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| The transition period for the UK's departure from the EU comes to an end on 1 January.As the deadline approaches more information and support is being released for businesses to prepare themselves for the change.The [Greater Manchester Business Growth Hub](https://www.businessgrowthhub.com/eu-exit) and the [Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce](https://www.gmccbrexithub.com/) both have dedicated Brexit support pages, with further help, support and guidance for Tameside businesses. |

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| The Department Business Energy and Industrial Strategy has a number of UK transition business webinars available, which you can [watch **on demand** here](https://www.workcast.com/ControlUsher.aspx?cpak=2905552366482043&pak=2807339524439725). These cover topics such as providing services in the EU, regulations on manufactured goods and consumer goods, as well as sector focused sessions. The Department for International Trade's (DIT) next transition period webinar for businesses will take place on Thursday 3 December, 10:30am – 11:30am.The webinar will cover changes that businesses need to be aware of when trading with EU and non-EU countries from 1 January 2021, and will include a moderated Q&A. Businesses need to [register for this webinar here](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.events.great.gov.uk%2Fehome%2Findex.php%3Feventid%3D200208057%26&data=04%7C01%7Cjulek.syposz%40trade.gov.uk%7C4bc56d750be04cfdaf0a08d89076fe3c%7C8fa217ec33aa46fbad96dfe68006bb86%7C0%7C0%7C637418188083384657%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=NdYbRzijU6mckLgCyFD%2FHre1OaNGYmnFqdSGSoiOu%2Fk%3D&reserved=0).A recording of DIT’s transition period webinar is also available on [YouTube](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3D6cmBwLSXbBM%26feature%3Dyoutu.be&data=04%7C01%7Cjulek.syposz%40trade.gov.uk%7C4bc56d750be04cfdaf0a08d89076fe3c%7C8fa217ec33aa46fbad96dfe68006bb86%7C0%7C0%7C637418188083384657%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=YisKgFBm1IguRPNMx%2Fznr4BgfQu15L%2BXHENPWAOj7qA%3D&reserved=0). The Financial Conduct Authority now has a series of three webinars available to watch on demand:[Part 1: Handbook changes and MoUs](https://www.fca.org.uk/multimedia/brexit-webinar-summary-part-1)[Part 2: Onshoring and the temporary transition power (TTP)](https://www.fca.org.uk/multimedia/brexit-webinar-summary-part-2)[Part 3: Temporary permissions regime (TPR) and passporting](https://www.fca.org.uk/multimedia/brexit-webinar-summary-part-3) |

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| A range of guidance has been issued to help businesses with key areas of change that will come into effect on the 1st of January:This includes**VAT and overseas goods sold to customers from online market places.**Separate guidance has been issued outlining how [online market places](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDExMjMuMzA5NzY2NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5nb3YudWsvZ3VpZGFuY2UvdmF0LWFuZC1vdmVyc2Vhcy1nb29kcy1zb2xkLXRvLWN1c3RvbWVycy1pbi1ncmVhdC1icml0YWluLXVzaW5nLW9ubGluZS1tYXJrZXRwbGFjZXMtZnJvbS0xLWphbnVhcnktMjAyMSJ9.2WEFnvFJsE6ziosUPxJHWQ9uDV_Ii6MtTiXd3FaVYIo/s/1199908675/br/90285813885-l) and those who sell [directly to customers](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDExMjMuMzA5NzY2NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5nb3YudWsvZ3VpZGFuY2UvdmF0LWFuZC1vdmVyc2Vhcy1nb29kcy1zb2xkLWRpcmVjdGx5LXRvLWN1c3RvbWVycy1pbi1ncmVhdC1icml0YWluLWZyb20tMS1qYW51YXJ5LTIwMjEifQ.0_CaY2EjjlV1qmAHnrzAzWihVchtV_XqxP5hGzkSwgA/s/1199908675/br/90285813885-l) in Great Britain from 1 January 2021 will deal with VAT on goods from overseas goods. The Information Commissioners Office has[published guidance regarding data protection](https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/data-protection-at-the-end-of-the-transition-period/data-protection-at-the-end-of-the-transition-period/) and the issue of data adequacy following the end of the transition period. They have also published a [guide to what to do re: data protection for SMEs](https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/data-protection-at-the-end-of-the-transition-period/data-protection-at-the-end-of-the-transition-period-for-small-businesses/). **Product Safety**The **Office for Product Safety and Standards** has published guidance to help businesses comply with regulations as the Transition Period ends. Separate, complementary guidance will be published for businesses trading in Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The list of published guidance documents can be viewed [here](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDExMjMuMzA5NzY2NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5nb3YudWsvZ292ZXJubWVudC9uZXdzL25ldy1hbmQtdXBkYXRlZC1ndWlkYW5jZS1mb3ItYnVzaW5lc3Nlcy1yZWdhcmRpbmctdGhlLWVuZC1vZi10aGUtZXUtdHJhbnNpdGlvbi1wZXJpb2QifQ.X6Nc2iVdSEz3_gysofRPv1Ro5Isp8ryF_J9TnhUPKUw/s/1199908675/br/90285813885-l).  **UK Product safety and metrology from 1 January 2021:**Guidance has been published for businesses on specific product safety and metrology regulations. Click [here](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDExMjMuMzA5NzY2NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5nb3YudWsvZ3VpZGFuY2UvdWstcHJvZHVjdC1zYWZldHktYW5kLW1ldHJvbG9neS1mcm9tLTEtamFudWFyeS0yMDIxIn0.JKfbtudU_RNsysroHnA3yoALitdKLn8Hfju0T7yuLyM/s/1199908675/br/90285813885-l) to access the guidance. Specific guidance for placing goods on the market in Great Britain can be accessed [here](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDExMjMuMzA5NzY2NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5nb3YudWsvZ3VpZGFuY2UvcHJvZHVjdC1zYWZldHktYW5kLW1ldHJvbG9neS1mcm9tLTEtamFudWFyeS0yMDIxLWdyZWF0LWJyaXRhaW4ifQ.q6rYqGut6lmcZtnhCwqbXTcCszyFmbyKI4YIAOWQ2fU/s/1199908675/br/90285813885-l). Guidance for placing goods on the market in Northern Ireland can be accessed [here](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTUsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDExMjMuMzA5NzY2NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5nb3YudWsvZ3VpZGFuY2UvcHJvZHVjdC1zYWZldHktYW5kLW1ldHJvbG9neS1mcm9tLTEtamFudWFyeS0yMDIxLW5vcnRoZXJuLWlyZWxhbmQifQ.LisxuUFzgBHIx8l1eDTDPmpQ8jMZXrOafqClBhl_4LI/s/1199908675/br/90285813885-l).  **Food and Drink****Digital guide covering the key actions food and drink businesses may need to take**: A new digital guide has been issued that covers the key actions food and drink businesses may need to take after the end of the Transition Period. For more information, click [here](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTYsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDExMjMuMzA5NzY2NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3Nob3djYXNlLmRyb3Bib3guY29tL3MvUHJlcGFyaW5nLXRoZS1mb29kLWFuZC1kcmluay1zZWN0b3ItZm9yLUphbnVhcnktMjAyMS1ETTl6SlBaRTBFeHpaYm5rWHJIaFcifQ.sRI-Hp0npIK03M4TcHsp1IbseOIbfF3JTw_eyrMdwQU/s/1199908675/br/90285813885-l).  **Nutrition legislation from 1 January 2021:**Guidance has been published for businesses regarding practical changes that will be made to nutrition legislation in the UK from 1 January 2021. These changes include nutrition-related labelling, composition and standards. For more information, click [here](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTcsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDExMjMuMzA5NzY2NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5nb3YudWsvZ292ZXJubWVudC9wdWJsaWNhdGlvbnMvbnV0cml0aW9uLXJlbGF0ZWQtbGFiZWxsaW5nLWNvbXBvc2l0aW9uLWFuZC1zdGFuZGFyZHMtZnJvbS0xLWphbnVhcnktMjAyMSJ9.QjRcKvOBmoA-KmwkimYgm5CGfmGn2-5t4frl_-bEDyI/s/1199908675/br/90285813885-l).  **Amendments to food information rules and wine:** The Food and Drink (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 have been published, making minor amendments to retained EU legislation on food information rules and wine. For more information, click [here](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTgsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDExMjMuMzA5NzY2NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5nb3YudWsvZXUtd2l0aGRyYXdhbC1hY3QtMjAxOC1zdGF0dXRvcnktaW5zdHJ1bWVudHMvdGhlLWZvb2QtYW5kLWRyaW5rLWFtZW5kbWVudC1ldS1leGl0LW5vLTQtcmVndWxhdGlvbnMtMjAyMCJ9.-fZwe-tyrGeARG20rXTJisGmaLm1LoJIlP2UGT5prBE/s/1199908675/br/90285813885-l).   **Importing and Exporting****Guidance for hauliers and commercial drivers:**The Haulier Handbook has been published as a one-stop-shop for key information on how to prepare vehicles and the goods they carry to continue to travel smoothly across the border and help minimise disruption. To access, click [here](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTksInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDExMjMuMzA5NzY2NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5nb3YudWsvZ3VpZGFuY2UvdHJhbnNwb3J0aW5nLWdvb2RzLWJldHdlZW4tZ3JlYXQtYnJpdGFpbi1hbmQtdGhlLWV1LWZyb20tMS1qYW51YXJ5LTIwMjEtZ3VpZGFuY2UtZm9yLWhhdWxpZXJzIn0.nEyiql-N3LHymJbg0G0arM8_xJbYW-H7QgxwrUlEY8I/s/1199908675/br/90285813885-l).  **Information on Licence Security from 1 January 2021:** Information has been published on import and export licence security from 1 January 2021. Licence security will need to be provided in pounds sterling. The notice tells you how license security will need to be provided from 1 January 2021. Click [here](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMjAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDExMjMuMzA5NzY2NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5nb3YudWsvZ292ZXJubWVudC9wdWJsaWNhdGlvbnMvbm90aWNlLTMyMjAtaW5mb3JtYXRpb24tb24tbGljZW5jZS1zZWN1cml0eS1mcm9tLTEtamFudWFyeS0yMDIxIn0.zc4kBaw9tiG7hEVP1gjCVuXg-X5emARRV29VPwgQfJA/s/1199908675/br/90285813885-l) for more information.  **Protection of trading interests (retained blocking regulation) from 1 January 2021:**Guidance has been issued that sets out how protection of trading interests (also known as the retained blocking regulation) will work in the UK from 1 January 2021. The Protection of Trading Interests Legislation protects UK persons trading with countries affected by the extraterritorial application of certain laws (currently US Sanctions against Iran and Cuba). For more information, click [here](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMjEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDExMjMuMzA5NzY2NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5nb3YudWsvZ3VpZGFuY2UvcHJvdGVjdGlvbi1vZi10cmFkaW5nLWludGVyZXN0cy1yZXRhaW5lZC1ibG9ja2luZy1yZWd1bGF0aW9ucy1mcm9tLTEtamFudWFyeS0yMDIxIn0.OT1EBC94Orp36JSQRNCah6rqdZhyH3ZD9wsKwgPBMcA/s/1199908675/br/90285813885-l). **Importing horses and ponies from 1 January 2021:** Guidance for the importing of horses and other equines, including ponies and donkeys from January 2021, has been published. To access the guidance, click [here](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMjIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDExMjMuMzA5NzY2NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5nb3YudWsvZ3VpZGFuY2UvaW1wb3J0LWhvcnNlcy1hbmQtcG9uaWVzLWZyb20tMS1qYW51YXJ5LTIwMjEifQ.r3LRIIoZ3N_O-DIxi9lHZnPghv9jEf9GbKCMOYfp3IM/s/1199908675/br/90285813885-l).  **EU Transition - Trader and Industry Forum:**To support businesses and industry to get ready for the end of the transition period, the EU Transition Trader and Industry Forum has been launched. This is designed so that you can ask questions about preparations you need to make now for the new rules to EU trade which will apply from 1 January 2021. To access this, click [here](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMjMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDExMjMuMzA5NzY2NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3RyYW5zaXRpb24tZm9ydW0uc2VydmljZS5jYWJpbmV0b2ZmaWNlLmdvdi51ay8ifQ.kJC-T6RUcgLkf0FmN2Cer1BbEOtmx0EcegA1JpoGeUw/s/1199908675/br/90285813885-l).  |

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