


BILCO POLICY BRIEF- FEBRUARY 2021

Brexit Office



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25 February 2021	Home Office EU Settlement Scheme quarterly statistics, December 2020 This report provides detailed statistics on applications made to the EUSS from 28 August 2018 to 31 December 2020, and applications concluded during the same time period.	Official Statistics
25 February 2021	Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy Government seeks views from service sector to support seamless trade across the UK The consultation seeks information on which services sectors should be excluded from the Mutual Recognition and Non-Discrimination rules introduced in the Act.	News story
23 February 2021	Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs Eustice sets out approach for future agriculture policy	Press release
21 February 2021	Department for Transport Government announces plan to scrap EU law, ensuring British drivers avoid £50 a year insurance hike	News story
21 February 2021	Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs Increased support for fishing and shellfish businesses Having listened to concerns from fishing businesses across the UK, Defra will now be expanding the eligibility criteria to target catching and shellfish aquaculture businesses which have been affected by a reduction in demand from the hospitality sector in the UK and abroad, as well as disruption of exports to the EU. These expanded criteria will mean more businesses can get the support they need.	Press release
19 February 2021	Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport UK government welcomes the European Commission's draft data adequacy decisions	Press release
16 February 2021	Maritime and Coastguard Agency Foreign flagged ships detained in the UK during January 2021	Press release
11 February 2021	Cabinet Office Government announces £20 million SME Brexit Support Fund The £20 million SME Brexit Support Fund will help small businesses with changes to trade rules with the EU.	Press release
11 February 2021	Home Office Landmark EU Settlement Scheme reaches five million applications The Home Office has announced it has hit the milestone of five million applications to the EU Settlement Scheme with 4 months still to go before the deadline of 30 June 2021.	News story

9 February 2021	<p>Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs £23 million Seafood Disruption Support Scheme now open</p> <p>Fund will cover up to £100,000 of losses per business caused by delays related to the export of fresh or live fish and shellfish to the EU during January 2021.</p>	Press release
8 February 2021	<p>Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs Trade in live bivalve molluscs from GB to EU for purification in the EU</p> <p>The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, George Eustice has written to Stella Kyriakides, EU Commissioner for Health and Food Safety about trade in live bivalve molluscs from Great Britain to the European Union for purification in the EU.</p>	Correspondence
5 February 2021	<p>Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office UK and Albania sign Agreement to deepen economic relationship and political efforts to tackle serious organised crime</p> <p>The Agreement sets out the UK and Albania's ambitions for our future relationship including the strengthening of political, economic, security and cultural ties.</p>	Press release
3 February 2021	<p>Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy Business Secretary sets out new subsidies system that works for the UK</p> <p>The new subsidy control system, which will be the long-term replacement for the EU's prescriptive state aid regime, will allow the UK to be more dynamic in providing support to businesses, including in innovative, R&D-focused industries, to encourage job creation and growth across all parts of the UK.</p>	Press release
Updated 2 February 2021	<p>Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government European Structural and Investment Funds: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response</p>	Guidance
1 February 2021	<p>Department for International Trade Formal Request to Commence UK Accession Negotiations to CPTPP</p>	News story
31 January 2021	<p>Department for Transport New-style driving licences and number plates mark one-year anniversary of Brexit as EU flag is removed</p>	News story
31 January 2021	<p>Department for International Trade Australia UK makes next step towards accession to Trans-Pacific Partnership</p> <p>The government is formally applying to join one of the world's largest free-trade areas, to position the UK at the heart of emerging economies in the Pacific and support jobs across the UK.</p>	World News Story
30 January 2021	<p>Department for International Trade UK applies to join huge Pacific free trade area CPTPP</p>	
28 January 2021	<p>Cabinet Office Brexit taskforce meets to ensure businesses get the support they need</p>	
27 January 2021	<p>HM Treasury UK and Switzerland to deepen cooperation on financial services</p>	
26 January 2021	<p>Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs Funding for new checks on animal products creates 500 jobs</p>	

	£14 million in funding has been given to local authorities across England to help them maintain the UK's high standards on imported animal products	
21 January 2021	UK Visas and Immigration People urged to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme With less than 6 months to go before the EU Settlement Scheme's application deadline of 30 June 2021, European citizens are being urged to apply now to secure their rights in UK law.	News story
Published 19 January 2021, Updated 20 January	Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs New financial support for the UK's fishing businesses that export to the EU Seafood exporters across the UK will receive government funding of up to £23 million, to support businesses which have been most adversely affected by the COVID pandemic and the challenges of adjusting to new requirements for exporting.	Press release
Updated 18 January 2021	Department for Transport Carry out international road haulage	Guidance
18 January 2021	Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy Act now to keep your business moving in 2021, Business Minister urges	Press release
Updated 18 January 2021	HM Treasury Freeport bidding prospectus Updated to include Freeports Clarification Q&A	Policy paper
14 January 2021	Office for Product Safety and Standards Guidance published to support business following deal with European Union	News story
14 January 2021	Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs Fishing opportunities for British fishing boats in 2021 This sets out fishing opportunities for British fishing boats for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks during 2021.	Policy paper

Legislation going through parliament

Government Bills

- **[Environment Bill](#) – Currently delayed.**
A Bill to make provision about targets, plans and policies for improving the natural environment; for statements and reports about environmental protection; for the Office for Environmental Protection; about waste and resource efficiency; about air quality; for the recall of products that fail to meet environmental standards; about water; about nature and biodiversity; for conservation covenants; about the regulation of chemicals; and for connected purposes.
- **[Financial Services Bill 2019-21](#) – Committee stage 01.03.2021 HoL**
A Bill to make provision about financial services and markets; to make provision about debt respite schemes; to make provision about Help-to-Save accounts; and for connected purposes.
- **[Trade Bill](#) – Ping Pong TBC HofC**
A Bill to make provision about the implementation of international trade agreements; to make provision establishing the Trade Remedies Authority and conferring functions on it; and to make provision about the collection and disclosure of information relating to trade.

Private Members Bills

- **[Border Control Bill](#) – 2nd reading TBC HofC**
This Bill will make provision about requirements for non-UK citizens seeking leave to enter the United Kingdom; to make provision about a process for the removal from the United Kingdom of non-UK citizens, in certain circumstances and on the basis of established criteria; and for connected purposes.

- **European Citizens' Rights Bill – 2nd reading TBC HofC**
A Bill to guarantee the immigration rights of EU, EEA EFTA and Swiss citizens resident in the United Kingdom; to require the Government to provide such persons with physical proof of those rights; and for connected purposes.
- **European Union (Information, etc.) Bill – 2nd reading TBC. HoL**
A Bill to make provision for information and statistics to be available in various public places about the European Union and to provide information to further the establishment of twinning arrangements between towns in the United Kingdom and elsewhere in the European Union in accordance with the European Union's town twinning support scheme.
- **Immigration (Health and Social Care Staff) Bill – 2nd reading TBC HofC**
A Bill to grant indefinite leave to remain to health and social care staff; and for connected purposes.
- **Trade Agreements (Exclusion of National Health Services) Bill – 2nd Reading TBC HofC**
A Bill to exclude requirements relating to National Health Services procurement, delivery or commissioning from international trade agreements; to require the consent of the House of Commons and the devolved legislatures to international trade agreements insofar as they relate to the National Health Services of England, Scotland and Wales and Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland; and for connected purposes.