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Subject: Infographic on the EU's 'backstop' proposal.

Origin: European Commission, Task Force for the Preparation and Conduct of the Negotiations with the United Kingdom under Article 50 TEU.

Objective: This infographic presents a visual summary of the 'Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland', which is part of the draft Withdrawal Agreement published on 19 March 2018.

Remarks: The 'Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland' operationalises in legal terms the agreement reached in the Joint Report of 8 December 2017 and the commitments undertaken by PM May in her letter to European Council President Donald Tusk of 19 March 2018.

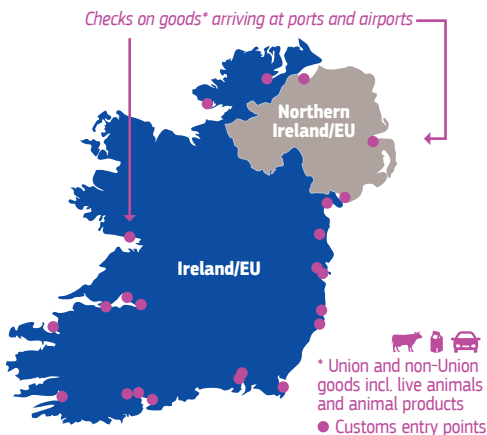
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THE EU'S 'BACKSTOP' PROPOSAL

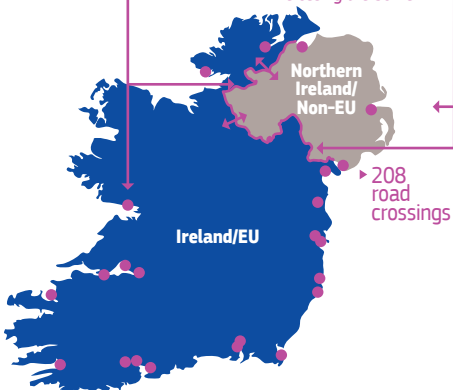
TODAY

Open border between Ireland and Northern Ireland

- ✓ Common tariffs and rules of origin apply to non-EU goods
- ✓ Common VAT and excise area
- ✓ Common product safety and quality standards (e.g. food, chemicals and consumer goods)
- ✓ Single epidemiological unit with common rules for animal health and welfare



Checks on goods arriving at ports and airports and crossing the border



DEFAULT AFTER BREXIT

UK OUTSIDE OF CUSTOMS UNION AND SINGLE MARKET

Border checks required between Ireland and Northern Ireland:

- Custom duties
- Rules of origin
- VAT and excise duties
- Product safety and quality standards
- Sanitary requirements for live animals and products of animal origin
- Impact on North-South cooperation

EU'S 'BACKSTOP' PROPOSAL TO APPLY UNLESS AND UNTIL ANOTHER SOLUTION IS FOUND

Open border between Ireland and Northern Ireland

Access of Northern Ireland to Single Market for goods:

- ✓ EU tariffs and rules of origin apply to non-EU goods
- ✓ EU VAT and excise rules
- ✓ EU product safety and quality standards (e.g. food, chemicals and consumer goods)
- ✓ EU rules on animal health and welfare

