

Revenue: Preparing for New Customs Arrangements

In addition to the advice about changes in customs arrangements which is offered through Bord Bia, InterTrade Ireland, Enterprise Ireland and the Local Enterprise Offices, information relating to Customs formalities is available on the Revenue website.

www.revenue.ie/en/customstraders-and-agents

Health and Safety Authority (HSA)

The HSA's Chemicals Helpdesk provides a support service for SMEs on meeting legislative duties and ensuring they can source chemicals and sell in the EU.

www.hsa.ie

Certification, Standards and Metrology

The National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI) provides advice on how best to ensure businesses are certified to appropriate standards to access markets.

www.nsai.ie

Keeping informed on Brexit Negotiations

Given its leading role in the Government's response to Brexit, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade provides a one-stop-shop overview of key Government and EU official documents so you can keep up to date on the Brexit negotiations.

www.dfa.ie/brexit

The European Commission has published notices setting out the consequences in a range of policy areas of the UK withdrawal from the EU on 30 March 2019, from when it will become a third country, to prepare citizens and stakeholders.

www.ec.europa.eu/info/brexit_en

The Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation is working to ensure we get the best outcome possible for business from the Brexit negotiations. The Department's actions are set out in more detail in the publication **Building Stronger Business: Responding to Brexit by competing, innovating and trading**. For the full range of supports for business see:

www.dbei.gov.ie

Retail Consultation Forum

The Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation convenes the Retail Consultation Forum and provides it with Secretariat support. The Forum enables key issues affecting the retail sector to be discussed, with a view to identifying practical actions which could be taken by Government, or by industry itself, to support sustainable jobs growth in the sector.

www.dbei.gov.ie

Below is a list of the representative bodies of the Forum

Chambers Ireland	www.chambers.ie
CSNA	www.csna.ie
Hardware Association	www.hardwareassociation.ie
Irish Pharmacy Union	www.ipu.ie
ISME	www.isme.ie
Retail Excellence	www.retailexcellence.ie
Retail Ireland	www.retailireland.ie
RGDATA	www.rgdata.ie
SFA	www.sfa.ie

For the full range of supports for business see:

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Building Stronger Business – Getting Brexit ready

Summary of Brexit supports available to Retail Businesses

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Preparing for Brexit

The Government is committed to ensuring that the range of advisory supports, tool-kits and financial supports available to help businesses to prepare and navigate their way through Brexit continues to evolve as the potential impacts emerge.

The continued increase in business preparedness is welcome, with many businesses taking the first important steps of gathering information, developing Brexit Contingency Plans and working closely with their suppliers on Brexit preparedness.

We know the UK's decision to leave the EU from March 2019 will entail changes to our trading arrangements and supply and distribution chains and may entail new regulatory and other compliance requirements for importers and exporters doing business with the UK; issues of particular relevance for the retail and wholesale sector. For individual retail businesses, enhancing competitiveness and productivity will be key factors in building resilience in the face of emerging challenges. Digital technologies in particular will play an important role for example in opening and growing new sales channels.

Government Departments, enterprise agencies and regulatory bodies all have dedicated resources available to help you in identifying the key risk areas for your business and on the practical preparatory actions that can be taken over the coming months.

The following provides a summary of supports and resources available to businesses in the retail sector.

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SME Scorecard Online Tool

Any business can quickly self-diagnose whether they are ready for Brexit. This Enterprise Ireland (EI) scorecard is a first step in developing a robust Brexit plan. It will help to stimulate thinking about the key areas that may be impacted in your business and to self-assess your level of preparedness.

www.prepareforbrexit.ie

Awareness Sessions & Advisory Clinics

There are a range of awareness sessions and Advisory Clinics being convened by EI, InterTrade Ireland (ITI) and the LEOs to provide information and support to companies all around the country on actions to address exposure to Brexit. The key focus of Advisory Clinics are financial and currency management, strategic sourcing and customs, transport and logistics.

www.prepareforbrexit.ie/events

Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs)

Your Local Enterprise Office is the *First Stop Shop* for anyone seeking information and support on starting or growing a business in Ireland. Brexit supports from LEOs in every county include:

LEO Brexit Mentor Programme: supporting owner/managers to identify key Brexit exposures and develop robust strategies to address issues and maximise potential opportunities.

www.localenterprise.ie

InterTrade Ireland (ITI) Brexit 'Start to Plan' Vouchers

ITI provides a Brexit Advisory Service to help businesses with practical advice, support and information on Brexit related issues. ITI also provides vouchers to enable businesses to get professional advice on Brexit, including supply chain implications, potential tariffs, currency management, regulatory and customs issues and movement of labour, goods and services.

www.intertradeireland.com/brexit

Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation €300m Brexit Loan Scheme

In March 2018, the Government launched the Brexit Loan Scheme for eligible businesses with up to 499 employees. Loan amounts range from €25,000 to €1.5m, unsecured loans up to €500,000, for terms of up to three years and a maximum interest rate of 4%.

www.sbci.gov.ie

Retail Online (pilot) Competitive Scheme

New Enterprise Ireland pilot competitive scheme to support eligible SMEs in the retail sector to develop a more competitive online offer. The grant will enable retailers to increase their customer base and build a more resilient business in the domestic and global marketplace both online and offline. The total fund size is up to €1.25 million.

www.enterprise-ireland.com

Fáilte Ireland Business Supports

Fáilte Ireland has developed a range of targeted Business Supports in response to Brexit to address issues around Great Britain market retention, market diversification, competitiveness, operational efficiencies & Value For Money. Businesses are asked to complete the Brexit readiness check which will help businesses gauge and monitor their preparedness for Brexit. A website with all the latest insights & market segments/nuances has been developed with a dedicated platform for Brexit:

www.failteireland.ie/Supports/Get-Brexit-Ready

Bord Bia's Brexit Barometer

Bord Bia's Brexit Barometer is actively engaging with the Irish retail sector to outline food and drinks manufacturers' readiness for Brexit. Bord Bia's Recommendations Report provides a *Brexit Plan Template* and measures for companies to manage supply chain, currency, customs and international market diversification. Bord Bia is also working to upskill the industry through a series of Training Programmes and Workshops, is addressing cost challenges through its LEAN programme and is providing consumer and market insight through *The Thinking House*.

www.bordbia.ie/brexit