### 1. Key updates

**NEW Letters to businesses: new trade arrangements with the EU from 1 January 2021: 18/10**
- Actions businesses need to take to continue trading with the EU from 1 January 2021, in particular import and export declarations.

**NEW Trading and moving endangered species protected by CITES from 1 Jan 2021: 14/10**
- You’ll need CITES documents to move CITES specimens between Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) and the EU, and GB and NI, for species listed in Annexes A to D.
- You’ll also need to use a designated point of entry or exit and present your documents to Border Force for endorsement.

**NEW Moving CITES specimens through Eurotunnel from 1 January 2021: 14/10**
- To import CITES specimens into the UK through Eurotunnel you must present your CITES documents at **Sevington** for endorsement by Border Force.
- Sevington Inland Border Facility, Junction 10A, Ashford (Aviva), Nightingale Close, Sevington, TN24 0TP.
- The Border Force office has a 24 hour service, Monday to Sunday.

**Exporting through Eurotunnel**
- To export CITES specimens from the UK through Eurotunnel you can present your CITES documents to Border Force at **Ebbsfleet** or at another suitable designated point of entry and exit sea port before you travel through Eurotunnel.
- Ebbsfleet Carpark D, Gravesend, DA10 1AE.
- The Border Force office has a 24 hour service, Monday to Sunday.

**Moving CITES specimens through the Port of Dover from 1 January 2021: 14/10**
- If you’re moving CITES specimens through Dover Port you’ll need to present your CITES documentation to Border Force for endorsement at **Dover Western Docks**.
- Freight Clearance Centre, Lord Warden Square, Western Docks, Dover, CT17 9EQ
- Signs at the port will direct you to the Freight Clearance Centre.
- The Border Force office has a 24 hour service, Monday to Sunday.

**NEW Moving CITES specimens through Belfast Seaport from 1 January 2021: 14/10**
- The **Belfast Seaport** address is: Unit 2, Block C, 6-10 Duncrue Crescent, Belfast Docks, Belfast, BT3 9BW.
- You can get to Belfast Seaport by exiting the M3 at Fortwilliam Roundabout, Belfast Harbor, Duncrue Crescent. Grid reference: GB000142.
- The office opening hours are Monday to Sunday, 9am to 4pm. You must enter the Border Force Belfast processing area no later than 3:30pm.

**NEW.eu domain names - what you need to do before the end of the transition period: 16/10**
- What you need to do before the end of the transition period if you hold a .eu domain.

**NEW The eCommerce Directive after the transition period: 16/10**
- At the end of the transition period, the eCommerce Directive will no longer apply to the UK.
2. **Future relationship and Transition period**

### Future relationship
- **The future relationship with the EU: February 2020**
- **The Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration: October 2019**
- **The UK's approach to the Northern Ireland Protocol: 20/05/20**

### Transition Period
- New rules on trade, travel, and business for the UK and EU will take effect on 1 Jan 2021.

### Major new campaign to prepare UK for end of the transition period: 13/07/20
- The government campaign to help prepare for the end of the transition period.

### Preparing your business
- **Letters to businesses: new trade arrangements with the EU from 1 Jan 2021: updated 18/10**
  - From 1 January 2021 customs declarations needed to move goods into and out of the EU:
    - get an EORI number if you do not already have one
    - decide how you want to make customs declarations and whether you need to get someone to deal with customs for you: updated 10/07/20
    - checking if your imported goods are eligible for staged import controls
  - These actions will not change regardless of the outcome of the negotiations with the EU

### UK goes direct to EU businesses with new campaign: 07/09
- **Trade with the UK from January 2021: prepare your EU business: updated 18/09**
  - Campaign to help EU businesses get ready for the end of the transition period.

### Webinars: prepare your business for the end of the transition period
- Sign up for live sessions organised by BEIS [here](#).

### Reasonable Worst Case Scenario for borders at the end of the transition period: 23/09
- Planning assumptions for potential disruption to freight travelling between GB and the EU.

### European Commission information: Getting ready for the end of the transition period
- **Getting ready for changes: Communication on readiness at the end of the transition period: 09/07**
- **Export and import of cultural goods: 17/08**
- **Customs rules: 14/07**
  - European Commission information on the end of the transition period and related changes.

3. **Immigration**

### Immigration
- **UK points-based immigration system: further details statement: 13/07/20**
- **The UK's points-based immigration system: policy statement: 19/02/20**
- **UK points-based immigration system: employer information**
- **Points-based immigration system campaign: 30/09**

#### Student Route
- New immigration system: what you need to know: updated 13/07/20
  - The Home Office has [launched a new campaign](#) to help employers prepare for the introduction of the UK's new points-based immigration system.
  - From 1 January 2021, you will need to be a licensed sponsor to hire eligible people from outside the UK. [Becoming a sponsor](#) normally takes eight weeks and fees apply.
  - As a licensed sponsor, you will be able to recruit skilled workers from anywhere in the world, provided they meet certain [eligibility requirements](#).
  - UK employers can sign up to receive email updates on the new immigration system [here](#).
# EU settlement scheme

**EU Settlement Scheme**
- The deadline for applying is 30 June 2021. Key documents are here:
  - Apply to the EU Settlement Scheme (settled and pre-settled status)
  - EU Settlement Scheme: introduction for employers
  - EU Settlement Scheme: employer toolkit
  - EU Settlement Scheme: template letter to EU citizen staff
  - EU Settlement Scheme: presentation
  - EU Settlement Scheme: leaflet: updated 08/10/20
  - EU Settlement Scheme: factsheet: updated 08/10/20
  - EU Settlement Scheme: poster
  - EU Settlement Scheme: ID document scanner locations: updated 01/10

# People and tourism

**Visiting the UK**
- *Visiting the UK: information for EU, EEA and Swiss citizens: updated 08/10/20*
  - What you need to know about crossing the UK border and visiting the UK in 2020.

**Immigration rules for visitors**
- Visitors cannot work or study in the UK unless undertaking permitted activities set out in these Visitor Rules.

**Visiting Europe**
- *Visit Europe from 1 January 2021*
- *Visit Europe: Business travel extra requirements*

Healthcare info:
- [Healthcare for UK nationals visiting the EU: updated 13/03/20](#) - includes info on EHIC card
- [Healthcare when travelling abroad](#) - Guides to healthcare in other countries.

**Passport rules for travel to Europe from 1 January 2021: updated 25/09**
- At least 6 months left on a passport needed to travel to most countries in Europe.

# International trade

**UK trade agreements with non-EU countries: 29/06/20**
- The Department for International Trade has published guidance to help you find out which trade agreements with non-EU countries are in place during and after the transition period.
- Trading from 1 January 2021
  - Exporting from 1 January 2021 country by country
  - Providing services and travelling for business to the EU, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein
  - Trading under WTO rules

**The UK’s approach to trade negotiations with the US: 02/30/20**
- The government has published the UK’s objectives in trade negotiations with the USA.

**Procurement: updated 24/04/20**
- Public sector procurement during the transition period.

**Help and support if your business trades with the EU: 23/09**
- From 1 January to buy or sell from the EU you will need to follow new customs rules. These actions are required regardless of the outcome of negotiations with the EU.
- Contains videos on exporting, importing and customs clearance.
7. Exports, customs and borders

**The Border Operating Model version 2: 08/10**
- From 1 January 2021 UK export licences will not need to be physically endorsed by Border Force Officers. However, traders/hauliers are advised to retain a physical copy of the licence and present to Border Force Officers if requested to do so. (p196)
- Info on cultural goods on pp 196-7, CITES on p48, and ATA carnets on pages 54 and 160.

**Border controls**

**Import controls: 10/02/20**

**Declaring goods brought into Great Britain from the EU from 1 January 2021: 10/07/20**

Border controls are being introduced in stages:
- From January 2021: basic customs requirements, such as keeping sufficient records of imported goods, and will have up to six months to complete customs declarations.
- From April 2021: All products of animal origin and all regulated plants and plant products will also require pre-notification and the relevant health documentation.
- From July 2021: Traders will have to make declarations at importation and pay tariffs.

**Moving goods under the Northern Ireland Protocol: 07/08**

Guidance for businesses engaging in new processes under the Northern Ireland protocol.

**Apply to import goods temporarily to the UK or EU: 20/01**
- How to apply for Temporary Admission to import goods into the UK or EU and use them for up to 2 years or more, before re-exporting them.

**Check customs and duties procedures for exporting goods**
- Includes information on:
  - Commodity codes; Duties, taxes, charges and quotas; Rules of origin
  - How to move your goods out of the UK and into other countries/destinations

**The UK has announced its new tariff regime the UK Global Tariff (UKGT): 19/05/20**
- The UKGT will replace the EU’s Common External Tariff on 01/01/2021. It will apply to goods exported from countries with which the UK does not have a preferential agreement.

**Customs procedures**
- Import, export and customs for business
- Bringing goods to the UK from the EU through roll on roll off ports: 11/10/19
- Grants for recruitment, training and IT if your business completes customs declarations
- How to import and export goods between Great Britain and the EU from 1 January 2021

**HMRC video guidance for business who are brand new to customs**
- What is Customs?
- What you need to know to bring goods into the UK
- What you need to do to send goods out of the UK

**VAT and tax issues**
- Returned Goods Relief
- Notice 361: importing museum and gallery exhibits free of duty and VAT: 27/05/20

**Transport goods out of the UK by road: step by step**

**ECMT international road haulage permits: 29/10/19**
- You do not need ECMT permits for journeys in 2020 entirely within the EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland and the UK.
8. Carnets, licences and permits

Export licences and certificates from 1 January 2021: 10/07/20
Import licences and certificates from 1 January 2021: 10/07/20

ATA carnet
London Chamber of Commerce and Industry ATA Carnet guidance

Moving goods through Eurotunnel or Dover
Export through Eurotunnel or Dover
To have your ATA Carnet processed, you will need to go to one of:
- North Weald Airfield
- Ebbsfleet International Rail Station car park D
- Stop 24
HGVs will need to go to Manston Airport.

Import through Eurotunnel
- Go to Ashford International Truck Stop.

Import through the Port of Dover
- Go to Dover Western Docks.

Moving goods through the Port of Holyhead with an ATA Carnet: 19/09/19
The Port of Holyhead cannot process ATA Carnets - go to Roadking Truckstop.

CITES
Trading and moving endangered species protected by CITES from 1 January 2021: 14/10
Trading CITES-listed specimens through UK ports and airports from 1 January 2021: 14/10
- You’ll need CITES documents to move CITES specimens between Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) and the EU, and GB and NI, for species listed in Annexes A to D.
- You’ll also need to use a designated point of entry or exit and present your documents to Border Force for endorsement.
- Endangered species: imports and exports:updated 10/06/20
- Musical instrument certificate: FED0172
- Endangered species: apply for a travelling exhibition certificate

Exporting and importing CITES specimens
- Moving CITES specimens through Eurotunnel from 1 January 2021: 14/10
- Moving CITES specimens through the Port of Dover from 1 January 2021: 14/10
- Moving CITES specimens through Belfast Seaport from 1 January 2021: 14/10

Through Eurotunnel
- Export - go to Ebbsfleet or another suitable designated point of entry and exit sea port
- Import - go to Sevington near Ashford immediately after you arrive

Through Dover
- Export or import - go to Dover Western Docks.

Through Belfast
- Export or import - go to Belfast Seaport.

Eurostar is not a designated port for CITES.
### Cultural object licences
- Exporting objects of cultural interest from 1 January 2021: 16/10
- Arts Council England Export Licensing Unit: updated 15/09

### European firearms requirements from 1 January 2021: updated 14/10
- UK residents no longer able to apply for a European Firearms Pass from 1 January 2021.

#### 9. Services

#### Selling services to the EU, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland & Liechtenstein: updated 14/10/19
- We will no longer operate under EEA regulations for cross-border trade in services from 1 January. The rights and protections provided by the EU Directives and EU Treaty rights of freedom of movement and freedom of establishment will no longer apply to the UK.

#### 10. Data protection and intellectual property

##### Data protection

Using personal data in your business during and after transition period: updated 16/10
- From 1 January 2021, your organisation may need to have Standard Contractual Clauses (SCCs) in place with EU counterparts in order to legally receive personal data from the EU.
- The EU’s data adequacy assessment of the UK is underway. If the UK is assessed as adequate by the end of the transition period, the free flow of personal data can continue.
- If the EU has not made an adequacy decision by that time, you should act to ensure you can lawfully receive personal data from EU/EEA businesses and others in the future.

##### Intellectual Property Office guidance
- Intellectual property and the transition period: updated 31/01/20
- Orphan works and cultural heritage institutions: copyright from 1 January 2021: 30/01/20
- Sui generis database rights from 1 January 2021: 30/01/20
- Changes to copyright law from 1 January 2021: 30/01/20
- Exhaustion of IP rights and parallel trade from 1 January 2021: 30/01/20
- Collective rights management from 1 January 2021: 30/01/20
- EU trademark protection and comparable UK trademarks from 1 January 2021: 30/01/20
- EU & international designs & trade mark protection from 1 Jan 2021: updated 26/06/20
- Changes to unregistered designs from 1 January 2021: 30/01/20

### 11. EU funding and finance

#### EU Funding

**Getting EU funding: 05/08**
The UK will participate in programmes funded under the 2014-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework until their closure. You will continue to get any EU funding awarded, including funding due after 31/12/2020. It has not yet been decided what funding UK organisations will be able to apply for after the spending framework ends.

You can apply for EU funding under the current spending framework depending on the fund
- EU-funded programmes under the withdrawal agreement: 31/01/20
- Creative Europe Desk UK update: 02/03/20
- UKRI and EU Exit

### 12. Arts, heritage, tourism and cultural sector

#### Guidance for DCMS sectors during the transition period and after 1 January 2021
- Guidance for DCMS sectors and policy areas during the transition period and after.