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Border & Protocol Delivery Group Call summary 12 June 2020

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Michael Gove, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, is due to make an announcement on new border controls after the Brexit transition period today.

Gove will announce new border controls for implementation after 31/12/20, and what they will be. The Government recognise the impact of the Covid crisis on 'national border industries' and the need to take a 'lighter touch' with a period of implementation to the full border model.

From 1st Jan, full controls and the UKGT will apply to all goods. All traders will need to be ready and to keep records of all imports.

From April 2021, there will be a requirement for pre-notification of live animal movements and health documentation will be required. From July 2021, 6 months after end of transition SPS checks will take place at border control posts.

Said that a major programme of work and engagement with industry would start shortly.

Headlines:

- New support package of £50m for recruitment, training and IT for customs intermediaries
- The creation and construction of multi-functional inland sites and build of infrastructure at ports where space allows. BDG will start talking to the ports next week.
- Work on consulting with Trade on the Border Operating Model will start next week with an aim to publish full border design by mid-July
- Aim is to give absolute certainty on what traders will need to do.

HMRC

- Introduction of full controls from 1/1/21
- Delay of duty and Vat payments for imports for up to 6 months
- Safety & Security on imports will be waived for first 6 months
- Full customs controls from 1/7/21
- Exception is for controlled goods that will have full controls from 1/1/21
- Build new Govt infrastructure at ports and inland
- New arrangements only apply to imports from the EU

There will be a staged introduction for standard goods, and postponed VAT accounting (PVA) will also apply to controlled goods and those that don't want to delay the submission of full declarations. Those that delay, will have 6 months to do so and can delay payments



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of duty and vat accordingly. HMRC aim is to eliminate any immediate need for traders to apply any new processes immediately after the end of the transition period. This is not a return to CSP, there's no need to register, but traders will need to get an intermediary to submit summary declarations later using their companies' records. Intelligence-led inspections will take place as required. There will be new border infrastructure for SPS and other checks, so they will build new sites for this purpose at or away from ports. Targeted support will be provided to port owners/authorities where space allows the BIP to be constructed at the port. A new pre-lodgement model (up to 90 days) for goods and Roro will be launched and it will not be mandatory for ports to operate the system.

Intermediaries.

£50m to improve IT, training and additional recruitment. Currently running a procurement for a grant admin administrator (Currently PWC). Money to be available from July. There will be a change in representation rules – removes barriers for intermediaries taking on new traders and removed some liability from indirect representation. Details will be announced later.

On low value bulking for imports for Fast Parcel Operators, there will be an informal consultation over the summer on a new regime. Intention to minimise the burden, new regime will be in place by Jan 2021, no staging. No announcement yet on change to de minimis value but this is expected in due course.

DEFRA

Minimum change from today's rules, same checks on live animals. Systems will be different, outcome similar. Passported plants will need physical checks and SPS certificates as we will no longer be party to the EU passporting system. Same applies to live animals, we need a new tracking system to fall back on in the event of an animal health outbreak.

Imports from EU and elsewhere will require animal health certificates from April.

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