

The following is a selection of key cases, legislation, official UK/EU advice and other materials that provide an insight into Brexit. Some of the materials have a political bias, but are included because they contain valuable information or commentary.

For a brief explanation of where we are in the Brexit process, see our [Brexit Snapshot](#), and for possible routes ahead, see [Timeline](#) and [The Way Forward?](#)

Brexit terms are explained in [What Does It Mean?](#)

Key cases, legislation, decisions, statements and proposals

European Commission:

- [Brexit preparedness](#)
- [Communication on implementing the EU's contingency action plan](#) and [press release](#) published on 19 December 2018
- [Contingency action plan](#) and [press release](#) published on 13 November 2018
- [Press release](#) regarding a no-deal Brexit published on 25 March 2019

European Council - [Decision](#) of 10/11 April 2019 granting 'flexextension' until October 2019

[European Union \(Withdrawal\) Act 2018](#)

[Fixed-term Parliaments Act 2011](#)

HM Treasury - [Proposal for a temporary transitional power to be exercised by UK regulators](#) dated 8 October 2018

[No confidence motions and early general elections](#) - House of Commons library (see also [this shorter web page](#))

[Treaty on European Union](#) - Article 50 provides for a Member State to leave the Union

[White paper](#) on future UK-EU relations (July 2018) - the Chequers plan

Wightman and others v Secretary of State for Exiting the EU (C-621/18) - case on withdrawing an Article 50 notice:

- Advocacy General's Opinion: [press release](#) and [full opinion](#)
- Judgment of the Court of Justice of the EU: [press release](#) and [full judgment](#)

[Withdrawal Agreement and accompanying Political Declaration](#) on the Future Framework of UK-EU relations, endorsed by the PM and other EU leaders on 25 November 2018

Official advice and analysis

All Party Parliamentary Group on Legal and Constitutional Affairs report - [The effect of Brexit on legal services](#) (22 October 2018)

Attorney General's legal advice:

- [Legal position on the Withdrawal Agreement](#) dated December 2018
- [Letter to Prime Minister](#) dated 13 November 2018 and published on 5 December 2018
- [Letter to Prime Minister](#) dated 12 March 2019

Cabinet Office - [EU Exit: Avoiding a hard border in Northern Ireland in a no deal scenario](#) dated 13 March 2019

Competition and Markets Authority - [The CMA's state aid role if there's no Brexit deal](#) dated 23 January 2019

Department for Exiting the EU:

- [Economic and other analysis](#) published on 28 November 2018 in advance of the House of Commons' vote on the Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration on 11 December 2018
- [Implications for business and trade of a no deal exit on 29 March 2019](#) dated 26 February 2019
- [Technical notices on preparations for a no-deal Brexit](#)

Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) - [Progress in implementing EU exit](#) dated 12 September 2018

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Ireland) - [Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union Bill 2019 and Explanatory Memo](#) dated 22 February 2019

Department for International Trade:

- [Check temporary rates of customs duty on imports after EU Exit](#) dated 13 March 2019
- [Providing services to EEA and EFTA countries after EU Exit](#) dated 28 February 2019 – includes individual country guides
- [Temporary rates of customs duty on imports after EU Exit](#) dated 13 March 2019
- [The Customs Tariff \(Establishment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations](#) dated 13 March 2019
- [The Customs \(Tariff Rate Quotas\) Regulation](#) dated 13 March 2019
- [The Customs \(Tariff-Free Access for Goods from Overseas Territories\) Regulation](#) dated 14 March 2019

HM Treasury / Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation - [Post EU Exit: Financial sanctions – General Guidance](#) dated 1 February 2019

House of Commons:

- Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee - [report of 10 December 2018](#)
- Exiting the European Union Committee - [report of 9 December 2018](#)
- Fixed-term Parliaments Act 2011 - [briefing paper of 27 April 2017](#)
- Library Briefing - [Brexit: contingency planning and powers](#) dated 21 March 2019
- Library Insight - [No-deal Brexit and WTO: Article 24 explained](#) dated 4 February 2019
- Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee interim report: [The status and effect of confidence motions and the Fixed-term Parliaments Act 2011](#)
- Trade tariffs if there is no deal - [briefing paper of 13 March 2019](#)

House of Lords - [Civil Contingencies, Emergency Powers and No-Deal Brexit](#) dated 19 March 2019

National Audit Office reports:

- [Contingency preparations for exiting the EU with no deal](#) dated 12 March 2019
- [The UK border: preparedness for EU exit](#) dated 24 October 2018

Parliament - [Brexit research and analysis](#) - see also [this page](#) for Research Briefings

Databases

Bar Council - [Brexit papers](#)

Commercial Bar Association (COMBAR) - [Brexit papers](#)

Law Society - [Brexit and the Legal Sector](#)

Loan Market Association - [Brexit micro-site](#)

University College London:

- [Brexit hub](#)
- [Constitution Unit](#)

Reports and commentary from non-governmental organisations

The Economist Intelligence Unit - [A year to go now: how Brexit will impact British industry](#) (free registration required) dated 20 April 2018

European Securities and Markets Authority - [The state of implementation of MIFID II and preparing for Brexit](#) dated 3 October 2018

Financial Conduct Authority:

- [First consultation re changes to Handbook and Binding Professional Standards](#) dated 10 October 2018
- [PS19/5: Brexit Policy Statement and Transitional Directions](#) dated 28 February 2019
- [Temporary admissions regime for inbound firms and funds](#) dated 10 October 2018

The Institute for Government:

- [Brexit: two months to go](#) dated 1 February 2019
- [Understanding the economic impact of Brexit](#) dated 19 October 2018

International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA) - [The effect of Brexit on OTC derivatives - Other 'cliff edge' effects of EU law in a 'no deal' scenario](#) dated October 2018

Loan Market Association (see also their [Brexit micro-site](#)):

- [Documentary implications of Brexit for LMA facility documentation](#) (including update of 12 September 2018)
- [Placing of EEA/non-EEA risks post 1 January 2019](#) dated 2 October 2018MLex - [What 'no deal' might look like for industry](#) (free registration required) dated September 2018

Norway Plus Group - [Common Market 2.0](#) dated January 2019

People's Vote:

- [The roadmap to a people's vote](#) dated 18 September 2018
- [Why 'Norway Plus' won't work](#) dated 7 December 2018

University College London - [The mechanics of a further referendum on Brexit](#) dated October 2018

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