

## WC 21.01.19 EURIS weekly update

### Next EURIS Members Meeting

- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 10.30am – 3pm** at the BEAMA/GAMBICA offices - Rotherwick House, 3 Thomas More Street, London, E1W1YZ. In addition to the usual officials, DCMS will be attending this meeting to discuss cross border data transfer.
- BEIS have asked EURIS for meeting dates for the rest of the first half of this year and a [Doodle](#) Poll has been circulated asking your availability for the next three EURIS members meetings. Dates will be confirmed shortly.

### EURIS Sector Panel

- The next EURIS Sector Panel meeting will be on 25<sup>th</sup> March at BEIS' office on Victoria Street. EURIS Sector Panel members have been informed of this meeting and the pre-meeting at the BEAMA/GAMBICA office beforehand.

### Political Engagement

- Following last week's vote on Brexit, EURIS issued a statement and press release calling for an Extension to Article 50 <http://www.euristaskforce.org/news/euris-calls-extension-article-50/>
- We also wrote to the Secretary of State for BEIS, Greg Clark, to highlight this call copied to relevant officials and Ministers and updated the offices of all MPs with whom EURIS has an ongoing dialogue.

### Department for International Trade – MRA with Australia

- The Department for International Trade last week signed an [MRA with Australia](#) that replicates all aspects of the Agreement relevant to the UK and Australia.
- This is a continuity agreement, which means all relevant aspects of the current EU agreement with Australia will continue to operate:
  - UK and Australian CABs designated under the EU-Australia MRA will continue to be designated in the UK-Australia MRA, which enters into force once the UK leaves the EU
  - Each sector currently covered in the EU-Australia MRA will continue to be covered
- The agreement will now be laid before Parliament for approval under the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010. Beyond this MRA The UK and Australia have both committed to seeking an ambitious, comprehensive free trade agreement that will allow UK and Australian companies to enjoy an even closer trading relationship after the UK leaves the European Union.

### Technical Notices – Goods Regulations

- A number of changes have been made to the Technical Notices relating to goods regulations. The notices cover CE marking, conformity assessment, and the status of UK notified bodies in the event that we leave the EU without a deal.
  - [Goods regulated under the new approach](#)
  - [Trading under the mutual recognition principle](#)
  - [Nominated persons \(including authorised representatives\)](#)
- Many updates to the notices are minor, clarifying wording rather than amending underlying content. However, additional detail has been added to the first notice (Annex C), confirming that UK notified bodies will automatically become UK approved bodies under the relevant legislation listed in the notice. In addition, there is additional information in the first notice about what a no deal exit would mean for distributors of certain products who may become legal "importers" and acquire new obligations. The second and third notices contain minor changes only.

- BEIS are also considering further guidance and the Goods Team would welcome any feedback on the notices direct to: [goodsregulation@beis.gov.uk](mailto:goodsregulation@beis.gov.uk)

#### **IP and Brexit**

- The Government has published new guidance on [Brexit and IP](#). The guide offers information on the future of intellectual property (IP) laws following the decision that the UK will leave the European Union (EU).

#### **Brexit today**

- Today at 3.30pm Theresa May will get to her feet in the Commons to set out in an oral statement (accompanied by a written statement) how she intends to proceed in the wake of her deal being voted down last Tuesday.
- The Prime Minister will also today table a "neutral" motion to be debated and voted on next Tuesday which will be amendable, hence various backbenchers proposing ideas for using amendments to seize control of the Commons agenda