



Department for  
Business, Energy  
& Industrial Strategy

**URGENT MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS SECRETARY**  
**YOU NEED TO ACT NOW TO PREPARE YOUR  
BUSINESS FOR NEW RULES ON 01 JAN 2021**

There are under 50 days until the end of the transition period and the current rules on trading with the EU will no longer apply.

There will be no extension. Businesses will see changes whether we reach an agreement with the EU or not.

Regardless of whether we reach a trade agreement with the EU, from 1 January there will be guaranteed changes to:

- the way your business can import and export goods
- the process your business follows for hiring people from the EU
- the way your business will be able to provide services in EU markets

Help is available. To best prepare your business you can:

- 1. Check what actions you need to take by visiting [gov.uk/transition](https://www.gov.uk/transition).**
- 2. Sign up for updates.**
- 3. Attend government webinars for additional support, you can sign up to attend BEIS webinars now.**

Unless you take action, there is a risk your business operations will be interrupted. You should also check with your suppliers and customers that they are taking action.

Businesses will play an essential role in ensuring a smooth end to the transition period and government will be there to support you.

**Act now to avoid the risk that your business operations will be interrupted.**

**Find out what you need to do by visiting [gov.uk/transition](https://www.gov.uk/transition) and using the checker tool.**



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