

Manufacturing

Key facts

- 1 Supply chains will be affected by new rules after the transition period ends
- 2 Importing and exporting (consumer) goods, semi-finished products and raw materials will require compliance with two sets of rules and potentially an EU presence
- 3 CE marking will become UKCA for the UK market

Examples include:

Furniture, household appliances, toys, fashion, shoes, food and drink manufacturers, cosmetics, automotive, aerospace, medical devices, medicines, satellite applications and businesses operating within the supply chains of 'original equipment manufacturers' (OEMs).

How we buy and sell products, provide services and hire staff from the EU, will change after the transition period ends. Businesses are advised to consider their route to market and look at what it means for their margins when they export and import to and from European countries on different terms, and when costs of recruitment will rise.

People

- EU nationals currently in the UK can apply for (pre-)Settled Status under the Settlement Scheme
- After the transition period ends, EU staff that come to the UK to work, will need to apply under the points-based immigration system, and businesses have to sponsor applicants they want to recruit

Trade

- Import and export of goods will be subject to customs controls and may attract tariffs
- Rules around placing products on the EU and UK markets will be different
- UK services providers will be subject to more local rules in an EU country than now

Regulation

- Recognition of harmonised goods and rules around importing and using chemicals will be different
- CE marking will be replaced by a UK Conformity Assessment (UKCA) mark
- Conformity assessments and certificates for Europe-bound products will have to be issued by an EU-recognised notified body
- Product safety standards and metrology in the UK may also change
- The EU's main chemicals regulation, REACH, will be replaced by UK REACH

To do

People

- Support and encourage current EU staff to apply for (pre-)settled status. Check out the [Settlement Scheme Employer Toolkit](#)
- Read about the [details of the new points-based immigration system](#)

Trade

- Find out what [exporting goods](#) to EU countries will mean after the transition period ends
- Find out what [importing goods](#) from EU countries will mean after the transition period ends
- Call the UK Export/Import helpline for support: 0300 3301 331
- Check what it will mean to [provide services in EU countries](#)

Regulation

- Find out how to [comply with UK product safety standards and metrology](#) when importing goods
- Find out [how to comply with REACH](#) or read [guidance from ECHA](#)
- Find out how rules will be different for [chemicals](#), [vehicles](#) and [aerospace](#)
- Check the transition page of the [Health and Safety Executive](#)

- Check labelling requirements for [footwear](#) and [textiles](#)
- Look up [rules in the EU member states for non-harmonised goods](#)
- You may also want to read the EU Readiness Notices on [REACH](#), [plant protection products](#), [plant health](#), [plant reproductive materials](#), [plant variety rights](#), [biocidal products](#), [medicinal products](#), [cosmetic products](#), [industrial products](#), [emission standards](#), [type approvals](#), [pyrotechnic articles](#), [explosives for civil uses](#), [fertilisers](#), [detergents](#), [GMOs](#), [animal feed](#), [mineral waters](#) and [EU food law](#)
- Understand changes to your [VAT obligations](#) and what it means to trade as a [business from a non-EU country with regard to VAT](#) and read specific guidance on [VAT on goods](#)
- Check the [ICO guidance on GDPR](#)

Go to the [Government's checker tool](#) and the [EU Readiness Notices](#) for all other questions on EU exit and your sector.

What's next?

Trade under EU rules will continue as normal until the transition period ends. A new trade agreement will lay down the final conditions for UK-EU trade in (consumer) goods. This may include some degree of alignment of standards.

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Disclaimer

At the time of writing, the transition period ends on 31 December 2020, and the changes outlined in this fact sheet will occur from 1 January 2021. If that date slips, the changes will still happen, but at a later date. For latest updates go to www.gov.uk/transition

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