

CEIR Newsletter – Brexit article

Brexit update following Parliament Vote
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1. Brexit update following Parliament Vote

The vote on the Withdrawal Agreement finally took place on the 15th of January. The resulting majority vote against the agreement leaves the UK with a number of potential outcomes with regards to how and when we will exist the European Union. On the 29th of January, the UK Parliament voted through a number of amendments to the Withdrawal agreement which will likely lead to further attempts at negotiations between the UK and EU.

The European Union Relationship and Industrial Strategy (EURIS) Taskforce is an advisory body of 13 trade organizations, chaired by BEAMA, representing industrial product suppliers (worth £148 billion in annual turnover) covered by the Single Market. EURIS recently wrote to the Prime Minister to reinforce that ‘no-deal’ should not be an option in the Brexit debate. Following the vote, the message from industry to the UK Government remains that a no-deal will cause severe long-term damage to our industry. Of particular concern are the potential costs of regulatory compliance and administration placed on exporters and importers in the UK under a no-deal, which many believe will be too hard to bear for some companies. EURIS is calling on the Prime Minister to support UK industry and secure the future of our contribution to the UK economy by avoiding a no-deal Brexit.

EURIS has outlined a series of key principles for a successful Brexit, which include regulatory alignment for our industry and limited barriers at the border. These principles and our overall message to the UK Government can be seen in the EURIS report ‘Securing a competitive UK manufacturing industry post Brexit’ (available [here](#)). BEAMA continue to work with individual UK Government departments to outline options for future regulatory structures in the UK and the understanding the UK government will need for future trade negotiation aspects like rules of origin for our industry.



While it is hoped a ‘no-deal’ is not the outcome in March 2019, the risk does exist and therefore BEAMA encourage manufacturers to set in place plans and prepare for the possible implications no-deal may have on your business. BEAMA has been working closely with government on developing guidance for no-deal planning, and the UK Government have now published a series of Technical Notices which outline the no-deal situation and guidance for all key areas of regulation, cross border trade and movement of people, product certification and more. All the technical notices can be found on the gov.uk site [here](#).

BEAMA will continue to represent UK business interests and feedback relevant guidance to members and CEIR.