


**BILCO POLICY BRIEF- JULY 2021**

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| 28 June 2021         | <b>Department for Digital, Culture, Media &amp; Sport</b> <a href="#">EU adopts 'adequacy' decisions allowing data to continue flowing freely to the UK.</a><br>The European Union (EU) has formally recognised the UK's high data protection standards after more than a year of constructive talks. This will allow the continued seamless flow of personal data from the EU to the UK.  | Press release   |
| Updated 22 June 2021 | <b>Department for Environment, Food &amp; Rural Affairs</b> <a href="#">New Plymouth and South Devon Community Forest announced</a><br>The Plymouth and South Devon Community Forest, announced today by Defra, England's Community Forests and Plymouth City Council, will be the first newly created Community Forest supported through the Nature for Climate Fund (NCF) and join England's Community Forest network.   | Press release   |
| 22 June 2021         | <b>Disclosure and Barring Service</b> <a href="#">Updated ID checking guidelines in line with new right to work rules</a>  | News story  |
| 21 June 2021         | <b>Department for International Trade</b> <a href="#">Britain launches negotiations with £9 trillion Pacific free trade area</a><br>Britain will launch negotiations with 11 countries belonging to a £9 trillion free trade area in a landmark moment for the UK as an independent trading nation. A deal would open new markets for our services industries, lower tariffs on goods like cars and whisky, and create new opportunities for UK farmers. Our exports to these countries are set to increase by £37 billion, a 65% rise, by 2030. | Press release   |
| 21 June 2021         | <b>Department for Business, Energy &amp; Industrial Strategy</b> <a href="#">£50 million infrastructure upgrade to cement UK's status as science superpower</a><br>£50 million government funding to upgrade research and innovation infrastructure, boosting UK's ability to seize future opportunities and deal with future challenges.  | Press release   |
| 17 June 2021         | <b>Department for International Trade</b> <a href="#">Government reaches historic deal on US tariff dispute</a><br>Deal will ensure retaliatory tariffs which affected UK exports to the US worth £550m remain suspended.  | Press release   |
| 17 June 2021         | <b>HM Treasury</b> <a href="#">UK Infrastructure Bank opens for business</a><br>UK businesses and communities will have billions of pounds available as Chancellor Rishi Sunak opens the new UK Infrastructure Bank to support local growth and tackle climate change.   | News story  |
| 16 June 2021         | <b>Prime Minister's Office</b> <a href="#">PM's letter to Taskforce on Innovation, Growth and Regulatory Reform</a>  | Correspondence  |

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| 15 June 2021 | <b>Prime Minister's Office</b> <a href="#">Prime Minister welcomes independent report on re-imagining regulation in the UK</a><br>The Taskforce on Innovation, Growth and Regulatory Reform has reported its recommendations to the Prime Minister on how the UK can reshape regulation and seize new opportunities from Brexit.  | Press release |
| 15 June 2021 | <b>Department for International Trade</b> <a href="#">UK agrees historic trade deal with Australia</a><br>The UK has secured a trade deal with Australia eliminating tariffs on all UK goods and boosting jobs and businesses across the country, in the first major trade deal negotiated from scratch by the Government since we left the EU.   | Press release |
| 14 June 2021 | <b>Ministry of Defence</b> <a href="#">£1.6 billion investment to upgrade UK Defence estate</a>   | News story    |
| 13 June 2021 | <b>Department for Environment, Food &amp; Rural Affairs</b> <a href="#">Government sets out commitments to biodiversity and sustainability in G7 Nature Compact</a>   |               |
| 12 June 2021 | <b>Department for Environment, Food &amp; Rural Affairs</b> <a href="#">Blue Planet Fund</a>  | Policy paper  |
| 11 June 2021 | <b>Marine Management Organisation</b> <a href="#">New Fisheries Technical Measures</a><br>Following the conclusion of annual negotiations with the UK and the EU, the MMO provides an update on proposed changes to Celtic Sea Conservation measures.   | News story    |
| 11 June 2021 | <b>Marine Management Organisation</b> <a href="#">Single Area Licence Conditions</a><br>The MMO is harmonising rules relating to Single Area Licensing.   | News story    |
| 11 June 2021 | <b>Department for Environment, Food &amp; Rural Affairs</b> <a href="#">UK and EU sign agreement on catch levels for 2021</a><br>Agreement covers catch limits for 70 shared fish stocks worth approximately £333m in fishing opportunities to the UK fleet.  | News story    |
| 08 June 2021 | <b>Department for Work and Pensions</b> <a href="#">UK brings forward world-leading climate change legislation</a>  | Press release |
| 08 June 2021 | <b>UK Export Finance</b> <a href="#">UK confirmed as a Participant to the OECD Arrangement</a><br>Up until EU exit, the UK (along with other EU member states) was represented by the European Commission under the 'common commercial policy'. The UK now has its independent seat and UKEF officials will represent the UK. UKEF will also continue to play its part in meetings of Arrangement subgroups such as the Country Risk Experts. | News Story    |
| 07 June 2021 | <b>Department for International Trade</b> <a href="#">New mentor scheme launched to boost UK food exporters</a><br>A new mentorship programme to help UK farmers and food producers boost their exports has been launched by the Department for International Trade (DIT).<br>The programme, run in partnership with Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB), and the National Farmers Union (NFU),                             | News Story    |

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|              | will match experienced exporters with businesses who are looking to export for the first time.  |                   |
| 4 June 2021  | <b>Department for International Trade</b> <a href="#">UK secures new deal with Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein</a><br>The agreement's cutting-edge digital provisions make it the most advanced free trade deal signed by the three countries to date.  | News story        |
| 03 June 2021 | <b>Department for International Trade</b> <a href="#">Australian trade deal could slash tariffs on whisky and boost Scottish industry</a>   | Press release     |
| 03 June 2021 | <b>Cabinet Office</b> <a href="#">Procurement teams must consider wider benefits of public spending</a>   | Press release     |
| 03 June 2021 | <b>Cabinet Office</b> <a href="#">Procurement Policy Note 05/21: National Procurement Policy Statement</a>  | Policy paper      |
| 01 June 2021 | <b>Trade Remedies Authority</b> <a href="#">TRA to defend UK against unfair international trade practices</a><br>The Trade Remedies Authority, a new independent body with powers to help defend UK economic interests from unfair international trading practices, has launched.   | Press release     |
| 27 May 2021  | <b>Home Office</b> <a href="#">Home Office publishes EU Settlement Scheme quarterly statistics</a><br>By the end of 31 March 2021, Plymouth had received a total of 10,820 EUSS applications. Outcomes by 31 March:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total: 10,260 (+910, was 9,350)</li> <li>• Settled: 6,390 (+430, was 5,960)</li> <li>• Pre- settled: 3,570 (+400, was 3,170)</li> <li>• Other: 300 (+80, was 220)</li> </ul> Change since previous quarter: +850 applications (was 9,970) | News story        |
| 26 May 2021  | <b>Department for Transport</b> <a href="#">£401 million investment into upgrades to deliver brighter rail future</a>   | News story        |
| 26 May 2021  | <b>Department for Environment, Food &amp; Rural Affairs</b> <a href="#">Environment Bill continues through Parliament</a>   | Press release     |
| 24 May 2021  | <b>Department for International Trade</b> <a href="#">UK consults on new approach to US tariffs</a>   |                   |
| 24 May 2021  | <b>UK Visas and Immigration</b> <a href="#">New plan for immigration: legal migration and border control</a>  | Policy paper      |
| 24 May 2021  | <b>Department for Business, Energy &amp; Industrial Strategy</b> <a href="#">£166 million cash injection for green technology and 60,000 UK jobs</a>  | Press release     |
| 20 May 2021  | <b>Department for International Trade</b> <a href="#">New tariff suspension scheme tailored to UK economy</a>   |                   |
| 20 May 2021  | <b>Department for Business, Energy &amp; Industrial Strategy</b> <a href="#">New round of funding to support innovation in every corner of the UK</a>   | Press release     |
| 18 May 2021  | <b>Department for International Trade</b> <a href="#">Trade with Canada and Mexico: call for input</a>  | Open consultation |

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| 18 May 2021   | <p><b>Department for International Trade</b> <a href="#">UK prepares to launch new trade deal negotiations with Canada and Mexico</a></p> <p>The UK is to begin negotiations for upgraded trade deals with Canada and Mexico this year focused on creating even greater opportunities for UK businesses in industries of the future such as digital, data and services.</p> <p>A call for input will ask for views from the public, businesses and other stakeholders on what the UK's ambitions should be for these free trade agreements.</p>  | Press release  |
| 12 May 2021   | <p><b>Department for Business, Energy &amp; Industrial Strategy</b> <a href="#">New laws to ensure the UK has the skills it needs</a></p> <p>New laws to allow skilled professionals from around the world to have their qualifications recognised in the UK have been introduced to Parliament. By being able to recognise qualifications from professionals around the world, the Professional Qualifications Bill will further strengthen UK professions' reputation for excellence and help to ensure the UK can address where the demand for skills is not currently being met.</p> | Press release  |
| 6 May 2021    | <p><b>HM Revenue &amp; Customs</b> <a href="#">Letters to businesses about importing and exporting goods between Great Britain and the EU</a></p>  | Correspondence |
| 6 May 2021    | <p><b>HM Revenue &amp; Customs</b> <a href="#">HMRC advises businesses importing goods from Europe</a></p>   | News story     |
| 29 April 2021 | <p><b>Department for International Trade</b> <a href="#">Historic Trade Act becomes law</a></p>  |                |
| 21 April 2021 | <p><b>Department for Environment, Food &amp; Rural Affairs</b> <a href="#">Defra issues reminder on new EU Animal Health Regulation</a></p>  | News story     |
| 21 April 2021 | <p><b>Marine Management Organisation</b> <a href="#">MMO announce first panel dates for Fisheries and Seafood Scheme in England.</a></p>   | News story     |
| 20 April 2021 | <p><b>Department for Business, Energy &amp; Industrial Strategy</b> <a href="#">UK enshrines new target in law to slash emissions by 78% by 2035</a></p>   | Press release  |
| 14 April 2021 | <p><b>Department for Environment, Food &amp; Rural Affairs</b> <a href="#">Government sets provisional fishing catch limits for 2021</a></p>   | Press release  |
| 06 April 2021 | <p><b>Marine Management Organisation</b> <a href="#">£6.1 million Fisheries and Seafood Scheme opens for applications</a></p> <p>The Fisheries and Seafood Scheme will provide £6.1 million over the next 12 months to support England's seafood sector, coastal communities and marine environment. Initially the fund will focus on projects that help businesses adapt to life outside the EU's Common Fisheries Policy and recover from the impacts of Covid-19.</p>   | Press release  |
| 01 April 2021 | <p><b>Department for Environment, Food &amp; Rural Affairs</b> <a href="#">Extension to fishing catch limits to provide certainty to industry</a></p> <p>The Government has announced that it intends to set provisional catch limits for UK-EU shared fish stocks for the remainder of 2021 if an agreement with the EU is not in place by Wednesday 14 April.</p>  | Press release  |

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| 30 March 2021         | <b>Department of Health and Social Care</b> <a href="#">Letter to medicines and medical products suppliers: 30 March 2021</a>   | Correspondence |
| Updated 30 March 2021 | <b>Cabinet Office</b> <a href="#">£200 million Port Infrastructure Fund opens for bids</a>  | Press release  |
| 26 March 2021         | <b>HM Treasury</b> <a href="#">Technical negotiations concluded on UK-EU Memorandum of Understanding</a>  | News story     |
| 24 March 2021         | <b>Department for Environment, Food &amp; Rural Affairs</b> <a href="#">Fishing quota boost distributed across the Union</a>  | Press release  |
| 19 March 2021         | <b>Department for Transport</b> <a href="#">Dartmoor line rail services will be restored for first time in half a century</a><br><br>Regular passenger services are set to be restored on a popular railway line in the south-west of England for the first time in almost 50 years, thanks to £40.5 million of investment. | News story     |
| 16 March 2021         | <b>Department for Environment, Food &amp; Rural Affairs</b> <a href="#">UK agrees fishing catch limits with EU and Norway</a>   | Press release  |
| 15 March 2021         | <b>HM Revenue &amp; Customs</b> <a href="#">£20 million SME Brexit Support Fund opens for applications</a>  | News story     |

## Legislation going through parliament

### Government Bills and Acts

- [Environment Bill](#) – **Committee Stage 21.06.21 HoL**  
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 Act 2019-21](#) – **Received Royal Assent 29.04.21**
- [National Insurance Contributions Bill](#) – **Report stage TBC HoC**  
A Bill to make provision in relation to national insurance contributions. The Bill deals with the following matters:
  - Introduces a new secondary Class 1 National Insurance contributions (NICs) relief for employers of Freeport employees.
  - Introduces a new secondary Class 1 NICs relief for employers of armed forces veterans.
  - Introduces an exemption for self-isolation support scheme payments from Class 2 and Class 4 NICs.
  - Widens the existing power to make regulations that impose requirements to disclose information in relation to arrangements that aim to avoid NICs.
- [Professional Qualifications Bill](#)- **Report stage TBC HoL**  
The Professional Qualifications Bill creates a new framework for the recognition of professional qualifications and experience gained overseas and takes steps to reform regulators' practices. It will revoke and replace the interim system for professional qualifications that derives from the UK's membership of the EU.
- [Trade Act](#) – **Received Royal Assent 29.04.21**