

Brexit

An update on continuity and supply

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Following the General Election, The Prime Minister confirmed that the UK will leave the EU on 31st January 2020. The Prime Minister also confirmed the Government's intention to stand down no deal planning for 31 January 2020. The European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 has received Royal Assent and the Prime Minister, the European Commission and European Council leaders have signed the Withdrawal Agreement. It has now passed through the European Parliament and the European Council.

The UK will leave the EU on January 31 and enter a transition period, from 1 February 2020 to 31 December 2020. During the transition period, the UK will continue to stay aligned with EU law, and supplies, including medicines and medical goods, can continue to flow as today. The Priority of the government is to negotiate a Free Trade Agreement for the United Kingdom with the EU. The Government has been clear that it will not extend the transition period beyond December 2020.

Drive DeVilbiss Healthcare believes that there will be no disruption to the continuity of its supply chain during this transition period. It will continue to monitor the situation and follow the advice recommended by the Department of Health and Social Care until there further clarification regarding the details of any new trade agreement.