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The trilateral UK-Korea-Japan Free Trade Agreement (FTA) will increase the

three countries' gross domestic product (GDP) and exports in most manufactured

product sectors, its substitution effects will reduce the volume of exports in most

manufactured goods from China and the 27 European Union (EU) countries to

the UK, Korea, and Japan. The trilateral FTA also results in large welfare gains to

the three countries, and will lead the UK and Korea to have larger trade creation

effects on imports from Japan. Similarly, Japan will also have larger trade

creation effects on imports from the UK and Korea. However, Japan's imports

are expected to decline in China and the 27 EU countries due to the trade

diversion effects.

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