



# HOUSE OF LORDS

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Dear Mike Hedges MS,

On 13 March 2026, the European Affairs Committee in the House of Lords launched an inquiry into 'dynamic alignment'. (The Call for Evidence can be viewed [here](#).)

The Government, as part of its proposed 'reset' of UK/EU relations, has agreed to pursue new arrangements with the EU requiring 'dynamic alignment' with EU law in three areas:

- a Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) agreement to establish a Common Sanitary and Phytosanitary Area;
- an agreement to link the UK and EU Emissions Trading Schemes (ETSs); and,
- an electricity agreement, under which the UK would participate in the EU's internal electricity market.

The UK and EU have also agreed that in these three areas the Government will be able to contribute to the 'decision-shaping' of the relevant EU law and that it will make a financial contribution to the costs of the EU's work.

In all three areas, dynamic alignment would have implications for the UK's devolution arrangements. You will see that our Call for Evidence includes a specific question addressing the implications of 'dynamic alignment' for devolution in the UK but, during its initial discussion of the inquiry, Members agreed that we would benefit greatly from the views of your Committee.

The closing date for submissions is currently 20 April 2026 and we should be very grateful if you were able to submit written evidence to our Inquiry by that date.

With many thanks for your assistance,

Yours sincerely,

Lord Stirrup

Chair of the European Affairs Committee