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## ***“Rishi & Ursula’s Non-Flying Circus”***

***The Big Tent collapses  
on the first night***

***EXCLUSIVE : CIBUK.Org and Facts4EU.Org provides a  
definitive guide to the reality – not yesterday’s circus***

Forget the fireworks. The facts bear little relation to the spin behind yesterday’s political summit between the Prime Minister and EU Commission President Ursula Von de Leyen.

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***The Rt Hon Sir John Redwood MP commented on the our report saying:-***



*“We do need to examine the EU view of this Agreement and take legal advice on how it might operate. I have asked how the EU will decide which laws to impose on Northern Ireland and what influence if any the UK would have on that. I have also asked for more detail on how our freedom to set VAT and Excise taxes for NI would be limited under the Agreement. The issues are not just ones about GB to NI trade, but about who makes the laws and imposes the taxes.”*

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***Jim Allister of the Traditional Unionist Voice party in Northern Ireland  
commented:-***



*“Excellent report, shining the spotlight of scrutiny on the fine print of the deal.*

*“All in all, for anyone whose compass is set by sovereignty considerations and whose goal is the strengthening, not weakening, of the Union with GB, this is a deal which falls far short. The EU graciously allowing us to transport our pets comes nowhere close to the UK recovering sovereignty over this part of the United Kingdom.*

*“As for it being enough to cause Unionists to give up its Stormont leverage and settle for this deal, which comes with the added packaging of a Sinn Fein First Minister, then, no thanks!”*

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## We outline the bare bones of the agreement below

### ***This show must NOT go on***

- Foreign (EU) law continues to apply in a sovereign part of the United Kingdom
- The 'Windsor Framework' is not a legal agreement, merely a 'political agreement in principle'
- EU's product labelling demands are so onerous and expensive, many companies will not be able to supply NI
- Physical checks on products between GB and NI are still demanded
- Medicines will have to have expensive NI-only packaging to be available in NI
- Parcels - only large companies like DHL will be able to afford to take parcels to NI
- EU has imposed restrictions on UK's ability to apply the same lower VAT in NI as in GB
- The 'Stormont brake' can only be used "in the most exceptional circumstances"
- State Aid : Windsor Framework doesn't "modify the substance of Article 10(1) nor restrict its application"
- EU will only drop its seven legal proceedings against the UK when the UK has complied with all the EU's demands

**The Campaign for an Independent Britain - CIBUK** (<https://cibuk.org/>) – the oldest established organisation for independence, freedom and democracy in the UK and its affiliate [Facts4EU.Org](https://facts4eu.org/) – exposes the cold reality beneath the warm words following yesterday's Windsor Framework announcement.

### ***CIBUK's Chairman, Leigh Evans said***

*"Exhilaration over yesterday's announcement needs to give way to an urgent and sober reappraisal. Initial textual analysis of the Windsor Framework reveals an agreement which is strewn with political and practical minefields.*

*"The EU's statement on the key issue of sovereignty will worry many people: "There is no change to the role of the Court of Justice of the European Union," they say. "The Court of Justice remains the sole and ultimate arbiter of EU law."*

*"At a practical level many of the EU's demands remain so onerous and expensive many companies will not be able to supply NI. Physical checks on products between GB and NI are still demanded. "Medicines will have to have expensive NI-only packaging to be available in NI. The EU has imposed restrictions on the UK's ability to apply the same lower VAT in NI as in GB and the joint-declaration neither modifies nor restricts the application of EU state-aid rules in Northern Ireland as laid down in article 10 of the Protocol.*

*"These are just some of the objections arising from an initial examination of the framework. As things stand, the EU concessions over the NI Protocol do not go nearly far enough."*

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**For editors and journalists: [Link](#) to the article**

We are available for further comments if required – see contact details below.

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