

# EU BUSINESSES

# Prepare your business for Brexit

## **What your business needs to know**

The UK is leaving the EU on 31 October 2019. This leaflet is designed to help EU businesses understand what steps they may need to take to continue trading with the UK after that happens. Make sure you stay up to date, and check your country's own guidance to find out more information.

## **If you buy from or sell to the UK**

Rules are changing so make sure you talk to your trading partner in the UK and have the correct paperwork for the type of goods you are trading with the UK.

Check if you need to pay VAT when trading to the UK.

**For more information, visit**  
[\*\*gov.uk/brexit-eu-traders\*\*](https://www.gov.uk/brexit-eu-traders)

## **If you transfer personal data to the UK**

In the event that the UK leaves the EU without a deal, personal data will continue to flow freely from the UK to the EU/EEA, and the UK will keep this under review.

However, your business may need to make some changes to the way you share personal data with businesses in the UK.

**Search ‘no-deal data transfers’ at [edpb.europa.eu](https://edpb.europa.eu) for more information.**

## **If you provide services in the UK**

Your business might be affected if the UK leaves the EU without a deal. There may be new rules you need to comply with if:

- › you have branches or subsidiaries in the UK
- › your business is part of a service sector within the UK
- › you’re planning a merger with a UK company
- › you or your employees travel to the UK for business
- › you or your employees provide services in a regulated profession.

**Search ‘qualified professional after Brexit’ at [GOV.UK](https://gov.uk) to check the regulations for the UK, including visa requirements, and understand how changes could affect your business.**

## **If you sell manufactured goods**

There may be new rules you need to comply with:

Check what you need to do to continue exporting manufactured goods to the UK market including regulatory requirements on labelling, approvals and testing.

**Search ‘regulation of manufactured goods’ at [GOV.UK](#) to find out more.**

## **If you export food or drink or agricultural products to the UK**

Your business may need to:

Check the requirements for export of food, drink or agricultural products to the UK from the EU.

Check what documents, licences and certificates are required for the goods you export from the EU into the UK and how to apply for them.

Pre-notify the UK authorities about the goods you export from the EU into the UK border at least 24 hours prior to arrival.

**Check what more you need to do by searching ‘food and drink no deal’ at [GOV.UK](#).**

## **If you employ UK nationals**

Check UK employees, who require a professional qualification to practise in the EU, have had their qualification recognised by the relevant EU regulator.

Check the arrangements for UK nationals with the immigration authorities in your country.

## **If you send workers to the UK**

EU, EEA and Swiss citizens and their families will still be able to move to the UK as they do now.

If they wish to stay after 31 December 2020:

They will have to apply for European temporary leave to remain **if UK leaves the EU without a deal**.

They will be able to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme **if UK leaves the EU with a deal** and they move to UK during the implementation period.

# ADDITIONAL HELP AND SUPPORT

## Invest in Britain

The UK is one of the leading business locations in the world and remains the number one destination for foreign direct investment in Europe. The Department for International Trade has a global team of experienced advisors who will help you assess UK market opportunities; introduce you to the right contacts; and give advice on visas, recruitment, tax, business banking, and more.

**To access the advice you need to set up and expand your business in the UK visit [invest.great.gov.uk](https://invest.great.gov.uk).**



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**[gov.uk/brexit](https://gov.uk/brexit)**