

Important information regarding BREXIT

With the ratification by the European Parliament and the European Council, the process of withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK) from the EU by 31.1.2020 has been concluded for the time being.

By end of day of 31.1.2020, the United Kingdom is deemed a third country. On 1.2.2020 the agreements on a transitional period will enter into force. During this period, the United Kingdom will no longer be represented in EU gremials, but EU-legislation will remain in force, also in the veterinary field. This means that the conditions of intra-Union trade will continue to apply to trade in live animals and products of animal origin and those on intra-Union movements still apply to the taking along of pets or products by travellers. This transitional period will last until 31.12.2020 and the agreement foresees the theoretical possibility of a single extension of this period, if the UK applies for it until 30.6.2020 at the latest.

Thus, for travelling with pets between the EU and the United Kingdom the following conditions continue to apply:

[Movement of pet dogs, cats or ferrets between Member states of the EU, the EEA and Switzerland](#), or

[Movement of other pets between Member states of the EU, the EEA and Switzerland](#)

or, in the case of food taken along by travellers, those for [EU-Member states](#)

[Import of products of animal origin by tourists](#)

Further information regarding the state of negotiations can be found on the websites of the Federal Ministry of Finance (BMF) at [Brexit-Information on the BMF-website](#), of the Federal Ministry of European and International Affairs (BMEIA, available in German only) at [Brexit-Information on the BMEIA-website](#), and of the European Commission at https://ec.europa.eu/commission/brexit-negotiations_en and https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/QANDA_20_104