


BILCO POLICY BRIEF- FEBRUARY 2022

Brexit Office



| Date of publication | Brexit, Infrastructure and Legislative Change Overview and Scrutiny Committee |  GOV |
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| Updated 10 February 2022 | <p>Department for International Trade Trade and investment factsheets</p> <p>A snapshot of the UK's trade and investment positions with individual trading and investment partners overseas. Our 3 largest partners (US, Germany and China) had the following trade in goods and services in the four quarters to the end of Q3 2021 compared to the four quarters to the end of Q3 2020:</p> <p><u>US</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total UK exports amounted to £130.7 billion (a decrease of 3.3%); ▪ Total UK imports amounted to £79.3 billion (an increase of 3.2%). <p><u>Germany</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total UK exports amounted to £47.4 billion (a decrease of 6.2%); ▪ Total UK imports amounted to £67.0 billion (an increase of 2.1%). <p><u>China</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total UK exports amounted to £26.1 billion (a decrease of 18.6%); ▪ Total UK imports amounted to £68.5 billion (an increase of 33.5%). | Official Statistics |
| 8 February 2022 | <p>Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs UK and Faroes reach agreement on fishing opportunities for 2022</p> | Press release |
| Updated 7 February 2022 | <p>Department for International Trade UK trade agreements with non- EU countries</p> <p>Added Greenland to trade agreements still in discussion table.</p> | Guidance |
| 7 February 2022 | <p>Department for Transport Green shipping boost as Maritime Minister announces plans to explore shore power</p> <p>Call for evidence launches as government aims to accelerate maritime decarbonisation by switching to emissions-cutting shore power at UK ports.</p> <p>Marine decarbonisation is one of 5 key themes which we intend to explore in our carbon net zero strategy for the Plymouth and South Devon Freeport. We will consider whether this is an opportunity to present our case around short sea shipping.</p> | Call for evidence |
| Updated 1 February 2022 | <p>HM Revenue & Customs Help and support for UK transition</p> | Guidance |
| 31 January 2022 | <p>Cabinet Office The benefits of Brexit</p> <p>The paper identifies 76 claimed Brexit achievements.</p> | Policy paper |

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| 31 January 2022 | Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street Prime Minister pledges Brexit Freedoms Bill to cut EU red tape A new 'Brexit Freedoms' Bill will be brought forward by Prime Minister Boris Johnson, to mark the two-year anniversary of Getting Brexit Done. | Press release |
| Updated 29 January 2022 | Department for Transport Carry out international road haulage | Guidance |
| Updated 17 January 2022 | Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Local government and the EU Guidance to help local councils adapt to new rules now that the UK has left the EU and the transition period has ended. | Guidance |
| Updated 13 January 2022 | Home Office EU Settlement Scheme statistics Added EU settlement scheme statistics to 31 December 2021 headline figures. In the most recent quarterly report there were 11,850 concluded applications for Plymouth, of which 7,310 were granted settled status and 4,040 pre settled status. | Collection |
| 7 January 2022 | Migration Advisory Committee Letter to MAC about care workers and home carers In recognition of the exceptional situation faced by the care sector during the pandemic, the Government has added Health and Care Workers to the Shortage Occupation List. | Correspondence |
| 27 December 2021 | Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs UK Seafood Fund: Skills and Training Scheme | Guidance |
| 27 December 2021 | Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs £75 million boost to modernise UK fishing industry and level up coastal communities | Press release |
| 24 December 2021 | Home Office Industry given certainty around seasonal workers but told to focus on domestic workforce Seasonal Worker visa route extended until end of 2024, to allow foreign workers to come to the UK for up to six months to pick both edible and ornamental crops. | News story |
| 22 December 2021 | Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs UK and EU reach agreement on fishing opportunities for 2022 The UK and EU reach agreement on catch limits for 2022, providing around 140,000 tonnes of fishing opportunities for the UK fleet. | News story |
| Updated 21 December 2021 | HM Revenue & Customs Letters to businesses about importing and exporting goods between Great Britain and the EU | Correspondence |
| 17 December 2021 | HM Revenue & Customs Goods leaving Great Britain from 1 January 2022 at ports using GVMS (CIP 2) | Policy Paper |
| 16 December 2021 | Department for International Trade UK and Australia sign world-class trade deal | Press release |

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| 15 December 2021 | Department for Transport Government funding targeted at more affordable zero-emission vehicles | Written statement to Parliament |
| 9 December 2021 | Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities The European Union (Withdrawal) Act and Common Frameworks: 26 June to 25 September 2021 | Policy Paper |
| 7 December 2021 | Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy Government invests over £116 million to drive forward green innovation in the UK The funding will see projects across the country develop new technologies that increase energy efficiency in homes and buildings, reduce carbon emissions, boost the UK's energy security and provide cleaner ways to generate power and heat. | Press release |

Legislation going through parliament

Government Bills and Acts

- [National Insurance Contributions Bill](#) –**3rd Reading 22.02.2022 HoL**
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 HoC**
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](#)- **Committee stage TBC HoL**
A Bill to make provision regulating the giving of subsidies out of public resources; and for connected purposes.