

NO DEAL BREXIT

PREPAREDNESS GUIDE FOR RETAILERS

IMPORTING GOODS

Our company has a UK EORI number for customs declarations.
We have contacted any EU27 suppliers on having an EU EORI number.

We have ensured we have sufficient capacity to deal with customs declarations and, if necessary, have employed a freight forwarder, customs agent, or fiscal agent to manage new paperwork.

We have made sure our customs teams and advisers understand the advantages of HMRC's simplified procedures for imports and exports

We have ensured our suppliers of meat from outside the EU have pre-registered outside the EU on the new IT system and understand what documents they will need to submit

We are aware the UK will have its own tariff schedule and will need to ensure we and our suppliers use the correct code and arrange for payment if our product lines are subject to any tariffs or customs duties.

Our company is aware of the new requirements on import VAT. For goods worth more than £135, we are ready to make entries in our quarterly VAT return. For goods worth less than £135, our suppliers in the EU27 have registered for the UK digital system to record VAT due.

We have checked that any IP requirements have been met in terms of branded goods we will sell in the UK.

EXPORTING GOODS

Our company and suppliers are aware of new documentation on customs and border controls, including Export Health Certificates and customs declarations, for products entering the EU from the UK.

For food companies, we have prepared the new paperwork for exporting meat and dairy products and identified routes which pass through designated EU Border Inspection Points.

Our hauliers are aware of additional documentation on border readiness they will require to drive within the EU27, such as passports, customs declarations, transit barcodes, and licences for specialised goods.

We are ensuring we have made required changes to labelling of products to be sold in the EU27.

We have checked with our customs agents or freight forwarders that the appropriate tariffs (using correct codes) will be paid on arrival.



PLACING PRODUCTS ON THE MARKET

Our company has prepared to make labelling changes for food products on the UK market

We understand we can continue to sell existing cosmetics products but will have 95 days to register them and 2 years to make required labelling changes

We have checked product standards before placing products on the market in the UK and EU

We have ensured we have a system for testing products for sale in the EU

We are ready to introduce a new UK mark - UK Conformity Assessed "UKCA" - to replace the CE Mark.

My company understand the new UKCA mark will not be accepted in the EU for toys and other harmonised goods

We understand authorised medicines and pharmaceutical products within the EU can be sold in the UK for a period after 31 October.

We have a UK address to sell goods in the UK and an address in relevant EU countries to sell products there

VAT AND EXCISE

Our company and our sellers have registered with HMRC for the new online VAT system if we import goods worth less than £135, or are set up to include import VAT on our quarterly VAT declaration for goods worth more than £135.

We are aware of the new rules for sending parcels with goods to consumers in the UK from the EU with particular reference to small packages.

We are prepared to make import declarations on excisable products entering the UK

DATA FLOWS

Our company has checked our liability for data flows from countries in the European Economic Area (EEA), and have looked at using standard contractual clauses from the European Commission to facilitate any permissible flows while the UK awaits an adequacy decision from the Commission.

We have checked to see if we need to change our privacy notice on our website

NEW STAFF MOVING FROM THE EEA

Our company understands new staff moving from the EEA to take up a job with us after exit day will have different rights to stay in the UK compared with now. These will evolve in the coming weeks.

We also understand how such workers may be able to apply for a 3 year temporary visa.

Detailed guidance on all these issues and contacts to help prepare for a no deal Brexit are available on our website [brc.org.uk/brexit-resource](https://www.brc.org.uk/brexit-resource)
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