

# BREXIT RUPTURE: HOW TO DO IT AND WHAT IT TAKES

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STRUCTURE OF THE TALK

1. Causes of Brexit
2. How Brexit was delivered
3. The stages of delivery
4. Backlash against the ECHR

## (SHORT-TERM) CAUSES OF BREXIT

We send the EU **£350 million** a week

let's fund our **NHS** instead  Vote Leave  
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**MIGRANTS KEEP ON POURING INTO EU**

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**NEW JOBLESS MIGRANTS BENEFIT SCANDAL**

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**MIGRANTS TOLD: KEEP OUT OF EU**

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**EU OPENS DOOR TO 79M FROM TURKEY**

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**BRITAIN'S 1.5 MILLION HIDDEN MIGRANTS**

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**'COVER-UP' OVER MIGRANTS SNEAKING INTO UK**

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**MIGRANT SEIZED EVERY 6 MINUTES**

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**MIGRANT CRISIS WILL COST £20BN**

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**PROOF WE CAN'T STOP MIGRANTS**

AND IT CONTINUES

Ex-Premier John Major tells Brussels unless our borders are tightened there's a 50% chance Britain will quit EU

# THERE ARE TOO MANY MIGRANTS



Hammer blow for PM as 270,000 EU nationals came here last year

# RECORD NUMBER OF JOBLESS EU MIGRANTS



# WE'RE FROM EUROPE - LET



# David on their perfect marriage

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# MIGRANTS SPARK HOUSING CRISIS



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# OSCAR CAINER

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# BRITAIN'S WIDE OPEN BORDERS

Kate Moss

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As immigration hits record 336,000, a stark warning from Foreign Secretary

# MIGRATION CRISIS 'COULD PUSH UK OUT



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TWO GREAT GIVEAWAYS

# FREE INSIDE AA ROAD ATLAS 2016

Complete and fully updated

# EU DEAL RISKS NEW WAVE OF MIGRANTS

PLUS: HELP SAVE A LIFE

Yes I donate

OFFICIAL NHS

**Daily Mail**

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# GREAT BRITISH BAKE OFF

SUPERB 16-PAGE RECIPE GLOSSY

As numbers break all records...

# MIGRANTS: HOW MANY MORE CAN WE TAKE?



**Daily Mail**

STARTING TOMORROW

# Harry at 30 - a major new series by Britain's top royal biographer

Fury of port chief as riot police are called in and France accuses Britain of being a soft touch

# CALAIS 'IS BESIEGED' BY GANGS OF MIGRANTS



**Daily Mail**

8-PAGE PUZZLE SPECIAL

# My man keeps texting a Page 3 girl, what can I do?

Pages 22-23

We draft a letter from Tess Daly to a top agony aunt

# 1.6 MILLION MIGRANTS FROM THE EU SETTLE IN BRITAIN



**Daily Mail**

# WHY WE ALL FEAR DENTISTS ARE NATURAL BORN KILLERS

QUENTIN LETTS PAGE 14

As police seize stowaway migrants across South, Cameron is attacked for 'likening them to insects'

# THE 'SWARM' ON



**Daily Mail**

EURO 2016 8-PAGE PULLOUT

# The dazzling Queen

After that brilliant birthday weekend, a glorious picture pullout of her life in jewellery

# FURY OVER PLOT TO LET 1.5M TURKS

PLUS

FREE PEARL AND



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One reason there's a massive backlog...

# 208,000 PASSPORTS HANDED TO MIGRANTS



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# FREE Reading glasses

WORTH £9.99

Official EU figures reveal...

# 4 OUT OF 5 MIGRANTS AREN'T



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20 unspoil SEASIDE GEMS

# GLORIES OF SECRET BRITAIN

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# FOREIGNERS CHARGE NHS FOR CARE IN THEIR OWN



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THE QUEEN AS YOU'VE NEVER SEEN HER

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Sumptuous glossy magazine of royal photos that will melt your heart

PART TWO

# TELL US TRUE NUMBER OF EU MIGRANTS



**TURKEY HAS A  
219 MILE BORDER  
WITH IRAQ**



**TURKEY IS JOINING THE EU. GOOD NEWS???**

**YES**

**NO**

# BREAKING POINT

BRITAIN STRONGER IN EUROPE

EU has failed us all

We must break free of the EU and take back control.

Leave the European

ON 23

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DOOR



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**PM BORIS JOHNSON: THIS IS AN AMAZING MOMENT FOR OUR COUNTRY**



# OUR FUTURE OUR BRITAIN OUR DESTINY

**HISTORIC  
BREXIT  
EDITION**

FULL REPORTS: Pages 2,3,4,5,6&7

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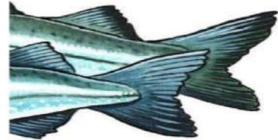
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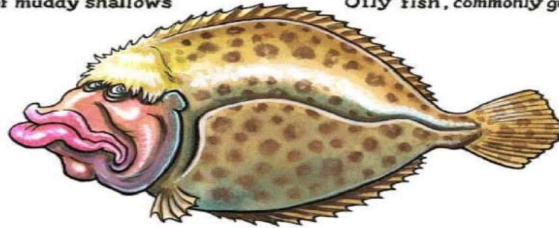
**Gurnard**  
Wide mouthed inhabitant of muddy shallows



**Kipper**  
Oily fish, commonly gutted, pickled or smoked



**Mackerel**



**Flounder**  
Generally found out of its depth



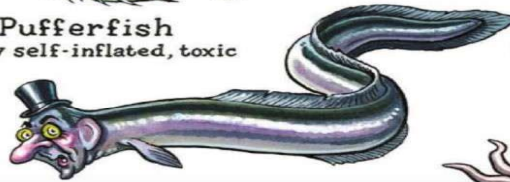
**Grayling**



**Pufferfish**  
Hugely self-inflated, toxic



**Orange Carp**  
Predates around Irish Sea borders



**Node Eel**  
Slippery creature, migrates its business off-shore



**Scuttlefish**  
Disappears under cloud of own making

*Spurkman-Lala*

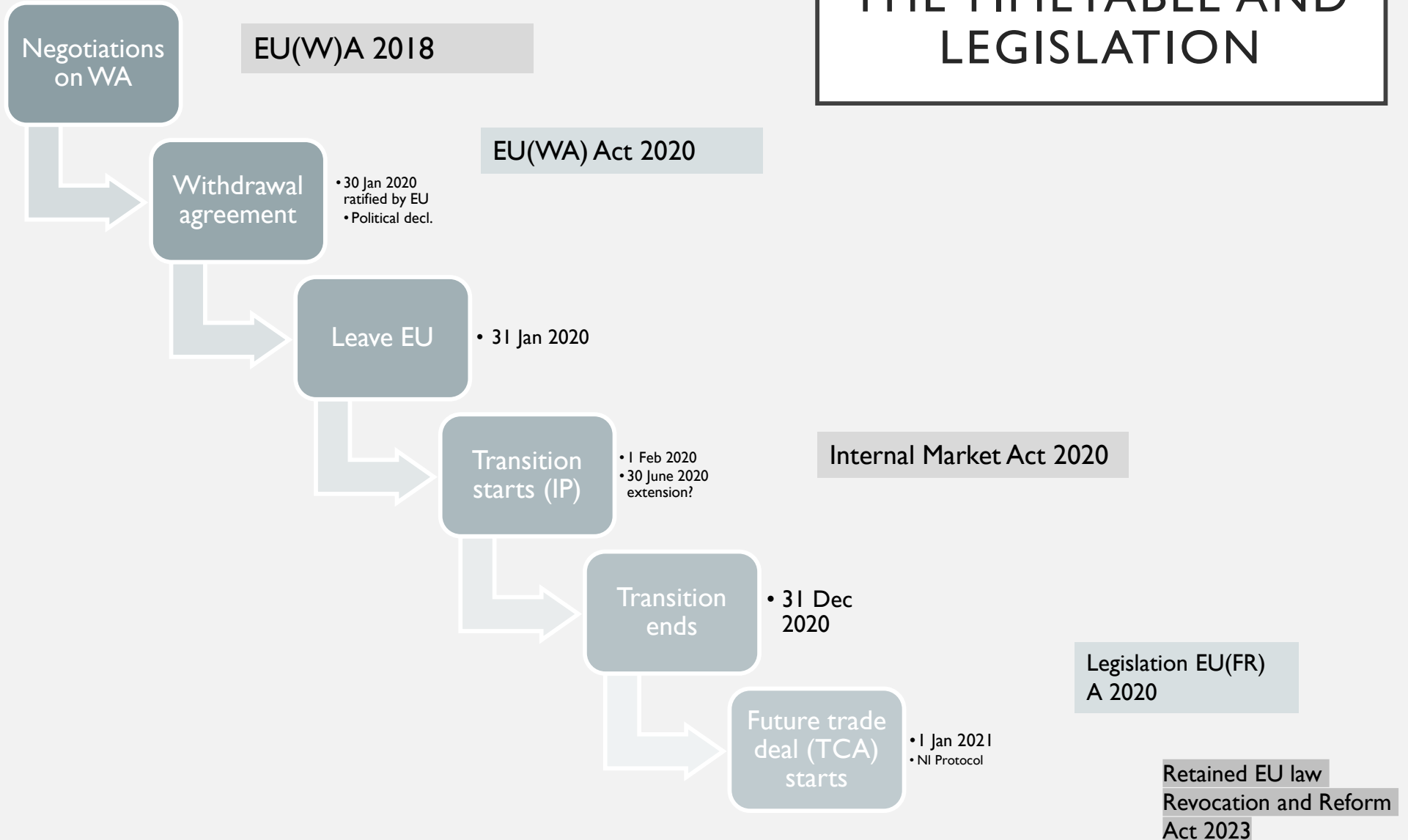
**Off the hook – or cut adrift?**

After four years of wrangling, ties are finally severed with the EU. Now Britain tries to go it alone

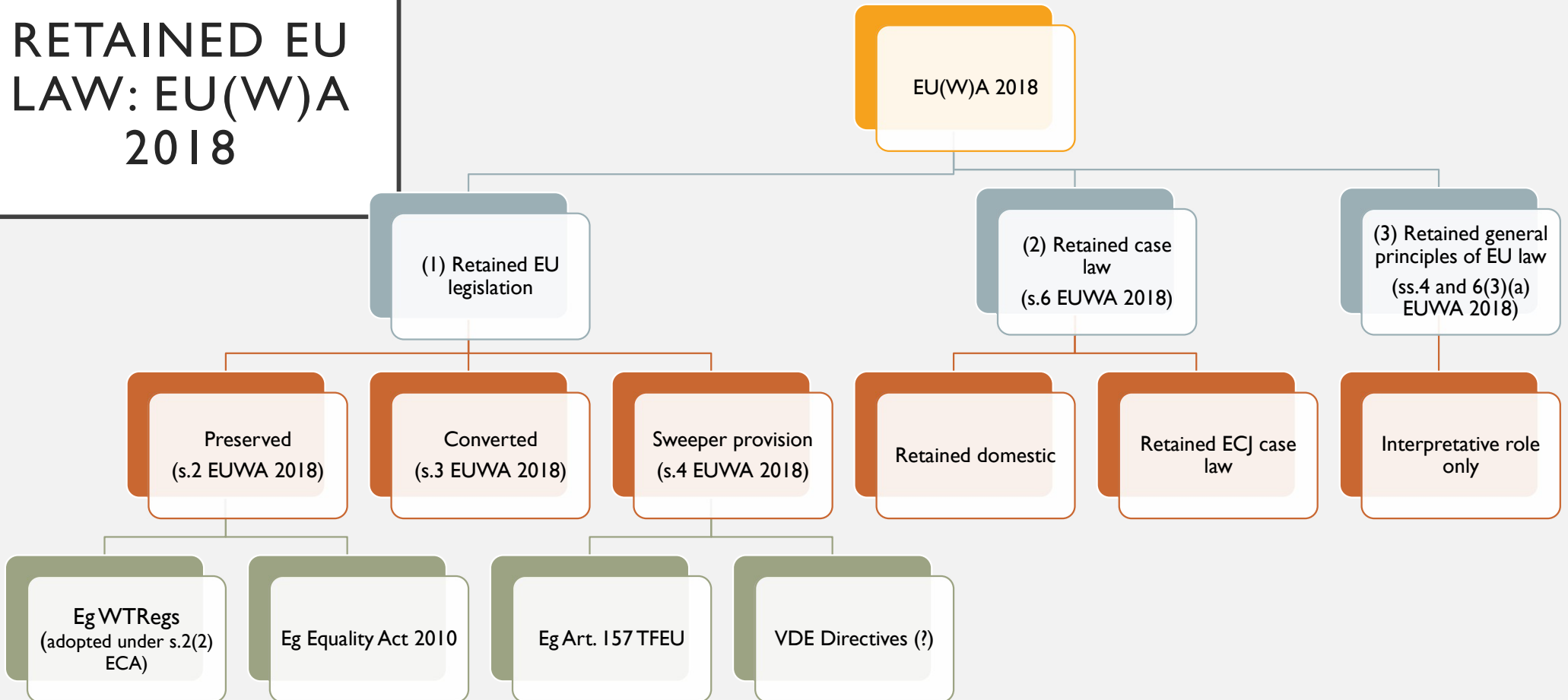
# HOW WAS BREXIT DELIVERED?

Brexit for lawyers

# THE TIMETABLE AND LEGISLATION



# RETAINED EU LAW: EU(W)A 2018



+ Supremacy of EU law (s.5(2) EUWA 2018) but no Charter (s.5(4) EUWA 2018)

# WITHDRAWAL AGREEMENT

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## Core

- 6 Parts (Part Two on Citizens Rights),
- 2 Protocols incl on NI
- Common provisions: Art 4 (direct effect and supremacy); Art. 5 good faith; Art. 6 (references to Union law)
- Part Six: institutional provision including dispute settlement

## Separation provisions

- Part Three eg Continued protection in the UK of registered or granted rights. Ongoing police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters

## Transition

- Part Four of the WA
- Applies to 31 Dec 2020

## Financial provisions

- Part Five

## PART TWO: CITIZENS RIGHTS

### Title I: General provisions

Definitions (Art. 9)  
and personal scope  
(Art. 10)

Non-discrimination  
(Art. 12)

### Title II: Rights and Obligations

Rights related to  
residence, residence  
documents (Arts. 13-  
23)

Rights of workers and  
the self-employed  
(Arts. 24-26)

Professional  
qualifications (Arts  
27-29)

### Titles III and IV

Title III Coordination  
of social security  
systems: Arts 30-36

Title IV: other  
provisions incl Art. 39  
life long protection

### Part Six, Title I

Reference to the ECJ  
for 8 years after end  
of transition period  
re PT Two (Art. 158)

IMA and the  
Commission re PT  
Two (Art. 159)

Commission can  
intervene in UK cases  
(Art. 162) IMA [17]

EU, EEA AND SWISS CITIZENS  
EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME  
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UK LEAVES  
THE EU

Appendix EU

Deadline 30  
June 2021

Possible to  
apply late if  
[reasonable  
grounds](#)

## EUSS: FOR EU NATIONALS (+) AND FAMILY MEMBERS (ART. 13 WA)

Issued in accordance with Art. 18 WA: *constitutive* v declaratory scheme

NB issued on basis of residence *simpliciter* in UK [IMA 14]

EUPS

- less than five years (*limited* leave to remain: EU 3 and EU 14)
- 39% - 1.9m were granted pre-settled status

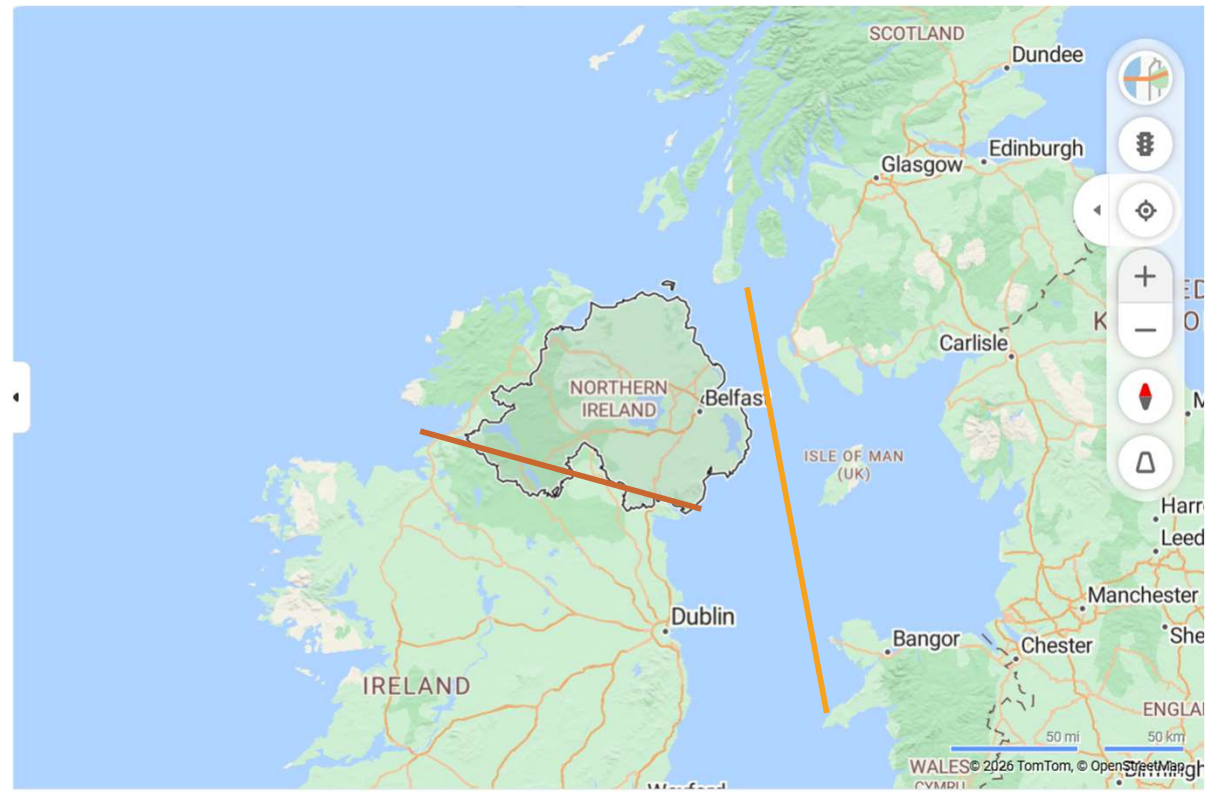
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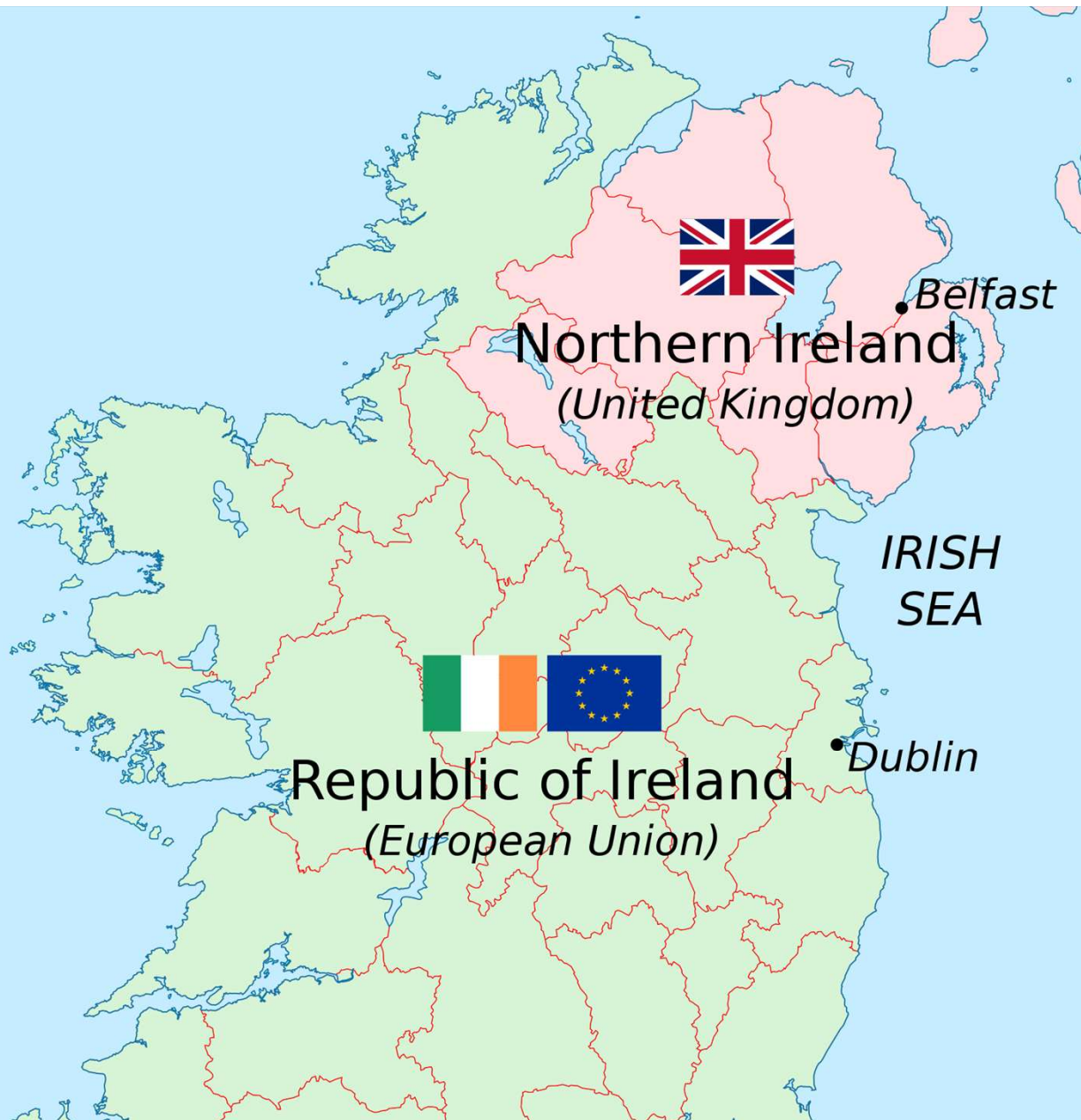
- more than five years (ILR: EU 2 and EU 11) (Art. 15 WA)
- 50% - 4.2m were granted settled status

Effect of R (on the application of [Independent Monitoring Authority for the Citizens' Rights Agreement](#)) v SSHD [2022] EWHC 3275

As of 31 March 2025, there had been 8.5 million applications made to the scheme,

# THE BORDERS





## Northern Ireland Protocol

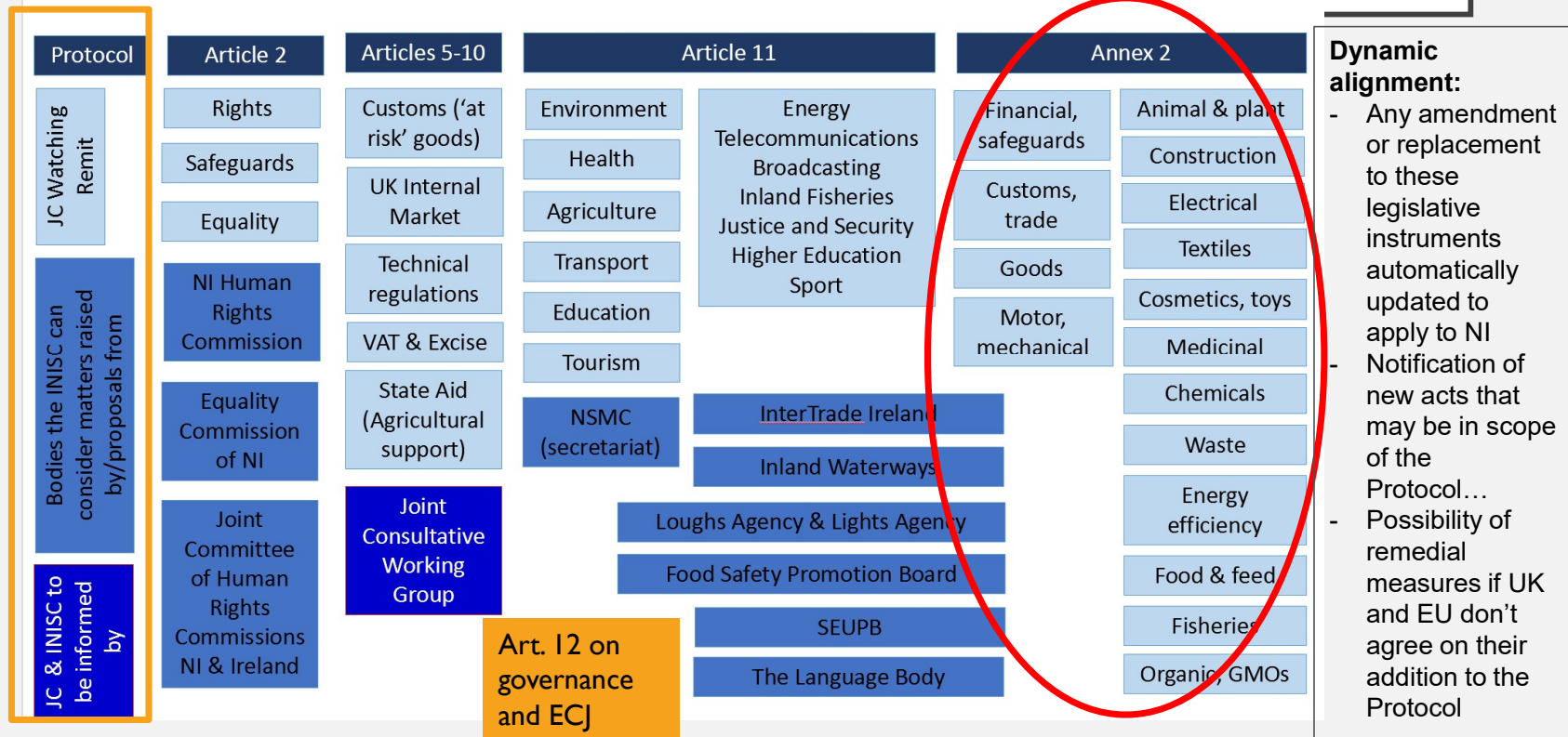
Special provisions for NI in the Withdrawal Agreement

NI remains in the EU's Customs Union

EU customs rules and regulations apply; NI doesn't get benefit of EU trade deals

# THE SCOPE OF THE PROTOCOL

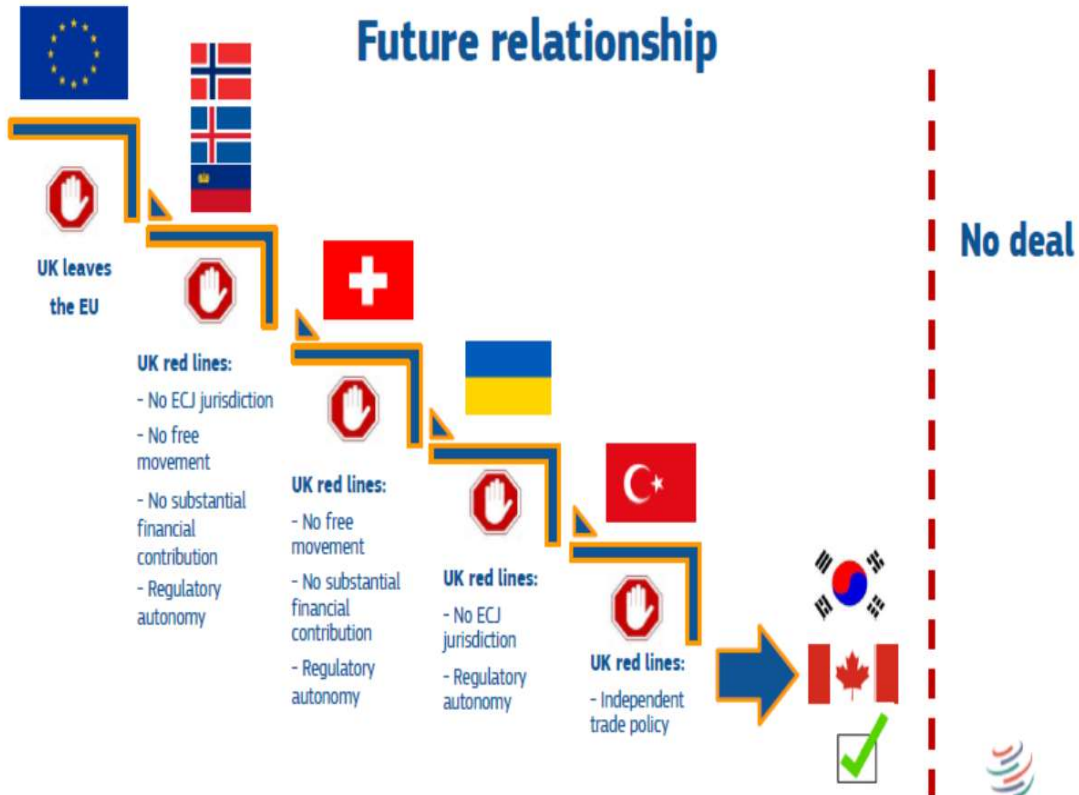
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European Commission

# Future relationship



WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

TCA

# STRUCTURE OF EU-UK TCA

Common and institutional provisions (Part One)  
incl. good faith, interpretation in accordance with VCLT, *no direct effect*

## FTA (Part Two)

- Trade (incl services, pp, transport, social security coord, visas, fisheries, 'other provisions')

## Law enforcement and judicial cooperation in criminal matters (Part Three)

## Other

- Thematic cooperation (health, cyber security) (Part Four)
- Participation in union programmes, sound financial management, financial provisions (Part Five)

## Annexes and protocols

- NB possibility of further bilateral agreements

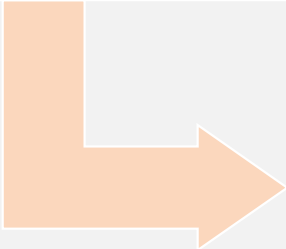
Dispute settlement and horizontal provisions (Part Six)

- Potential EU unilateral measures
- Adequacy decision on data protection
  - UK third country SPS listing
  - Equivalence in financial services

# GENERAL PROCEDURE: TCA

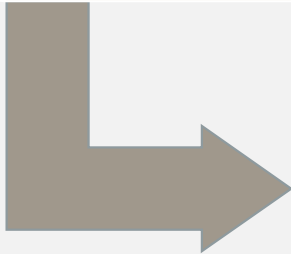
Consultations  
in PC (Art.738)

- Held w/i 30 days
- Usually concluded w/i 30 days
- Good faith, mutually agreed solution



Arbitration  
Procedure  
(Arts. 739-745)

- 3 arbitrators with expertise in law and international trade; independent
- Terms of reference of AT
- Interim report w/i 100 days; comments w/14 days
- Final report 130 (160) days



Compliance  
(Arts. 746-750)

- Comply w/i reasonable period or suitable compensation
- If not, temporary remedies, including cross-retaliation



## EU-UK SANDEELS DISPUTE

- UK banned fishing in the waters around England and Scotland
- EU (Denmark) says this means they cannot fish in these waters to fulfil the quota under the TCA
- Issues
  - Best available scientific evidence
  - Non-discrimination
  - Proportionality
  - Sovereignty

# BREXIT PURITANISM



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Reviewing every EU law on our statute book.

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## Truss vows to scrap remaining EU laws by end of 2023 risking 'bonfire of rights'

**Scale and complexity of task would be difficult in context of civil service cuts, say experts**



📷 Liz Truss is attempting to position herself as the self-styled 'Brexit-delivery prime minister'.  
Photograph: Aaron Chown/PA

# A bonfire of EU laws is easily achieved

JACOB REES-MOGG



Nearly 4,000 laws passed by the European Union remain on the statute book. More than 2,400 are listed on the Government's Dashboard, with which we made it easy for Rishi Sunak to deliver on his leadership promise. Since then another 1,400 have apparently been found by the National Archives hiding on dusty shelves.

These rules and regulations, spewed out by a great bureaucratic machine, became UK law without any ability to amend them or, if based on EU regulations, even debate them. Some were passed on the basis of qualified majority vote and were opposed by British governments. The Retained EU Law Bill, which recently had its second reading in the House of Commons, will either repeal them or bring them into domestic law.

The former process, with laws at times brought in simply by the fiat of ministers (although even that was sometimes overridden by the EU) will be replaced with the conscious assent

of Parliament. This will revoke the remaining supremacy of EU law, which is an absurdity six years after we voted to leave.

Not surprisingly, those who wish we had never left the EU are squealing about this Bill. Even though the Government has committed to maintain all the environmental protections that currently exist and met a number of the environmental lobby groups to confirm this, they immediately responded by calling for the Bill to be dropped because they prefer EU to UK law. They idealise bureaucracy over democracy.

In Whitehall, the objection is the volume of work and the number of people that would be required to carry it out. As much of the Civil Service is still not physically coming into work, this rather reinforces an unfortunate image of a workshy Civil Service which is in many cases unfair.

Ludicrously, when I served in the Business Department, I was told that to deal with 318 EU rules, 370 officials would be required for a year. This meant more than one person for a full year on every individual regulation. How could that be? Surely every department keeps its stock of rules under constant review as the ordinary routine business of a ministry.

Perhaps 50 years of EU membership added government departments' ability to think independently. In the Bill the proposal is either to keep the rules if necessary, but rewrite them in domestic legal terms, or to repeal them altogether. That is not an unduly complex task, indeed as the default is repeal, nothing needs to be done to allow unnecessary rules to wither.

In part, how regulation develops will be about the type of economy we choose. Should it be one where consumers and producers make decisions and are free from detailed regulations, or should it follow the EU pattern of prescriptive rules on every producer? This will affect the workload at the Business Department as there are about 40 energy labelling requirements covering dishwashers, washing machines, ovens and tumble driers.

Beyond that there are eco design rules for directional lamps and solid fuel boilers among many others. Assuming consumers are naturally intelligent, will they not decide to buy the most efficient equipment for themselves? Can they not be trusted?

Even if these rules are required, they could be combined. This would allow dozens of regulations to be simplified and reduce the administrative burden on the Government, Parliament and



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the British people. It is not just that swathes of peculiar laws could be removed, the Bill will restore, from the end of 2023, the usual principles of the British constitution, and fulfil the referendum promise to take back control. There will be no special EU hierarchy – law passed at whatever date will take its place in the firmament as equal British legislation and it will be easier for domestic courts to depart from EU legal judgments.

Indeed the Retained EU Law Bill will be the cornerstone of the restored constitutional settlement. As at the Restoration itself, the laws of the Interregnum were publicly burned in a symbolic rejection of illegitimacy, so this Bill will restore legitimacy.

The critics have stood logic on its head. Laws that had no mandate will be replaced or repealed by a parliamentary act with scrutiny in both Houses. The uncertainty of two competing legal systems will be replaced with certainty, and the illegitimate supremacy and alien legal system will be excised.

It is an essential completion of Brexit without which we would be an EU fellow traveller.

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Sunset REUL/now default is reversed; but 587 REUL  
does go; sunset sweeper provision  
NB EU-derived secondary legislation and RDEUL

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Turn off supremacy and general principles

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Broad powers to restate/reproduce/revoke or  
replace REUL/AL (powers expire on 23 June 2026)

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Encourage courts to depart from pre-Brexit ECJ case  
law more readily

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REUL becomes 'assimilated law' (AL)

RETAINED EU LAW  
(REVOCATION AND  
REFORM) ACT 2023

# RETAINED EU LAW/ASSIMILATED LAW

## Introduction

The REUL and assimilated law dashboard provides the public with information about the amount of assimilated law there is, where it sits across UK government departments, and the actions taken to either reform, revoke or retain it.

It includes UK legislation which is reserved, and which has mixed competence or falls under devolved competence. However, it does not include any legislation made by the devolved governments or by the Scottish Parliament, Senedd or Northern Ireland Assembly.

Following a review of REUL by the previous government, the dashboard was first published in June 2022 and catalogued 2,417 individual pieces of REUL identified by UK government departments. Since then, additional REUL was identified, now amounting to 6,901 individual pieces. The dashboard was updated in January 2025 alongside the publication of the third Assimilated Law Parliamentary Report and remains a useful resource for tracking the ongoing status of assimilated law.

This Government is committed to creating a pro-business environment with a regulatory framework that supports innovation, economic growth, investment, and high-quality jobs. We will reform assimilated law, where desirable, to deliver that vision and support the Industrial Strategy. We will be guided by this Government's national missions and wider priorities, including our work to reset UK relations with the devolved governments and the EU, and the milestones listed within the Prime Minister's Plan for Change.



Total REUL	Unchanged	Amended	Repealed	Replaced	Expired	TBC
6,901	4,417	806	1,484	43	62	89

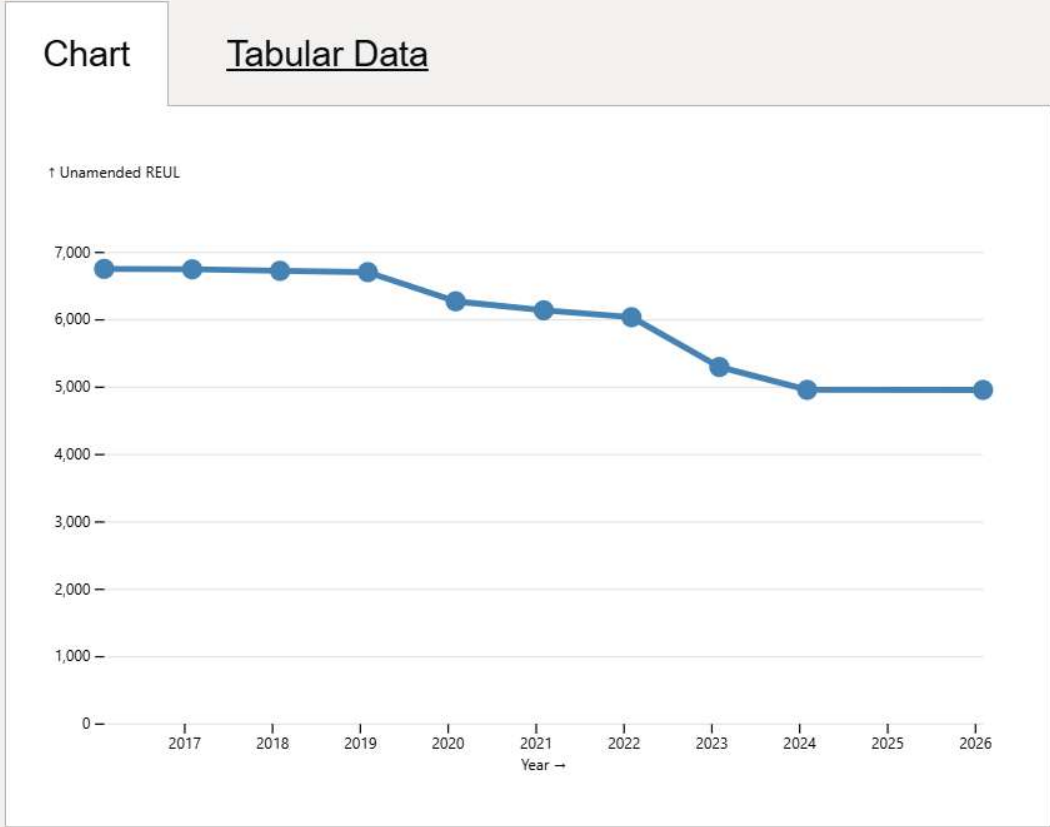
### Changes to REUL / assimilated law

**This visualisation represents actions taken to amend, repeal, and/or replace REUL / assimilated law as of 23 December 2024. It also includes REUL / assimilated law which has expired. At present 35.99% has been reformed. Some pieces of legislation may undergo further reform in future. The Department for Business and Trade will continue to lead work across Whitehall to determine how best to proceed with regulatory reform to deliver our priorities.**

35.99%

REUL / assimilated law changes by year

**Retained EU Law was created as a category of domestic law in 2018 by the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018. REUL is now known as assimilated law. This graph tracks the changes made to REUL / assimilated law by year.**



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THE BINARY CHOICE

# STARMER'S PUSH TO EU RESET

RESET 19 MAY 2025

- **Joint Statement**
  - Including respect for the rule of law and multilateralism
  - Commitment to the ECHR
- **Security and Defence Partnership**
  - Including participating in **SAFE**
- **Common Understanding on a renewed agenda for European Union – United Kingdom cooperation**
  - SPS Agreement (NB dynamic alignment and role for the ECJ)
  - Energy cooperation
  - the participation of the UK in the EU's electricity market.
  - link their respective emissions trading systems, which in turn could lead to mutual exemptions from their respective Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanisms.
  - Youth mobility?



PRODUCT  
REGULATION  
AND  
METROLOGY  
ACT 2025:  
VOLUNTARY  
ALIGNMENT

Section 1(2)

The Secretary of State may also by regulations make provision, in relation to the marketing or use of products in the United Kingdom, which corresponds, or is similar, to a provision of relevant EU law for the purpose of reducing or mitigating the environmental impact of products.

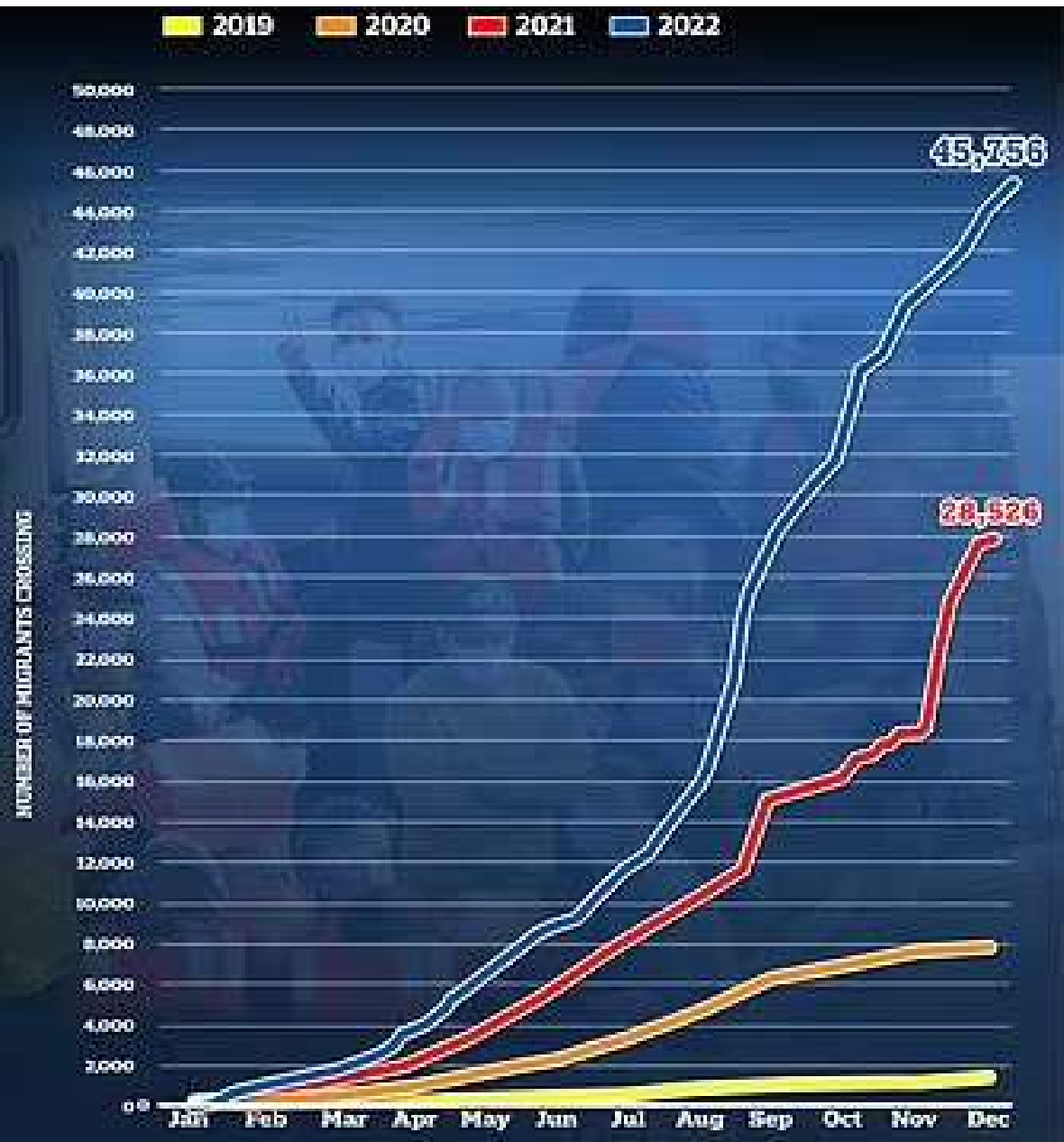
**And more substantive alignment in the future?**

# THE GROWING BACKLASH AGAINST THE ECHR?



## THE BACKLASH

- ‘The ECHR is an increasingly dangerous and imperialistic body, grown far beyond its initial remit, and transformed into an arrogant, unaccountable and rootless authority committed to socially engineering “progressive” outcomes using the tool of human rights law.’
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## WITHDRAWAL FROM ECHR

- ARTICLE 763 Democracy, rule of law and human rights

1. The Parties shall continue to uphold the shared values and principles of democracy, the rule of law, and respect for human rights, which underpin their domestic and international policies. In that regard, the Parties reaffirm their respect for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the international human rights treaties to which they are parties

- ARTICLE 771 Essential elements

Article 763(1), Article 764(1) and Article 765(1) constitute essential elements of the partnership established by this Agreement and any supplementing agreement

TITLE III

FULFILLMENT OF OBLIGATIONS AND SAFEGUARD MEASURES

ARTICLE 772

Fulfilment of obligations described as essential elements

1. If either Party considers that there has been a serious and substantial failure by the other Party to fulfil any of the obligations that are described as essential elements in Article 771, it may decide to terminate or suspend the operation of this Agreement or any supplementing agreement in whole or in part.
2. Before doing so, the Party invoking the application of this Article shall request that the Partnership Council meet immediately with a view to seeking a timely and mutually agreeable solution. If no mutually agreeable solution is found within 30 days from the date of the request to the Partnership Council, the Party may take the measures referred to in paragraph 1.
3. The measures referred to in paragraph 1 shall be in full respect of international law and shall be proportionate. Priority shall be given to the measures which least disturb the functioning of this Agreement and of any supplementing agreements.

Art. 763  
(democracy,  
RoL, HR)

Art. 771  
(Art. 763 etc =  
essential  
elements)

Art. 772  
(serious and  
subs failure to  
fulfil ess  
elements in Art.  
771) =  
terminate/suspe  
nd TCA