

Brussels Weekly Update: BREXIT – 30/10/2017

EU INSTITUTIONS

European Parliament:

- [Latest thinking on Brexit](#)

This note offers links to recent commentaries and reports published by major international think tanks and other organisations on EU-UK negotiations and on the implications of Brexit more widely. More studies on these issues can be found in a previous edition of 'What Think Tanks are thinking' from September 2017.

European Council:

- [Speech by President Juncker at the EP Plenary Session on the Conclusions of the European Council meeting of 19 and 20 October 2017 and presentation of the Leaders' Agenda.](#)

MORE INFORMATION

- [Brexit: the October negotiations.](#) House of Commons Library.

The fifth round of Brexit negotiations ran from 9 to 12 October. Some progress was made in the areas of citizens' rights and the Irish border, but not on the 'divorce bill'. The Secretary of State for Exiting the EU, David Davis, maintains that many issues can only be discussed in the context of the UK's future relations with the EU.

- [Declaration of Santiago de Compostela by the European fishing communities on the future of the fisheries sector in Europe after Brexit.](#) Source EUFA.
- [Negotiating Brexit: what do the UK's negotiating partners want?.](#) Source the UK in a changing Europe.

A new publication from the Universities of East Anglia (UEA) and Surrey that looks at how national governments and EU institutions are approaching Brexit negotiations was launched on Friday 20 October, at an event held at the British Academy in London.

- [325% rise in veterinary certifications needed for trade post-Brexit.](#) Source BVA.

When the UK leaves the EU it may no longer enjoy the same trading freedom with EU countries and could be treated as a 'third country' by the EU. As such, exports and imports of animals and animal products to and from the EU will need new veterinary certifications. These will need to be developed and supervised, which will require an increase in the number of 'Official Veterinarians' to perform this role.

According to the UK Chief Veterinary Officer, Nigel Gibbens, the volume of products requiring veterinary certifications could increase by as much as 325%.

- [BREXIT Briefing - Sector by sector: The trade cost of new deal.](#) Source CBI.

The CBI has analysed two types of barriers that UK companies would face if negotiators fail to secure to a

deal: tariffs on goods trade, and non-tariff barriers which make trade in both goods and services more complicated and costly. Without a deal, businesses will face both tariff and non-tariff barriers – and some industries will face greater challenges than others.

- [Brexit comes to Lorient](#). Source FishkerForum.

A discussion chaired by Nicolas Teisseire was held with the Alain Cadec, who chairs the European Parliament's Committee on Fisheries, Gérard Romiti of CNPMM, Jim Portus, Brittany, regional councillor Gaël le Saout, Javier Touza for Bluefish and Gerard van Balsfoort representing the European Fisheries Alliance on Brexit at the Itech'Mer exhibition in Lorient.

Events:

- [Norway's relationship with the EU in light of Brexit](#). 8 November. Dublin.
- [The Future of the EU & Future of the UK, Scotland & EU Relationship](#). 22 November. Brussels.