EU Exit Business Readiness Forum

16 May 2019

Delivering the deal negotiated with the EU is the government's top priority. However, a responsible government must prepare for every eventuality, including a no deal scenario.

This document is a summary of the question and answer discussion that took place during the EU Exit Business Readiness Forum on 16 May 2019.

The purpose of the forum was to provide information to trade and representative bodies, and other business intermediaries in order that their members and businesses in their networks may prepare.

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EU Exit Update

Question: The plan is to bring it to Parliament in full, with no changes, backstop included?

Answer: That's right.

Home Office Settlement Scheme

No questions.

Tariffs Policy in the case of No Deal

Question: With the remaining 5 months until Oct 31st, will the government be consulting on the tariffs?

Answer: We are considering next steps regarding no deal and all contingency planning. When we receive further clarification from mins we will update. In meantime happy to engage and receive feedback on temp policy or NI policy, try to provide updates as soon as possible.

Question: How will businesses demonstrate preferential trade under new trade declarations, noting the EORI number.

Answer: It is advised that for the quickest and most accurate information you should call the HMRC hotline on 0300 200 3700. This is because we are unable to discuss company-specific TSP requests due to privacy rules.

Question: Can I reinforce request for consultation, especially around NI as there is significant puzzlement from members regarding how it will work?

Answer: Duly noted.

Question: What is current definition of temporary?

Answer: Up to 12 months, notwithstanding what may happen during that time. Full public consultation would happen during that period.

Airbus / Boeing Dispute and Countermeasures

Question: We have heard from contacts that EU is having issues processing judgements due to the lack of appointed judges. Will these cases affect that?

Answer: Correct, that is an issue however these cases will not affect that nor be affected by that as the final judgement has been delivered and there is no further recourse to the appellant body.

Additional Questions

Question: Is there a current end date to the implementation period?

Answer: The current date is the end of 2020, the withdrawal agreement allows for that to be extended if agreed by both sides.