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In the exercise of powers conferred on him by section 5(1) of the European Union Withdrawal (Application of International Agreements) Act 2019, and all other enabling powers, and for the purposes of further implementing the Strategic Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Georgia done at London on 21 October 2019, the Chief Minister has made these Regulations-

Title.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Republic of Georgia Trade Continuity Regulations 2021.

Commencement.

2. These Regulations come into operation on the 1st day of January 2021.

Definitions and interpretation.

- 3. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise so requires-
 - "EU-Republic of Georgia Agreement" means the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part, done at Brussels on 27 June 2014;
 - "Georgia" and "Republic of Georgia" have the same meaning;
 - "Government" means Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar;
 - "mutatis mutandis" means with the technical changes necessary to apply the EU-Republic of Georgia Agreement as if it had been concluded between Gibraltar and Georgia, taking into account the object and purpose of the UK-Republic of Georgia Agreement, and any reference to a European Union body, office or institution shall in particular be read as a reference to the Gibraltar equivalent and any reference to the European Commission shall be read as a reference to the Government;
 - "UK-Republic of Georgia Agreement" means the Strategic Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Georgia done at London on 21 October 2019.

Purpose.

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4. The purpose of these Regulations is to implement the UK-Republic of Georgia Agreement and preserve the preferential conditions relating to trade between Gibraltar and Georgia and the other links between them resulting from the EU-Republic of Georgia Agreement as applicable to Gibraltar.

Source of application.

5. The UK-Republic of Georgia Agreement applies to Gibraltar under Article 365.1 of that Agreement.

Incorporation and modification.

- 6.(1) The EU-Republic of Georgia Agreement is incorporated, mutatis mutandis, into these Regulations to the extent that, and under the conditions under which, it applied to Gibraltar immediately before it ceased to do so, subject to the qualification in subregulation (2).
- (2) The qualification referred to in subregulation (1) is that the EU-Republic of Georgia Agreement is incorporated into these Regulations as modified by the UK-Republic of Georgia Agreement and regulations 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Continuation of time periods.

- 7(1) Unless these Regulations provides otherwise-
 - (a) if a time period in the EU-Republic of Georgia Agreement has not yet ended, the remainder of that period is incorporated into these Regulations; and
 - (b) if a time period in the EU-Republic of Georgia Agreement has ended, any ongoing right or obligation in the EU-Republic of Georgia Agreement applies and that period is not incorporated into these Regulations.
- (2) Notwithstanding subregulation (1), a reference in the EU-Republic of Georgia Agreement to a time period relating to a procedure or other administrative matter, such as review, committee procedure or notification, shall not be affected.

References to the euro.

- 8. Any references to the euro (including "EUR") and to the ECU (the European Currency Unit) in the EU-Republic of Georgia Agreement are incorporated as such in these Regulations.
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References to European Union law.

9. A reference in the UK-Republic of Georgia Agreement or these Regulations to European Union law is to be read as a reference to that European Union law in force as incorporated or implemented in the law of Gibraltar as retained European Union law on the day after Gibraltar ceases to be bound by the relevant European Union law.

References to approximation to European Union law.

10. Any obligations in the EU-Republic of Georgia Agreement regarding the convergence, harmonisation, integration or approximation of Gibraltar law or practice to the laws of the European Union are not appropriate for application and are not incorporated into these Regulations.