Northern Ireland Brexit

Business Readiness



Deal or no deal how Northern Ireland business operates will change from 1st January 2021 and below are some actions to help support your business Brexit readiness:

What's your Business Brexit Readiness Score?

Invest NI have developed an EU Exit Resilience Tool to identify and assess strengths and weaknesses in level of readiness in areas of your business that will be most impacted by Brexit. It takes 15 mins and you'll receive a personalised report on your current position. Click here to complete.

Trader Support Service (TSS)

The Trader Support Service will guide you through changes on moving goods in and out of Northern Ireland. Sign up for TSS HERE.

Get an EORI Number

This number is essential to move goods between the UK and EU. Without one it will mean greater delays and increased costs. Get an EORI Number Here.

Speak to your Supplier

For your UK based suppliers make sure they are aware of the changes and both you and they are aware and clear on who is responsible for declaring goods to customs. Also important is in checking they have registered for TSS. Check here to confirm who is responsible for goods.

Trade Tariff codes

These will need checked. Speak with your supplier for the codes applicable under the EU Common External Tariffs & UK Global Tariff (UKGT). Check Tariff Codes Here.

Transportation & Haulage

Is your haulier ready? How can you check and what haulier information is needed for where your goods travel on route to final destination in Northern Ireland. Note that if goods move through a Republic of Ireland port the process will be very different. Click here for supporting information.

Meeting EU Standards

Do your products and services and those of your suppliers meet EU Standards? Do they meet requirements for placing goods and services in the NI and in GB markets? Click here to check re meeting market standards.

Workforce from EEA including Republic of Ireland

If you have employees from the EEA they need to apply for EU Settlement Status to live and work in the UK. Apply to EU Settlement Scheme Here.

Immigration Sponsorship Licence

This is a requirement when looking to hire foreign nationals. Note further impact will need considered with the introduction of the new points based immigration system. To apply for an Immigration Licence click here.

Data Management

There are important steps required if you process any data from the EU especially personal data. The information on requirements is available from the Information Commissioners Office. Click her to find out and check data implications.