

# Treaty troubles over Northern Ireland

The UK and the EU are edging closer to a trade war after Brussels rejected London's demands to rewrite the Brexit deal's contentious Northern Ireland Protocol

## NORTHERN IRELAND

Protocol maintains British province within EU

### **Single Market.**

Applies EU rules on imports from UK, including **Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS)** checks on products of animal origin, live animals, fish and plants

## IRELAND (EU)

43%

Increase in trade from Republic to Northern Ireland

Regulatory border

SCOTLAND

ENGLAND

47%

SPS checks cause fall in food and drink exports to EU

WALES

UK (non-EU)

Irish Sea

**David Frost:** UK Brexit minister (right) demands removal of oversight of protocol by **European Court of Justice.** Could trigger **Article 16**



**Maros Sefcovic:** EU Commission Vice President (left) has ruled out renegotiating protocol – ECJ's role is "red line" for Brussels

**Article 16:** Treaty allows Brussels or London to act to avert "**serious economic, societal or environmental difficulties.**" Move would effectively tear up parts of deal to avoid hard border with Republic of Ireland