



LATEST UPDATES FROM THE BORDER DELIVERY GROUP

Letters on no deal Brexit advice for businesses trading with the EU and/or the rest of the world

HMRC sent letters to VAT-registered businesses trading with the rest of the world, or the EU and the rest of the world, advising how to prepare for changes to customs and VAT procedures if there is no deal, including:

- getting a UK Economic Operator Registration and Identification (EORI) number
- Transitional Simplified Procedures for customs
- customs facilitations
- moving goods within the EU using the Common Transit Convention
- further controls for exports
- changes to accounting for VAT
- VAT registration checks
- EU VAT refunds

[See letter here>](#)

Statutory Instruments relating to EU Exit laid in 2019

On GOV.UK you can find more information about the Statutory Instruments (SIs) relating to EU Exit that have been laid in 2018 and 2019.

Use the following links to access SIs for:

- [VAT](#)
- [Customs](#) (including on [Merchandise in Baggage](#))
- [Excise](#)

Apply for an ECMT permit

You might need European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT) permits to transport goods in the EU and European Economic Area (EEA) if the UK leaves the EU without a deal.

The UK has secured an additional allocation of ECMT permits. Hauliers who have not previously applied for permits should apply as soon as possible. Those who have previously applied will be considered automatically so there is no need to reapply.

Go to GOV.UK for [more information and to apply](#).

French customs guidelines: guidance for UK businesses that move goods between the UK and France on how to prepare for new customs procedures 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.

This guidance from the French Customs and Excise helps UK businesses to prepare for the new arrangements.

You can see the [full guidance here](#).

Launch date for the EU Settlement Scheme confirmed

The EU Settlement Scheme will launch in full on 30 March 2019. The EU Settlement Scheme makes it easy for EU citizens and their family members to get the UK immigration status they need after we leave the EU.

[Additional changes to the Immigration Rules](#) for the roll-out of the Scheme also confirmed that:

- EU citizens will be able to apply, free of charge, from within the UK or overseas (based on their previous residence in the UK).
- The Scheme will be open to citizens from other EEA countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) and Switzerland, and their family members.
- The Home Office will start refunding any fees that applicants have previously paid from the end of March.
- The rules will also provide skilled business people access to two new visa routes to set up businesses in the UK – a ‘Start-up’ and an ‘Innovator’ visa route. [More details here](#).

By the end of February 2019, the Home Office had received more than 150,000 applications during two public test phases of the EU Settlement Scheme. 75 per cent of applicants whose case had been decided received their decision within three days and 80 per cent of those who provided feedback found the online application easy to complete.

[Additional information including on how to apply](#) can be found here.

Providing services to EEA and EFTA countries after EU Exit - Guidance for UK businesses on EU service provision if the UK leaves the EU with no deal.

If the UK leaves the EU with no deal, UK businesses will no longer operate under European Economic Area (EEA) regulations for the cross-border trade of services. This means that the rights and protections provided by the EU Directives and EU Treaty Rights of Freedom of Movement and Freedom of Establishment will no longer apply to the UK.

UK businesses will no longer be treated as if they were local businesses, and UK businesses and professionals providing services in the EEA will be regarded as originating from a ‘third country’. UK

firms and service providers may face additional legal, regulatory and administrative barriers as a result.

Therefore, you should check the regulations in the EU/EEA states in which you operate to understand the new rules with which you would need to comply. To assist with this, we have produced country guides that contain information and links to help businesses navigate the third country regulations in each country: [Providing Services to EEA and EFTA Countries after EU Exit](#).

Day one, No deal – RoRo Business requirements

The original document relating to RoRo business requirements has now been updated to include-

- Merchandise in Baggage (MiB) process at RoRo ports.
- Transitional Simplified Procedures - changes to ease processes for traders

The updated [HMG D1ND RoRo Business requirements](#) document is attached here.

Separately, HMRC have similarly updated their requirements document which focuses only on the HMRC information. HMRC have also created a 'RoRo Information pack', which breaks down this information by group.

To receive a copy of the HMRC requirements document, or the 'RoRo Information pack', please contact: movinggoodsattheborder.queries@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk

Please contact UKWA with an further queries.