

Additional Information Received from The Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA)

At the Committee hearing on 6 August and the subsequent inquiry on 13 August, DAERA officials agreed to provide any additional information available regarding the export of used vehicles to the EU market.

The DVLA has provided the following information:

“Based on the May 2026 dataset (latest available) there are 127,327 vehicles currently registered with a BT postcode and an Export marker set”

To assist the Committee in understanding the DVLA dataset regarding vehicles registered with a BT postcode that carry an export marker, the following context should be noted:

Reporting period

- The dataset does not specify the period covered by the export activity.
- The figure of 127,327 vehicles exported is likely to represent a cumulative database total of all vehicle records which have been marked in the DVLA database as having been exported, or a cumulative number from an unknown start date.

Export type and destination

- No breakdown is available on the types or classifications of vehicles exported.
- The dataset does not distinguish where these vehicles have been exported to, as the DVLA cannot identify the destination country for exported vehicles. As set out in the UK Government's Explanatory Memorandum (paragraphs 55-56):
 - NI-GB movements are fully protected from any new export control requirements in this Regulation under Northern Ireland's unfettered access to the rest of the UK internal market.
 - EU/Ireland movements are not affected by new export control requirements in this Regulation under the Windsor Framework arrangements.
 - Exports to non-UK and non-EU destinations are covered by the Regulation's export requirements.

Export requirements

- Vehicles may continue to be exported from Northern Ireland to non-UK and non-EU destinations if they have confirmation of roadworthiness (e.g. a valid MOT).

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Subject: Regulation (EU) 2026/1738 on vehicle standards

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 13 August 2026, the Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee heard oral evidence from Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) officials as part of its ongoing inquiry into the above-named replacement EU act.

During the evidence session, officials shared further information it had received from some stakeholders, and agreed to submit the details of this to the Committee.

Officials also stated that the UK Government is seeking more comprehensive trade information regarding used vehicles and spare parts, and that DAERA has requested information from the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency on the number of used vehicles with transferred ownership from Northern Ireland to the European Union. Officials agreed to share additional data with the Committee as soon as it becomes available.

As the Committee will consider its draft inquiry report on Thursday 20 August 2026, please provide any further information **by 11.00 am on Monday 17 August 2026**.

Kind regards,

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