

The EU view of the Protocol Agreement

The EU on Monday released a statement on the political Agreement with the UK over Northern Ireland.

It made clear "The EU plant and animal health rules remain applicable" in NI

It states there will be " a set of new and existing safeguards including SPS inspection facilities and labelling " for food trade

Pets will need a chip passport and a statement they are not going to the EU to enter NI from GB

Goods going to NI will need new labelling

EU VAT rules still apply in NI with " new flexibilities"

"The European Court of Justice remains the sole and ultimate arbiter of EU law"

EU laws will still apply in single market areas to Northern Ireland.

I am asking how the EU will determine which EU laws to apply, if and how our freedom to set taxes will be limited, and why the UK government wants to embed the Protocol permanently into law.

Will there be any way to modify or exit the Agreement if it does not work out as hoped?