

# UK Government in chaos as it caves in to EU again

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## The Government is busy on Ukraine but what about the integrity of the UK?

Despite past assurances of being willing to suspend the Northern Ireland Protocol it continues in place after the British Government revealed its true self yesterday.

Firstly it announced the Ukraine war means Article 16 will not be invoked. Secondly, it brought forward regulations to stop using the name 'United Kingdom' in customs procedures – but then had to pull them as backbenchers rebelled. Thirdly the Belfast Appeal Court ruled in the Government's favour – five times.

Don't expect a great deal of coverage in the mainstream media about the dissection of the United Kingdom by its own government – especially while there's a war on. Yesterday was **"a good day for bad news"**.

As a result Facts4EU presents a report on the latest developments that the Government would prefer you did not know. These are the facts.

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“The bad, the ugly, and the dreadful”

FIRST: Invoking Article 16 of the Protocol put on ice

- On Saturday night it was reported the Foreign Secretary, Liz Truss, had written to the Prime Minister to say that due to the pressures of the Ukraine War this was not the right time to invoke Article 16 that would suspend the Northern Ireland Protocol pending its removal.
- Instead she outlined a proposal to boost trade between Britain and Northern Ireland through an “economic stimulus” using tax breaks and a “unilateral green lane” allowing goods that would remain in the UK to cross the Irish Sea with minimal paperwork.
- On Friday Steve Baker MP, former Brexit minister, said it would be “risible” to shelve the triggering of Article 16 until later this year because of the war in Ukraine, calling the Protocol “unfinished business”
- DUP leader Sir Jeffrey Donaldson MP said, “The Protocol remains a problem, and it needs to be addressed.”

SECOND: The Belfast Appeals Court rulings

- Then yesterday morning the Belfast Appeals Court gave its verdict on the appeal brought by pro-Union supporters after their judicial review was rejected by the High Court – siding with the Government’s case. Its rulings were:-
- **First ruling on the Protocol:** The judicial review is of important public interest and should not be dismissed on the ground of being out of time.
- **Second ruling on the Protocol:** On Article 6 of the Act of Union: Article 6 has been overridden by the Protocol but is not set aside by it. It is subjugated for as long as the Protocol exists.
- **Third ruling on the Protocol:** The constitutional

position of Northern Ireland has not “formally” been altered by the Protocol.

- **Fourth ruling on the Protocol:** The changes made to the consent mechanisms in the Northern Ireland Act 1998, setting aside cross community consent, is lawful.
- **Fifth ruling on the Protocol:** Foreign laws being imposed on Northern Ireland without any right to vote on these or object to them before their imposition is not a breach of human rights.
- It is now expected that the Appeals Court rulings will be challenged in the Supreme Court by the pro-union supporters who brought the original judicial review.

### THIRD: Chaos over regulations

- There then followed a highly embarrassing moment when the Treasury tried to make regulatory changes for Customs Procedures that removed the name ‘United Kingdom’ and replaced it with ‘Great Britain’ for goods being shipped through Northern Ireland ports. This caused immediate uproar in the committee hearing the proposal, with Steve Baker and Craig MacKinlay objecting.
- Once the new regulation was known, social media came alive and there was a flurry of activity behind the scenes with the Foreign Secretary clearly annoyed as it undermined her expressions of continuing to negotiate on the Protocol. Subsequently the proposed amendments were withdrawn.

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