

**WITHDRAWAL AGREEMENT JOINT COMMITTEE**  
**Fifth Regular Meeting**  
**17 December 2020**  
**Summary Minutes**

- The Withdrawal Agreement Joint Committee:
  - Took stock of Specialised Committees' activity and progress since its last meeting on 19 October;
  - Reviewed the state of implementation of the Withdrawal Agreement (WA), notably in the areas of Citizens' Rights and the Protocol on Ireland and Northern Ireland;
  - Agreed to continue to hold Joint Committee meetings regularly in 2021, once in a quarter at least.
  
- The Joint Committee adopted the following decisions:
  - Decision no 2/2020 on setting the date from which the provisions of Title III of Part Two of the Agreement shall apply to the nationals of Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein, the Kingdom of Norway, and the Swiss Confederation (Art. 33(2) WA);
  - Decision no 3/2020 on amending the Protocol on Ireland and Northern Ireland to the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community;
  - Decision no 4/2020 on the determination of goods not at risk (Art. 5(2) Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland);
  - Decision no 5/2020 on determining the initial maximum exempted overall annual level of support and the initial minimum percentage referred to in Article 10(2) of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland to the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community;
  - Decision no 6/2020 providing for the practical working arrangements relating to the exercise of the rights of Union representatives referred to in Article 12(2) of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland;
  
- The Parties furthermore approved the Decision establishing a list of 25 persons who are willing and able to serve as members of an arbitration panel under the Agreement (Art. 171 WA) and agreed to consider it as being adopted pending completion of the EU's internal decision-making procedure.<sup>1</sup>
  
- The Parties made a series of unilateral declarations regarding:
  - the application of Union law related to medicinal products in respect of Northern Ireland after the end of the transition period (EU and UK);
  - the application of Union law with regard to the import of certain meat products into Northern Ireland from Great Britain after the end of the transition period (UK and EU);
  - the application of Union law with regard to the certification required for certain food products brought into Northern Ireland (UK and EU);
  - the application of Union law with regard to export declarations for goods moving from Northern Ireland to other parts of the United Kingdom (UK and EU); and
  - the application of Art. 107 TFEU to situations referred to in Art. 10(1) of the Protocol (EU);
  
- The Parties furthermore endorsed and agreed to publish the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Joint Report on Residence Rights, as prepared and adopted by the Specialised Committee on Citizens' Rights.

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<sup>1</sup> That procedure was completed on 22 December 2020.