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Brexit 2021: end of the transition period

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How GK Strategy supports the GGF

Brexit

- Interpreting new guidance for the sector
- Sharing information and recommendations with GGF members
- Mapping individuals within Government leading on new processes and guidance that will affect the sector
- GGF Brexit Hub

Other policy areas

- Support on Government consultation responses e.g. Comprehensive Spending Review
- COVID-19 support
- Energy efficiency
- Fire safety
- Public health & healthier homes

The state of play



Key legislation (examples)

- Trade Bill
- Immigration and Social Security Coordination (EU Withdrawal) Bill
- Internal Market Bill

Post transition period - important issues for the sector

Movement of
goods

Movement of
people

Product
standards

Data
protection

Movement of goods

What we know already

- Free movement of goods set to end on 31st December
- UK has published a Border Operating Model (BOM)
- Traders will need to prepare for customs requirements
- BOM to be implemented in stages, with deferral of customs requirements initially permitted

Challenges and uncertainty for industry

- UK Government IT system to allow freight to cross border is not yet ready
- Many areas subject to the outcome of negotiations
- Potential increase in cost of imports



Immigration

What we know already

- Free movement of people to and from the European Union ends on 31st December
- Government will introduce a “points-based” immigration system from 1st January
- Candidates assigned points corresponding to the “strength” of their application
- No distinction will be made between EU and non-EU citizens

Challenges and uncertainty for industry

- Glazing professionals not on “Shortage of Occupation list”
- Capacity concerns for online sponsorship management system

Proposed points system

Mandatory requirements	Points
Job offer from approved sponsor	20
Job at appropriate skill level	20
English at required level	10
Points for salary	Points
£20,480 – £23,039	0
£23,040 – £25,599	10
£25,600 or above	20
Additional points	Points
Job in a shortage occupation	20
PhD in subject relevant to the job	10
PhD in relevant STEM subject	20

Product standards

What we know already

- Product standards subject to negotiations
- Shift from CE to UK Conformity Assessed (UKCA) mark from 2021
- Businesses are allowed to use CE marking until 2022

Challenges and uncertainty for industry

- UK Notified Bodies will no longer be allowed to grant CE marking
- UKCA marking will not be recognised on the EU market



GGF Members' Week Technical Forum tomorrow (30th September, 10:30 - 12:00) will cover product standards in further detail

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Topics and questions for further discussion

- Negotiation sticking points between the UK and EU
- The controversy of the Internal Market Bill
- Where will be the biggest disparities be between 'Deal' and 'No further agreement'?
- Will Parliament have any issues passing the legislation required before the end of the year?
- What will 'no further agreement' mean for the glass and glazing sector's supply chain?
- What preparations have industry already implemented in line with guidance? What further clarity is needed from Government?
- Uncertainty around the Northern Irish protocol. What is the likely situation for goods going back and forth over the Irish Sea?
- What are the likely measures that could be put in place that will increase cost to the sector? E.g. customs arrangements, tariffs
- Where do you view opportunities for the sector as the transition period comes to a close?
- What does the replacement for CE marking mean in practice?
- In line with expected changes to immigration processes, what can the sector do to ensure adequately skilled labour and what can the Government do to assist?