



Withdrawal Process

With the end of the transition period approaching, what changes on 1 January 2021?

1 January 2021 is the physical date of when the laws will change. People planning to move between the UK and EU to live/work/retire will no longer be able to do so automatically.

Travel to the EU will change from 1 January 2021. Things you may need to do before you go:

- check your passport
- get travel insurance that covers your healthcare
- check you have the right driving documents
- organise pet travel - contact your vet at least 4 months before you go

All the existing EU exit regulations will come into force and the changes will be effective on 1 January 2021, refer to the Brexit Think Tank report for more information.

The current existing legal framework which is derived from Europe will be incorporated into our UK Legal System and will become UK EU retained law.

How important is UK trade with the EU?



Exports to the EU made up 43% of the UK's total exports (goods and services) in 2019 and the EU was the source of 51% of UK imports.*

*Source: ukandeu.ac.uk

Is there anything pressing that will change for trading standards on 1 January 2021?

In reality it'll be business as usual.

The Customs Law changes on 1 January 2021, high risk customs goods will have to be compliant by that date.

From a trading standards perspective there will have to be derogations and transitions by default.

- the customs derogation envisages the system working fully by 1 July 2021
- the Trusted Trader scheme for goods going into NI will have a transitional arrangement which will be three months



For more information about how EU Exit could affect trading standards, and to take the EU Exit training course, visit www.tradingstandards.uk/euexit



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