



The CIBUK Clear Water Partnership Newsletter

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“Britain’s beef with Brussels”

Last week we led on fish, this week it’s beef.

When it comes to Northern Ireland the implications of the Protocol continue to play themselves out in ever more ridiculous ways which no-one - not even the EU - can surely have envisaged.

No Go = No Show

The latest example isn’t even about beef consumption: it concerns the rules on transportation for sale or show only - in this case for the 50th annual show of the British Limousin Cattle Society.

The new rules however make the entire enterprise completely uneconomic. In a nutshell: “Protocol regulations for moving cattle across the Irish Sea mean that although Northern Irish farmers can take their animals to England, Scotland and Wales to exhibit and sell – they cannot take them back home again until they have been quarantined in Britain for six months.”

NIP Implications for Sale and Show:

- NI cattle from Britain's biggest beef breed are effectively barred by the EU from being exhibited in mainland GB
- Arrangements for the 50th show for the British Limousin Cattle Society reveal a previously unknown Protocol rule
- Limousin breeders from NI have had to abandon plans to show animals at the show due to highly expensive Protocol rules
- EU rule makes the transporting of cattle for show or sale, and then returning to Northern Ireland completely uneconomic
- The cost for quarantining will run into £1,000s per animal

And yet horses are exempt!

- Horses, unlike cattle, can be transported from Northern Ireland to the GB mainland and return the same or next day without any difficulty
- No quarantining is required for horses – cattle are a different matter

Protocol butchers Northern Irish Cattle

The implications for Northern Irish farmers wishing to exhibit on the mainland are therefore devastating.

As the head of the British Limousin Cattle Society explains:

"They can come over, they can be sold, shown, but they cannot go back..."

"There's six months over here before they can actually go back to Northern Ireland.

Whereas racehorses and that can go backwards and forwards in a day! It is bizarre and it's putting our Northern Irish members at a disadvantage."

"Normally a lot of Northern Irish animals come over to be shown at the big event, it's very prestigious. And it just cannot happen this year. They are not going to bring their best show animals, their pride and joy, over to this side, to then have them held up here for six months before they go back.

"I find it appalling. We all do. It's appalling. It is penalising our members in Northern Ireland."

- Harry Parker, Chairman, British Limousin Cattle Society, at the Balmoral Show, 13 May 2022

The full article can be read here: <https://cibuk.org/uk-beef-northern-ireland-eu-rules/>

Danes go to polls in crucial referendum on 1st June

In less than a fortnight's time, the Danes will be asked to take part in a crucial referendum vote - this time on whether to relinquish their opt-out from the EU's common security and defence policy.

Question on the ballot

Unlike the UK's fiercely fought referendum campaign, the Danes cannot even agree the terms of the debate:

"Do you vote yes or no for Denmark to participate in European co-operation on security and defence by abolishing the EU defence opt-out?"

The question itself is highly ambiguous. As Lave Broch, spokesman for the Danish 'People's Movement against the EU' explains:

"We have criticised the question because Europe is bigger than the EU and Denmark is already in European cooperation on security and defence through NATO, the OSCE, the Nordic cooperation, etc."

Weaponizing Ukraine

"We are facing a huge scaremongering campaign where Putin's war is cynically being used by the 'yes' side. Posters from the Yes campaign talk about "closer together in unsafe times", "protect Denmark", "freedom and safety". Our politicians including the Prime Minister all talk about the war in Ukraine.

Establishment bias

Institutional bias within the mainstream media is as one-sided in Denmark as it was in the Brexit referendum according to Lave Broch.

"The biggest TV debates here have had an over-representation of 'Yes' supporters. We believe you had the same thing from the BBC in 2016."

Supporting an independent Denmark

On behalf of **CIBUK Clear Water Partnership** we offer our full and unwavering support to

the Danish people in their fight for self-determination in this forthcoming vote. To even contemplate a common EU defence force at a time like this is the height of folly. It raises uncertainty in the minds of existing NATO members and threatens operational cohesion at a time when the Western Alliance needs to stand shoulder to shoulder in defence of its freedoms.

This impending referendum will only undermine that objective.

The full report can be found here: <https://cibuk.org/danish-referendum-eu-defence/>

Brexit Britain heads for the stars – while the EU remains grounded

We conclude with a story from an industry whose coverage remains woefully under-reported in the mainstream media but is nonetheless vital to our long-term national security.

In that spirit, it gives us enormous pride and pleasure to report on the news of satellite launches from Spaceports at either end of Great Britain.

Countdown to ignition

From the Cornish peninsula in the south-west to the Shetland isles in the north, the race is on as plans were announced last week for satellite launches from their respective spaceports: Prometheus-2 from Cornwall in July of this year, and a partnership launch between Saxavord UK and Astra Space Inc in Shetland in 2023.

Vital part of the UK's Strategic Defence policy

No greater endorsement can be given for the importance of the industry than in its role in our national security.

In the words of Air Vice Marshall Harv Smyth:

“This is a great example of the power of international collaboration – a key tenet of our Defence Space Strategy. Prometheus 2 will deliver immense value to the UK MoD's future space programme and, thanks to our partners in the National Reconnaissance Office, this highly-capable satellite will launch from UK soil this summer.

“I am hugely proud of what we have achieved together and this is just the beginning.”

- Director Space at the MoD, Air Vice Marshal Harv Smyth, 10 May 2022

Industry lift-off

The speed of growth of the UK Space Industry is astonishing:

- Employment in the UK space sector hit 46,995 in 2020, up by almost 3,000 (+6.7%)
- Space sector income increased to **£16.5 billion**
- Exports accounted for around a third (32%) of this total
- Space manufacturing, including satellites, spacecraft, launch vehicles, instruments, increased to £2.27 billion *

**Data from Facts4EU on behalf of the Clear Water Partnership.*

EU's equivalent space project grounded

In marked contrast, the fabled EU Galileo and Copernicus projects, remain glued to the launchpad – nearly **30 years** after its inception - a monument to waste and delay:

- This EU taxpayer-funded and EU Commission-managed SatNav system is still only **73%** complete
- The UK was a major funder and a significant provider of technical expertise
- The original deadline for completion passed **15 years ago**
- The budget has rocketed to **17 times** the original figure
- None of the launches have taken place from European soil

Onwards and upwards

Freed from the shackles of the joint-EU project, the UK is well-placed to capitalise on its new-found freedoms and to press ahead in the space-race and secure its position as a leading player in the fast-evolving satellite industry.

The full report can be found here: <https://cibuk.org/uk-space-programme/>

About CIBUK: The Campaign for an Independent Britain ([CIBUK](https://cibuk.org)) is a non-party political campaigning organisation of people from all walks of life. It is the UK's longest-running membership organisation for freedom, democracy and independence.

Founded in 1969, for over 50 years the CIBUK has made a significant contribution in campaigning on issues important to the majority of our population and in securing our exit from the European Union. Now it's time for the next chapter.