting therefrom(a).

**Citation**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Protection of Trading Interests (Authorisation) Regulations 2021.

**Interpretation**

2. In these Regulations, “the Helms-Burton Act” means the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996(b).

**Authorisation to comply with Title III of the Helms-Burton Act**

3. The person specified in Part 1 of the Schedule is, for the purpose specified in Part 2 of the Schedule, authorised to comply with any requirement or prohibition based on or resulting from Title III of the Helms-Burton Act(c) (protection of property rights of United States nationals).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for International Trade

*Ranil Jayawardena*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Department for International Trade

At 9.00 p.m. on 5th February 2021

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(a) EUR 1996/2271, amended by S.I. 2020/1660. EUR 1996/2271 was incorporated into domestic law at 11 p.m. on 31st December 2020 under section 3 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (c. 16).  
(b) 22 U.S.C. §§ 6021-6091.  
(c) Title III of the Helms-Burton Act is codified in 22 U.S.C. §§ 6081-6085.

## SCHEDULE

Regulation 3

### Authorisation to file motion to dismiss

#### PART 1

##### Authorised person

Imperial Brands plc<sup>(a)</sup>

#### PART 2

##### Authorised purpose

Filing and litigating a motion to dismiss the complaint brought before the federal judiciary of the United States of America under Title III of the Helms-Burton Act in which Imperial Brands plc is named as a defendant (case number 1:20-cv-23287-DPG).

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<sup>(a)</sup> Imperial Brands plc is a public limited company registered in England and Wales (company number 3236483).

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations, which come into force at the time they are made, authorise compliance by a specified person, for a specified purpose, with a requirement or prohibition referred to in the first paragraph of Article 5 of Council Regulation (EC) No 2271/96 of 22 November 1996 protecting against the effects of the extra-territorial application of legislation adopted by a third country, and actions based thereon or resulting therefrom (EUR 1996/2271, amended by S.I. 2020/1660).

The law of the United States of America referred to in these Regulations may be found online at <https://uscode.house.gov/>.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary, or public sector is foreseen.

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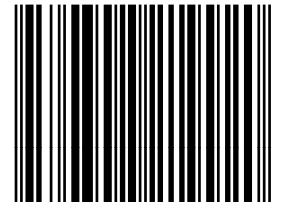
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