

What you need to know



The United Kingdom will be leaving the European Union at 11pm UK time on 29 March 2019.

Leaving the EU with a deal remains the Governments top priority and would give businesses stability and certainty to prepare for our new relationship after EU exit.

However, the Government must plan for every possible outcome including no deal.

Without a deal, business may need to take action before 29 March 2019.

Use this information to understand how leaving the EU may effect your business and what you can do to get ready.

Extensive preparation under way

Extensive work to prepare for a no deal scenario has been underway for almost 2 years and we are taking necessary steps to ensure the country continues to operate smoothly from the day we leave.

In December, the Cabinet agreed to proceed with the government's next phase of no deal planning. This means we are setting in motion our remaining no deal plans. We recommend that businesses and individuals now also ensure they are prepared and enact their own no deal plans as they judge necessary.

Our objective is to minimise disruption by taking unilateral action to prioritise continuity and stability. Stability in a no deal scenario partly depends on the EU taking a similar, non-disruptive, approach to planning.

Choosing to maintain continuity would not stop us from taking advantage of the opportunities presented by our exit from the EU over time, but we would do so in an orderly way.

We expect that our no deal plans will not be required, but will prepare responsibly to ensure the smoothest exit in all outcomes.

The government will work closely with industry to ensure that cross-border activity continues to be conducted in a way that minimises delays and additional burdens for legitimate trade while robustly ensuring compliance. The continuity approach does not mean that everything will stay the same, but the priority is maximising stability at the point of departure through the government's action.





Preparing for changes at the UK border if there's a no deal EU Exit



What will change

At the UK border, there will be changes to UK-EU trade, including on:

- Customs trade tariffs and VAT
- Safety & Security for goods
- Document requirements
- Vehicle standards
- Controlled products

Actions to keep your goods moving across the border

Immediate actions

- Register for an EORI number
- Decide if you will handle new customs and safety & security declarations in-house or with a third party
- Check for updates on tariffs that apply to your goods, and consider using duty relief schemes
- Confirm if you need licenses or certificates to bring your goods across the border
- Make sure drivers are aware of the documents they may need at the border

Recommended actions

- Discuss preparations with customer and suppliers (e.g. importers/exporter). Including responsibilities and incoterms
- Tell your employees about changes to passport rules
- Plan for travel via Border Inspections Posts and Designated Points of Entry for certain goods





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Moving goods to and from the EU through roll on roll off ports or the Channel Tunnel

Arrangements for importers or exporters, using roll on roll off ports or the Channel Tunnel to transport goods between the EU and the UK in the event that the UK leaves the EU without a deal.

In the event that the UK leaves the EU without a deal, from 11pm GMT on 29 March 2019, UK businesses will need to apply the same processes when trading with the EU trade that already apply when trading with the rest of the world.

Read the full guidance here:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-goods-to-and-from-the-eu-through-roll-on-roll-off-locations-including-eurotunnel

Register for simplified import procedures if the UK leaves the EU without a deal

Find out if you can register to use transitional simplified procedures to import goods into the UK.

In the event that the UK leaves the EU without a deal, from 11pm GMT on 29 March 2019, many UK businesses will need to apply the same procedures to EU trade that apply when trading with the rest of the world.

Read the full guidance here:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/register-for-simplified-import-procedures-if-the-uk-leaves-the-eu-without-a-deal

Customs procedures if the UK leaves the EU without a deal

In the event that the UK leaves the EU without a deal, from 11pm GMT on 29 March 2019, many UK businesses will need to apply the same processes to EU trade that apply when trading with the rest of the world.

If you trade goods with the rest of the world as well as the EU, and you already use, or you're authorised to use the customs procedures you need, you do not need to take any of the actions set out here.

Read the full guidance here:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/customs-procedures-if-the-uk-leaves-the-eu-without-a-deal





PRESS RELEASE



AGENCY SECTOR MANAGEMENT MOVES TO CALM FEARS OVER BREXIT CHAOS AT UK'S PORT OF DOVER

Agency Sector Management (ASM) Ltd announces plans in place to deal with exports and imports at the Port of Dover and other roll-on, roll-off ports in the event of a no-deal Brexit.

London, UK, Tuesday 15th January 2019 - Fears that the Port of Dover, one of the UK's busiest cargo ports, will face chaos in the event of a no-deal Brexit have been calmed by Agency Sector Management (ASM) Ltd, after it revealed plans are in place to continue handling the current volume of imports and exports.

Widespread concern over whether the UK will face significant delays to lorries at Dover and other ports, as a result of having to wait for clearance, prompted ASM to reveal that HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) has developed contingency plans should the Government fail to strike a deal on its exit from the European Union (EU).

"A lot has been said recently about the chaos that will ensue at Dover and other roll-on, roll-off (RoRo) ports if we leave the EU on 29 March without a deal," said Peter MacSwiney, Chairman, ASM.

"We do however understand from HMRC sources that there are plans in place for RoRo traffic in the event of a 'no-deal'

Brexit, and that those plans (for the UK side of the border at least) do not involve inventory systems or mandatory reporting to the frontier for either exports or imports."

MacSwiney said that for imports of EU goods, the plan involves all goods being declared as a pre-lodged non-inventory linked declaration, prior to the ferry arriving in the UK.

On arrival, the trader 'arrives' the declaration and, only if the goods are selected for examination will the vehicle have to report to Customs.

Otherwise, the driver can carry on to their destination as they do now.

For exports, pre-lodged declarations will be required (as is currently the case for all third country exports), but for RoRo exports, these will be declared as 'arrived'.

If the declaration receives 'permission to progress' (P2P) then the vehicle can proceed to the ferry as now. If selected for examination, the goods will have to be presented to Customs.

MacSwiney added that in terms of goods arriving to the EU, it was unclear as to whether there would be a requirement for an Entry Summary Declaration as is normally made for all third country goods entering the EU.

"These plans do not initially involve the new Customs Declaration Service, the new declaration processing system being developed to replace the Customs Handling of Import and Export Freight (CHIEF)," he said.

"Despite anything you may have heard, that new system is not going to be ready by the time we leave the EU."

By far the greatest volume of RoRo traffic between the UK and EU goes via Dover, with approximately 7,000 vehicles per day in 2017, according to the port's own statistics.

For more information visit asm.org.uk





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We have our OWN in-house Customs Broker who is available for questions and direction on HMRC / Brexit related concerns.

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