EURIS Update - WC.08.04.19

Next EURIS Members Meeting

- Wednesday 8th May 10.30am 2.30pm at the British Plastics Federation: <u>BPF House, 6 Bath</u> Place, Rivington Street, London, EC2A 3JE
- The following EURIS members meeting will be on **1**st **July 1030am 3pm** at Rotherwick House (BEAMA/GAMBICA office)
- Please complete this poll to indicate your availability for the September/November EURIS meetings: https://doodle.com/poll/22pnhcd2zietk6hd

BEIS Survey

- The Advanced Manufacturing group has put together a short survey here, intending to provide BEIS with an indication of levels of EU Exit knowledge, areas of concern and general preparedness/confidence levels among supply chains.
- If you are able to spare the time to complete the short survey (9 questions), BEIS have indicated this would be helpful.

EU Exit: Business Readiness Forum

The next EU Exit: Business Readiness Forum is on Thursday 11 April. The focus will include updates from; British Business Bank, HMRC Border Delivery Group and the Department for International Trade on their no deal tariff regime and an update from the Department for Exiting the European Union.

PM Brexit update

The PM issued an update on her position and plans for Brexit over the weekend. She intends to go to Brussels this week to seek a short extension to Article 50. Her aim is to reach an agreement with fellow EU leaders that will mean, if a cross-party deal is agreed, the UK can leave the EU in just six weeks.

European Elections

 David Lidington, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, last week wrote to the Electoral <u>Commission</u> to instruct them to prepare for European Parliament elections. He said the Cabinet Office will reimburse "reasonable spending by Returning Officers on contingency preparations."

PM meeting with First Minister of Wales

• The PM last week <u>met</u> with the First Minister of Wales to discuss the next steps in reaching a consensus in Parliament to allow the UK's smooth and orderly exit from the EU.

Brexit Today

- Cross-party talks are expected to continue behind closed doors today. More publicly, this afternoon the House of Lords will scrutinise Yvette Cooper's EU Withdrawal Bill to mandate the Prime Minister to seek an Article 50 extension. Today the aim is for the Bill to be given a Committee Stage, Report Stage and Third Reading in the Lords all in one day.
- Away from Westminster today, the EU's Chief Negotiator Michel Barnier is back in Dublin for talks with Taoiseach Leo Varadkar and other members of the Irish Government this afternoon.
- International Trade Secretary Liam Fox is in New Zealand meeting senior politicians to discuss future trade opportunities.

Key Brexit Government links:

HMRC Partnership Pack: preparing for changes at the UK border after a no deal EU exit

- Guidance for the electronics, machinery and parts sector and preparing for EU Exit (with reference to EURIS)
- <u>Technical sector specific notices</u> on how to prepare if the UK leaves the EU with no deal
- HMRC information on the two grants businesses can apply for to help them complete customs declarations, in preparation for the UK leaving the EU.
- HSE Government no deal guidance information on how information on how chemicals regimes will be affected.
- Data law protection: Amendments to UK data protection law in the event the UK leaves the EU without a deal on 29 March 2019
- Government business readiness tool to prepare businesses for the UK leaving the EU
- Government's <u>Prepare for EU Exit portal</u>
- No-deal guidance from the European Commission