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Dear Ms Argyrou and Mr Romaniw

Thank you for your letter of 12 September 2021 regarding the inclusion of Ukraine in the Australian System of Tariff Preferences (ASTP). I am replying on behalf of the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, the Hon Dan Tehan MP.

I appreciate the considerable effort you have taken in compiling the list of Australian businesses interested in reducing tariffs on imports from Ukraine. Although changes to the ASTP are not currently under consideration, this list serves as a useful starting point to identifying specific obstacles to furthering business ties with Ukraine.

Consistent with the broader priorities of the Australian Government, the focus of Minister Tehan and this Department is first and foremost on building trade ties in the Indo-Pacific, upholding the multilateral trading order and lending Australia's voice and credentials to global efforts to counter protectionism. In this respect, I see particular scope for Australian and Ukrainian officials to be more closely engaged in the multilateral trade policy space, including in relation to the proper functioning of the World Trade Organization.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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