

**READOUT ON  
FIRST SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING OF THE COMPREHENSIVE AND  
PROGRESSIVE AGREEMENT FOR TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP ON  
18 FEBRUARY 2022**

The first Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) for 2022 took place on 18 February 2022, under Singapore's chairmanship. The discussion focused on the implementation of the Agreement, such as reviewing the economic relationship and partnership among the Parties, promoting supply chain resilience, and identifying new areas for collaboration in the digital economy and green economy. The meeting also exchanged views on the accession applications from aspirant economies, in consideration of the CPTPP's open and inclusive architecture and affirmed the need for aspirant economies to meet the high standards of the CPTPP. Following the SOM, the Accession Working Group (AWG) for the United Kingdom's Accession to the CPTPP was convened by Japan. The AWG reached a consensus to conclude its first meeting and to move to the next phase of market access negotiations. To that end, the AWG has advised the United Kingdom to submit its market access offers and non-conforming measures to the AWG, pursuant to the CPTPP Accession Process.

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