

Principle:

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Policy Approach:

In assessing the options for the UK's future outside the EU Customs Union, the Government will be guided by what delivers the greatest economic advantage to the UK, and by three strategic objectives ... (2) avoiding a 'hard border' between Ireland and Northern Ireland. para 22

The UK would seek to recognise the unique circumstances of Northern Ireland and aim to protect individuals and traders by making maximum use of the UK's flexibility in relation to our own operation of the border. As elsewhere, the processes on the other side of the border would be constrained by the relevant requirements of EU law. Para 55

The land border with Ireland

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44. The proposals set out above for new customs approaches are first steps to meet our objective of trade across that land border being as seamless and frictionless as possible, but further steps will be necessary. The Government welcomes the clear commitment made in the European Council's negotiating guidelines and the European Commission's directives to work with us on "flexible and imaginative" solutions to achieve this, and we will be setting out our guiding principles for a land border arrangement in a forthcoming publication.

45. The Government has made clear that the answer to avoiding a hard border between Northern Ireland and Ireland cannot be to impose a new customs border between Northern Ireland and Great Britain. We should avoid any approach that would create new barriers to doing business within the UK (including between Northern Ireland and Great Britain).

Business stakeholders have, for example, made clear: ... the potential impact of customs procedures in Northern Ireland. para 53.

In doing so, we will seek views from across the United Kingdom: from England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland Para 59

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