Basic information

2023/0062(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation	Procedure completed
Specific rules relating to the entry into Northern Ireland from other parts of the United Kingdom of certain consignments of retail goods, plants for planting, seed potatoes, machinery and certain vehicles operated for agricultural or forestry purposes, as well as non-commercial movements of certain pet animals into Northern Ireland **Subject** 2.80 Cooperation between administrations 3.10.08 Animal health requirements, veterinary legislation and pharmacy 3.10.08.01 Feedingstuffs, animal nutrition 3.10.08.05 Animal diseases 3.10.09.02 Plant health legislation 3.15.01 Fish stocks, conservation of fishery resources 3.15.02 Aquaculture 3.15.07 Fisheries inspectorate, surveillance of fishing vessels and areas 3.70.01 Protection of natural resources: fauna, flora, nature, wildlife, countryside; biodiversity 4.20 Public health 4.60.04.04 Food safety 6.20.02 Export/import control, trade defence, trade barriers	

Key players

	Joint committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
European Parliament	ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	CANFIN Pascal (Renew)	22/03/2023
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	HLAVÁČEK Martin (Renew)	22/03/2023
		Shadow rapporteur MARKEY Colm (EPP) CLUNE Deirdre (EPP) DE CASTRO Paolo (S&D) COVASSI Beatrice (S&D) METZ Tilly (Greens/EFA) EICKHOUT Bas (Greens /EFA) VONDRA Alexandr (ECR) RUISSEN Bert-Jan (ECR) SARDONE Silvia (ID) VILLANUEVA RUIZ Idoia (The Left) MACMANUS Chris (The Left)	

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
IMCO Internal Market and Consumer Protection	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
PECH Fisheries	Chair on behalf of committee KARLESKIND Pierre (Renew)	28/03/2023

Council of the European Union

European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner
	Health and Food Safety	KYRIAKIDES Stella

European Economic and Social Committee

European Committee of the Regions

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
27/02/2023	Legislative proposal published	COM(2023)0124	
13/03/2023	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
20/04/2023	Referral to joint committee announced in Parliament		
27/04/2023	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
28/04/2023	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A9-0168/2023	
09/05/2023	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T9-0123/2023	Summary
09/05/2023	Results of vote in Parliament		
01/06/2023	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
14/06/2023	Final act signed		
29/06/2023	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2023/0062(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation

Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 59 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 168-p4 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 043-p2 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 114
Mandatory consultation of other institutions	European Economic and Social Committee European Committee of the Regions
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CJ14/9/11575

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE745.441	29/03/2023	
Specific opinion	PECH	PE746.826	26/04/2023	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A9-0168/2023	28/04/2023	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T9-0123/2023	09/05/2023	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Draft final act	00017/2023/LEX	14/06/2023	

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2023)0124	27/02/2023	

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1622/2023	27/04/2023	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Regulation 2023/1231
OJ L 165 29.06.2023, p. 0103

Specific rules relating to the entry into Northern Ireland from other parts of the United Kingdom of certain consignments of retail goods, plants for planting, seed potatoes, machinery and certain vehicles operated for agricultural or forestry purposes, as well as non-commercial movements of certain pet animals into Northern Ireland

2023/0062(COD) - 09/05/2023 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 619 votes to 2, with 6 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on specific rules relating to the entry into Northern Ireland from other parts of the United Kingdom of certain consignments of retail goods, plants for planting, seed potatoes, machinery and certain vehicles operated for agricultural or forestry purposes, as well as non-commercial movements of certain pet animals into Northern Ireland.

The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading by **taking over** the Commission's proposal.

This proposal reflects the joint solutions on **food, plants, seeds and pet animals' issues regarding Northern Ireland** found by the Commission and the United Kingdom where the food is consumed in Northern Ireland, the plants and seeds are used in Northern Ireland and the pets stay in Northern Ireland. It lays down specific rules relating to the entry into Northern Ireland from other parts of the United Kingdom of certain consignments of retail goods, plants for planting, machinery and vehicles, which have been operated for agricultural or forestry purposes, seed potatoes, as well as non-commercial movements of pet animals.

The new rules mean:

- a **drastic simplification of the requirements and procedures** for the entry into Northern Ireland from other parts of the United Kingdom of certain retail goods subject to SPS Union acts destined for final consumers in Northern Ireland, with safeguards guaranteeing the protection of animal or plant health on the island of Ireland, of animal, public or plant health, and of the consumers in the Union's internal market and the latter's integrity;

- the United Kingdom's public health and consumer protection standards can apply to those retail goods moved by authorised operators to Northern Ireland from other parts of the United Kingdom and consumed in Northern Ireland, with adequate markings and under appropriate safety conditions;

- non-commercial movement of pet animals accompanying persons travelling to Northern Ireland from other parts of the United Kingdom and staying in Northern Ireland would be able to move with simplified travel documentation.

The proposal empowers the Commission to adopt the necessary implementing acts for the application of the specific rules on official controls and simplified certification requirements once the United Kingdom has offered certain guarantees and met certain conditions.

Specific rules relating to the entry into Northern Ireland from other parts of the United Kingdom of certain consignments of retail goods, plants for planting, seed potatoes, machinery and certain vehicles operated for agricultural or forestry purposes, as well as non-commercial movements of certain pet animals into Northern Ireland

2023/0062(COD) - 29/06/2023 - Final act

PURPOSE: to allow consumer food products to be moved from Great Britain to Northern Ireland for final consumption.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EU) 2023/1231 of the European Parliament and of the Council on specific rules relating to the entry into Northern Ireland from other parts of the United Kingdom of certain consignments of retail goods, plants for planting, seed potatoes, machinery and certain vehicles operated for agricultural or forestry purposes, as well as non-commercial movements of certain pet animals into Northern Ireland.

CONTENT: with this Regulation, the Union continues to put in place the **Windsor framework**, politically agreed between the Commission and the United Kingdom Government on 27 February 2023, to address, in a definitive manner, the challenges concerning Northern Ireland following the UK's withdrawal from the EU.

The Regulation reflects **joint solutions** identified by the Commission and the UK for issues relating to food, plants, seeds and pets in Northern Ireland, where food is consumed in Northern Ireland, plants and seeds are used in Northern Ireland and pets are kept in Northern Ireland.

The Regulation sets out specific rules for the entry into Northern Ireland from other parts of the United Kingdom of certain consignments of consumer goods, plants for planting, machinery and certain vehicles which have been used for agricultural or forestry purposes and seed potatoes, and for the non-commercial movement of pet animals.

The new rules regarding sanitary and phytosanitary measures, which protect animal, public and plant health, will make it possible to move agri-food retail products from Great Britain to Northern Ireland for end consumption there with minimal certification requirements and controls, once the agreed safeguards have been put in place.

These safeguards include sanitary and phytosanitary inspection facilities and **"Not for EU"** labelling, which will be introduced gradually by 1 July 2025.

The new rules mean:

- a drastic simplification of the requirements and procedures for the entry into Northern Ireland from other parts of the United Kingdom of certain retail goods subject to SPS Union acts destined for final consumers in Northern Ireland, with safeguards guaranteeing the protection of animal or plant health on the island of Ireland, of animal, public or plant health, and of the consumers in the Union's internal market and the latter's integrity;

- a **new solution** for the entry into Northern Ireland from other parts of the United Kingdom of products, including seed potatoes, plants for planting and machinery and vehicles which have been used for agricultural or forestry purposes, under specific conditions ensuring that plant health is protected in the Union;

- the United Kingdom's **public health and consumer protection** standards can apply to those retail goods moved by authorised operators to Northern Ireland from other parts of the United Kingdom and consumed in Northern Ireland, with adequate markings and under appropriate safety conditions;

- **non-commercial movement of pet animals** accompanying persons travelling to Northern Ireland from other parts of the United Kingdom and staying in Northern Ireland would be able to move with simplified travel documentation.

The new provisions will begin to apply gradually once the EU has received appropriate written assurances from the UK on the implementation of the agreed safeguards.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 2.7.2023.