

Dear EURIS member

Meeting dates for your diary

- Next EURIS Members meeting: **20th April 11am – 3pm** (BEAMA/GAMBICA office)
- EURIS May 2018 European Summit: Afternoon/evening **9th May and day of 10th May**. Details of this summit will be shared with members shortly.
- Future EURIS Summits: **17/18 October 2017 and 29/30 January 2018**.

New EURIS Members

- It was wonderful to see so many members at the members meeting last week and to welcome two new additions to the EURIS membership, Steve Schofield from the British Pump Manufacturers Association and Peter Hunt from the Lighting Industry Association.

Brexit this week

- The latest talks on the UK-EU Article 50 negotiations are being held in Brussels today and tomorrow: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/programme-eu-uk-article-50-negotiations>
- This week sees some a number of speeches on Brexit:
 - In a speech this morning, Jeremy Corbyn will set out Labour's Brexit plans and is expected to back the UK staying in a Customs Union with the EU.
 - In the latest of the Government's 'Road to Brexit' speeches, Cabinet Office Minister David Lidington will today be in North Wales to warn that Brexit must not be used as an excuse to break up the United Kingdom.
 - On Friday, the Prime Minister will outline what has been agreed by her Cabinet on how the UK's 'managed diversion' with the EU will work in practice'.

Rules of Origin - BEIS

- At last week's EURIS members meeting, BEIS gave a presentation on Rules of Origin – explaining what they are and why they are important. This presentation will be circulated to all EURIS members once we receive it from BEIS.
- The presentation particularly highlighted:
 - Rules of Origin can determine and 'lock-in' supply chains for years to come
 - In order to design a Rules of Origin system that most benefits the UK, information is needed on where value is added in supply chains. This should be at a detailed product level (six figures)
 - Engagement with industry is key to designing and negotiating a Rules of Origin regime which maximises the benefits to producers now and in the future
- Thank you to all members that have completed the EURIS – Rules of Origin spreadsheet, if you are yet to complete the spreadsheet, please can you send me the information as soon as you have it. A number of members last week asked BEIS about missing product codes – if you are surprised to find a number of your products missing from the Rules of Origin spreadsheet, please do let me know and I will flag this with BEIS.
- As mentioned in the meeting on Friday, the EEF have prepared a briefing paper on Rules of Origin and this is attached.

Media engagement

- Following the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union's speech in Vienna last week on global standards, EURIS issued a press release welcoming his call for the mutual recognition of standards but reiterating the need post Brexit for the creation of an Industry and Government liaison body. EURIS raised concerns about how the Secretary of State's plans would work in practice in the industrial product supply sector as any deviation of legislation and standards in the sector has the potential to cause considerable uncertainties and costs. The full release can be found here: <http://www.euristaskforce.org/news/euris-welcomes-secretary-states-call-mutual-recognition-standards-reiterates-need-post-brexit-industry-government-liaison-body/>