

D Waring: Submission to the Balance of Competences Review – Single Market: Free Movement of Goods

What are the advantage/disadvantages of EU action on the Free Movement of Goods?

The EU is sclerotic like all large organizations and appears to maintain its pre-eminence by ensuring local government officials do not act in a timely manner for fear of incurring wrath of Brussels hence nothing happens and we end up with for example infected ash saplings and lots and lots of horse meat. I am unaware of any instances where the Free Movement of Goods has worked to the advantage of the UK.

Does the EU strike the right balance between trade facilitation and regulation?

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It is painfully obvious that there is no consistent approach to the application of the so called internal market rules. The organization in Brussels and Westminster needs to take on board the lessons that should have been learned from the early days of ESA ISBN 10 0-8018-8542-6 applies. Government and specifically UK Government is heavily silo based and is typically silo focused usually to limit jobs worth responsibilities. Today the Civil Service appears to have developed a reliance on using the EU and its regulations as a cover for stupidity while gold and Rhodium plating rules at

every opportunity without thought. Witness if you will the CO2 emission targets you have signed up to without thought of the long term consequences.

What are the future opportunities or challenges for the free movement of goods?

Currently why are you bothering about the free movement of goods when you have engineered a situation where we will have rolling blackouts, with food going off in freezers, Transport Links disrupted and factories shut. What can we do about our parlous national condition? Simple start Government depts. talking to each other. Currently you seem to suffer from the same problems which killed Victoria Climbié, Silo Thinking. Find some people with an MSc in Systems Engineering and Systems Thinking to consider the problem and then act on their recommendations.