

UK Transition | Webinar Q&A

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Q. We know that economic resilience & social wellbeing depend on healthy natural environments. How can we ensure the Brexit transition improves wildlife protection, perhaps through Nature Recovery Networks?

A. The NFU wants to achieve hand-in-hand biodiversity and environmental protection with food/ag standards promotion.

Q. I am an Architect working in France. The negotiations have not clarified whether my UK qualifications will be still recognised in France after 31 December. The Government tell me to prepare, what should I do to prepare for this?

A. Attempt to get your qualification recognised by the French architectural body directly, if there's a deal then trade/professional bodies will get together and try to reach an agreement.

Q. When the Government is requesting everyone to stay at home and isolate how can they justify introducing the EHC for EU movements of fish which requires vets to carry out physical inspections? Is the very process intended to protect the public doing exactly the reverse and jeopardising public safety.

A. Export health certificates are a global requirement therefore fish is checked as it goes out via EHC's and this is an unavoidable consequence of not being in the single market. This is not covid related.

Q. I work for a toy manufacturer in Exeter. We store Non-EU goods (ex China) in a Customs Warehouse in Belgium, then ship into UK direct to customers currently incoterms CPT, but DDP from 1st Jan. Question: does HMRC's staging process to customs declarations (EIDR, 6 month deferment) apply to Non-EU Goods imported from China, via Belgium or just to "union goods" already in free circulation in EU?

A. you need to pay for specialist advice, sorry...

Update 30/11/2020 HMRC advice - if you bring goods in under Transit, you will still need to close the Transit document on entry into the UK, but you can declare them after six months so long as they're not controlled goods.

Q. We always think productivity, but what about delicious high value 'slow food'? Let's learn from the Italians who are great at creating and promoting their excellent regional foods

A. Slow foods and protected food names, agree, good options that we need to sure their value is protected and capitalised on.

Q. How ready are EU Companies with regarding to new rules and regulations for import of goods into UK.

A. Not sure how ready EU companies are, it's a bit of a mixed bag. For lots of EU companies the UK is one of many markets so there is likely to be some trial and error, advised to have early discussion with customers in EU to mitigate any disruption in January.

Q. We have a sister company in Poland that supply our main product CBD - do we need to add this information to our packaging?

A. Sorry, not sure, please read this free briefing blog which holds packaging information – Sarah can you please provide the link for this blog.

Q. What about pet transporters and people importing puppies?

A. No inspection posts for live animals moving into the EU and animals coming in from January 1st, inspection posts will be in place from July, couldn't answer q. ref puppies

Q. Is there a user friendly Gov.UK (or other) website which takes a questionnaire approach to this complexity?

A. Please go here first <https://www.gov.uk/transition>

Q. Is there a risk of increased criminal and terrorist activity while teething problems occur as the changes take place?

A. Sir Gary Streeter: "whether there is a deal or not there is going to be a bump in the road come January, I would hope by Easter many of these teething problems are resolved but time will tell"

Q. Seems the presentations so far have identified and responded to the barriers, impediments and challenges presented by Brexit. But weren't we told there were great opportunities? Can someone tell us if there are any and if so what they are?

A. Opportunities agree there are many, David Ralph is taking a paper to LEP board next week setting out opportunities post covid/post brexit but for the moment focus is on operational challenges.

Additionally:

Food opportunities: Crown Commercial Services, the Governments procurement agency, has confirmed that the south west will pilot a local food procurement programme for the south west.

To facilitate our response, the LEP worked with local partners to establish the South West Food Hub. The Food Hub is a Community Interest Company and details can be found - South West Food Hub (thesouthwestfoodhub.co.uk)

A series of events to raise awareness with local producers are currently taking place although the procurement of the IT tool by CCS has been delayed as resources have been redirected in recent months to help procure additional kit to combat Covid-19. Hopefully the initiative can get back on track in early 2021.

Q. Advanced customs declarations are going to be a huge problem for U.K. fisheries is there any information on this please?

A. Advanced customers declarations will be required as a result of leaving customs union. Defra is a good resource for more information.

Q. South West Mutual's plans are with the banking regulators. What do the speakers think about the concept of regional, ethical, member-owned, high-street banks and the roles they might play in supporting communities once the UK has left the EU?

A. Regional banking, Tony Greenham leading SW mutual bank proposals, LEP taking a view on whether this is an opportunity, trying to set up a regional bank, challenging, by Christmas the LEP will give a view on whether it's supporting

A. David Ralph: We have some fishing expertise if there are any questions we can get them answered

Watch again:

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