Union General Export Authorisation for the export of certain dual-use items from the Union to the United Kingdom

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The European Parliament adopted by 645 votes to 2, with 7 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 428/2009 by granting a Union General Export Authorisation for the export of certain dual-use items from the Union to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The European Parliament adopt its position at first reading, taking over the Commission proposal.

The proposal to amend Council Regulation (EC) No 428/2009 aims to add the United Kingdom to the list of countries benefiting from a general export authorisation for dual-use items valid throughout the EU in the absence of a withdrawal agreement with the United Kingdom.

Given the urgency entailed by the circumstances of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the Union, it is proposed that the Regulation should enter into force rapidly, i.e. on the day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.