



Office for Life Sciences

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OLS Introduction

The Office for Life Sciences (OLS) is a joint unit between the Department of Health & Social Care (DHSC) and Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS).

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide you with information about the steps that businesses can take to be prepared if the UK leaves the EU without a deal. Please help us reach your suppliers, clients, customers and members by forwarding or sharing the content.

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Get Ready for Brexit campaign:

The government has launched a 'Get Ready for Brexit' public information campaign which sets out what the public and businesses might need to do to get ready to leave the EU on 31 October.

Visit: www.gov.uk/brexit

Business Readiness Roadshow

The government is delivering a series of 'One HMG' interactive events, running until mid-October. There will be 30 events across the UK, talking face-to-face with businesses, and ensuring that they are preparing for Brexit. Sign-up [here](#).

Next week's events will be in: Derry/Londonderry (7 October), Cambridge (7 October), Belfast (8 October), Ipswich (8 October), Newcastle upon Tyne (9 October) and Carlisle (11 October)

Brexit Readiness Fund

BEIS have announced a £10m Business Readiness Fund (BRF) for business organisations and trade associations to support businesses to prepare for a 'No Deal' Brexit. The deadline for applications is 7 October 2019. Visit: <https://www.gov.uk/brexit-business-grants>

Brexit Business Readiness Forum

These forums are held weekly and aimed at trade associations and business intermediaries. For details on how to register to attend or subscribe to the bulletin, email sed@beis.gov.uk.

Upcoming topics will be:

- 10 October – DExEU update; REACH regulations (Defra) and precursor chemicals (Home Office)
- 17 October – DExEU update; Data (DCMS); Procurement (Cabinet Office); Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications (MRPQ)
- 24 October – DExEU update; EU/UK Funding; Access to Finance; Worker Mobility

UK proposals for a new Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland

Documents on the UK Government's proposal to the EU for a new Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland, presented on 2 October 2019, can be found [here](#).



Regulations (Medicines)

The Human Medicines and Medical Devices (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 passed through the Lords on Monday and will be debated at Committee in the Commons this coming Monday. The changes to the SI are minor and technical in nature.

There have been no new updates on medicine regulations, information about the regulation of medicines and medical devices if there is a no-deal Brexit can be found [here](#).



Regulations (Medical devices)

There have been no new updates on medical devices regulations, current guidance, including all aspects of regulating devices in no deal can be found [here](#).

Please continue to sign up for email updates [here](#).

UK-Japan exchange of letters on mutual recognition of conformity assessment:

The UK and Japan have exchanged letters on mutual recognition of conformity assessment. These letters cover temporary measures under which each country will continue to accept conformity assessment results from the other. The includes:

- Electrical products
- Good laboratory practice (GLP) for chemicals
- Good manufacturing practice (GMP) for medicinal products
- Telecommunications and radio equipment

You can access the guidance for businesses [here](#)



Workforce

Updated list of locations from the Home Office where applicants to the EU Settlement Scheme can get their biometric ID document scanned (if they do not have an Android device). See a full list of the locations that offer this service [here](#).



Continuity of Supply:

DHSC, 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 that should 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.

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.

Parallel exports

New guidance from DHSC on medicines that cannot be parallel exported from the UK [here](#).

Information on new restrictions on parallel exports to tackle hormone replacement therapy (HRT) shortages [here](#).



Trader readiness

In a no deal scenario, the UK will trade with the EU as a most-favoured-nation under WTO terms. Businesses should consider what changes this might mean for how they trade with the EU and what impact it may have on their supply chains.

New or updated materials for traders

New guidance has been published on the process for freight roll-on, roll-off (RORO) imports and exports between the UK and the EU for a no deal Brexit (excluding Northern Ireland) [here](#).

New guidance from Department for Transport on the driver, vehicle, cargo and customs documents required to transport goods into the EU after Brexit [here](#).

Updated guidance from HMRC about simplified customs processes for UK businesses trading with the EU in a no-deal Brexit. Information about moving goods with an ATA Carnet through the ports of Holyhead and Dover and Eurotunnel has been added [here](#).

Updated guidance from HMRC to find out what grants you can apply for to get funding for training and IT improvements if your business completes customs declarations. Information about how to treat the grants for tax has been added. Apply for grants if your business completes customs declarations [here](#).

Updates to the guidance from BEIS and the IPO about changes to Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPCs) and patent law in the event of no deal. There have been no substantive changes, but all guidance has now been brought into one place, found [here](#).

HMRC series of webinars

HMRC are hosting webinars to provide an overview for UK businesses involved in the movement of goods between the EU and the UK. Details can be found [here](#). The next webinar will be on Tuesday 8 October.

DIT “Get Ready for Brexit” workshops

DIT are running over 100 additional “Get Ready for Brexit” Workshops to help businesses (primarily existing exporters to the EU) develop a personalised Brexit Readiness Action Plan. The events are a mix of DIT led Workshops, Webinars, and participation by DIT with a “Brexit package” in events already being run by partners.

For more details and to book visit [this link](#). Next week’s events will be in: Penrith (7 October), Northampton (8 October), Crawley (8 October), Hatfield (9 October), Newcastle (9 October), Poole (Bournemouth University) (9 October), Stafford (9 October), Ely (10 October). Oxford (10 October), Wolverhampton (11 October AM and PM). Webinars will be held on 8 October.

UK Government Border Delivery Group advice for EU businesses trading with or via the UK

If you are an EU based business trading goods to or via the UK, please sign up to a webinar led by the UK Government Border Delivery Group (BDG) to receive guidance and information on the steps you may need to take before 31 October. BDG is arranging this series of webinars targeted at EU businesses to help provide clarity on what is expected of them, their clients and their supply chain as they look to trade goods across the border.

Presentations will include information on border preparedness and customs procedures at the border, and a Q&A session.

Please register for the webinars [here](#), links for later webinars will be released in due course. The next life sciences webinar will be held on 9 October 12:00-1:30.

British Library Webinars

The series of webinars in partnership with the British Library has commenced again, to help businesses prepare for Brexit. These are free and open to all businesses – registration is via the links below.

Upcoming topics include:

- 8 October 11:00 – [Preparing for Brexit: Managing personal data](#)
- 10 October 11:30 – [Preparing for Brexit: Employing EU Citizens and Providing Services to the EU](#)
- 11 October 11:00 – [Preparing for Brexit: Importing and Exporting Services](#)

Get ready for Brexit Videos

Government has produced a number of ‘how to prepare for Brexit videos’ aimed at business. The topics they cover are:

- [business legal requirements: cross-border mergers and operating in the UK,](#)
- [business legal requirements: merger review and anti-competitive activity,](#)
- [use of personal data,](#)

- [EORI registration.](#)
- [transitional simplified procedures registration.](#)
- [using a customs agent.](#)
- [exporting.](#)
- [hauliers and](#)
- [business travel.](#)



Useful Links

- [Brexit](#) provides a central hub of resources
- Life Sciences [landing page](#) collating guidance for preparing for a no deal EU Exit.
- DHSC have produced guidance on what providers and commissioners of healthcare services can do to manage the risks of a no-deal Brexit, available [here](#).
- You can sign up to email alerts about EU Exit on GOV.UK at this [link](#).
- EU citizens and other interested stakeholders can sign up for Home Office email updates about developments on the status of EU citizens in the UK after we leave the EU and the next steps for EU citizens in the UK at this [link](#).
- Online [Triage Tool](#) to Help Businesses Prepare for the UK Leaving the EU.
- As guidance is updated frequently, HMRC recommend you check regularly on [gov.uk/euexit](#) .
- NHS [patient messaging](#) on getting medicines in a no deal scenario.
- NHE England's [website page](#) regarding continuity of supply of medical products.