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ARE YOU READY FOR NEW RULES FOR BUSINESS WITH THE EU?

Urgent message from the Business Secretary

There is just over **a month to go** until the end of the transition period and there will be new rules to follow from 1 January 2021 onwards. As Business Secretary, I urge you to **ACT NOW** to avoid your business operations being interrupted when the transition period ends.

As a business in the agri-food and biosecurity sector, you can find out what you need to do by going to gov.uk/agrifood-2021. The top actions you can take now to prepare are:

1. Register to submit Export Health Certificates (EHCs) and understand processes on animals and animal products for export.

You will be unable to export live animals and animal products to the EU from 1 January 2021 unless you register to submit Export Health Certificates using the new online service, and ensure you understand the required border checks.

2. Use new documentation and understand processes to import and export plant products (including fruit and vegetables).

In order to continue importing and exporting plants and plant products with the EU from 1 January 2021, you must use new documentation and understand the new border processes.

3. Ensure your goods comply with new food labelling requirements from 1 January 2021.

You risk not being able to sell your food and drink products in the EU from 1 January 2021 if labelling requirements aren't met.

4. If you are moving goods into, out of, or through Northern Ireland, check the latest guidance.

At the end of the transition period, the Northern Ireland Protocol comes into force. There will be special provisions which only apply in Northern Ireland so if you move goods into, out of, or through Northern Ireland make sure you check the latest guidance at: gov.uk/northern-ireland-trade

YOU NEED TO ACT NOW



FIND OUT WHAT YOU
NEED TO DO BY USING
THE CHECKER TOOL



GOV.UK/AGRIFOOD-2021

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THE CHANGES CAN TAKE LONGER THAN YOU THINK, SO START TODAY

The Government is providing a range of support, including webinars to walk you through the changes. These are available to watch on demand at: [gov.uk/transition-webinars](https://www.gov.uk/transition-webinars). You should also check with your suppliers and customers that they are taking action.

These are challenging times, but the transition period is ending on 31 December 2020 and there will be **NO EXTENSION**. Unless you take action, there is a risk your business operations will be interrupted. The Government will be there to help you to take advantage of the many new opportunities that being an independent trading nation will bring.

Yours sincerely,



The Rt Hon Alok Sharma MP
Secretary of State for Business,
Energy & Industrial Strategy



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