

EURIS Update Week Commencing 10th February 2020

Next EURIS Members Meetings

- Thursday 12th March 1000 – 1430 members meeting at Rotherwick House (BEAMA/GAMBICA office).
- **Monday 27th April 1000 – 1430** members meeting at Rotherwick House (BEAMA/GAMBICA office).
- **Monday 22nd June 1000 – 1430** members meeting at Rotherwick House (BEAMA/GAMBICA office).

▪ **BEIS Consultation on Proposed UK Tariff Arrangements**

As highlighted in an email last week, DTI have launched a consultation on the UK's external tariff schedule when the transition period ends in December 2020. This is intended to apply to EU trade only if we have a no-deal scenario at the end of 2020 and will not apply where the UK has a new or rolled-over FTA in place with any other country. Broadly speaking, in contrast to previous government plans, the plan is to apply the WTO MFN tariff to imports but there will be substantial exceptions that will mean for many products in our industry sector tariffs will be removed entirely.

Please could all EURIS Trade Association members complete the consultation here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/the-uk-global-tariff> and if you could either send a copy of your response to me or send comments separately to inform a collective EURIS response too, that would be really helpful. The consultation closes on 5th March 2020 - so if you could send any comments/responses ideally by Monday 24th February so there is time to create a collective response that would be ideal.

▪ **Digital Trade Tools**

The Department for International Trade has launched two digital tools for businesses exporting goods in and out of the UK market. The free-to-use tools available on gov.uk detail product-specific and country-specific information on tariffs, regulations and other topics in one place.

▪ **Freeports announcement**

The Government are launching a consultation today on plans to create up to 10 free-trade zones where imported goods can be processed free of customs duties before being exported again. Ministers believe the freeports will attract significant business investment after Brexit, to areas which urgently need it.

▪ **Government Reshuffle**

The Government's post-Brexit reshuffle is reportedly due to take place on Thursday this week.

▪ **BPF Webinar**

The British Plastics Federation are hosting a webinar on February 2020 at 12pm on what trade negotiations with the EU and US could mean for UK business. The webinar will be presented by *Ryan Diggory, Senior Policy Advisor- International Trade Infrastructure and Materials at BEIS* and will cover broader areas than the plastics sector. The BPF have very kindly extended the invitation to this webinar to EURIS Trade Association Executives (please do not invite your individual members to join due to capacity on the webinar). If you would like to join the webinar, please click [this link](#) and fill in your details – thank you to the BPF for inviting EURIS TA Executives to join this webinar.