



### ***Is your business Brexit ready?***

Since Ireland joined the EU Single Market, we have availed of the benefits that membership brings including the ease of trading in goods and services with our nearest neighbour- the United Kingdom (UK).

On 29 March 2017, the United Kingdom notified the European Council of its intention to leave the European Union. Unless a ratified withdrawal agreement establishes another date or the European Council, in accordance with Article 50(3) of the Treaty on European Union and in agreement with the UK, unanimously decides that the Treaties cease to apply at a later date, all Union primary and secondary law will cease to apply to the UK from 30 March 2019. The UK will then become a third country and as such trade in goods and service between the UK and the EU will be affected. It will have an impact not only on the goods exported from Ireland but also imported goods that come into Ireland from the UK.

As the UK prepares to leave the EU, we have to prepare for this transition. Below you will find some useful information on the changes in trading standards that will likely take place to both products and services post-Brexit.

### ***What are the implications for construction standards?***

At this point in time, technical standards documents such as cement to EN 197/1 or quality to ISO 9001, will remain the same post Brexit.

### ***What are the implications for construction certification?***

#### **Products Certification**



- Post-Brexit, UK Notified Bodies will lose their status as EU Notified Bodies and will be removed from the EU Commission's information system on notified organisations (NANDO database)
- If you or one of your product suppliers rely on a UK Notified Body for certification of conformity to support your product declaration for 'CE' marking purposes, you will need to hold certificates issued by an EU-27 Notified Body to demonstrate compliance for your products placed on the market as from the withdrawal date.
- The 'Nando' EU commission web site provides a listing of all current European wide Notified Bodies.
- If you currently 'CE' mark your product under existing EU rules, you will be required to continue to do so post Brexit.
- While 'CE' marking for products may no longer be a legal requirement in the UK post Brexit, it is likely that the UK market will still require evidence of conformity of products to existing agreed standards.
- Existing EU requirements will continue to apply in Ireland.

#### **For Irish importers who import from the UK**

- When the UK becomes a "third country", importers of UK products may be required to fulfil the legal role of "authorised representatives." This role was not required while the UK was an EU Member State. The duties of an "authorised representative" are set out in a number of harmonised regulations and directives.



- The 'Blue Guide' on the implementation of EU products rules 2016 provides further information on the implementation of the "New Legislative Framework" for the marketing of products.

**Management System Certification**

- It is expected that Certification to any of the International Standards Organisations Management Systems Standards such as ISO 9001 Quality, ISO 14001 Environment or ISO 45001 Occupational Health and Safety will not be directly affected by Brexit.
- For Irish businesses under European Accreditation, the status of UK based certification to International Standards may in time be impacted.

NSAI are currently notified for a range of product types including the following:

Product Type	
1	Gypsum products
2	Structural timber products
3	Cements
4	Masonry and related products
5	Structural steel
6	Aggregates
7	Road construction products
8	Precast concrete products
9	Products related to concrete, mortar and grout
10	Pipes, tanks and ancillaries not in contact with water intended for human consumption

**Looking for further information?**

Contact the NSAI Brexit Unit at [BrexitUnit@NSAI.ie](mailto:BrexitUnit@NSAI.ie) for any queries on standards and certifications, and your business post-Brexit. The EU Commission has produced a suite of official guidance notices on Brexit Preparedness for a wide range of sectors. Further information on Brexit and what it will mean to your business can also be found on the websites below.

Websites	
NSAI	<a href="https://www.nsai.ie/about/news/is-your-business-ready-for-brexit/">https://www.nsai.ie/about/news/is-your-business-ready-for-brexit/</a>
Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation	<a href="https://dbei.gov.ie/en/What-We-Do/EU-Internal-Market/Brexit/">https://dbei.gov.ie/en/What-We-Do/EU-Internal-Market/Brexit/</a>
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	<a href="https://www.dfa.ie/brexit/">https://www.dfa.ie/brexit/</a>
Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government	<a href="https://www.housing.gov.ie/housing/housing">https://www.housing.gov.ie/housing/housing</a>
Enterprise Ireland	<a href="https://www.prepareforbrexit.com/">https://www.prepareforbrexit.com/</a>
InterTradeIreland	<a href="https://intertradeireland.com/brexit/">https://intertradeireland.com/brexit/</a>
IBEC	<a href="http://www.ibec.ie/Ibec/Brexit.nsf/vPages/Home~Brexit?OpenDocument">http://www.ibec.ie/Ibec/Brexit.nsf/vPages/Home~Brexit?OpenDocument</a>
EU Commission NANDO website	<a href="http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/nando/">http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/nando/</a>
EU Commission Information on Brexit	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/brexit_en">https://ec.europa.eu/info/brexit_en</a>
EU Commission Brexit Preparedness	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/brexit/brexit-preparedness/preparedness-notices_en">https://ec.europa.eu/info/brexit/brexit-preparedness/preparedness-notices_en</a>
'Blue Guide' on the implementation of EU product rules	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/growth/content/%E2%80%98blue-guide%E2%80%99-implementation-eu-product-rules-0_en">https://ec.europa.eu/growth/content/%E2%80%98blue-guide%E2%80%99-implementation-eu-product-rules-0_en</a>