

Submission

Dear Deputy Johnson,

I understand that you are the chairman of the Scrutiny panel which is reviewing the above agreement. I would draw to your attention the attachments which you may find give an interesting background and demonstrate how our autonomy and rights in regard to the EU have been discarded to our Island's detriment by the approach to the negotiations on Brexit purely by reference to trade ignoring the rights we enjoyed under Protocol 3 to the treaty of Accession to freedom of movement and abode etc in the EU.

This trade and cooperation agreement is no great benefit to the Island as we already enjoyed tariff free trade with the EU/UK. Senator Gorst admitted as much when he proposed the States approve the Agreement. The opportunity to negotiate a continuation of our position was missed when the Island entered into the customs union agreement with the UK. I.oM and Guernsey instead of seeking a Protocol to the Withdrawal Agreement in terms similar to Protocol 3 in the same way as Northern Ireland obtained the inclusion of a Protocol.

Faced with this faux pas I would ask that your Panel should establish the provisions for the movement of animals in particular bloodstock between the Island and France so that this can continue as at present through St. Malo and Grainville and not having to first traverse to the UK and thence to a designated custom post in Cherbourg or the like. Similarly if we require visas that we can obtain them from the French consul in the Island and not have to apply in person to some designated consulate in the UK.

The French Government has stated its intention to withdraw from the Agreement in respect of fisheries to the position ante the Agreement so this may provide an opportunity for Jersey to do likewise and seek a return to our position prior to the Withdrawal Agreement restoring freedom of movement rights which would benefit EU citizens wishing to work in Jersey as much as Jersey residents wishing to go to EU countries for travel, work, residence or education.

We did not participate in the UK referendum on Brexit and were not granted a referendum or consulted on our preference but had the decision imposed upon us by politicians without any mandate on such a fundamental constitutional issue. An unofficial poll indicated a majority against Brexit so far as Jersey was concerned.

Kind regards,
David Moon