
BRUSSELS HAS ALREADY CHANGED THE BREXIT DEAL - WHY COULDN'T BRITAIN?

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The U.K. government said Thursday it will seek to resolve any post-Brexit clash with the EU over Northern Ireland via existing dispute resolution mechanisms already included in last year's Brexit deal, though it has not committed to accepting the outcome of such a dispute.

It has also refused to take its nuclear plan of giving ministers the power to make changes to that deal unilaterally off the table — committing only to launching the dispute process "in parallel."

The Joint Committee, which includes representatives from the U.K. and the EU and meets regularly to discuss the implementation of the divorce deal agreed between Brussels and London, has a functioning process for making amendments to the Withdrawal Agreement. In fact, that process was put to the test earlier this year — raising further questions about why Boris Johnson has gone nuclear in his plans to allow ministers to override the deal.

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