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Border Delivery Group Update



Dear Stakeholder,

This bulletin provides an overview of the latest EU Exit information relating to UK borders from across UK Government.

The UK will be leaving the EU on the 31 October. We will be leaving on this date, whatever the circumstances. Government would, of course, prefer to leave with a deal and will work in an energetic and determined way to get that better deal. However, if it is not possible to reach a deal, the UK will have to leave with no deal. It is therefore the Government's top priority to be ready on 31 October and we are now increasing all our necessary preparations to do so.

As intermediaries and trade bodies who work with UK businesses, the role that you can play in helping the UK Government reach out to businesses and individuals is crucial.

As well as using this bulletin for your own contingency planning, you can help us reach your clients, customers and members prepare by forwarding this email on or sharing the content via existing channels.

For more information, go to [GOV.UK/EUEXIT](https://www.gov.uk/euexit).

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Trading Chemicals if the UK leaves the EU without a deal

If the UK leaves the EU without a deal you will need to follow new rules for trading certain types of chemicals with the EU after 31 October. Just as you need for countries outside the EU, you may need import or export licences to trade drug precursor chemicals with the EU.

You could be handling drug precursor chemicals without knowing them by this name – they have many commercial uses but can also be used to produce illicit drugs.

You'll need to apply for an import or export licence when trading certain categories of drug precursor chemicals. To apply for an import or export licence you need to have a domestic licence or registration, which usually takes 12-16 weeks to process.

To avoid disruption, check whether the chemicals you trade will be affected and apply for a domestic licence now. Go to [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) for further guidance.

Regulatory requirements relating to manufactured goods if the UK leaves the EU without a deal.

Government has revised its guidance on Gov.uk on how businesses need to prepare for new regulatory requirements relating to manufactured goods if the UK leaves the EU without a deal. The guidance which has been updated covers [placing goods on the UK market](#), [placing goods on the EU market](#), [using the UKCA marking](#), and the [status of conformity assessment bodies](#).

The requirements for businesses have not changed, however the guidance has been revised to provide more clarity on the action businesses may need to take.

Businesses with further queries can contact the team at goodsregulation@beis.gov.uk.

The Department of Health and Social Care

The Department of Health and Social Care, in consultation with the Devolved Administrations (DAs), has been working with trade bodies, product suppliers, and the health and care system in England to make detailed plans to ensure continuation of the supply of medical products to the whole of the UK and its Crown Dependencies in the event of a 'no deal' EU exit. The DAs have similarly been working closely with their health and social care systems.

Medical products within scope of this planning include:

- medicines (prescription-only, pharmacy, general sales list and unlicensed medicines);
- medical devices and clinical consumables;
- supplies for clinical trials and clinical investigations;
- vaccines and countermeasures; and
- blood, tissue and transplant materials.

Letter from Steve Oldfield, Chief commercial officer, DHSC providing an update:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/medicines-and-medical-products-continuity-of-supply-update?>

Economic Operator Registration and Identification (EORI)

HMRC is stepping up efforts to ensure businesses are ready to trade post-Brexit by automatically enrolling companies in an important customs system and doubling the numbers registered.

More than 88,000 VAT registered companies across the UK will be allocated an Economic Operator Registration and Identification (EORI) number in the next two weeks in order to keep trading with customers and suppliers in the EU after the UK has left: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/chancellor-accelerates-brexit-preparations-for-businesses>

Guidance from French customs authorities for UK businesses in the event of a no deal EU Exit

French customs authorities have published [guidance](#) for UK businesses in the event of a no deal EU Exit.

If the UK leaves the EU with no deal Brexit customs formalities and controls at the border between France and the UK will be reinstated for goods.

Any exchange of goods between France and the UK, both for imports and exports, will be subjected to two customs declarations, one to British Customs and one to French Customs.

Two pieces of guidance from the French Customs and Excise helps UK businesses to prepare for the new arrangements:

- Anticipate your customs declarations for a hassle-free crossing
- Preparing for Brexit: French customs guidelines

Go to [GOV.UK](#) to access the guidance and for more information.
