

## Response ID ANON-JD6S-EHZ7-N

Submitted to **Consultation on the UK potentially seeking accession to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)**

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### Privacy and confidentiality

**Do you consent for the voluntary information you provide in this consultation to be used as part of the Government's published consultation response?**

Yes

**If you answered no to this question, please give your reason.:**

**Do you consent for the Department for International Trade, or organisations working on their behalf, to contact you regarding the responses you have given?**

Yes

### Who are you responding as?

**What is your name (first name and surname)?**

**Name:**

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**Please tell us who you are responding as?**

An individual – You are responding with your personal views, rather than as an official representative of a business / business association / other organisation.

### Individual - about you

**Where do you currently live (your main address)?**

**Please select one :**

South West England

**If other, please enter the country where you live:**

**What was your age at your last birthday?**

65+

**What is your gender?**

Male

**If other, please specify :**

**To which of these ethnic groups do you consider you belong?**

**Please select one:**

White - British / English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish

**If you have selected one of the 'Any other' options please specify in the text box below:**

**Are you a member, supporter or donor of an organisation with an interest in trade?**

No, I am not a member, supporter or donor

**If yes, please list organisations' names below:**

**If you are a member, supporter or donor of an organisation with an interest in trade, has that organisation contacted you about the UK potentially seeking accession to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)?**

I am not a member, supporter or donor of an organisation with an interest in trade

**Individual - The UK's future trade relationship with the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)**

**Individual - The UK's future trade relationship with the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) - benefits**

**What do you think would be the greatest benefits for you personally or the UK as a whole were the UK to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), and why?**

**Please supply your answer and any supporting evidence below:**

There are no particular benefits for me personally, other than a general UK-level benefit

The benefits of the UK joining the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for PTPP are both economic and political.

(1) In economic terms UK membership promises greater trade and investment opportunities around the Pacific Rim - with particular regard to the CPTPP members Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam.

(2) The UK joining the CPTPP has already been specifically welcomed by Japan and Australia, two significant regional economies, and so should further ease post-BREXIT economic deals being sought by the UK with those two countries.

(3) UK membership would also send a message to the People's Republic of China. If Beijing is faced with the UK strengthening a regional grouping that China is not a member of, this, would probably strengthen the UK's hand in post-BREXIT trade and investment negotiations with China.

(4) In political terms, an advantage for the UK is that CPTPP membership would further strengthen the UK's profile around the Pacific Rim.

(5) It would also distance the UK from the decision by President Trump to withdraw the US from the TPP previously signed by the Obama administration – thereby sending a message to CPTPP members in the region that the UK is not to be equated with the current US line.

(6) Indeed it is conceivable that UK membership would encourage the US to (re-) enter the new Trans-Pacific Partnership.

(7) Finally, given that China is not a member of the CPTPP, UK membership would also politically, as well as economically, strengthen the UK's hand in its relationship with China.

**Which of these areas of the CPTPP agreement best describe the benefits that you have just outlined?**

Tariffs, Custom Procedures, Products Standards, Regulation and Certification, Investment, Other

**Individual - The UK's potential future trade relationship with the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) - concerns**

**What concerns, if any, do you have about the UK potentially joining the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), and why?**

**Please supply your answer and any supporting evidence below:**

In short, no particular concerns, the benefits go one way, with little clear adverse affects other than potential unstated irritation from the US and China

**Which of these areas of the CPTPP agreement best describe the concerns you have outlined above?**

Other

**Individual - The UK's future trade relationship with the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)**

**Is there anything else that you would want to say about the UK's future trade and investment relationship with the existing Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) member countries or about the UK potentially joining the CPTPP?**

**Please supply your answer and any supporting evidence below:**