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Specialised Committee on the implementation of the Windsor Framework

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Joint statement

The Specialised Committee on the implementation of the Windsor Framework met today, 23 June 2023, in Brussels. The meeting was co-chaired by officials from the European Commission and the UK Government.

This was the second meeting of the Specialised Committee since the EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement Joint Committee meeting held in London on 24 March 2023, where the European Union and the United Kingdom adopted the new arrangements relating to the Windsor Framework.

The Specialised Committee co-chairs took stock of the work undertaken by both sides on the implementation of the Windsor Framework since the last meeting of the Specialised Committee in London on 27 April 2023. In particular, they welcomed the adoption by the EU of legislation in the areas of agri-food, medicines, tariff rate quotas and customs, which reflect the joint solutions announced in Windsor on 27 February 2023. They took stock of the recent guidance published by the UK and EU to support the implementation of the Windsor Framework and recognised the importance of making available additional stakeholder guidance in due course. The co-chairs agreed to continue meeting regularly, to monitor and ensure the full implementation of all the elements of the Framework in a timely way.

In addition, the UK Government and the Commission:

- welcomed the first meeting of the Enhanced Coordination Mechanism on VAT and Excise which took place on 15 June 2023;
- confirmed their intention to organise the first meeting of the Special Body on Goods; and

- took stock of the work of the Joint Consultative Working Group, and welcomed the establishment of five structured sub-groups to assist its work.

The co-chairs also reiterated the importance of joint engagement with Northern Ireland stakeholders as work on the Windsor Framework is taken forward.