



Brexit Communications Notice to Licensed International Haulage and Passenger Operators

While ratification of the Withdrawal Agreement is still the Government's priority, we will continue our preparations for all scenarios. On 11 December 2018, the Government decided to give greater immediate priority to the preparations for a no deal Brexit. This work is ongoing and includes all Government Departments and Agencies.

Throughout the Brexit process, the Government has undertaken an ongoing campaign of communications as part of its Getting Ireland Brexit Ready campaign. The latest steps have involved extensive new information for both business and citizens being published on the gov.ie/brexit website.

This information on gov.ie/brexit handles a broad range of issues regarding Brexit – for both businesses and concerned citizens. Much of the information on the site published is relevant to all businesses, particularly those involved in trade with or through the UK. On the site, there is specific information dedicated to transport and logistics under 'Brexit and Business' which is [available here](#).

The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport has been asked to bring this information to your attention.

The information on gov.ie/brexit is updated on a regular basis, therefore it is advised to check back on a regular basis to ensure that you have the latest information.

In the case of road transport operators licensed by the Department, this information is divided into transport matters that fall under the remit of the Department and other matters which may be particularly relevant to licensed road transport operators, but which falls under the remit of other Departments or Agencies.

Transport Matters

Operator Licences and Documentation for Bus Passenger Services

The Irish Government has been working with our EU partners to find solutions for the road transport sector to minimise the potential disruption to Irish hauliers' and passenger operators' access to and through the UK in the event of a 'no deal' Brexit.

If the UK leaves the EU on 29 March with no deal, the EU are proposing to have in place a temporary measure until the end of 2019 so that EU hauliers and passenger operators can continue to access the UK and vice versa.

The temporary contingency measures proposed include allowing current holders of authorisations to continue to provide their services, to ensure continuity of regular bus services between the EU and the UK. Occasional bus services are proposed to be permitted by the accelerated entry of the UK into the Interbus Agreement. All this would be dependent on the UK applying reciprocal measures. The EU is currently passing legislation to make sure this is in place by 29 March and further information will be provided as it becomes available.

Driver Licences

Irish resident holding a UK driving licence, are being advised that in the event of a no-deal Brexit their UK licence will no longer be valid to drive in Ireland. For that reason the advice is to exchange their UK licence for an Irish one before 29 March 2019.

A licence can be exchanged at a National Driver Licence Service (NDLS) centre by completing the appropriate application form; you can access the NDLS website www.ndls.ie

Visiting Ireland on a UK licence: You will be able to drive on a driving licence from the UK for up to one year provided the driving licence is current and valid.

Driving in the UK on an Irish licence: The UK Government's stated position is that, after 29 March, arrangements for EU licence holders who are visiting or living in the UK will not change. Visitors to the UK, with driving licences from EU Member States, will enjoy the same arrangements as today.

There is more detailed information on Brexit and driving licences on the NDLS website - [here](#).

Certificates of Professional Competence

The Irish Government has been working to clarify the potential issues around UK issued Certificates of Professional Competence (CPC) for Drivers and Transport Managers and their continued validity after 29 March and recognition of such in Ireland.

- *Driver CPC:* Drivers resident in Ireland with a UK driver CPC should exchange this for an EU driver CPC before 29 March 2019.
- *Transport Manager CPC:* In the event of UK leaving the EU with no agreement, UK issued CPCs will no longer be valid in Ireland or the EU. However, where a licensed operator's Transport Manager does not meet the requirements, the competent national authority may provide some time (up to six months) for the operator to rectify the situation.

Driver Attestation

After the withdrawal of the UK from the EU, as the UK will be a third country, any Irish licensed operator who employs a UK driver for the international carriage of goods will require a Driver Attestation. The Road Transport Operator Licensing Unit in Loughrea issues Driver Attestations to operators who have third-country drivers. For UK drivers, the operator must submit a completed

application form, a copy of the driver's passport, valid driving licence and appropriate fee. Applications are available on www.rtol.ie.

Insurance Cover and Green Cards

The vast majority of Irish motor insurance policies cover driving in the UK, as they refer to the UK specifically. A small number of policies may refer to travelling 'in the EU' rather than explicitly referring to the UK. If you are in doubt, you should contact your insurance company to confirm that you have UK cover.

At present, all motor vehicles from any EU country (including the UK) may travel within the EU without carrying special documentation to prove that they have insurance in the country they are visiting. This will change when the UK leaves the EU.

The Motor Insurers' Bureau of Ireland (MIBI) has advised those who plan on driving their Irish-registered motor vehicle in Northern Ireland or Great Britain after Brexit to get a Green Card from their insurance company.

A Green Card is an internationally recognised insurance document, which provides proof of valid level of motor insurance cover required by the country visited. Not having one, if stopped, could lead to difficulties in proving that you are insured to drive. Drivers travelling from Northern Ireland or Great Britain to Ireland will also be required to carry a Green Card.

We understand that different insurers are taking differing approaches to how they are issuing these Green cards. A number of insurance companies will be issuing green cards automatically to all their policyholders, other insurers are sending green cards automatically to policy holders living in border counties, and the remaining companies will provide green cards to policy holders on request. MIBI has asked that all insurers and brokers ensure that green cards are provided where required by 29 March 2019 and has confirmed that anyone who requests a Green Card will be issued one.

MIBI is advising anyone who will need to drive in Northern Ireland or other parts of the UK over the weekend of 29 March or in the period immediately after Brexit to begin contacting their insurance companies or insurance brokers. Those who are travelling to Northern Ireland or other parts of the UK after this period should contact their insurance provider one month in advance of their journey if they have not already received a green card.

Transport Related Matters

Customs Implications of Trading with the UK

The Revenue Commissioners website contains a range of information on trading with the UK - [here](#)

Transporting goods through the UK

When the UK leaves the EU, businesses that move goods between Ireland and other EU countries by road through Britain will face new rules and processes under the customs transit procedure. This procedure will use the New Computerised Transit System to allow for electronic monitoring of the

movement of goods and requires operators to provide a guarantee to underpin the lifetime of the movement.

For consignments of animals and animal products, a documentary check will also be required. This can be done via TRACES – the EU system for recording imports of animals and animal products into the EU. Please see [Trading with the UK](#) for further detail on TRACES and for more general information on exporting or importing goods including animals and animal products.

In order to continue to use the landbridge in the most efficient way post-Brexit, businesses are encouraged to:

- Register as authorised consignors/consignees in order to avail of the Simplified Customs Transit Procedure. Further information on the transit procedure is available on the Revenue website.
- Work through your bank or your customs agent/logistics provider to have the necessary financial guarantee in place
- If moving animals or animal products, work with the Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine to register on the TRACES system.

Further information is summarised by the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation - [here](#)

French Customs Guidelines (Link)

The French Guidelines for a no-deal Brexit state that if you are transporting EU goods from Ireland to France via the UK under transit, the Veterinary and Phytosanitary Border Inspection Office will perform a basic check of your documents at the BIP at the first point of re-entry into the EU.

Other

The gov.ie/brexit website contains a range of information on transport related matters. Below is just a small sample of issues that may be particularly relevant to licenced hauliers.

In particular attention is drawn to the information from the Revenue Commissioners regarding the need for comprehensive guarantee and guarantee waivers for transit through the UK after Brexit - [here](#)

The Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation also announced recently an increase in rescue and restructuring aid for the SME sector. This applies to SMEs in all sectors of the economy, with the exception of the steel, coal and financial sectors. Further information is available from - [here](#)

Details of how apply for or update a HGV permit under the Dublin City Council system can be found on the HGV Permit Centre on www.hgv.ie

Sign up to the Brexit Newsletter for Government updates on www.dfa.ie - [here](#)

This work is part of a series of measures that the Government is taking, both nationally and in conjunction with the EU, to prepare for the UK's departure from the European Union.

Keeping up to date

- Check out the website – gov.ie/brexit.
- www.dttas.gov.ie/content/brexit
- Sign up to the Brexit Update Newsletter – links available on gov.ie/Brexit
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