

SECURITY 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 understand the new customs and [export licence](#) processes.
- Identify a legal basis for your [data transfers](#).
- [Register your Horizon 2020](#) (H2020) projects with the UK Government.
- Work with customers so that you can continue to comply with contractual terms.

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 & export licence requirements

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.

In the event of a No Deal, UK exporters of dual-use technologies will be required to apply for a new set of European Union specific [export licenses](#).

3. Identify a legal basis for data transfers

If there is No Deal, companies will need to ensure adequate safeguards are in place to maintain any data flows from EEA to the UK. Companies should work with their EU partners to [identify a legal basis for data transfers](#), 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. Contact your public sector customers

If there is No Deal, defence and security companies should contact their EU-based customers to ensure there are no restrictions on non-EU companies participating in sensitive contracts, particularly if personnel security clearances are required.

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](#)