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## AEROSPACE SECTOR – PREPARING FOR BREXIT

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With the UK set to leave the European Union on 29 March 2019, businesses of all sizes should take some practical steps now to prepare for whatever kind of Brexit lays ahead.

### ACTIONS TO TAKE NOW

- Ensure any EU27 citizens you employ have applied for the [EU Settlement Scheme](#).
- Ensure you have [an EORI number](#) and can submit customs [declarations for EU trade](#).
- Understand & comply with new regulations on aviation safety, chemicals & data protection.
- [Register your Horizon 2020](#) (H2020) projects with the UK Government.
- Work with your banks to manage cash flow.

#### 1. Understand your workforce needs

If you are an EU citizen, or your company employs EU citizens, please apply to the [EU Settlement Scheme](#) to ensure the right to continue living in the UK after 30 June 2021.

If there is No Deal, companies should follow [FCO travel advice](#) for applying for work visas in EU countries and consider what 'right to work' checks (e.g. passport or national identity card) might apply.

#### 2. Understand new customs procedures

UK businesses trading with the EU will need a [UK EORI number](#) to continue trading and this EORI number will also be needed to be able to apply for and be authorised for customs simplifications.

Businesses trading with the EU will likely be required to [submit new customs declarations](#), either directly or through a third party such as a customs broker or logistics provider. It is important that businesses contact their third-party provider to understand what information will be required.

#### 3. Understand and comply with new UK & EU regulation

Companies should ensure they understand what will change about UK regulation, including:

- **Aviation Safety.** Companies should [apply for third-country approvals](#) with EASA as soon as possible, and check with [the CAA](#) and [EASA](#) for guidance on the validity of existing certifications.
- **Chemicals.** Check [HSE Brexit guidance](#) on registering with the new UK REACH IT system, and ECHA guidance for [UK companies transferring their registrations](#) to the EU27.
- **Data protection.** Companies should [identify a legal basis for data transfers](#) between the EEA and the UK, most likely through Binding Corporate Rules or standard contractual clauses.

#### 4. Register your H2020 projects

The UK Government is committed to an [underwrite guarantee](#) to all successful UK bids made to H2020 prior to Brexit, and to successful bids where UK organisations are participating as a third country in a wider consortium any time between exit day and the end of 2020. If you have received H2020 funding [you should register details of your project](#) with UK Research and Innovation (UKRI).

#### 5. Work with your banks to manage cash flow

If there is No Deal, companies will face a range of additional costs, including import VAT, import tariffs and added costs from new customs procedures or border delays. Companies should talk to their banks now about what overdraft and lending facilities can be put in place as an insurance policy.

#### Access further advice

- [HMRC guidance for UK businesses that trade with the EU in the event of no deal](#)
- [HMG Partnership Pack \(Fourth Edition - February 2019\)](#)
- [ADS Brexit Hub](#)