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Getting ready for the end of the transition period

Even if the European Union and the United Kingdom conclude a highly ambitious partnership covering all areas agreed in the Political Declaration by the end of 2020, the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the EU acquis, the internal market and the Customs Union, at the end of the transition period will inevitably create barriers to trade and cross-border exchanges that do not exist today.

There will be broad and far-reaching consequences for public administrations, businesses and citizens as of 1 January 2021, regardless of the outcome of negotiations. These changes are unavoidable and stakeholders must make sure they are ready for them.



Getting ready for changes - Communication on readiness at the end of the transition period between the European Union and the United Kingdom

09 July 2020

English

Url link - <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1594383487124&uri=COM%3A2020%3A324%3AFIN>

[Available languages \(22\)](#)



'BREXIT READINESS CHECKLIST' – FOR COMPANIES DOING BUSINESS WITH THE UK

English (179.9 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/na0220590enn_002.pdf

[Available languages \(22\)](#)

To assist, the Commission is reviewing – and where necessary updating – the over 100 sector-specific [stakeholder preparedness notices](#) it published during the Article 50 negotiations with the United Kingdom.

Those notices that have already been updated as 'notices for readiness' can be found underneath.

Readiness notices



Air transport

16 March 2020

English (230.8 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/notice_to_stakeholders_aviation_access.pdf

[Available languages \(22\)](#)



Animal breeding (zoootechnics)

08 April 2020

English (331.1 KB - PDF)

Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/notice-to-stakeholders-brexite_animal-breeding_en.pdf

[Available languages \(22\)](#)



Animal transport

01 April 2020

English (168.9 KB - PDF)

Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/animal_transport_en.pdf

[Available languages \(22\)](#)



Asset management

07 July 2020

English (355.9 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/asset_management_en.pdf

[Available languages \(22\)](#)

**Audiovisual media services**

26 May 2020

English (147.2 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/audiovisual_media_service:[**Available languages \(22\)**](#)**Aviation and maritime security**

28 April 2020

English (169.7 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/aviation_and_maritime_sec[**Available languages \(22\)**](#)**Aviation safety**

16 March 2020

English (354.7 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/notice_to_stakeholders_aviation_safety.pdf[**Available languages \(22\)**](#)**Banking and payment services**

07 July 2020

English (325.4 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/banking_services_en.pdf[**Available languages \(22\)**](#)

**Biocidal products**

17 June 2020

English (524.8 KB - PDF)

Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/biocidal-product_en.pdf

[Available languages \(22\)](#)

**Chemicals (REACH)**

30 March 2020

English (264.3 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/notice_to_stakeholders_brexit_reach.pdf

[Available languages \(22\)](#)

**Civil justice (“judicial cooperation in civil and commercial matters”)**

27 August 2020

English (332 KB - PDF)

Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/file_import/civil_justice_en_0.pdf

[Available languages \(22\)](#)

**Clinical trials**

07 May 2020

English (261.5 KB - PDF)

Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/clinical-trials_en.pdf

[Available languages \(22\)](#)

**Company law**

03 July 2020

English (169.1 KB - PDF)

Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/notice-to-stakeholders-brex-it-company-law_en.pdf

[Available languages \(22\)](#)

**Consumer protection and passenger rights**

16 March 2020

English (335.6 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/consumer_protection_and_passenger_rights_en

[Available languages \(22\)](#)

**Copyright**

23 June 2020

English (249.6 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/copyright_en_0.pdf

[Available languages \(22\)](#)

**Cosmetic products**

13 March 2020

English (334.3 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/notice_to_stakeholders_cosmetic_products.pdf

[Available languages \(22\)](#)

**Credit rating agencies**

07 July 2020

English (303.4 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/credit_rating_agencies_en.pdf[Available languages \(22\)](#)**Cultural goods (export and import)**

17 August 2020

English (251.4 KB - PDF)Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/file_import/export-cultural-goods_en_0.pdf[Available languages \(22\)](#)**Customs, incl. preferential origin rules**

14 July 2020

English (553.4 KB - PDF)Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/guidance-customs-procedures_en_0.pdf[Available languages \(22\)](#)**Data protection**

06 July 2020

English (152.4 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/data_protection_en.pdf[Available languages \(22\)](#)

**Detergents**

24 July 2020

English (409.2 KB - PDF)

Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/file_import/detergents_en.pdf[Available languages \(22\)](#)**Dual use export controls**

16 September 2020

English (330.6 KB - PDF)

Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/file_import/dual-use-export-controls_en_0.pdf[Available languages \(22\)](#)**E-commerce**

26 May 2020

English (150.5 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/e_commerce_en.pdf[Available languages \(22\)](#)**E-signature (electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions)**

26 May 2020

English (142.7 KB - PDF)

Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/e-signature_en.pdf[Available languages \(22\)](#)

**Eco-management and audit scheme (EMAS)**

14 July 2020

English (232.6 KB - PDF)

Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/eco-management_and_audit_scheme-emas_en.pdf

[Available languages \(22\)](#)**Electronic communications, incl. roaming**

29 June 2020

English (218 KB - PDF)

Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/notice-to-stakeholders-electronic-communications_en.pdf

[Available languages \(22\)](#)**Emissions trading system**

07 July 2020

English (446.1 KB - PDF)

Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/emissions-trading-system_en_0.pdf

[Available languages \(22\)](#)**Energy - guarantees of origin and certification of installers**

23 July 2020

English (379.8 KB - PDF)

Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/file_import/energy_origin_en_0.pdf

[Available languages \(22\)](#)

**.eu domain names**

26 May 2020

English (227 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/eu_domain_names_en_0.pdf[Available languages \(22\)](#)**EU Ecolabel**

26 June 2020

English (307.4 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/eu_ecolabel_en.pdf[Available languages \(22\)](#)**Euratom**

24 August 2020

English (273.1 KB - PDF)

Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/file_import/euratom_en_0.pdf[Available languages \(22\)](#)**European Works Councils**

21 April 2020

English (258.2 KB - PDF)

Url link -

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/transnational_workers_cou](https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/transnational_workers_councils_en.pdf)[Available languages \(22\)](#)

**Excise duties**

31 March 2020

English (325.8 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/excise_rev1_final.pdf[Available languages \(22\)](#)**Exhaustion of intellectual property rights**

25 June 2020

English (152.3 KB - PDF)Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/exhaustion-ip-rights_en.pdf[Available languages \(22\)](#)**Explosives for civil use and explosives precursors**

24 August 2020

English (425.6 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/file_import/explosives_for_civil_uses_en_1.pdf[Available languages \(22\)](#)**Export/import of hazardous chemicals (“prior informed consent”)**

17 July 2020

English (336.6 KB - PDF)Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/file_import/prior-informed-consent_en.pdf[Available languages \(22\)](#)

**Feed**

13 March 2020

English (263.2 KB - PDF)

Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/notice_to_stakeholders_feed.pdf[Available languages \(22\)](#)**Fertilisers**

28 September 2020

English (550.3 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/fertilisers_en_0.pdf**Firearms**

15 September 2020

English (276.1 KB - PDF)

Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/file_import/firearms_en.pdf[Available languages \(22\)](#)**Fluorinated greenhouse gases**

13 July 2020

English (545.6 KB - PDF)

Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/fluorinated-gases_en_0.pdf[Available languages \(22\)](#)**Food law**

13 March 2020

English (493 KB - PDF)

Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/file_import/eu_food_law_en_0.pdf[Available languages \(22\)](#)

**Genetically-modified organisms**

01 April 2020

English (324.8 KB - PDF)

Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/file_import/genetically-modified_organisms_en_0.pdf

[Available languages \(22\)](#)

**Geo-blocking**

26 May 2020

English (161 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/geoblocking_en.pdf

[Available languages \(22\)](#)

**Geographical indications**

06 July 2020

English (313.7 KB - PDF)

Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/geographical-indications_en.pdf

[Available languages \(22\)](#)

**Good laboratory practice (GLP)**

19 June 2020

English (390.5 KB - PDF)

Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/good-laboratory-practice_en_0.pdf

[Available languages \(22\)](#)

**Industrial products**

13 March 2020

English (509.9 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/notice_to_stakeholders_industrial_products.pdf[Available languages \(22\)](#)**Inland waterways**

21 September 2020

English (313.9 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/inland_waterways_en.pdf**Institutions for Occupational Retirement Provision**

14 July 2020

English (478.8 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/occupational_retirement_in[Available languages \(22\)](#)**Insurance/re-insurance**

13 July 2020

English (444 KB - PDF)Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/insurance_en.pdf[Available languages \(22\)](#)



Intellectual property enforcement by customs

17 August 2020

English (253 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/file_import/intellectual_property_enforcement_b

[Available languages \(22\)](#)



“Invasive alien species”

22 June 2020

English (354.4 KB - PDF)

Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/invasive-alien-species_en.pdf

[Available languages \(22\)](#)



Investment services (markets in financial instruments)

13 July 2020

English (328.5 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/financial_instruments_en.pdf

[Available languages \(22\)](#)



Landing of fishery products

17 August 2020

English (420.3 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/file_import/fisheries_and_aquaculture_en_0.pdf

[Available languages \(22\)](#)

**Maritime transport**

04 June 2020

English (258.2 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/maritime_transport_en.pdf[Available languages \(22\)](#)**Maritime transport - CO2 emissions reporting**

16 July 2020

English (161.9 KB - PDF)Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/file_import/co2-emissions-reporting-in-maritime-transport_en_0.pdf[Available languages \(22\)](#)**Medicinal products (human use, veterinary)**

13 March 2020

English (640.4 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/notice_to_stakeholders_medical_products.pdf[Available languages \(22\)](#)**Motor vehicles (“Type-approval of vehicles, systems, components and separate technical units”)**

14 July 2020

English (633.5 KB - PDF)Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/type_approvals-automotive_vehicles_en.pdf[Available languages \(22\)](#)

**Movements of live animals**

13 March 2020

English (347.7 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/notice_to_stakeholders_movements_of_live_ani[Available languages \(22\)](#)**Natural mineral waters**

24 April 2020

English (304.4 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/natural_mineral_waters_en[Available languages \(22\)](#)**Online purchase with subsequent parcel delivery**

16 March 2020

English (527 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/notice_to_stakeholders_brexit_online_sales_0.p[Available languages \(22\)](#)**Organic products**

25 March 2020

English (374.4 KB - PDF)Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/file_import/organic-products_en.pdf[Available languages \(22\)](#)

**Plant health**

13 March 2020

English (249.6 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/notice_to_stakeholders_plant_health.pdf[Available languages \(22\)](#)**Plant protection products**

25 May 2020

English (185 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/plant_protection_products_[Available languages \(22\)](#)**Plant reproductive material**

15 May 2020

English (317.8 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/plant_reproductive_materia[Available languages \(22\)](#)**Plant variety rights**

25 June 2020

English (176.6 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/plant_variety_rights_en.pdf[Available languages \(22\)](#)

**Post-trade financial services**

14 July 2020

English (316.1 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/post_trade_services_en.pdf[Available languages \(22\)](#)**Posting of workers**

06 October 2020

English (176.5 KB - PDF)Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/provision-services-posting-workers_en.pdf**Prohibitions and restrictions of imports/exports, incl. import/export licences**

15 May 2020

English (354.3 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/import_and_export_licence[Available languages \(22\)](#)**Protection of animals at the time of killing**

12 May 2020

English (298.4 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/slaughterhouse_operators[Available languages \(22\)](#)

**Pyrotechnic articles**

06 July 2020

English (461.8 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/pyrotechnic_articles_en_0.pdf[Available languages \(22\)](#)**Rail transport**

19 August 2020

English (409 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/rail_transport_en.pdf[Available languages \(22\)](#)**Recreational craft and personal watercraft**

25 June 2020

English (435.8 KB - PDF)Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/recreational-watercraft_en_0.pdf[Available languages \(22\)](#)**Road transport**

13 July 2020

English (147.4 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/road_transport_en.pdf[Available languages \(22\)](#)



Security of network and information systems

26 May 2020

English (157.9 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/network_security_en.pdf

[Available languages \(22\)](#)



Ship recycling

08 June 2020

English (306.4 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/ship_recycling_en.pdf

[Available languages \(22\)](#)



Statutory audits

13 July 2020

English (166.8 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/statutory_audits_en.pdf

[Available languages \(22\)](#)



Substances of human origin (blood, tissues and cells, organs)

08 June 2020

English (307.1 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/substances_of_human_orig

[Available languages \(22\)](#)



Supplementary protection certificates for medicinal products and plant protection products

15 June 2020

English (189.6 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/supplementary_protection_

[Available languages \(22\)](#)



Tariff rate quotas

15 September 2020

English (540.4 KB - PDF)

Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/file_import/tariff-rate-quotas_en_0.pdf

[Available languages \(22\)](#)



Timber trade (“fight against illegal logging and associated trade”)

23 July 2020

English (285.7 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/file_import/illegal_logging_and_associated_trade

[Available languages \(22\)](#)



Tobacco products

08 May 2020

English (176.8 KB - PDF)

Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/tobacco-products_en_0.pdf

[Available languages \(22\)](#)



Trade in protected species

21 August 2020

English (380.4 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/file_import/trade_in_protected_species_en_1.pdf

[Available languages \(22\)](#)



Trade marks and designs

18 June 2020

English (244.1 KB - PDF)

Url link -

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/trademarks_and_designs_e

[Available languages \(22\)](#)



Transportable pressure equipment

05 June 2020

English (476.2 KB - PDF)

Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/transportable-pressure-equipment_en.pdf

[Available languages \(22\)](#)



Value added tax (VAT) – goods

16 April 2020

English (479.5 KB - PDF)

Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/vat-goods_en_0.pdf

[Available languages \(22\)](#)



Value added tax (VAT) – services

15 June 2020

English (416.3 KB - PDF)

Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/vat-services_en.pdf

[Available languages \(22\)](#)



Waste shipments

29 June 2020

English (314.9 KB - PDF)

Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/notice-to-stakeholders-brexit_waste-shipments_en.pdf

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If the European Union and the United Kingdom fail to reach an agreement by 31 December 2020, the changes at the end of the transition period would be even more far-reaching.

Slides and other resources

This material is used in the context of the European Commission's outreach work to help ensure that Member States' national administrations are ready for the end of the transition period.

19 OCTOBER 2020

[Brexit readiness seminar: treating UK nationals at the external Schengen borders and related issues](#)

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