


BILCO POLICY BRIEF- SEPTEMBER 2021

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31 August 2021	Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport Government to consult on better protections for UK audiences on video-on-demand services	Press release
27 August 2021	Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs Landmark Environment Bill strengthened to halt biodiversity loss by 2030	Press release
27 August 2021	Home Office Sponsorship roadmap to make it easier to attract global talent	News story
26 August 2021	Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport The Government's new International Data Transfers Expert Council DCMS has announced the launch of the International Data Transfers Expert Council to support the UK in championing the international flow of data.	News story
26 August 2021	Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport UK unveils post-Brexit global data plans to boost growth, increase trade and improve healthcare	Press release
(Updated) 26 August 2021	Home Office UK points-based immigration system: further details	Collection
25 August 2021	Marine Management Organisation Fisheries and Seafood Scheme funding rounds open for applications The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) has opened four funding rounds for applications to help support the fishing and seafood sector in England. The time-limited competitive rounds, which are being delivered by MMO on behalf of Defra under the £6.1 million Fisheries and Seafood Scheme (FaSS), will match fund projects that deliver sustainable growth in the catching, processing and aquaculture sectors, and that conserve, enhance and support the recovery of the marine environment. They consist of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants for projects that support businesses trading in Live Bivalve Molluscs (LBMs). • Grants for projects that contribute towards protecting the marine environment. • Grants for projects that deliver world class science and technological advancements. • Grants for projects that support or enhance the recreational sea fishing sector. 	Press release
24 August 2021	Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy Businesses given more time to apply new product safety marketing	News story

Updated 18 August 2021	HM Revenue & Customs Rules of origin for goods moving between the UK and EU New guidance and case studies on insufficient production for manufacturing and agri-food processes.	Guidance
18 August 2021	Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy £91 million funding for low carbon auto tech including hydrogen engines and ultra-fast charging batteries	Press release
18 August 2021	Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs Better welfare conditions for millions of farm animals during transit	Press release
17 August 2021	Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy UK hydrogen strategy This strategy sets out the approach to developing a thriving low carbon hydrogen sector in the UK to meet our ambition for 5GW of low carbon hydrogen production capacity by 2030.	Policy Paper
Updated 16 August 2021	Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs Webinars for exporters of products of animal origin, live animals, plants and plant products	Guidance
13 August 2021	Department for Transport Multimillion-pound initiative to improve local roads across England	News story
13 August 2021	Marine Management Organisation King Scallop Fishery closure to protect stocks	News story
12 August 2021	Home Office EU settlement scheme statistics table: total applications by nationality up to 30 June 2021	Official Statistics
12 August 2021	Home Office Thousands more citizens granted status through Settlement Scheme The UK government continues to secure the rights of EU citizens through the EU Settlement Scheme as it urges those eligible to apply to make an application.	News story
6 August 2021	Home Office Temporary protection for more applicants to the Settlement Scheme	News story
2 August 2021	Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government New planning requirements on fire safety come into force	Press release
Updated 30 July 2021	Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government Local government and the EU	Guidance
29 July 2021	Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government Share of £30m Changing Places toilets fund now open for applications	Press release
27 July 2021	Regulatory Policy Committee Reforming the Framework for Better Regulation	News story

	The Government has launched a consultation on a new approach to making regulation, including proposals for a revised Better Regulation Framework – you can find the consultation here .	
26 July 2021	Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office UK and France sign new security treaty to protect passengers on Channel ferries	Press release
23 July 2021	Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs Latest notices for traders for Defra	News story
22 July 2021	Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs Government seeks views on compensatory measures for development impacts on Marine Protected Areas	Press release
22 July 2021	Cabinet Office UK to seize Brexit opportunities and unleash innovation by overhauling approach to red tape: 22 July 2021	Press release
19 July 2021	Department for International Trade New UK scheme to drive trade with developing countries The proposed new Developing Countries Trading Scheme aims to grow trade with lower income nations, supporting jobs and growth across the globe and at home.	Press release
(Updated) 14 July 2021	Home Office EU Settlement Scheme: local authorities toolkit	Collection
08 July 2021	HM Revenue & Customs Helping businesses to prepare for full Customs Control in January 2022 More than 160,000 businesses will be receiving a letter from HMRC over the next week, explaining the steps they should take to ensure they can continue trading with the EU. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • making supplementary declarations • appointing a customs intermediary • Export Health Certificate requirements 	News story
02 July 2021	Home Office UK secures the rights of millions of EU citizens New statistics show there were 6 million applications to the EU Settlement Scheme by 30 June 2021, securing EU citizens' rights in the UK.	New story
01 July 2021	Home Office Graduate route for best and brightest launches A new immigration route has opened, allowing international graduates to kick-start their careers in the UK after they have finished their studies at a UK university. The Graduate route provides an opportunity for talented international graduates who have been awarded their degree from a UK university to stay in the UK and work, or look for work, at any skill level for at least 2 years.	News story

30 June 2021	<p>Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy New subsidy system to support UK jobs and businesses, boost the economy and strengthen the union</p> <p>The Subsidy Control Bill seizes the opportunities from having left the EU's bureaucratic State aid regime to create a new system for subsidies that can enable key domestic priorities, such as levelling up economic growth across the UK and driving our green industrial revolution.</p>	Press release
30 June 2021	<p>Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy Subsidy Control Bill</p> <p>The Subsidy Control Bill provides the framework for a new, UK-wide subsidy control regime.</p> <p>This regime will enable public authorities, including devolved administrations and local authorities, to deliver subsidies that are tailored and bespoke for local needs to deliver government priorities such as levelling up and achieving net zero carbon, as well as supporting the economy's recovery from COVID-19.</p>	Collection of documents
29 June 2021	<p>Home Office EU Settlement Scheme: letter from Kevin Foster MP to Directors for Children's Services</p> <p>Letter from Kevin Foster, Minister for Future Borders and Immigration, about applications for eligible looked-after children and care leavers.</p>	Correspondence

Legislation going through parliament

Government Bills and Acts

- [Environment Bill](#) – **Report Stage 06.09.21 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.
- [National Insurance Contributions Bill](#) – **Report stage 06.09.2021 HofC**
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.
- [Subsidy Control Bill](#)- **2nd Reading TBC HoC**
A Bill to make provision regulating the giving of subsidies out of public resources; and for connected purposes.
- **Planning Bill- Awaiting first reading.**

Announced in the Queen's Speech, a Bill to create a simpler, faster and more modern planning system, ensuring homes and infrastructure can be delivered more quickly across England. The Planning Bill will simplify and enhance the EU derived framework of environmental assessments for developments.