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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.

Contingency measures

The European Commission has put forward a Communication with a set of targeted contingency measures to prepare for a possible "no-deal" scenario on 1 January 2021. These measures are limited to ensuring basic air and road connectivity between the EU and the UK, as well as allowing for the possibility of reciprocal fishing access by EU and UK vessels to each other's waters.

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[Communication and legislative proposals from the Commission on limited contingency measures in the absence of an agreement on a future partnership with the United Kingdom](#)

Communication and legislative proposals on limited contingency measures in the absence of an agreement on a future partnership with the United Kingdom

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[Relations with the UK: Commission proposes targeted contingency measures to prepare for possible “no-deal” scenario](#)

Press release

Communication “Getting ready for changes”

On 9 July 2020, the Commission published a Communication “Getting ready for changes”, which provides a sector-by-sector overview of the main areas where changes will be inevitable. The Communication sets out measures that national authorities, businesses and citizens should take in order to be ready for these changes.



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 \(22\)](#)

Sectoral guidance notices

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 (these versions are available [here](#)). Those notices that have already been updated can be found underneath. They contain detailed information on what administrations, businesses and citizens have to do to prepare for the changes at the end of the year.

**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 (zootechnics)**

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_services_en.pdf[**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_security_en.pdf[**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-brexit-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.pdf[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 Competition law**

02 December 2020

English (257.6 KB - PDF)Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/eu-competition-law_en_0.pdf**.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_council[Available languages \(22\)](#)**Excise duties**

10 December 2020

English (326.1 KB - PDF)

Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/guidance-excise-ongoing-movements_en.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 (447 KB - PDF)Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/file_import/fertilisers_en_0.pdf[Available languages \(22\)](#)

**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 (311.3 KB - PDF)

Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/file_import/inland_waterways_en_0.pdf[Available languages \(22\)](#)**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_institu[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_by_cu[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_medicinal_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_animal

[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.pdf[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.pdf[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_en.i[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_material_er[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 (182.7 KB - PDF)

Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/file_import/provision-services-posting-workers_en_0.pdf

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

**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_licences_ei

[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_en_

[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_origin_1[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_cert[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_er[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_en.pdf

[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 \(22\)](#)



Travelling

02 December 2020

English (760.8 KB - PDF)

Url link - https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/brexit_files/info_site/travelling_en_3.pdf

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



Value added tax (VAT) – goods

10 December 2020

English (653.7 KB - PDF)

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

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

**Value added tax (VAT) – services**

09 December 2020

English (452 KB - PDF)

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

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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

09 DECEMBER 2020

[Trade information about the UK and Brexit](#)

Information in the Trade Access2Markets portal about the UK and Brexit

09 DECEMBER 2020

[Taxation and Customs Union: BREXIT – How to get ready for the end of the transition period](#)

Guide for businesses - National contacts - Links to more information

19 OCTOBER 2020

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

Material used by the European Commission to help ensure that Member States' national administrations are ready for the end of the transition period.