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| The UK has now left the EU, and businesses are operating under a new set of rules. Help and support about how these changes affect your business is available from a range of sources.For Tameside Businesses, 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 a variety of help, support and guidance. |

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| The Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce have [a free webinar on Thursday 7 January](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brexit-update-webinar-7th-january-2021-tickets-132051358167?utm_campaign=post_publish&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eventbrite&utm_content=shortLinkNewEmail), providing an update on the trade negotiations and their impact.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 including 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) has recordings of all its webinars on Brexit available as recordings on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/c/DepartmentforInternationalTrade/videos). 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 have come into affect: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. 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 about 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 is available [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) **(UPDATED SINCE 23 DECEMBER!)** . 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) **(UPDATED SINCE 23 DECEMBER!).**  **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****UPDATED SINCE 24 DECEMBER! 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.  **UPDATED SINCE 21 DECEMBER! 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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