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Stakeholder Bulletin

Welcome

This is the latest edition of the Department for Exiting the European Union's Stakeholder Bulletin.

Today the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union delivered a speech at Teesport, outlining the Government's vision for an implementation period.

You can find the full version of the speech on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)



David Davis outlined the following in relation to **EU directives and regulations** during the implementation period:

- We have been clear that the implementation period should be based on the existing structure of EU rules and regulations, so that people and businesses only need to make one set of changes as we move to our future partnership.
- Given the way the EU works, most directives and regulations which will be introduced during the time-limited implementation period are being negotiated now, while we are in the room.

- We will have to agree an approach for discussing new laws that might be brought in, on which we have not had our say. In this way, we will be able to remedy any issues, through dialogue, as soon as possible.

The implementation period will give people and businesses in the UK and across the EU the time they need to prepare for the future partnership.



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He also made the following comments on **UK trade agreements with third countries** during the implementation period:

- During the implementation period we want to take steps to pave the way for the UK's independent trade policy after we exit.
- Only when the UK is no longer a member state, can we take advantage of our status as an independent trading nation.
- During the implementation period, the UK will be able to prepare for this new relationship, not just with the EU, but also the rest of the world.
- As such, the UK will negotiate our own free trade agreements but not bring them into effect until after the implementation period has concluded.

“As an independent country, no longer a member of the European Union, the United Kingdom will once again have its own trading policy. This is a vital aspect of this period.

For the first time in more than 40 years, we will be able to step out and sign new trade deals with old friends – and new allies – around the globe.”



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The Rt Hon David Davis MP

Secretary of State



In reference to **the rights of EU citizens** currently resident in the UK or arriving in the implementation period, he made the following statements:

- During the implementation period, EU citizens should be able to continue to visit, live and work in the UK as they do now.
- We will also use this period to prepare for our future partnership. As such, we will introduce a registration scheme for EU nationals in preparation for our future immigration system.
- We will need to discuss the future status of individuals who arrive in the UK or the EU during the implementation period and want to remain once it ends. The joint report on citizens' rights agreed in December does not cover those arriving after we exit the EU, but we are now moving on to discuss the details of the implementation period.



He also said the following on **mutual benefits to the UK and EU Member States**:

- It is in the interests of both the UK and the EU to agree the precise terms of this period as quickly as possible, in order to provide vital certainty to businesses and citizens.
- We are confident that there is broad agreement between the UK and EU positions on the implementation period, and that we will come to an agreement by March.

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