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The UK has left the EU, and the Brexit transition period comes to an end this year. Take action now to get ready for new rules from January 2021. This bulletin is issued by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and provides the latest information for businesses. All information on the UK Transition can be found at www.gov.uk/transition

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Providing Services and Travelling for Business to the EU, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Lichtenstein

Country specific guidance on providing services and travelling for businesses from 1 January 2021 has been updated for the following countries:

[Hungary](#)

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[Switzerland](#) (an overview of the UK-Switzerland Services Mobility Agreement can be viewed [here](#))

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Trade agreements

The UK has signed the UK-North Macedonia agreement, for information on this and existing UK trade agreements with non-EU countries, click [here](#).

Importing and Exporting

New – EU businesses: taxes and tariffs: Guidance has been issued covering what taxes and tariffs EU businesses might need to pay when trading with the UK from 1 January 2021. For more information, click [here](#).

New – EU businesses exporting to the UK: Guidance has been issued for EU businesses to find out what they need to do to export to the UK from 1 January 2021. For more information, click [here](#).

New – EU businesses importing from the UK: Guidance has been issued for EU businesses to inform them of what they need to do to import from the UK from 1 January 2021. For more information, click [here](#).

Updated – The Trader Support Service (TSS): You can continue to sign up to TSS if you move goods between Great Britain and Northern Ireland. For more information, and to sign up, click [here](#).

Updated – Check when you can account for import VAT on your VAT return: Guidance for VAT registered business has been updated with information on Non-established taxable persons and guidance on how to complete your declaration if you are accounting for import VAT on your VAT return. For more information, click [here](#).

Updated – Kent traffic management on M20 motorway to Dover and Eurotunnel: Guidance has been updated to include further detail about Operation Brock – the traffic management system designed to keep Kent's roads open in the event of disruption at the Port of Dover and Eurotunnel. For more information, click [here](#).

Updated – Importing and exporting live fish and shellfish from January 2021: Guidance for importers and exporters of live fish, molluscs and crustaceans for farming, ornamental, or any other purpose except direct human consumption, has been updated, including updates on movements to Northern Ireland. For more information, click [here](#).

Updated – Exporting or Importing objects of cultural interest from 1 January 2021: Guidance has been updated to include exporting objects of cultural interest from Northern Ireland from 1 January 2021. For more information, click [here](#).

New – UK-Japan CEPA: Data protection: Information about data protection in the UK-Japan CEPA is available [here](#).

Sector Specific Guidance

Business Services

New – EU businesses providing services to the UK: Guidance has been issued for EU businesses to find out what they need to know about providing services in the UK from 1 January 2021. For more information, click [here](#).

Updated – Guidance for UK businesses providing services to Ireland from 1 January 2021: Guidance has been updated for UK businesses on rules for trading in services with Ireland from 1 January 2021 to include information on the recognition of professional qualifications. For more information, click [here](#).

Updated – Selling services to the EU, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Lichtenstein from 1 January 2021: Guidance for UK businesses offering services from 1 January 2021 has been updated with guidance for social security payments for employees. For more information, click [here](#).

Data and Intellectual Property

New – Data protection and copyright for EU businesses: Guidance has been issued for EU businesses to inform them of what they need to do with data protection, intellectual property and copyright in the UK from 1 January 2021. For more information, click [here](#).

Updated – EU trademark protection and comparable UK trade marks from 1 January 2021: Guidance for businesses and organisations holding EU trade marks at the end of the

Transition Period has been updated to replace the section on pending cancellation actions. For more information, click [here](#).

Designated Standards

New – Designated standards: Information has been issued for businesses about designated standards at the end of the Transition Period. For more information, click [here](#).

Chemicals

Updated – Letter to the chemical's sector: The Business Secretary's letter to the chemicals sector has been updated to reflect that chemicals regulatory obligations affect both new chemicals and existing chemicals already on the market. To view this in full, click [here](#).

Updated – Manufacturing and marketing fertilisers from 1 January 2021: Guidance on how manufacturers and importers of fertilisers should prepare for changes from 1 January 2021 has been updated with further information. For more information, click [here](#).

Life Sciences

Guidance – Veterinary Medicines Regulations from 1 January 2021: Guidance has been issued on the UK Veterinary Medicines Regulations from 1 January 2021. For more information, click [here](#).

Updated – Guidance on pharmacovigilance procedures from 1 January 2021: Guidance has been updated to provide further information about country codes and worldwide case IDs which should be used when submitting and receiving ICSRs. For more information, click [here](#).

Updated – Guidance on converting Centrally Authorised Products (CAPs) to UK Marketing Authorisations (MAs) from 1 January 2021: Guidance on 'grandfathering' and managing the lifecycle of medicinal products has been updated to include additional potential scenarios and clarify possible options available to applicants in relation to the processing and determination by the MHRA of pending Type IB and II variations at the time of the baseline submission. For more information, click [here](#). Click to edit this placeholder text.

Waste

Updated – Importing and exporting waste from 1 January 2021: Guidance about what UK waste importers and exporters must do to notify about waste shipments from 1 January 2021 has been updated. Changes include new details on waste shipments from GB to Northern Ireland with Northern Ireland protocol context. For more information about the updates, click [here](#).

Food & Drink

New – Poultrymeat Importing after 31 December 2020: A notice has been published to detail information regarding poultrymeat import quotas and information on licenses after 31 December 2020. For more information, click [here](#).

New – Pigmeat Importing after December 31 2020: A notice has been published to detail information regarding pigmeat import quotas and information on licenses after 31

December 2020. For more information, click [here](#).

Updated – Exporting wild caught marine fishery products to the EU from 1 January 2021: The 'One Stop Shop' guidance document for fishing and seafood businesses has been updated. To view this, click [here](#).

Updated – Hops and hops products marketing standards from 1 January 2021: Guidance for hops producers, manufacturers, retailer and distributors has been updated in respect of blends of hops and hops products, and exporting hops and hop products from Great Britain to the EU. For more information, click [here](#).

Updated – Beef and veal marketing standards from 1 January 2021: Guidance has been added on moving between Great Britain, Northern Ireland and the EU. Guidance on Exporting beef and veal from Great Britain (GB) to the EU, importing beef and veal from the EU to GB and Moving beef and veal from GB to NI has also been updated. For more information, click [here](#).

Updated – Poultry meat marketing standards from 1 January 2021: Guidance has been updated with respect of exporting poultry meat from GB to the EU, Moving poultry meat from GB to NI, Getting poultry meat optional indication certificates, importing poultry meat from EU to GB and importing poultry meat from non-EI countries to GB. For more information, click [here](#).

Updated – Egg marketing standards from 1 January 2021: [Guidance on hatching eggs and chicks marketing standards from 1 January 2021](#) has been updated along with guidance on [Egg marketing standards from 1 January 2021](#).

Updated – Import of products, animals, food and feed system (IPAFFS): Guidance on IPAFFS has been updated to show when importers can use IPAFFS to import their type of goods. For more information, click [here](#).

Webinars and Podcasts

With just **25 days to go** until the end of the transition period, you can keep up to date by attending live webinars to help prepare your business. You can also access sector-specific webinars about how to prepare your business [here](#).

- **HMRC customs declarations webinars:** HMRC have launched multiple editions of this live webinar covering how to complete customs import declarations and explaining how to make import declarations when importing goods between the EU and Great Britain. Find a date and to register, click [here](#).
- **UK Transition Period:** HSE and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) will be hosting two webinars on Wednesday 16 December and Wednesday 20 December, both at 10am. These events cover actions businesses need to take in preparation for the end UK Transition on 1 January 2021 when independent GB chemical regimes will be in place. To register, and for more information, click [here](#).
- **Department for International Trade webinars:** DIT are hosting a series of webinars primarily aimed at businesses which are UK based who importing and exporting goods. To register for the next webinar on 3 December at 10:30 am, click [here](#).

Further sessions are scheduled to be held on 10 December and 17 December.

- **Department for International Trade** are hosting a webinar series for **EU-based organisations** that trade with the EU. Upcoming webinars on 9 December, 10 December and 15 December will cover GB-EU Border Formalities. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Trading with the EU: A video series has been released that explains what businesses need to do to be ready for 1 January 2021. These videos cover what businesses need to know about exports and imports, customs, commodity codes and controlled goods. To view the videos, click [here](#).

Visit the [GOV.UK](#) transition webinar page to find out more and register [here](#).

Podcast: Business and the Future of Immigration in 2021

The Home Office has created a podcast episode in partnership with Intelligence Squared to help you prepare for the points-based immigration system. [Listen](#) now to Business and the Future of Immigration in 2021. Also available on [Spotify](#) and [Apple](#)

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