

## Weekly EURIS update - WC. 25.02.19

### Next EURIS Members Meeting

- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 **8<sup>th</sup> May** 1030am – 3pm and **12<sup>th</sup> June** 1030am – 3pm.

### EURIS Sector Panel

- The next EURIS Sector Panel meeting will be on 25<sup>th</sup> March at BEIS' office on Victoria Street. The 1<sup>st</sup> March Sector Panel meeting has been cancelled at BEIS' request.

### BEIS EU Business Readiness Forums

The last Business Readiness Forum was on Workforce & People. Steve Brambley, GAMBICA Chief-Executive and EURIS Vice-Chair, has kindly shared top-line notes from the meeting:

*If an EU National is already in the UK before 29 March 2019, they need to apply for Settled Status*

- Employers do not need to change their 'right to work' checks between now and 2021. For EU employees, a passport or national ID card is all that is needed to be checked.
- Employer does not need to check Settled Status or Indefinite Leave to Remain status
- If a person has Indefinite Leave to Remain or UK Citizenship, they do not need Settled Status
- Irish citizens are a special case, covered by the Common Travel Area and do not need Settled Status
- Permanent Residency will no longer be recognised in UK, as this is an EU status – it is replaced by Settled Status
- Deadline for application for Settled Status is 30 Dec 2020

*If EU national arrives after 29 March 2019*

- They can stay for 3 months visa-free
- After that they can apply for 36 month Temporary Leave to Remain
- A new Immigration policy is planned for 2021

### BEIS Workshops on Goods Regulation in the Event of No Deal

- As part of no-deal preparations, officials from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy are hosting [two workshops](#) to help businesses prepare for changes to the regulatory framework of 'new approach' goods under a no deal scenario.
- The first workshop will take place from 1.30pm on 4th March and it will be repeated again at 1.30pm on 22nd March. The workshop will last approximately two hours and will cover:
  - Using the CE and UK Mark following 29 March.
  - Labelling
  - Distributors and Importers
  - Notified Bodies and UK Approved Bodies
  - Definition of Products Placed on the Market.

### Switzerland-UK Trade Continuity Agreement

- The Government has signed a [Trade Agreement with Switzerland](#) that includes three product chapters on mutual recognition of inspections:
  - Motor Vehicles (type approval)
  - Good Laboratory Practice (GLP)
  - Medicinal products, Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) inspection and batch inspection

The agreement allows businesses to continue trading freely, without any additional tariffs. It continues the elimination of duties on the vast majority of goods traded between the UK and Switzerland.

- The DIT has also published [this update](#) on existing trade agreements if the UK leaves the EU without a deal.

#### **European Commission No-Deal Checklist**

- The European Commission have launched an outreach campaign to EU businesses as part of its 'no-deal' scenario preparations in the area of customs and indirect taxation such as VAT.
- The outreach material includes [a 5-step checklist](#) on what needs to be done in a 'no-deal' scenario.

#### **CBI Brexit Survey**

- The CBI have invited EURIS member companies to take part in a [snap survey](#) they are running to inform the CBI's positioning on Brexit.
- The survey will help shape the CBI's messaging in communicating the views of business to government and other stakeholders, as well as sharing best practices across the business community.
- The survey consists of around 10 questions and should take less than 10 minutes to complete
- The closing date for the survey is Tuesday 26 February at 5pm.

#### **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)
- [Technical sector specific notices](#) 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 [Prepare for EU Exit portal](#)
- [No-deal guidance](#) from the European Commission