

DAERA responses: DSC requests for further information in relation to Regulation (EU) 2026/1738 - Circularity requirements for vehicle design and on management of end-of-life vehicles

Request from DSC:

- Officials are asked to provide further information on any questions which were not fully addressed in today's evidence session.
- Additionally, the Committee asks the Department to provide trade statistics on Northern Ireland businesses trading car parts and used vehicles into the EU market.
- The Department is also asked to share the DSC's Citizen Space consultation on the published EU act with the stakeholders which it previously consulted.

DAERA input

1. That DAERA provide it with trade statistics on Northern Ireland businesses trading car parts and used vehicles into the EU market.

Trade statistics relating to trade between Northern Ireland businesses and the EU are held by HMRC. The UK Government is currently engaging with HMRC to obtain the relevant data. DAERA can confirm that, in 2024 (the latest year for which data is available), exports to the EU from the Wholesale and Retail Trade of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles sector, including both new and used vehicles, were estimated at £3.96 billion. It has not been possible to distinguish between new and used vehicles or to obtain separate data on used parts and components. Should more detailed data become available, the Committee will be informed.

2. To share the DSC's [Citizen Space consultation](#) on the published EU act with the stakeholders with whom it consulted previously.

DAERA has circulated the Committee's consultation to approximately 50 Northern Ireland businesses, including a substantial number of small and medium-sized enterprises.

If any additional feedback is received from business in advance of the inquiry, the Committee will be informed.

3. More generally, for officials to *‘provide further information on any questions which were not fully addressed in today's evidence session’*.

The issue of exporting used and end-of-life vehicles was raised; however, DAERA was not in a position to provide a comprehensive response.

Controls and requirements on the export of used vehicles

The export of used vehicles is a reserved matter. From 1 September 2031, used vehicles may be exported only if they are not classified as end-of-life vehicles, hold a valid MOT at the time the export declaration is submitted, and their roadworthiness can be verified electronically. These requirements will not apply to movements of vehicles between Northern Ireland and Great Britain, as such movements do not constitute exports. Although this measure will result in regulatory divergence between Northern Ireland and Great Britain, its potential impacts cannot currently be assessed.

Shipments of end-of-life vehicles

End-of-life vehicles may only be exported to a third country where the shipment of those vehicles, or any waste arising from their treatment, complies with Regulation (EU) 2024/1157 (the Waste Shipments Regulation). This requirement maintains the current regulatory position and does not impose any additional obligations on businesses in Northern Ireland.

From: DSC
Sent: 06 August 2026 16:47
To: TEO Democratic Scrutiny Committee
Subject: DSC Inquiry - Regulation (EU) 2026/1738

Good afternoon,

[Regulation \(EU\) 2026/1738 on circularity requirements for vehicle design and on management of end-of-life vehicles, amending Regulations \(EU\) 2018/858 and 2019/1020 and repealing Directives 2000/53/EC and 2005/64/EC](#)

At its meeting on 6 August 2026, the DSC considered the above published replacement EU act and agreed to hold an inquiry.

The Department is therefore required to formally brief the Committee at its next meeting on **Thursday 13 August 2026**.

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Please provide details of the officials who will be attending to give oral evidence, using the attached template.

Kind regards,