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L. Tavish

Thank you for your letter regarding the impact of US tariffs on the salmon farming sector and your request to raise the matter with President Trump.

Firstly I would like to thank you for your acknowledgement of the Scottish Government's support in promoting the export of Scottish Salmon through the Label Rouge marketing campaign jointly funded through the Marine Fund Scotland and Salmon Scotland.

I recognise the importance of the salmon farming sector as Scotland's leading food export and its role as a key contributor of Scotland's economy. My government is committed to continuing to support the sustainable development of Scottish salmon farming, so it can continue to produce high quality food enjoyed at home and abroad, and contribute to delivering economic growth across the country.

Reducing US tariffs on Scottish produce, including Scottish salmon, is one of my Government's top priorities for the UK-US negotiations, and I raised the impact of these tariffs on Scottish exports with President Trump during our meeting on 29 July 2025.

As you will be aware, the negotiations are a reserved matter for the UK Government, and so the Scottish Government will continue to press them on the impact of the 10% tariffs and the need for their reduction. I would encourage Salmon Scotland to continue to raise the issue with the UK Government as well.



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