



Office for Life Sciences

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OLS Introduction

The Office for Life Sciences (OLS) is a joint unit between the Department of Health & Social Care (DHSC) and Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS).

This bulletin aims to keep the life sciences sector up to date on the latest guidance whilst the UK is in the transition period, providing you with important information from Government to help your members and networks prepare for the end of the transition period.

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The UK's Approach to Negotiations with the EU

On 27 February the Government published a document setting out the UK's approach to our Future Relationship with the European Union.

The document sets out our proposals to the EU, including a comprehensive FTA covering substantially all trade, sensible provisions on reducing technical barriers to trade for medicines and medical devices and a specific annex to the agreement on the trade of medicinal products which covers:

- Mutual recognition of GMP certificates and Batch Testing.
- Cooperation on pharmacovigilance and development of comprehensive confidentiality agreements between regulators.
- Procedures relating to vaccines and other biological products and clinical trials.

Please find the full document [here](#).



Workforce

UPDATE – The Home Office has updated information for employers on employing EU, EEA and Swiss citizens in the UK, covering right to work checks, the EU Settlement Scheme and the UK's new immigration system. [Employing EU citizens in the UK](#)

Please find further information on the UK's new points based immigration system [here](#).



Useful Links

- [Gov.uk/transition](https://www.gov.uk/transition) provides a central hub of resources for the transition period
- You can sign up to email alerts about the transition period on GOV.UK at this [link](#).
- EU citizens and other interested stakeholders can sign up for Home Office email updates about developments on the status of EU citizens in the UK after we leave the EU and the next steps for EU citizens in the UK at this [link](#).
- Access the 'Check How to Export Goods' tool [here](#) for the information you need to export goods out of the UK market.
- Click [here](#) for more information and advice on exporting.