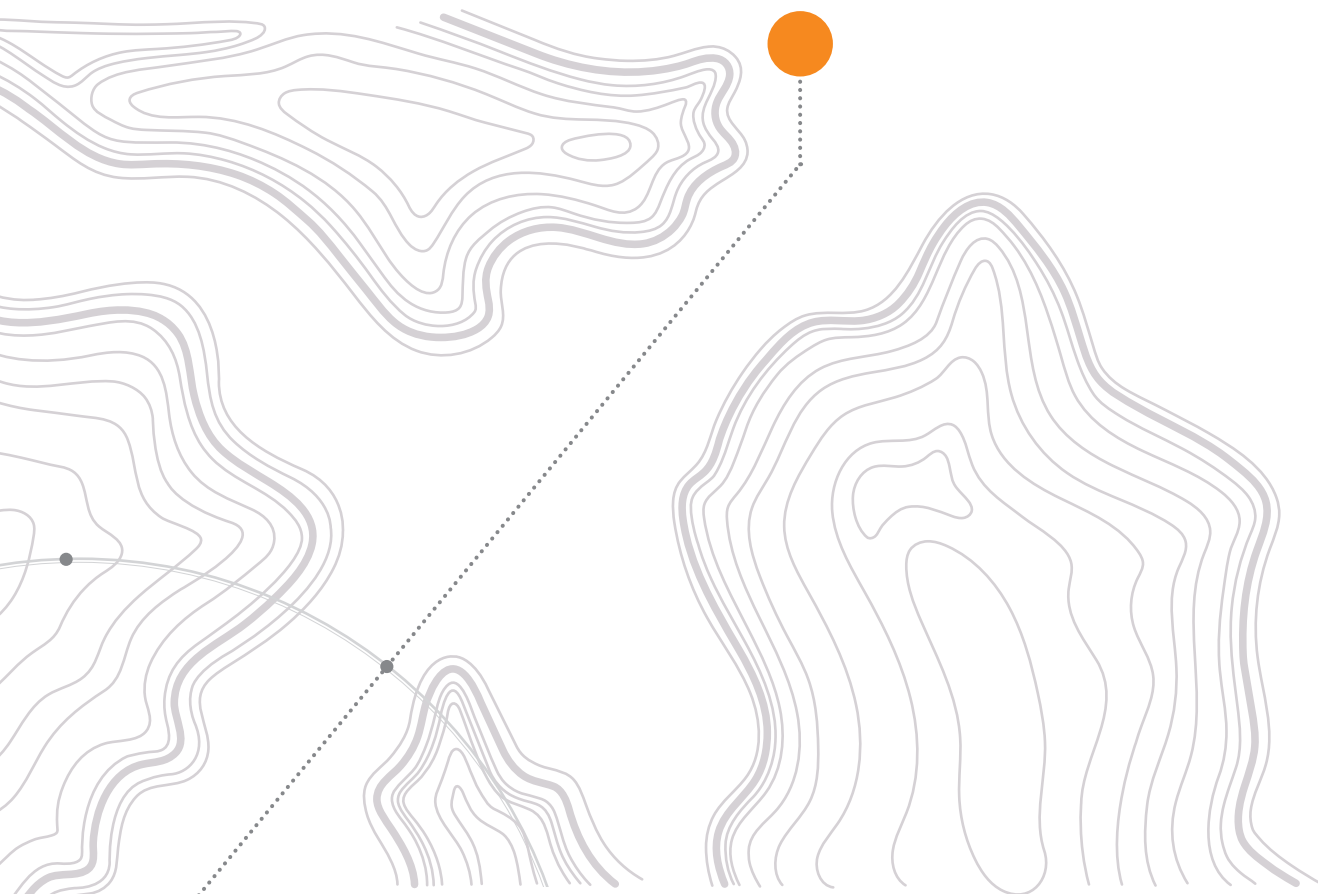


# **Practical Law and Westlaw UK** **working together to support** **you through Brexit**

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#### Coverage

Westlaw UK is the only provider of fully consolidated, annotated legislation for UK, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The ever-growing breadth and depth of content includes over 500,000 case analysis documents, 3 million legislation provisions and more than 900,000 journal documents.

#### Current

Keeping up-to-date with the current and future status of primary law is key in delivering the most up-to-date advice. Feel confident you are always using the most authoritative resources with Westlaw UK status icons across all cases and legislation, notifying you of out-of-date law, pending amendments or appeals.

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# Brexit: the legal implications

The Brexit page provides quick and easy access to an ever-growing collection of Practical Law resources on the legal implications of Brexit, enabling you to keep up to date with developments as they happen and understand how Brexit could affect your work in practice.

## Coverage

The resources are organised by the following topics:

- Agriculture
- Brexit legislation
- Business crime, investigations and sanctions
- Commercial, contracts and disputes
- Competition, state aid and public procurement
- Contingency planning
- Corporate
- Cross-border mergers
- Data protection
- Environment, energy and property
- EU law
- Exit process and constitutional law
- Family law
- Finance and financial services
- General Brexit
- Immigration, employment and pensions
- Intellectual property and life sciences
- International trade
- Media and telecoms
- Negotiations
- No-deal Brexit
- Restructuring and insolvency
- Tax

## BREXIT RESOURCES AVAILABLE ON PRACTICAL LAW

- 1634 Legal updates
- 122 PNs and Toolkits
- 21 Legislation trackers
- 15 Checklists
- 80 Articles

## Content highlights

Browse maintained resources, including:

### Brexit summary: a watching brief

Practical Law editors consider the implications of Brexit for their respective practice areas.

### Drafting for Brexit: Brexit clauses

A note exploring key issues to consider when drafting a clause to deal with the impact Brexit-related events may have on the business-to-business supply of goods or services.

### UK-EU Brexit agreements toolkit

A toolkit of Practical Law materials and external resources on the UK-EU withdrawal agreement, future relationship agreement and transitional arrangements.

### Brexit: implications of no deal

An overview of the legal and practical implications of the UK leaving the EU with no withdrawal agreement and no transition period (no deal).

### Brexit flowcharts

A list of flowcharts relating to Brexit, the withdrawal process, UK-EU Brexit agreements, Brexit legislation, contingency planning, and the World Trade Organization.

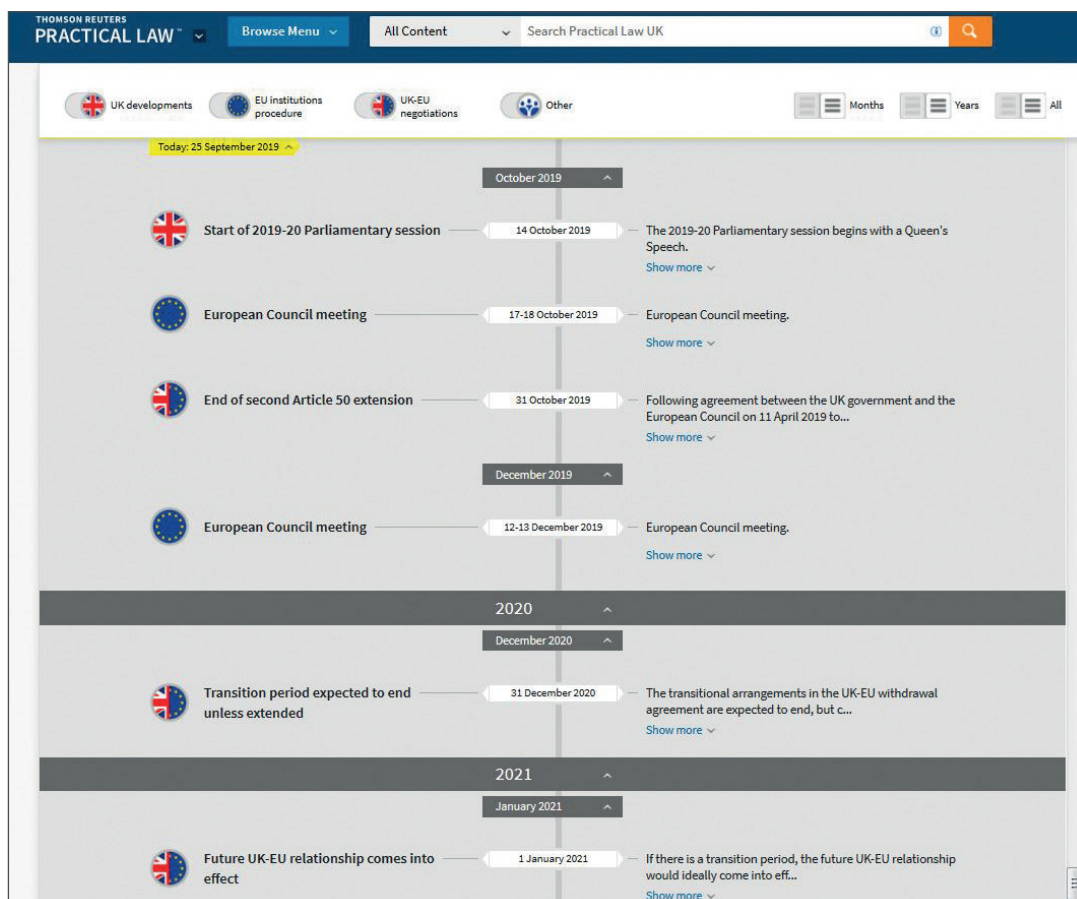
### Brexit and UK lawyers' rights

A note examining the potential implications of Brexit on rights for UK lawyers to provide cross-border legal services across the European Economic Area (EEA) and Switzerland.

## Brexit timeline

The interactive timeline showcases the significant dates that have or may affect the UK's withdrawal from the EU and the outcome of UK EU negotiations.

You can filter by date and type of development, and expand the item to access accompanying information on Practical Law and Westlaw UK.



# Legislation

Westlaw UK provides unparalleled legislative coverage for the UK, England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, allowing you to access fully consolidated and annotated legislation.

## Bills

The European Union (Withdrawal) Bill became an Act of Parliament on 26 June 2018 and is now known as the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (c.16). The Government has previously announced that up to eight Bills may be required to prepare the UK for the Brexit process and implement agreements reached with the EU and other countries.

Bills can be introduced by either the Government, MPs, Lords or private organisations. As it is important for you to understand both the current state and future developments of the law, Westlaw UK provides full text coverage of:

- All Westminster Government Bills
- All Scottish Parliament Bills
- Selected Westminster Private Member's Bills
- All National Assembly for Wales Bills



### DID YOU KNOW?

It took just under a year for the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill to become an Act. It entered the House of Commons on 13 July 2017 and wasn't published until 26 June 2018.

Before a Bill receives Royal Assent by the reigning monarch, various amendments are made. For each individual Bill, Westlaw UK provides a Bills progress table that provides information on previously completed stages, allowing you to track how far a Bill has progressed through the relevant stages, and how close it is to becoming enacted legislation. The table provides direct access to previous iterations of the Bill allowing you to view superseded documents.

As our laws continue to develop and change, Westlaw UK allows you to access valuable future insights. Amendments from Bills are incorporated into enacted legislation allowing you to view how existing legislation will look, all before a Bill receives Royal Assent.

The Associated Documents section provides additional related information, such as library briefing papers, explanatory notes, delegated powers memorandum and amendment papers.

## Retained EU Legislation

Although the UK will be leaving the EU, it has decided that it needs to convert EU law as it stands at the moment of exit into exit law, and to preserve UK law that implements EU obligations. This is so the UK retains a functioning statutory framework after leaving the EU.

Westlaw UK has expanded its legislative content to include full text coverage of all amended retained EU law, which includes the EU legislation exactly as it stands prior to exit day, as well as including any amendments from enacted UK law, Bills or draft SIs. The retained EU content includes a selection of:

- EU regulations, decision and EEA agreements
- EU directives

The screenshot shows the Westlaw UK web application. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Viewing: Westlaw UK' and 'Region: UK'. Below this is a header with the 'WESTLAW' logo and tabs for 'Cases', 'Legislation', 'Journals', 'Current Awareness', and 'More'. A breadcrumb trail indicates the path: 'Home > Legislation > Bills & Draft Legislation > Primary & Secondary Legislation > Brexit: Retained EU Legislation > Document'. On the left, a sidebar contains a 'Table of Contents' and 'Arrangement of Document' sections. The main area displays the title of a document: 'Council Regulation (EC) No 723/2009 of 25 June 2009 on the Community legal framework for a European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC) (Retained EU Legislation)'. Below the title is a 'Collapse all' button and a list of sections: 'Whole Document', 'Preamble', and 'Enacting Terms'. Under 'Enacting Terms', there is a list of articles from 1 to 11, each with a small icon and a green checkmark.

## Consolidated EU PDFs

As EU legislation develops, you will be able to access fully consolidated PDFs, which will be updated as the laws are amended. In addition to this you will also be able to view the document in multiple languages, including Spanish, German, French and Swedish.

As a result of Brexit, Westlaw UK has consolidated over 65,000 amendments, 35,000 of which have been to over 3000 Retained EU documents.



### DID YOU KNOW?

Each version of the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill contained 155 amendments to 20 different legislation documents. The definitive version contained 165 amendments to 20 different legislation documents. All consolidated and viewable against enacted legislation on Westlaw UK. Overall 630 amendments were incorporated over the 4 versions of the Bill.



# Draft Statutory Instruments...

## ...on Practical law

As the government continues to publish SIs in its bid to prepare the UK's legislative framework for the UK's withdrawal from the EU, it is essential to stay on top of these changes, continue to work with the latest information, and assess how the SIs may affect your area of expertise.

To keep you up to date, Practical Law provides the following:



### Daily alert

The daily Brexit SIs alert features the draft and enacted Brexit-related SIs most relevant to Practical Law practice areas that have been identified by our editors and delivers them directly to your inbox. The alert notifies you when the government publishes SIs that could affect your work and your clients, and also includes links to the published SI and the Brexit statutory instruments tracker.



### Toolkit

The Brexit statutory instruments tracker toolkit showcases the main Practical Law resources on Brexit SIs, including practice notes, articles, glossary terms and flowcharts, along with links to useful external resources, and guidance on how to sign up to Practical Law's Brexit SI alert and Brexit weekly email.



### Tracker

The Brexit statutory instruments tracker provides a single, central list of the draft and enacted Brexit-related SIs relevant to Practical Law practice areas. It includes links to the draft and enacted SIs on Westlaw UK, which are consolidated against the relevant UK or EU legislation, and to legal updates on SIs that merit commentary by practice areas. This provides the unique ability to check the implications of the amendments in prospective versions of the legislation, and identify their likely effect.



### Brexit statutory instruments page

All legal updates on Brexit SIs can be found and searched for on the dedicated Brexit statutory instruments page, which also provides links to some of the most popular Practical Law materials on Brexit SIs.



## ...on Westlaw UK

Westlaw UK aims to equip you with the latest information on proposed changes to UK legislation. As the government continue to make changes in UK legislation, keep up to date with future statutory instruments (SIs), with access to Brexit-related SIs and draft SIs. Westlaw UK draft SI content provides full text coverage of all Brexit draft SIs in relation to the following topic areas:

- Agriculture & Rural Land
- Construction
- Family
- Pensions
- Arbitration
- Corporate
- Finance
- Property Litigation
- Business Crime & Investigations
- Data Protection
- Financial Services
- Public Law
- Capital Markets
- Dispute Resolution
- IP & IT
- Restructuring & Insolvency
- Commercial
- Employment
- Life Sciences
- Share Schemes & Incentives
- Competition
- Environment
- Local Government
- Tax
- EU Law
- Media & Telecoms

Draft legislation can be altered before becoming enacted. You can follow all changes made to draft SIs via the draft SI progress table, which will provide full text superseded versions to understand the impact draft SIs can have on our current legislation.

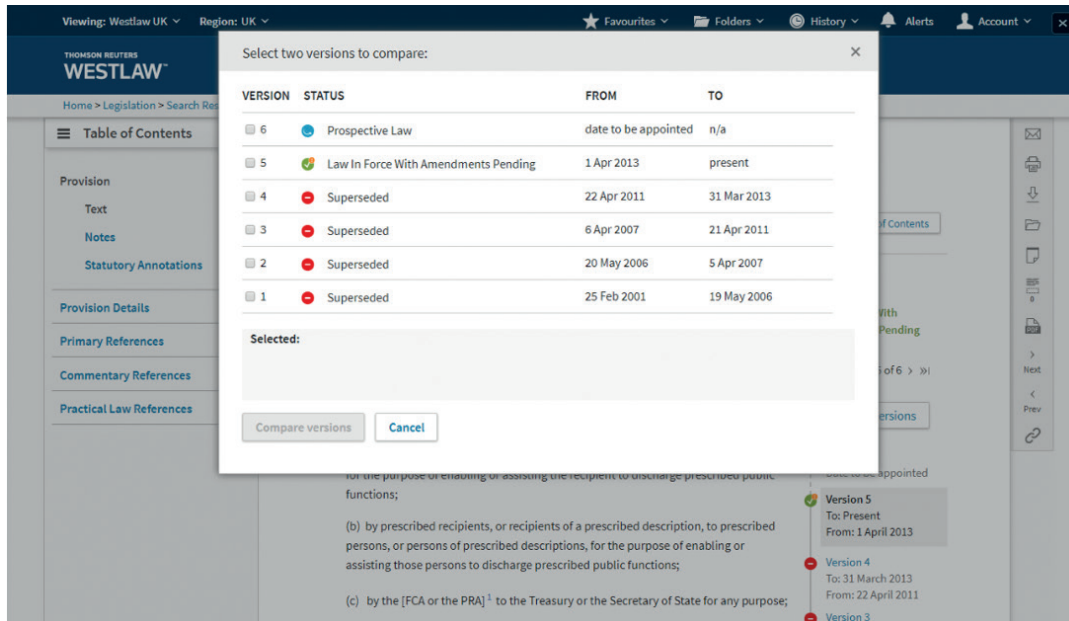
The screenshot displays the Westlaw UK interface for a draft statutory instrument. The top navigation bar includes 'Viewings: Westlaw UK', 'Region: UK', and links for 'Favourites', 'Folders', 'History', and 'Account'. Below this is the 'THOMSON REUTERS WESTLAW' header with tabs for 'Cases', 'Legislation', 'Journals', 'Current Awareness', and 'More'. The main content area shows the draft title 'Timber and Timber Products and FLEGT (EU Exit) Regulations 2018 (Draft)' and a warning: 'This is draft legislation and has not yet been approved by Parliament.' The left sidebar contains a 'Table of Contents' with sections like 'Arrangement of Draft', 'Draft Details', and 'Associated Documents'. The main text area displays a hierarchical table of contents for the draft, including 'Whole Document', 'Preamble', 'Part 1', 'Part 2 Amendment of subordinate legislation', 'Part 3 Amendment of retained direct EU legislation', 'Signatures', and 'EXPLANATORY NOTE'. The bottom section lists 'Subjects' such as 'Environment; European Union; Forestry; Legislation'.

Amendments are incorporated into the full text of existing UK legislation and retained EU legislation providing you with access to how the law will look before these drafts are enacted. These amendments can be viewed by clicking on the “view proposed draft amendments” link on any amended provision or by accessing the details section on the left-hand side and viewing the Proposed Draft Amendments table.

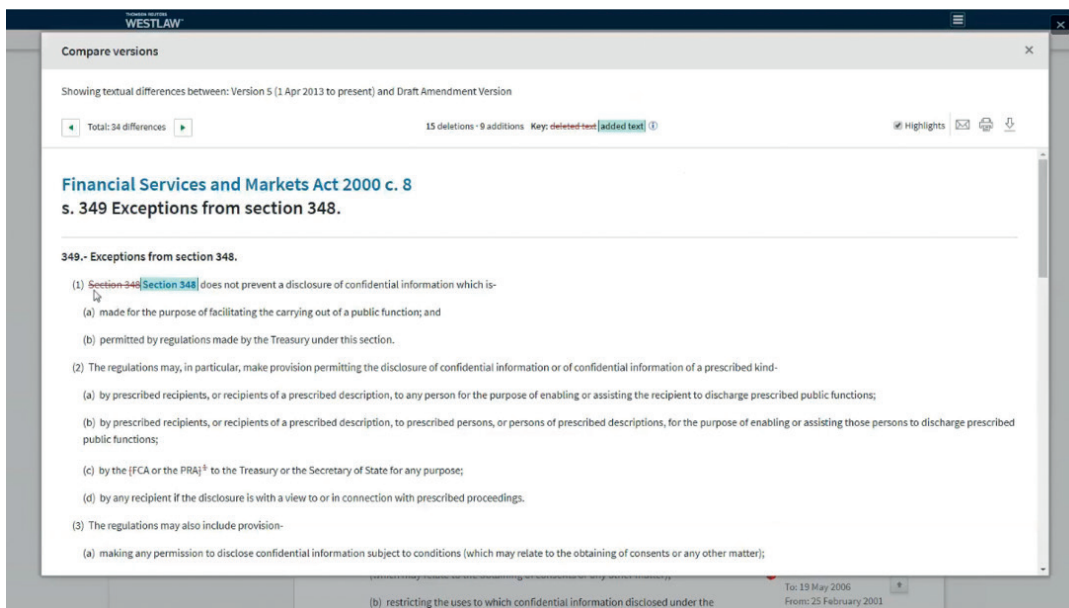
# The Legislation Compare tool...

## ...on Westlaw UK

The legislation compare tool allows you to compare the changes which have taken place between any 2 versions of legislation across UK, English, Welsh, Northern Irish and Scottish jurisdictions. Eliminate the need to manually compare legislation, by instantly locating every change to a provision. Compare any two provisions including historical, current and prospective versions, including bill amended text.



Once you have generated a comparison you can share the resulting document with clear markings of changes via email, print or downloading to your device.



## What's Next

In 2019 we plan to make enhancements to the tool that includes the ability to compare whole Acts and statutory instruments at specific points in time as well as generating a comparison from amending Bills and Draft Sis.

# Stay up to date...

## ...using Practical law

Practical Law delivers the latest Brexit information not only through its maintained resources, but also through weekly Brexit emails, daily Brexit SIs alerts, practice area emails, topical articles in PLC Magazine and videos on site.

### Weekly Brexit email

For a collection of all the Brexit legal updates produced by Practical Law practice areas in the previous week, sign up to the weekly Brexit email. The legal updates are organised by practice area, and the email starts with a bitesize summary of the latest development in our regular feature, "The Brexit week". It also includes a Brexit news round-up, and announcements about the latest new Brexit content from Practical Law.

### Brexit SIs alert

The Brexit SIs alert notifies you of Brexit-related SIs identified as particularly relevant to Practical Law practice areas.

### Practice area emails

Our expert editors continue to cover the key Brexit developments relevant to their practice area in daily and weekly emails, and monthly bulletins. This provides a deep dive view of everything you need to know for the practice area to ensure you are prepared for the changes ahead.

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### Brexit: EU law in the transition period

by David Thorneloe, Deputy Director, [Government Legal Department](#)

This video explains how EU law will apply in the UK during the transition period after Brexit and beyond.

Law stated as at 08-Apr-2019

**Resource Type**  
Articles

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## Videos

Discover the range of multimedia resources covering Brexit on Practical Law, featuring industry leaders, specialists and our editors. The resources are up to date, easy to digest and available on-demand at no additional cost, covering topics such as:

- EU international agreements with the UK post-Brexit
- The EU Settlement Scheme: the effect of no deal Brexit or a no-deal Brexit and appealing decisions
- Brexit: EU law in the transition period
- Brexit: an introduction to retained EU law

## ...using Westlaw UK

The Westlaw UK Current Awareness service contains daily updates and notices of cases, legislation and legal developments derived from official publications, press releases and legal news relating to the United Kingdom. Current Awareness is updated throughout the day.

Stay up to date with the latest legal developments throughout the working day with direct access to the latest:

- **Legislation** – Across all primary law resources, included Bills, European Community legislation and Statutory Instruments.
- **Cases** – Access the latest judgements across the UK, including Court of Appeal, Chancery and Queen's Bench Divisions, European Court of Human Rights.
- **Legal & Regulatory News** - The latest legal and regulatory news is selected from various sources, including well known publications such as the Times and press releases from Government Departments.
- **Government Publications** - Selected Government, Executive Agency and Parliamentary publications are covered, including White and Green papers, Command papers and consultative documents.
- **European Union** – Access official documents, press releases and news from the European Commission and the European Parliament.
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