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## Buan-Ordú 111A – Roghchoiste an tSeanaid um Ghrinnscrúdú agus Trédhearcacht AE a bhunú

### Standing Order 111A – Establishment of Seanad Select Committee on EU Scrutiny and Transparency

*Date of modification:* 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2025.  
15<sup>th</sup> October, 2025.

*Duration of modification:* **Permanent**

*Effect:* Provides for a Standing Committee on EU Scrutiny and Transparency.

Glactar leis seo an Buan-Ordú nua seo a leanas:

“**111A.** (1) Beidh arna bhunú, i ndiaidh a tionóil an tSeanaid tar éis Olltoghcháin, Roghchoiste de Sheanad Éireann dá ngairfear Roghchoiste an tSeanaid um Ghrinnscrúdú agus Trédhearcacht AE (dá ngairtear “an Coiste” anseo ina dhiaidh seo sa Bhuan-Ordú seo).

(2)<sup>1</sup> Is iad a bheidh ar an gCoiste an Cathaoirleach, arb é nó í an Cathaoirleach é nó í, *ex officio*, agus deichniúr comhaltaí eile; agus triúr is córam don Choiste.

(3) Féadfaidh an Coiste scrúdú a dhéanamh ar an dréacht-Ionstraim Reachtúil a bheidh le síniú ag an Aire agus a bheidh déanta faoi alt 3 d’Acht na gComhphobal Eorpach, 1972 maidir le Treoracha AE a thrasaí.

(4) Féadfaidh an Coiste scrúdú agus grinnscrúdú a dhéanamh ar chur i ngníomh aon chomhaontú nó beartas de chuid AE, lena n-áirítear na clásail um chearta an duine a bheidh i gComhaontuithe Tradála AE.

(5) Beidh sé de chumhacht ag an gCoiste liosta de gach Treoir is gá a thrasaí faoi alt 3 d’Acht na gComhphobal Eorpach, 1972, agus nótaí faisnéise roinne agus dréacht-Ionstraimí Reachtúla a bheidh le síniú ag an Aire, a fháil sé mhí ar a laghad roimh an spriocdháta do thrasaí.

The following new Standing Order is hereby adopted:

“**111A.** (1) There shall stand established, following the reassembly of the Seanad subsequent to a General Election, a Select Committee of Seanad Éireann which shall be called the Seanad Select Committee on EU Scrutiny and Transparency (hereinafter referred to in this Standing Order as “the Committee”).

(2)<sup>1</sup> The Committee shall consist of the Cathaoirleach, who *ex officio* shall be Chair, and ten other members; and three shall constitute a quorum.

(3) The Committee may examine the draft Statutory Instrument due to be signed by the Minister being made under section 3 of the European Communities Act 1972 for the transposition of EU Directives.

(4) The Committee may examine and scrutinise the implementation of any EU agreement or policy, including the human rights clauses of EU Trade Agreements.

(5) The Committee shall have the power to receive a list of all Directives requiring transposition under section 3 of the European Communities Act 1972, and departmental information notes and draft Statutory Instruments due to be signed by the Minister at least six months in advance of the deadline for transposition.

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<sup>1</sup> Mír nua in ionad mhír (2) arna cur isteach le Rún an 15ú October, 2025 ón Seanad.  
Substituted paragraph (2) inserted by Resolution of the Seanad of 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2025.

(6) Beidh cumhacht ag an gCoiste chun a cheangal ar aon Roinn Rialtais nó údarás déanta ionstraimí lena mbaineann:

- (a) Meabhrán a chur faoi bhráid an Choiste lena míneofar aon ionstraim reachtúil a bheidh faoi bhreithniú;
- (b) freastal ar chruinniú den Choiste chun aon ionstraim reachtúil den sórt sin a mhíniú: Ar choinníoll go bhféadfaidh an Roinn nó an t-údarás sin diúltú freastal ar chúiseanna sonraithe arna dtabhairt i scríbhinn don Choiste, agus go bhféadfaidh an Coiste tuarascáil ina leith sin a thabhairt don Seanad;
- (c) Meabhrán a chur faoi bhráid an Choiste maidir le haon sárú a bhaineann le Treoir a thrasuí, lena n-áirítear sárúithe is cúis le pionós airgeadais a fhorchur.

(7) Féadfaidh an Coiste a chinneadh nach dteastaíonn nótaí faisnéise roinne uaidh i leith earnálacha áirithe Treoracha.

(8) Beidh sé de chumhacht ag an gCoiste a cheangal ar an Aire Stáit um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha freastal ar chruinniú den Choiste chun míniú a thabhairt ar aon dréacht-Ionstraim Reachtúil den sórt sin a bheidh le síniú ag Aire: Ar choinníoll go bhféadfaidh an tAire Stáit um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha diúltú freastal ar chúiseanna sonraithe arna dtabhairt i scríbhinn don Roghchoiste, agus go bhféadfaidh an Roghchoiste tuarascáil ina leith sin a thabhairt don Seanad: Ar choinníoll thairis sin go bhféadfaidh Aire eile freastal ina ionad nó ina hionad.

(9) Beidh sé de chumhacht ag an gCoiste:

- (a) scrúdú a dhéanamh ar na nithe a fhearann ar aon Treoir a thrasuí agus a chur i ngníomh le hionstraim reachtúil, nó a bhaineann leis an gcéanna,
- (b) grinnscrúdú a dhéanamh ar dhréacht-Treoracha agus tograí de chuid AE agus na tionchair a d'fhéadfadh a bheith acu ar Éirinn, go háirithe i ndáil le Creat Windsor,

(6) The Committee shall have power to require any Government Department or instrument-making authority concerned to:

- (a) submit a Memorandum to the Committee explaining any statutory instrument under consideration;
- (b) attend a meeting of the Committee for the purpose of explaining any such statutory instrument: Provided that such Department or authority may decline to attend for stated reasons given in writing to the Committee, which may report thereon to the Seanad;
- (c) submit a Memorandum on any infringement relating to the transposition of a Directive, including infringements giving rise to the imposition of a financial penalty.

(7) The Committee may determine that it does not require departmental information notes in respect of certain categories of Directives.

(8) The Committee shall have the power to require the Minister of State for European Affairs to attend a meeting of the Committee for the purpose of explaining any such draft Statutory Instrument due to be signed by a Minister: Provided that the Minister of State for European Affairs may decline to attend for stated reasons given in writing to the Select Committee, which may report thereon to the Seanad: Provided further that another Minister may attend in his/her stead.

(9) The Committee shall have the power to:

- (a) examine the matters affecting, or relating to, the transposition and implementation, by statutory instrument, of any Directive,
- (b) scrutinise draft Directives and proposals by the EU and the impacts they could have for Ireland, particularly in relation to the Windsor Framework, the island of

le hoileán na hÉireann, leis an Ríocht Aontaithe, le AE agus a bhallstáit, le Stáit Aontaithe Mheiriceá agus a stáit, le Ceanada agus a chúigí agus le náisiúin agus réigiúin eile de réir mar a mheasfaidh an Coiste is cuí; agus

- (c) scrúdú a dhéanamh ar aon sárú a bhaineann le mainneachtain aon Treoir a thrasú, go hiomlán nó go páirteach, lena n-áirítear sárúithe is cúis le pionós airgeadais a fhorchur.

(10) Beidh sé de chumhacht ag an gCoiste aon dréacht-Ionstraim Reachtúil a bheidh le síniú ag Aire agus doiciméid ghaolmhara, nó aon ní arna scrúdú faoi mhír (9), a tharchur chuig an gComhchoiste iomchuí agus a mholadh don Choiste sin go ndéanfaí an Ionstraim Reachtúil atá beartaithe nó an ní a scrúdaíodh a ghrinnscrúdú tuilleadh.

(11) Maidir le cumhachtaí agus feidhmeanna an Choiste, is chun críocha a chumhachtaí faoi mhír (10) a fheidhmiú a thugtar dó iad.

(12) Ní bheidh feidhm ag mír (2) de Bhuan-Ordú 86 maidir leis an gCoiste.

(13) Ní bheidh feidhm ag mír (2) de Bhuan-Ordú 93 maidir leis an gCoiste.

(14) Beidh sé de chumhacht ag an gCoiste tabhairt faoi thaisteal, ar choinníoll go mbeidh an chumhacht faoin mír seo faoi réir cibé moltaí a dhéanfaidh an Gasra Oibre de Chathaoirligh Coistí faoi Bhuan-Ordú 118(5)(a).

Ireland, the United Kingdom, the EU and its member states, the United States of America and its states, Canada and its provinces and other nations and regions as the Committee deems appropriate; and

- (c) examine any infringement relating to the failure to transpose, in whole or in part, any Directive, including infringements giving rise to the imposition of a financial penalty.

(10) The Committee shall have the power to refer any draft Statutory Instrument due to be signed by a Minister and associated documents, or any matter examined under paragraph (9), to the relevant Joint Committee and to recommend to that Committee that the proposed Statutory Instrument or matter examined be further scrutinised.

(11) The powers and functions of the Committee are conferred upon it for the purposes of exercising its powers under paragraph (10).

(12) Paragraph (2) of Standing Order 86 shall not apply to the Committee.

(13) Paragraph (2) of Standing Order 93 shall not apply to the Committee.

(14) The Committee shall have the power to undertake travel, provided that the power under this paragraph is subject to such recommendations as may be made by the Working Group of Committee Cathaoirligh under Standing Order 118(5)(a)."