



By email

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Dear Colleagues,

As we draw closer to leaving the EU, I wanted to bring your attention to the guidance that the Government has previously published to help traders navigate the changes in customs and borders processes in the event of a no-deal.

The available guidance is updated frequently so we recommend you check regularly on <https://www.gov.uk/euexit> or read the [EU Exit partnership pack](#) on GOV.UK. You can also find a checklist for importing/exporting with the EU [here](#), as well as a Life Sciences sector specific page [here](#).

### **HMRC Guidance:**

If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, to continue trading goods with the EU your business needs to:

1. **Click here to register for an EORI number which will allow you to move goods in and out of the EU.**
2. **Decide how you are going to make customs declarations.** Many businesses find it simpler to appoint a customs agent to manage the process for them. If you want to make declarations through a customs agent appoint one as soon as possible. If you can't appoint an agent or don't think this is right for your business and if you intend to import or export regularly, make sure someone in your business is trained to make customs declarations and buy specialist software that links to HMRC's customs systems.
3. **If you're an importer register for Transitional Simplified Procedure (TSP) here.** You'll be able to transport your goods into the UK without making a full customs declaration at the border and will be able to delay paying your import duties. For [controlled goods](#), including drugs and drug precursors which require a Home Office licence, check guidance on the [TSP controlled goods procedure](#).

HMRC recently ran a live webinar to help UK businesses trading with the EU to keep imports and exports up to speed in case of a no deal EU Exit. The [recording of the live webinar](#) is now available online for you to view.

This webinar covers 5 key areas UK businesses need to know: from how to register for an Economic Operator and Identification (EORI) number and Transitional Simplified Procedures (TSP), to preparing to make customs declarations, what Entry Summary Declarations (also known as safety and security declarations) are, and paying the correct import and export duty and VAT. For more information search for the 'Prepare your business for the UK leaving the EU' tool on GOV.UK today.

### **Additional resources:**

- Guidance from the Home Office on drug precursors and licences can be found [here](#)

- Advice on the temporary rates of customs duty on imports after EU Exit can be found [here](#). The Department for International Trade also has an online enquiries service at [www.great.gov.uk/eu-exit-news/contact/](http://www.great.gov.uk/eu-exit-news/contact/)
- EU Exit preparedness notices from the EU can be found [here](#)

Thank you for your valuable support in preparing for every eventuality and ensuring the continued supply of medical goods.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S.O.', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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