Export of certain dual-use items from the EU to the United Kingdom

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The European Parliament adopted by 653 votes to 10, with 31 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.

Parliament adopted its position at first reading in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure, taking over the Commission proposal.

Regulation (EC) No 428/2009 provides for EU general export authorisations which facilitate controls on low-risk exports of dual-use items to certain third countries. Currently, Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland, including Liechtenstein, and the United States of America are covered by Union General Export Authorisation No EU001.

Considering that the United Kingdom is an important destination for dual-use items produced in the EU, it is appropriate to add the United Kingdom to the list of destinations covered by the EU general export authorisation No EU001 in order to ensure the uniform and consistent application of controls throughout the Union, to provide a level playing field for Union exporters and to avoid unnecessary administrative burden, while protecting Union and international security.

Adding the United Kingdom to the to the list of countries included in Union general export authorisation No EU001, would not have a negative impact on EU and international security.