

GUIDANCE FOR THE NUCLEAR INDUSTRY FROM JAN 2021

- We are very grateful to the civil nuclear industry for their engagement with us in preparing for the changes now in place due to our departure from the EU and Euratom.
- The nuclear industry should continue to take action to ensure business is not interrupted now that the Transition Period has come to an end.
- The UK has left the Single Market and Customs Union and it is essential that businesses make the necessary preparations to continue to trade with the EU.
- Please check **what actions your business will need to take** using the Check, Change, Go Tool here: <https://www.gov.uk/transition>
- To **receive email updates**, subscribe for free to BEIS' bulletin here: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKDECC/subscriber/new?preferences=true>
- Below is useful guidance, online pages and webinars around the actions businesses need to take now.
- Please contact the civil nuclear business readiness team in BEIS if you would like to discuss further changes following the end of the Transition Period. We are very happy to set up a discussion or answer any queries and can be contacted at cn.businessreadiness@beis.gov.uk.

UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA)

The UK reached a Trade and Cooperation Agreement with the EU on the 24th December which came into force on 1 January 2021. The UK and EU now have a free trade agreement based on zero tariffs and zero quotas. It takes the UK completely out of the EU's customs union, the EU's Single Market and the EU's entire legal order.

The TCA outlines changes that industry need to be prepared for, wider than just those relating to nuclear, such as the movement of goods and services, customs and border arrangements, haulage, labour mobility and data.

Link to gov.uk notice of TCA [here](#)

Negotiated Outcome: UK-Euratom Nuclear Cooperation Agreement Reached

The UK has successfully achieved its objective of securing a Nuclear Cooperation Agreement (NCA) for future civil nuclear cooperation between the UK and the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom). This is a separate agreement from UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement.

Reaching such an agreement with Euratom is important for the civil nuclear sector in both the UK and the EU: it ensures that there will be cooperation on nuclear safeguards (non-proliferation), nuclear safety and security. It provides a framework for trade in nuclear materials and technology, facilitates research and development, and enables exchange of information and expertise including on medical radioisotopes.

Link to gov.uk notice of NCA [here](#)

Link to the NCA itself, which consists of 25 Articles and one Annex [here](#)

Webinars

Access 'Readiness' Webinars

- The **Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy** (BEIS) have hosted a series of readiness webinars on cross-sector issues and provided recordings. To watch previous ones on demand, click [here](#).
- **HMRC customs declarations webinars:** have launched multiple editions of this live webinar covering how to complete customs import declarations and explaining how to make import declarations when importing goods between the EU and Great Britain. To register and find a date, click [here](#).
- **HMRC webinars:** Get help on UK transition with online webinars from HMRC by registering for webinars on:
 - Importing: staged controls and how to prepare to use them
 - Exporting: actions you now need to take from 1 January 2021

To register, and for more information. Please click [here](#).

- **Department for International Trade** are hosting a webinar series for **EU-based organisations** that trade with the EU. Please click [here](#) for more information and recordings of previous webinars.

HMRC support

Get help on UK transition with online webinars from HMRC – [sign up for email alerts about live and recorded webinars, YouTube videos and online guidance](#).

If you have any questions relating to how customs, excise, VAT and other tax related issues now operate, you can contact HMRC via their online customer forum. <https://community.hmrc.gov.uk/>

Imports and Exports

Step by step guides on: [importing and exporting](#)

Rules of origin: Check your goods comply to trade tariff-free with the EU: With a trade deal in place, UK businesses can trade tariff-free with the EU after 1 January if their products meet agreed Rules of Origin. UK traders need to check if their products comply and how to prove they originate from the UK. For detailed guidance on the rules of origin requirements under the UK's deal with the EU click [here](#).

Open general export licence (export of dual-use items to EU member states): Guidance has been updated to take into account changes in legislation following the end of the transition period. For more information, click [here](#).

Export Licencing: Exporters of nuclear materials and processing equipment should check to see if their items are on the **dual-use control list** by using the Goods Checker Tool. They can also use the Control List Classification Service on the [online export licensing system](#).

Registering to make an entry summary declaration in Great Britain: Guidance has been issued on using the Safety & Security GB Service if you import goods into Great Britain and need to make an entry summary declaration has been updated with information about what to do if the service is unavailable. For more information, click [here](#).

Tariffs: Guidance has been issued covering what taxes and tariffs EU businesses might need to pay when trading with the UK after 1 January 2021. For more information, click [here](#).

Guidance for VAT Registered Traders from HMRC:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/letters-to-businesses-about-new-trade-arrangements-with-the-eu-from-1-january-2021>

Sign up for webinars or watch pre-recorded webinars: about the new rules on trading with the EU from 1 January 2021. For more information, click [here](#).

Border Operating Model

The Border Operating Model has been updated to reflect the UK's new Trade and Cooperation Agreement with the EU. The vast majority of the Border Operating Model remains unchanged. The main updates that have been made relate to:

- how to claim preferential rates of duty by meeting Rules of Origin requirements,
- the listing status for equines,
- mutual recognition for AEO status, and
- updated requirements for wine and organics.

Guidance now includes case studies that have been created to represent end-to-end scenarios that will happen between GB and EU, importing and exporting goods after 1 January 2021. These show not just the journeys for standard goods, but also for journeys with additional requirements such as those using the Common Transit Convention or transporting controlled goods. This should still be used in conjunction with the Border Operating Model which will contain further details, particularly for controlled goods. For more information, click [here](#).

Moving Goods: Transport and Haulage

UK Licence for the Community for International Road Haulage: Guidance on getting a UK Licence for the Community to transport goods by road to or through the EU, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland, and the rules you must follow has been issued. For more information, click [here](#).

Carry out international road haulage: Guidance has been issued for what UK goods vehicle operators need to do to carry out international road haulage. For more information, click [here](#).

Check which international road haulage permits you need: Guidance on which licences and permits you need to operate vehicles with gross vehicle weight above 3.5 tonnes, on international journeys from the UK, has been updated. Guidance now addresses the replacement of the EU Community Licence with the UK licence for the community for international journeys within the EU, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Switzerland. Guidance also includes a new guide on carrying out a road haulage job entirely within one EU country (cabotage) or between 2 EU countries (cross-trade). For more information, click [here](#).

International road haulage: HGV driver documents: Guidance on which documents you need to carry, if you are the driver or a passenger in a lorry or other HGV crossing international borders, has been updated. Guidance now includes updated information on international driving permits, the continued use of UK issued European Health Insurance Cards in EU countries, COVID-19 testing and getting HGVs ready to cross the border, including getting a Kent Access Permit. For more information, click [here](#).

International road haulage: HGV and trailer documents: Guidance about HGV and trailer documents you need to legally cross international borders in a UK-registered vehicle has been updated. Updates include when GB stickers must be displayed, the rules for carrying 'green cards', certificates you need to carry for any specialist vehicles, new guidance on haulage licence and permit documents you need to carry, and vehicle security checklists. For more information, click [here](#).

Latest guidance on International Road Haulage Permits (ECMT):

You do not need ECMT permits for:

- point-to-point journeys to and from EU countries
- transiting through the EU to non-EU countries

For further guidance on ECMT permits click [here](#)

Kent traffic management on M20 motorway to Dover and Eurotunnel:

Guidance has been updated to include further detail about Operation Brock – the traffic management system designed to keep Kent's roads open in the event of disruption at the Port of Dover and Eurotunnel. For more information, click [here](#).

Checking a Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) is ready to cross the border

The 'Check an HGV is ready to cross the border service' can be used to apply for a Kent Access Permit, and to check if you have the paperwork you need to cross the UK border in an HGV. This service can be used by HGVs that weigh less than 7.5 tonnes, and HGVs of any weight that are going to the EU but are not going via the Port of Dover or the Eurotunnel. You will require paperwork to cross the border even if the HGV is not carrying goods or if it is only carrying post.

For more information and to use the service, click [here](#).

Labour Mobility

Employer information about the UK points-based immigration system: Information for employers to help them prepare for the UK's new point-based immigration system after 1 January 2021 has been updated. The page includes links to a new podcast on the future of immigration. For more information, [click here](#). For links to listen to the podcast, see the Webinars and Podcast section of this bulletin.

Business Information

Registering and renewing .EU domain names in the UK: Guidance has been issued so that you can find out what you need to do if you hold a .EU domain or want to register one. For more information, click [here](#).

Changes to Companies House forms after 1 January 2021: The list of Companies House forms has been updated following the end of the Brexit transition period. For more information, click [here](#).

Changing your company registration after 1 January 2021: Guidance on how to find out if your business will need to change its company registration following the end of the Brexit transition period has been updated. For more information, click [here](#).

Data

Receiving personal data from the EU/EEA and already adequate third countries after 1 January 2021:

The EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement contains a bridging mechanism that allows the continued free flow of personal data from the EU/EEA to the UK after the transition period until adequacy decisions come into effect, for up to 6 months. As a sensible precaution, during the bridging mechanism, businesses and other organisations should consider putting in place alternative transfer mechanisms to safeguard against any interruption to the free flow of EU to UK personal data. For more information on what action you need to take regarding data protection and data flows with the EU/EEA, please click [here](#).

Published Nuclear Specific Information

The UK has also published nuclear specific information for operators as the arrangements under the Euratom treaty no longer apply to the UK **after 1 January 2021:**

Transboundary impacts of radioactive waste disposal: reporting and notification obligations (Euratom Article 37) from 1 January 2021
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Shipping radioactive waste and spent fuel from 1 January 2021

Shipping radioactive sources between the UK and EU from 1 January 2021
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Exporting nuclear-related items from 1 January 2021

Export of nuclear equipment, material and technology: 'Trigger List' requirements

[Importing 'relevant' nuclear materials from the EU from 1 January 2021: licensing requirements](#)

[Nuclear Cooperation Agreements: implementation guidelines for operators from 2021](#)

[Participating in EU nuclear research from 1 January 2021](#)

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