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At its meeting on 9 May 2024, the Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee (DSC) agreed to hold an inquiry into Regulation (EU) 2024/1157 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 April 2024 on shipments of waste, amending Regulations (EU) No 1257/2013 and (EU) 2020/1056 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006.

Officials from the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, attended that meeting to give evidence on the replacement EU act. During the oral evidence session, it became apparent that the full impact of the replacement EU act, should it apply here, would not be known for some time, with significant discussions between officials and other regulators only commencing in June 2024. The Hansard of the evidence session can be found here when it becomes available.

As you will be aware, the DSC must publish its inquiry report, no later than 15 working days before the end of the scrutiny period i.e. 10 June 2024. This is clearly outside of the time when a full assessment of impact will be available for consideration by the DSC.

The DSC asks that you reflect on this matter and communicate its concerns to the Joint Committee through the relevant Windsor Framework structures.

I would appreciate your views on the issue raised at your earliest convenience.

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Chairperson, Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee