
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Trade Preference Scheme (Developing Countries Trading Scheme) Regulations 2023

PART 6

Suspension of a country from the DCTS or suspension or variation of DCTS rates

Further conditions for DCTS

17.—(1) Where a qualifying DCTS country has engaged or is engaging in serious and systematic violations of the human rights and labour rights contained in conventions specified at 1 to 17 of the list in Schedule 2, or has engaged or is engaging in acts or omissions which seriously and systematically undermine the object and purpose of conventions specified at 18 to 28 of the list in Schedule 2, the Secretary of State may publish—

- (a) a suspension notice to—
 - (i) suspend a qualifying DCTS country from the DCTS, or
 - (ii) suspend the DCTS rate on specified DCTS goods originating from a qualifying DCTS country, or
- (b) a variation notice to vary the DCTS rate on specified DCTS goods originating from a qualifying DCTS country.

(2) The Secretary of State must follow the warning and assessment procedure set out in regulation 21 before publishing a notice under paragraph (1).

(3) The conventions listed in Schedule 2 include any amendments made to the conventions where the amendment is in force for the United Kingdom on the date these Regulations come into force.