<u>Waste businesses encouraged to sign up</u> <u>for 'Brexit ready' events</u>

Import and export waste businesses are invited to attend one of a series of free workshops held by Defra to help prepare for Brexit.

The Government's priority is to deliver Brexit by the 31st October and the preference is to leave with a negotiated deal but it is the job of a responsible Government to ensure the UK is ready for any outcome.

In a no deal scenario, waste operators will be subject to new requirements and must:

- comply with new EU Customs guidelines required for all UK imports and exports
- complete new legal requirements to inform the EU customs office of entry and exit
- ensure that waste carriers are registered to carry waste in the EU Member State
- review contingency plans in case of disruption at ports in a no deal scenario

The workshops will include presentations from <u>Defra</u>, <u>HMRC</u> and the <u>Environment</u> <u>Agency</u> on new guidelines, expected changes and guidance to minimise operational impact. There will also a chance for businesses to ask questions.

The first of five events will take place in <u>Bristol</u> next Monday 21 October. The remaining workshops will be held in <u>Tunbridge Wells</u> (Wednesday 23 October), <u>Liverpool</u> (Friday 25 October), <u>York</u> (Monday 28 October), and <u>Birmingham</u> (Tuesday 29 October).

To register, click on the links above, or select the event held in the city of your choice at this external link.

Further information on waste import/export contingency plans is available in the <u>guidance section on GOV.UK</u>.