

Business Bulletin - Brexit: New rules are here

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The UK has left the EU, and the Brexit transition period has ended. There are new rules for businesses doing business with the EU from 1 January, and you need to take action now. All information on Brexit can be found at www.gov.uk/transition. This bulletin is issued by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and provides the latest information for businesses.

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Travelling to Europe for work? Business Travel: An explainer document

A short explainer document has been produced to help you understand the new rules that are in place for business travel to Europe for work. These rules apply to you if you are travelling for work in Europe regardless of whether you are attending a conference or providing services.

For more information on entry requirements, luggage, earnings, qualifications, and insurance pertaining to your travel, [view the full explainer document](#).

High Value Trader Support for New Border Processes: The Field Force Support Programme

The Field Force Support Programme is offered by the Cabinet Office to support businesses that trade over £250,000 of goods with the EU each year.

The support available ranges from invitations to specialist events, 1-to-1 query resolution, more access to business case studies and sector-specific guidance from policy experts.

To be part of this programme you will need to answer some questions on your business and the goods you trade in.

For more information and to fill in the contact form, click [here](#).

Trade

UPDATED: New documents about the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the European Union: Three new supporting documents have been made available:

- Letter from European Commission Vice-President Šefčovič proposing extension of provisional application of UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement.
- Letter from Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster agreeing to the extension of provisional application of UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement.
- Draft decision of the UK-EU Partnership Council extending provisional application of the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement.

To view these, click [here](#).

Moving goods

UPDATED: Sending goods to the EU through roll on roll off ports or the Channel Tunnel: Guidance on transporting goods to the EU from the UK via these channels has been updated with a new section on Assumed Departure. For more information, click [here](#).

Information for EU businesses

UPDATED: Importing from the UK and Exporting to the UK: Guidance for EU businesses has been updated with new information on: wood packaging material, importing animals, bringing food into the EU and transporting goods. For more information on importing to the UK click [here](#), and for more information on exporting to the UK, click [here](#).

UPDATED: Taxes and Tariffs: Guidance about taxes and tariffs for EU businesses trading with the UK has been updated with new Information about paying VAT or claiming VAT refunds. For more information, click [here](#).

UPDATED: Working in the UK: Guidance for EU citizens on what they need to do if they are working in the UK has been updated with new business activity information, now including covid entry restrictions. For more information, click [here](#).

Intellectual Property

NEW: International EU protected designs: Guidance has been issued with information about changes for businesses and holders of international EU protected designs. For more information, click [here](#).

Business Support Helplines

There are new rules for businesses doing business with the EU from 1 January, and you need to take action now. To help you, a helpline has been set up. For English businesses, the

Business Support Helpline can help you identify the actions you need to take. Similar helplines are available for Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales.

For more information for:

businesses in England, call 0800 998 1098

For more information, including opening hours, click [here](#).

Webinars and Podcasts

- **NEW: Moving goods between Great Britain and France:** A recording of the technical webinar hosted on 12 February 2021 is now available to view [here](#)
- **NEW: For importers of food and drink products from the EU to GB:** New dates have been added for webinars about import of products, animals, food and feed systems (IPAFFS). These webinars are on 4 March and 5 March, and you can sign up for these [here](#)
- **NEW: HMRC webinar on customs import declarations** on 5 March (11:45 – 12:45) or 10 March (1:45 – 2:45) register for information on how to make customs import declarations on controlled goods and on non-controlled goods by the end of June 2021, helping you to understand what's needed for simplified declarations, supplementary declarations, and delayed import declarations. To register, click [here](#)
- **NEW: HMRC: Trader responsibilities when using an intermediary:** A webinar explaining your responsibilities as a trader, if you choose to use an intermediary to complete import or export declarations for your business. These are complex and an intermediary can save you a lot of time. This webinar is being hosted on 4 March and 12 March both sessions at 11:45 – 12:45. To register, click [here](#).
- Video content to keep your business moving: **short on-demand videos** covering the new rules on exports, imports, tariffs, data and hiring are available to view [here](#).

All webinars and videos for organisations that trade with the EU can be found [here](#).

Sector-specific guidance

Emissions Trading

UPDATED: Participating in the UK Emissions Trading Scheme (UK ETS): Guidance has been updated in light of the calendar for UK ETS auctions in 2021 being published by the auction platform provider. For more information, click [here](#).

Food and Drink

UPDATED: Food and drink businesses: working with the EU: Guidance has been updated to clarify that in order to trade with the EU without paying tariffs, all goods need to comply with the preferential Rules of Origin. A section has been added to link to the HMRC guidance on this. For more information, click [here](#).

UPDATED: Importing or moving fish into the UK: Guidance has been updated to include a summary of the phased approach that applies to imports from countries in the EU, EEA and

EFTA. A section has also been added to link to the HMRC guidance on the preferential Rules of Origin. For more information, click [here](#).

Life Sciences

UPDATED: European Commission Decision Reliance Procedure: guidance on how to apply for marketing authorisations via the new reliance procedure has been updated. For more information, click [here](#).

UPDATED: Unfettered access procedure for marketing authorisations approved in Northern Ireland: Guidance has been updated with new information around how to get a 5-digit company number and added new links to conditions for eligibility of unfettered access, and definitions of qualifying Northern Ireland goods. For more information, click [here](#).