



Joint Statement following the meeting of the Specialised Committee on the Implementation of the Windsor Framework

2 October 2025

The Specialised Committee on the Implementation of the Windsor Framework met today, co-chaired by officials from the European Commission and the UK Government.

The co-chairs took stock of the implementation of the Windsor Framework since the last meeting on 10 June 2025. They recalled the commitment of the EU and the UK to the full, timely and faithful implementation of the Windsor Framework as reiterated at the last meeting of the Joint Committee and the recent EU-UK Summit. They agreed that work should continue at pace to deliver on this important commitment.

They noted progress in some areas of the Windsor Framework's implementation and the significant work that remains to be undertaken, in particular to deliver in full the safeguards underpinning the flexibilities for the movement of goods between Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

In the SPS area, they welcomed the focus on improving the implementation of the individual labelling requirements as well as progressing the provision of information in the general SPS certificates. It was agreed that progress would continue to be made at high pace on all pending issues and in particular on the

operational delivery of all permanent SPS Inspection facilities, the full compliance of certificates and ensuring that flexibilities are applied for compliant goods only. It was agreed to continue the work at high speed with a view to achieving better implementation by the time of the next meeting of this Specialised Committee.

They took stock of the ongoing work in the area of customs, where the full access of the Union representatives to the relevant UK IT systems should be done in full by 1 November 2025. Further work to ensure that the arrangements in the customs and trade area are implemented correctly will continue with a view to making significant progress by the next meeting of this Committee.

The co-chairs took stock of the work of the Joint Consultative Working Group and its structured sub-groups.

The co-chairs reiterated the importance of continued joint engagement with Northern Ireland stakeholders and the valuable insight that they can offer and discussed ways to continuously strengthen the existing dialogue for the benefit of all.

The co-chairs also continued the exchange of views on the implications of the Artificial Intelligence and Cyber Resilience Acts for the proper functioning of the Windsor Framework, in line with Article 13(4) of the Windsor Framework, following on from the delegation of that responsibility by the Withdrawal Agreement Joint Committee.