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Sent: 29 October 2026 11:16
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Subject: Re: WFDSC Consultation - Reg (EU) 2026/2108 establishing the union customs code and the European union customs authority
Importance: High

Dear [redacted],

Thank you for forwarding the Committee's letter of 2 October (Ref DSC 254/26) regarding Regulation (EU) 2026/2108 establishing the Union Customs Code and the European Union Customs Authority.

Please accept my apologies that this response arrives after the 18 October closing date. I would be grateful if you could pass it to the Committee and ask whether it can still be considered as part of the inquiry.

About the NCDA

The National Courier & Despatch Association represents independent courier, sameday and parcel operators across the UK and Northern Ireland. Our members range from owner-operators and SMEs to larger operators, and many provide time-critical services to NI businesses, healthcare providers and consumers.

Our views

The NCDA does not take a position on whether the Act should or should not apply. Our aim is to give the Committee a practical view from the members who move goods into Northern Ireland every day. Our main concerns are:

1. Low-value consignments – the removal of the €150 duty exemption, the temporary €3 per-item duty and the new EU handling fee create a risk that parcels moving into Northern Ireland, particularly goods treated as "at risk", attract additional cost and paperwork. We would welcome clarity on how these measures interact with the existing GB–NI parcel arrangements and the UK Internal Market Scheme.

2. Data and systems – the move to a single EU Customs Data Hub, while the rest of the UK uses CDS, could mean SME operators keying the same consignment data into two different systems. For smaller couriers this is a real cost and may lead some to reduce or surcharge services to Northern Ireland.

3. Impact on everyday life – if operators withdraw, delay or add surcharges to NI services, the effect falls on local consumers, small businesses and time-critical supply chains such as healthcare and pharmaceuticals. In our view this is the area where a lasting impact is most likely.

4. Timelines – with the main provisions applying from September 2027 and the Data Hub phased in to 2034, operators need early and clear guidance on what will be required, and when.

We would ask the Committee to seek clarity from the UK Government and the Department for the Economy on how the parcel and UKIMS arrangements will operate alongside the new Code, and to encourage early engagement with the courier and parcel sector on implementation.

The NCDA would be happy to provide further insights and support if needed.

Kind Regards

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Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee

Ref: DSC 254/26

2 October 2026

The National Courier & Despatch Association
Issued via email to: [redacted]

Dear Sir/Madam,

REGULATION (EU) 2026/2108 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL OF 16 SEPTEMBER 2026 ESTABLISHING THE UNION CUSTOMS CODE AND THE EUROPEAN UNION CUSTOMS AUTHORITY, AND REPEALING REGULATION (EU) NO 952/2013

The Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee (DSC) was notified of the above published replacement EU act, under paragraph 6(1)(b) of Schedule 6B of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

At its meeting on 1 October 2026, the DSC agreed to carry out an inquiry into the replacement act. As part of its inquiry, the DSC is seeking your views on whether applying/not applying the act would have a significant negative impact specific to everyday life of communities in Northern Ireland in a way that is liable to persist.

Should you wish to provide views, you can do so via Citizen Space at the following link: https://consult.nia-yourassembly.org.uk/windsor-framework-democratic-scrutiny-committee/eu-regulation-2026-2108/.

The DSC requests that you also share the survey with any relevant contacts.

The Northern Ireland Assembly uses Citizen Space in its calls for evidence. However, if you are unable to access Citizen Space or need to provide your response in an alternative format, please contact the committee office at: windsorframework.committee@niassembly.gov.uk. The Privacy Notice provides more information on how Northern Ireland Assembly Committees process and protect personal data we collect from you, or which you provide.

Please note that the survey will close on 18 October 2026

Yours faithfully,

[redacted], Assistant Clerk
Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee

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