

No deal Brexit guidance for the sport and recreation sector

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As we approach the revised deadline for leaving the European Union (EU) on 31 October 2019, it is possible the UK could leave without a deal covering the terms of withdrawal and likely future relationship – a so-called ‘no deal Brexit’ scenario.

This means the UK would leave without a transition period and EU law would no longer apply from the point of exit. This would have a significant impact on all aspects of business activity in Britain including the sport and recreation sector.

The government has published guidance – in the form of Technical Notices – and has developed a Brexit readiness checker to try and help individuals and businesses prepare in the event of no deal.

This briefing serves as an index of all guidance relevant to our sector; some of it applies to the whole sector and some is specific to particular sports. You can find the full list of published Technical Notices [here](#) and the government’s business readiness checker is [here](#).

The [European Commission’s Brexit preparedness guidance](#) also contains lots of useful information.

If you have any specific concerns as an organisation then we strongly encourage you to get in touch with us over the coming days and weeks in advance of October 31 and we will do our best to provide the help, advice and support you might need.

Throughout the document we have included links to relevant UK government advice as well as European Commission no deal guidance where appropriate.

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Travel and borders

Visiting Europe after Brexit

The European Commission has proposed that UK nationals can visit the EU for 90 days in any 180 days visa-free in the event of a no deal Brexit in Schengen Area Countries.

This should mean that spectators and sportspersons visiting the EU to watch or participate in sport events will be able to do so, as long as they are not participating in paid work. If a UK citizen is undertaking paid work or wishes to study or stay longer than 90 days, they may require a visa based on individual Member States' immigration rules.

In the event of a no deal Brexit, the government is advising that passports should have at least six months to run and be less than 10 years old (even if it has six months or more remaining). If your passport has six months or less to run by 31 October 2019 then the government is advising that you renew before you travel.

UK government guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/visit-europe-brexit>

<https://www.gov.uk/check-a-passport-for-travel-to-europe>

European Commission guidance:

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/factsheet_1_travel_en_final.pdf

Movement of sporting goods and equipment

In the event of no deal, the UK will be considered a third country for customs purposes in the EU. This means that sports organisations (including clubs) and individual sports people may be required to make import and export declarations when taking their equipment across the UK/EU border.

This guidance for importers and exporters of goods applies to everyone who will be moving objects in and out of the UK to the EU, even if the movement is for non-commercial purposes, or if the movement is temporary.

If your organisation is planning on moving goods, there are several procedures that may be used, depending on which is the most straightforward and applicable to individual circumstances – for example using ATA Carnets or temporary admissions processes. However, you are advised to familiarise yourself with the guidance below.

UK government guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/topic/business-tax/import-export>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/partnership-pack-preparing-for-a-no-deal-eu-exit>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/organisations-businesses-and-individuals-in-the-creative-cultural-and-sport-sectors-what-to-expect-on-day-one-of-a-no-deal-scenario>

<https://www.gov.uk/taking-goods-out-uk-temporarily/get-an-ata-carnet>

Common Travel Area (CTA) with Ireland

In the event of a no deal the UK government has indicated that Irish citizens would have the same rights in the UK as they have now (the right to work, the right to benefits and to vote) and that UK citizens in Ireland will continue to have the same reciprocal rights.

The government has committed to, as now, limited border checks on Irish and British citizens, but in the event of a no deal there are no guarantees that this can be fulfilled. If you are moving across the border for events, please take the time to read the guidance below.

UK government guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/common-travel-area-guidance>

Flights after Brexit

In the event of a no deal, it will important to check your travel arrangements with your carrier, particularly if you or your clubs/teams are travelling immediately after 31 October 2019. For more information see the guidance below.

UK government guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/air-services-from-the-eu-to-the-uk-in-the-event-of-no-deal>

Coach and bus operation after Brexit

If you or your clubs/teams are travelling by bus or coach in Europe after 31 October, please see the guidance below for more information.

UK government guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/run-international-bus-or-coach-services-after-brexit>

Rail travel after Brexit

If you or any of your clubs/teams are traveling to by train in Europe after 31 October, please see the guidance below for more information.

UK government guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rail-transport-safety-and-technical-standards-if-theres-no-brexit-deal>

Driving in the UK after Brexit

If you are travelling by road after 31 October, please see the guidance below for more information.

UK government guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/driving-in-the-eu-after-brexit>

EU citizens in the UK

In the event of a no deal Brexit, the government has advised that the new points-based immigration system will not apply until 1 January 2021. Between an exit on 31 October and 31 December 2020, EU citizens will be able to move to the UK to study, live, work and access benefits as they do now.

The Home Office is opening a new voluntary immigration scheme – the European Temporary Leave to Remain scheme – which will be available to these citizens. It will be a free online process and those who are successful will be granted three years' leave to remain. Those arriving after 31 December 2020 and those in the UK who do not have leave to remain but wish to stay will have to apply through the new immigration system.

UK government guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/no-deal-immigration-arrangements-for-eu-citizens-moving-to-the-uk-after-brexit>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/european-temporary-leave-to-remain-in-the-uk>

<https://www.gov.uk/eusettledstatus>

Providing services after Brexit

The UK will no longer operate under European Economic Area (EEA) regulations for the cross-border trade in services if there's a no deal Brexit. This means that the rights and protections provided by the EU Directives and EU Treaty rights of freedom of movement and freedom of establishment will no longer apply to the UK.

Services provided by UK businesses and professionals will be regarded as originating from a 'third country'. This means UK firms and service providers may face additional legal, regulatory and administrative barriers as a result. Arrangements for short term business travel, recognition of professional qualifications, and the temporary relocation of workers into the EU/EEA will be affected.

If you think you will need to continue providing services to the EU following a no deal exit, please see the guidance below for more information.

UK government guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/providing-services-to-any-country-in-the-eu-iceland-liechtenstein-norway-or-switzerland-after-eu-exit>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/providing-services-to-eea-and-efta-countries-after-eu-exit>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/providing-services-including-those-of-a-qualified-professional-after-brexit#recognition-of-professional-qualifications>

Data

UK organisations that receive personal data from the EU/EEA may not be able legally to continue to do so in a no deal exit, unless they put alternative arrangements in place. You should consult the guidance and review your data arrangements to ensure you can continue to receive and process personal data from the EU/EEA.

Note that UK businesses will still be able legally to send personal data into the EU/EEA.

UK government guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/using-personal-data-after-brexit>

Information Commissioner's Office guidance:

<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/data-protection-and-brexit/data-protection-and-brexit-for-small-organisations/>

Education and funding

Erasmus+

Organisations with projects under the European Commission's Erasmus+ programme (incl. Erasmus+ Sport) should register for the HM Government Guarantee scheme to ensure projects can continue in the event of a no deal exit.

UK government guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/register-to-claim-erasmus-and-esc-funding-from-the-government-guarantee>

Guidance for specific sports

Horses

Following a no deal Brexit, the rules governing the cross-border movement of equines will change. For more information on what this means, see the guidance below.

UK government guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/export-horses-and-ponies-special-rules>

Exporting and importing other animals and animal products after Brexit

If your organisation or members will be importing or exporting animals or animal products after a no deal Brexit, please see the guidance below for more information.

UK government guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/exporting-animals-animal-products-fish-and-fishery-products-if-the-uk-leaves-the-eu-with-no-deal>

Shooting and travelling with firearms

In the event of no deal, European Firearms Passes (EFPs) would no longer be available to UK residents seeking to travel with firearms to the EU. See the guidance below for more information.

UK government guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/travelling-with-a-european-firearms-pass-if-theres-no-brex-it-deal/travelling-with-a-european-firearms-pass-if-theres-no-brex-it-deal>

Other useful documents

[European Commission no deal factsheets](#)

[UK Government Brexit preparedness website](#)

[Operation Yellowhammer \(no deal planning document\)](#)