

New timetable for border controls on imports

The Government has [announced a new timetable](#) for introducing import border control processes to enable UK businesses to focus on their recovery.

Full processes for some imports will now not be required until January 2022, six months later than planned, including:

- Customs import declarations, which will still be required, but the option to use the deferred declaration scheme, including submitting supplementary declarations up to six months after the goods have been imported, has been extended to 1 January 2022.
- Safety and Security Declarations for imports, which will now not be required until 1 January 2022.

Access to international trade advisers

The Government is offering support for exporters via a network of around 300 International Trade Advisers located across all regions of the UK.

Enter your postcode into the [online portal](#) to get details of where to find your local trade office and how to contact your local international trade adviser.

Transferring goods into Northern Ireland tariff-free

HMRC has updated its guidance for those who transfer goods into Northern Ireland to include that organisations without a fixed place of business in NI will be authorised under the UK Trader Scheme until the end of October.

This will give some businesses more time to consider the options and adapt to the new requirements under the NI Protocol. However, the details of the extension make it unworkable for parts of BVRLA membership.

The BVRLA will continue to lobby Government to try to secure a workable long-term solution.

Grants to help SME's new to importing or exporting

Applications for grants of up to £2,000 are due to open this month for businesses that transfer goods between Great Britain and the EU or [move goods between Great Britain and Northern Ireland](#).

The grants, designed to support businesses that are new to import or export processes, are to contribute towards the cost of training and professional advice on customs, rules of origin, and the VAT aspects of imports and exports.

Members are encouraged to keep an eye on [the guidance page](#) as applications are due to open this month (March 2021).

Look up tariffs, taxes and rules to trade with the UK

The Government has published an [online portal](#) to help businesses to find out the UK rules and taxes that apply to goods being imported from overseas into the UK. It includes:

- product-specific standards and regulations
- if there's duty and VAT to pay
- duty relief schemes
- if an import licence is needed
- your UK commodity code, for example if you do your own import declarations.

BVRLA publishes new Business Impact Survey

Findings from Wave 1 of the association's [Business Impact Survey](#) have been published, showing that the most common concerns being expressed by members following the UK's departure from the EU relate to increased costs.

Increased cost of vehicles, followed by increased cost of parts, are the two issues that members feel will have the greatest impact on their business.

The survey, which canvasses members' views on the impact of both EU Exit and the Covid pandemic, is being carried out quarterly.

Guidance for employers hiring from the EU

The Home Office has published a [13-page guidance](#) document and a useful [one-page at-a-glance-guide](#) to provide employers with information on what they need to know and do to become a licensed sponsor of skilled migrant workers under the UK's new points-based immigration system.

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Additional information for devolved administrations

The Devolved Administrations have also published their own guidance to support individuals and businesses in [Scotland](#), [Wales](#), and [Northern Ireland](#).

Business Support Helplines are also available:

- Wales: 0300 060 3000
- Scotland: 0300 303 0660
- Northern Ireland: 0800 181 4422