

EURIS update - 11th Feb

Next EURIS Members Meeting

- **Monday 18th March 10.30am – 3pm** at the British Plastics Federation: [BPF House, 6 Bath Place, Rivington Street, London, EC2A 3JE](#)
- Further EURIS meeting dates for your diary are **8th May** 1030am – 3pm and **12th June** 1030am – 3pm.
- Minutes from the last members meeting are attached.

EURIS Sector Panel

- The next EURIS Sector Panel meetings will be on 1st March and 25th March at BEIS' office on Victoria Street. EURIS Sector Panel members have been informed of these meetings and the pre-meetings at the BEAMA/GAMBICA office beforehand.

AEO Status – HMRC Advice Note

- HMRC have prepared a Q&A on AEO Status and this is attached.

UKCA Marking Update

- Last week the Government published the new UK marking (UKCA). In the event that the UK leaves the EU without a deal the new marking may be applied to certain products, such as toys and machinery, sold in the UK, replacing the CE marking.
- In most cases manufacturers will not need to use the UK marking immediately. In the event that the UK leaves the EU without a deal manufacturers will be able, for a period of time, to continue to use the CE marking when placing their products on the UK market (if their product meets the relevant EU requirements). This would include products that have had any necessary third-party assessment carried out by an EU-recognised body. The Government would consult businesses before taking a decision on when this period would end.
- Products being exported to the EU which currently require the CE marking will need to carry the CE marking to demonstrate compliance with the relevant EU regulatory requirements.
- Manufacturers will need to use the UK marking if their products require third party assessment of conformity and if this has been carried out by a UK-based Notified Body (post-exit called an Approved Body). In that case you will have to apply the new UKCA marking after 29 March 2019 (where required by legislation) as the EU will cease to recognise the ability of UK bodies to apply the CE marking. This will not be the case if the certificate of conformity has been transferred to an EU-recognised Notified Body (in which case the CE marking would apply).
- For guidance on whether or not your business will need to use the new marking and how to use it, please visit the government's guidance on using the UKCA marking or email goodsregulation@beis.gov.uk

HMRC announces Transitional Simplified Procedures for customs, in the event of a no-deal

- HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) has written to 145,000 VAT-registered businesses trading with the EU about simplified importing procedures and also updated them on the actions that they need to take to prepare.
- Transitional Simplified Procedures (TSP) for customs will make importing easier for an initial period of one year, should we leave the EU without a deal, to allow businesses time to prepare for usual import processes. Once businesses are registered for TSP, they will be able to transport goods from the EU into the UK without having to make a full customs declaration at the border, and will be able to postpone paying any import duties.
- Full details can be found [here](#).

Food and Drink Labelling Guidance in the event of a no-deal Brexit

- The government has issued updated guidance on food and drink labelling in the event of a no deal Brexit. While food businesses will have a 21 month transition period for the most significant changes to food labels, in the event of no deal Brexit there are some technical changes to labels that will be required from day one. Full details can be found [here](#).

Brexit today

- Brexit Secretary Steve Barclay has scheduled talks with Michel Barnier later today, doubtless focusing on the Irish backstop and the prospect for “alternative arrangements” that could replace it. Meanwhile Barclay's shadow, Sir Keir Starmer, is Dublin-bound, where he is due for talks with Ireland’s Deputy Prime Minister Simon Coveney. There is no Brexit business scheduled of the floor of the Commons.