

Food and drink no-deal Brexit:

20 essential actions businesses should take

IMPORT PROCESSES

1. Ensure you have a [UK EORI number](#). You will not be able to import without one and it only takes a few minutes to apply.
2. Check you are using the correct [commodity codes](#) to ensure you are ready to pay any [tariffs](#) that would be due.
3. Check your eligibility for [Transitional Simplified Procedures](#) (TSP) and if possible register now.
4. Ensure you are aware of any new processes and procedures to import [high-risk food and feed](#).
5. Decide if you will use a customs agent.

TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS

6. Check if the ports you use have traffic management systems. e.g. [Operation Brock at Dover](#). Sign up to receive [road freight updates](#) from the Department for Transport.
7. Check the port you use has the [correct authorisations](#) and identify [EU Border Inspection Posts](#) (BIPs) you may need to use when exporting.

EXPORT PROCESSES

8. Ensure you have a [UK EORI number](#). If you interact with EU customs, you will also need an [EU EORI number](#) from the country where you first lodge a declaration.
9. Check you are using the right [commodity codes](#) to avoid problems when your goods arrive in the EU.
10. Ensure you are aware of required [certification and pre-notification processes](#). If you export animal products to the EU, [confirm to FSA](#) that you would like to be added to the of approved UK exporters.
11. Check your [product labelling](#) is correct for the EU and prepare packaging artwork changes.
12. Decide if you will use a customs agent.

SUPPLY CHAINS

13. Work with suppliers, customers and service providers to map your supply chain, identifying where potential risks and problems could arise.
14. Identify opportunities to change your supply chain to mitigate against disruption at the ports or added costs of raw materials.
15. Identify opportunities to stockpile key ingredients, raw materials and finished goods ahead of 31 October 2019.

FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES

16. Assess your [currency exposure](#) to volatility that could affect your costs. Speak to your bank about hedging to manage these risks.
17. Check supply agreements to understand who is responsible for payment of tariffs and VAT. Check who is responsible for the goods if there are delays in transit. Seek legal advice about potential breaches of contract by suppliers or if you need to abandon a supply contract.

IRISH BORDER

18. Assess tariff and practical implications facing goods that need to cross the Irish border.
19. Monitor updates from key Government departments in [Northern Ireland](#) and the [Republic of Ireland](#).

WORKFORCE

20. Help your EU national employees in the UK apply for the [EU Settlement Scheme](#) to ensure they can continue to reside in the UK. New EU employees arriving after 31 October can [register their stay](#) after three months.

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