<u>Guidance on EU nationals a positive</u> <u>step, says BCC</u>

The BCC comments on the draft proposals for the Settled Status Scheme for EU nationals, published by the Home Office.

"The guidance published today will be welcomed by employers and EU employees alike. It provides clear information on the status of EU nationals resident in the UK and those who arrive during the transition period after March next year. We know that some businesses lost European employees in the aftermath of the referendum, owing to the uncertainty they faced, so assurances that they can stay are a positive step forward. The next step is for the draft rules to be laid before Parliament and we urge all Parliamentarians to ensure this stage is concluded swiftly.

"We look forward to working with the Home Office to ensure greater clarity on this and other areas in the long term."

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