

Scotland's Plant Health Conference - 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
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# Brexit Briefing and Discussion



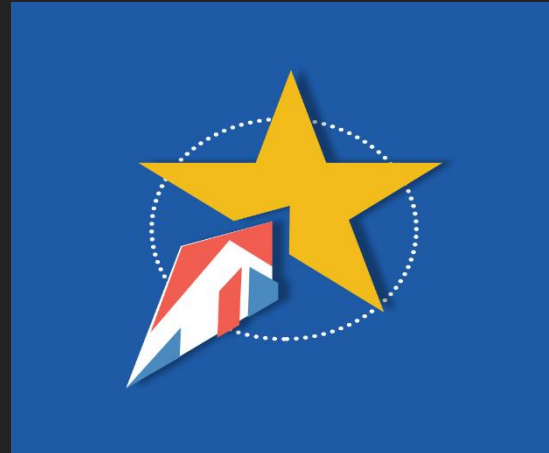
# Brexit discussion

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# As things stand

- European Council has agreed to extend Article 50 period to 31 October 2019
- No deal is still not off the table
- Still possible the UK could leave with a deal before 31 October 2019
- Second referendum?



## Clarifying the Scottish Government's position...

- Believes best future for Scotland is to remain in the EU
- Compromise would be to maintain membership of the customs union and common market
  - .....or an outcome as close to that as possible
- Seeks to maintain tariff- and regulatory- free trade with the EU
- Seeks to maintain freedom of movement (access to labour)
- Concerned that in the event of a no-deal there could be.....
  - Possible loss of access to FTA agreements between EU and third countries?
  - Increase in imports due to future FTAs?
  - For some sectors possible loss of exports to the EU (seed potatoes)?

# EU Exit: no deal planning

- EU trade at Border:
  - Majority of plants and plant products will continue to enter UK without plant health controls
  - UK will lose access to EU Plant Passport regime
  - Controlled goods would require a Phytosanitary Certificate
  - Pre-notification in advance of arrival
  - PH Authority would conduct doc and id check remotely but no physical check at the Border

# EU Exit: no deal planning

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Country Transit through EU to UK:
  - Plants and plant products that receive plant health checks in the EU can move to UK as an EU import
  - Where no plant health checks take place in EU, the consignment will be treated as 3<sup>rd</sup> country import
  - This will require plant health check on entry to UK
  - Businesses that wish to bring such goods into UK via the EU at a RoRO will need to facilitate checks inland at PoFA or divert to another point of entry
  - Pre-notification in advance of arrival

# EU Exit: no deal planning

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Country Trade:
  - There will be no changes to the import process for 3<sup>rd</sup> country goods
  - Pre-notification in advance of arrival and physical inspections at point of entry will still be required
  - Controlled goods would require a Phytosanitary Certificate

# EU Exit: no deal planning

## Exports

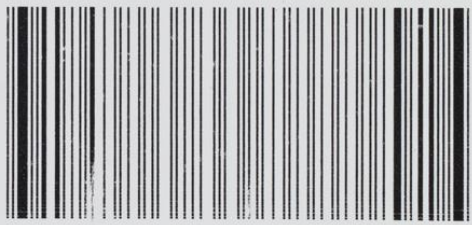
- UK will become a 3<sup>rd</sup> country and will need to meet EU 3<sup>rd</sup> country conditions to export controlled plant and plant products to EU.
- For export to 3<sup>rd</sup> countries from the EU there is no change.
- Exporting regulated goods to EU:
  - PC's will be required
  - Businesses will need to apply to appropriate UK plant health authority to request a PC
  - Checks on goods may take place at country of destination.
- On seeds - equivalence agreement with the EU will not be considered until withdrawal negotiations have concluded



# EU Exit: Intra – UK trade

- Procedures currently in place for plant and plant products currently covered by EU plant passports moving within the UK will remain unchanged

SASA, Scotland (UK)			
Basic Seed Potatoes		<i>Solanum tuberosum</i>	
Crop No.	68077		
Variety	MARIS PIPER		
Grade	EC2	Class	SE1 FG 4
Producer No. UK/S	11257	Date	05/06/2014
Size	35/55mm	Weight	1.25 tonnes
Declared chemical treatment: Imazalil / Thiabendazole			
EC Rules and Standards ZP – a6/d1			
EC – Plant Passport			
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# Further information contd.

## Where you can find information

### UK Government resources

Go to [gov.uk/euexit](http://gov.uk/euexit) to get guidance for your business

You will find information on a range of topics including:

- Customs, Safety & Security processes
- EORI registration
- Product licences and certificates
- Product-specific entry requirements (including ports and documents)

### Industry & international resources

Publication office for EU countries  
[publications.europa.eu](http://publications.europa.eu)  
Information on the EU's approach to borders with the UK

Chambers of Commerce  
Information relevant to your markets and industry

UK Trade Associations  
Industry-specific information

## Prepare your business

This leaflet focuses on changes related to border processes. There are other actions you may need to take to be ready for EU Exit. Visit [gov.uk/euexit](http://gov.uk/euexit) to find more information and to sign up for regular updates



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## Preparing for changes at the UK border if there's a no deal EU Exit

Guidance for the **agriculture & food industry**



January 2019

English

# Smarter Rules for Safer Food

New EU PH Regulation comes in on 14 December 2019



# EU Smarter Rules for Safer Food Package gov.scot

- Priority pests
- Registration
- Extension of Plant Passporting
- New Plant Passport format
- Passenger baggage concession removed

# EU Smarter Rules for Safer Food Package

- And finally...



## Further information

- <https://www.mygov.scot/eu-exit/>
- <http://www.sasa.gov.uk/content/eu-exit-guidance>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/brexit>

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# Q & A Session

