

# UK delegation urges Polish businesses to get ready for Brexit

The UK is reaching out to businesses in the EU through 30 industry events to provide advice and information to traders, logistics managers, transporters, exporters, importers and their agents about the steps they need to take to prepare for continuing trade with the UK in the event of Brexit without a deal.

The UK Government's priority is to make sure that the borders remain secure, while ensuring that new controls and processes do not interrupt flow of goods. This is so EU member states and the UK can continue to trade easily after Brexit. Whilst the UK is making all the necessary preparations for Brexit on 31 October, there are also steps that businesses within the EU need to take to ensure they are properly prepared.

In industry events in Warsaw and in Katowice, a UK delegation will outline the changes to border processes and explain the actions that Polish businesses need to take to remain compliant with UK and EU requirements. It is crucial that both EU and UK traders understand what they need to do to continue trading between the EU and the UK after Brexit, with or without a deal.

The actions that Polish businesses need to take to continue trading with the UK are:

- Register for an EORI number with your home country's customs authority in order to move goods between the UK and EU. This will be valid in all EU member states
- Ensure that you are aware of your domestic customs processes
- Speak to your UK supplier/customer to check who will be responsible for customs processes in the UK. In most cases it will be your UK supplier/customer

To help hauliers and traders in the EU further, the UK Government is setting up around 50 information pop-up sites in EU locations for drivers.

The stands will provide advice to hauliers on the [documentation they require for themselves, their vehicle and the goods they are transporting](#). The objective is to ensure they are prepared for Brexit so that goods can continue to flow smoothly across borders. Information leaflets, guidance handbooks and pocket guides will also be available for hauliers to take away.

These pop-up sites will be located at service stations, ports and on ferries to make sure advice to get ready for the border is easily accessible.

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## **Detailed guide: Exporting animals and animal products in a no-deal Brexit**

What you'll need to export animals, products of animal origin and animal by-products in a no-deal Brexit.

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## **Promotional material: Farmers and plant exporters: steps to export plants and plant products to the EU after Brexit**

The way you import to and export from the EU will change after Brexit. This flowchart explains the new processes for exporting plants and plant products to the EU.

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## **Promotional material: Farmers and food producers: steps to export fruit and vegetables to the EU after Brexit**

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## **UK secures 'listed status' to protect £5 billion export market**

The UK has secured approval to continue exporting animals and animal products

to the EU if we leave without a deal on 31 October – providing certainty for a market worth more than £5 billion a year.

Environment Secretary Theresa Villiers confirmed today that EU member states have granted the UK 'national listed status', which ensures exports of live animals and products of animal origin, such as meat, fish and dairy, can continue.

The move recognises the UK's high biosecurity and animal health standards and will bring welcome clarity to the country's world-leading farmers and food producers.

Environment Secretary, Theresa Villiers, said:

This is good news for UK businesses. It demonstrates our very high standards of biosecurity and animal health which we will continue to maintain and improve after we leave the EU.

If you or your business import or export animal and animal products, we want to make sure you are ready for Brexit. Our guidance sets out what you need to do to continue to trade after we leave the EU.

Our top priority remains delivering Brexit by the end of October, and our preference is to do that with a negotiated deal, but it is the job of a responsible Government to ensure we are ready to leave without a deal and without any further pointless delay.

The EU's Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed confirmed the acceptance of the UK's listed status on Friday (October 11) after it met the health and biosecurity assurances required for a third country.

With listed status now confirmed, if we leave without a deal, businesses exporting animals and animal products to the EU will still need to meet new requirements, such as going through the correct EU Border Inspection Post.

Businesses will also require an Export Health Certificate, which will need to be signed by a certifier such as an Official Veterinarian.

The decision will also allow the continued movement of equines between the UK and the EU, providing welcome reassurance to the sector.

British Horseracing Authority Executive Director Will Lambe said:

This is very welcome news for our sector, and provides some important certainty ahead of a 31st October departure from the EU. There will still be additional requirements for our participants wishing to travel a horse into the EU, but full guidance and assistance is available. We continue to support and appreciate the UK Government's position that there will be no immediate change to

arrangements for thoroughbreds travelling into the UK in the event of no deal.

Guidance for animal [importers](#) and [exporters](#) is available on GOV.UK. End to [end journey maps](#), clearly set out all the steps exporters will need to take. The exports guidance has been updated to clarify that EHCs will be required for all different product types within a consignment. Specific [guidance for equine exporters is available](#).

If we leave with a deal, the UK will not need to be listed during the implementation period. To give certainty to businesses and citizens, common rules will remain in place until the end of the implementation period meaning businesses will be able to trade on the same terms as now up until the end of 2020.