

Brexit Knowledge

What if there's a deal or delay:

If the UK agrees a deal with the EU, then the UK is expected to enter into a transition period until 31st December 2020, subject to a possible extension.

This period is designed to give everyone in the UK and the EU time to prepare for changes caused by the UK leaving the EU and the customs union at the end of 2020. As a result, the way the UK trades with the EU will remain broadly the same during the transition period. This means that you won't have to make any immediate changes to the way you think about customs or VAT in relation to the EU. You will need to start preparing for the changes during the transition period which must be completed before the end of 2020.

What if there's no deal?

If the UK and the EU fail to reach an agreement, the UK will leave the EU. This is known as a 'no deal' Brexit.

This means the rules for postal items to and from the EU will change. We expect the rules which apply to non-EU imports to be extended to EU items in the UK. Similarly, we would expect the EU to treat UK imports as it does non-EU imports today.

We are working to ensure the smooth flow of mail across borders. We are well placed to manage the impact of changes to customs processing.

Sending items abroad

If you are sending postal items to another country in the EU today, these items are not subject to customs. If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, we expect the EU to treat UK imports as it does non-EU imports today.

Receiving items from abroad

If you are receiving postal items from another country in the EU today, these items are not subject to customs. If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, we expect the current rules which apply to non-EU imports to be extended to EU items in the UK.