

## Brussels Weekly update: BREXIT – 12/03/2018

### EU INSTITUTIONS

- **European Parliament:**

- [Draft Resolution to wind up the debate on the framework of the future EU-UK relationship.](#)

The draft resolution welcomes the Commission's 28 February draft of the Withdrawal agreement and expresses support for the transitional arrangements proposed. It also reiterates the importance given to securing equal and fair treatment for EU citizens living in the UK and British citizens living in the EU.

- **European Commission:**

- [Programme of EU-UK Article 50 negotiations.](#)

- **European Council:**

- [Statement by President Donald Tusk on the draft guidelines on the framework for the future relationship with the UK.](#)

- [European Council \(Art.50\) \(23 March 2018\) Draft guidelines.](#)

### MORE INFORMATION

- [Policy paper Frameworks analysis - Breakdown of areas of EU law that intersect with devolved competence in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.](#) Source Gov.UK.

This document sets out the UK government's provisional assessment of where we'll need to maintain those practices in common frameworks after we leave the EU. The analysis set out will continue to develop over time as the UK government and devolved administrations discuss this.

- [European Sea Ports Organisation position on Brexit.](#) Source European Sea Ports Organisation.

With this paper, ESPO calls on the Brexit negotiators to prioritise transport and more in particular maritime transport in the second phase of the Brexit negotiations.

Given the fact that much of the trade in goods between the EU-27 and the UK passes through ports, it is of paramount importance to consider the impact of potential post-Brexit scenarios on the ports, the transport and logistics chain in any decision making process.

- [US lobbying UK to drop name protections in post-Brexit trade deals.](#) Source US Food Management Today.

US lobbyists are reportedly calling for the UK to abandon geographical name protections, implemented under EU law, after Brexit, to allow retailers to import similar American products.

- [Brexit: who has said what about transition.](#) Source UK Parliament.

This paper outlines what the actors on the EU and UK sides have been saying about the scope of and conditions for a transition period, in which the UK will no longer be an EU Member State but will apply and adhere to the EU acquis as if it were a Member State.

- [Brexit: Council Directives for Negotiations on Transition](#). UK House of Commons Library

This briefing paper looks at the January 2018 negotiating directives drawn up by the Council of Ministers, in light of the guidelines established by the European Council in December 2017. Their content sheds light on any 'red lines' the EU might have in place for Phase 2 of the negotiations with the UK regarding withdrawal from the European Union

- [UK could opt to apply same trade tariffs as EU after Brexit: EU lawmaker](#). Source Reuters.
- [Spain in the light of Brexit](#). Source Instituto el Cano Think Tank.

"Brexit opens the possibility of renegotiating the actual situation of Gibraltar", the Elcano analyst states in this report. Current circumstances open the door to a new status for Gibraltar that is favourable to all involved parties and acceptable to the legitimate interests and aspirations of Spain.

Events:

- [EU-Turkey Customs Union: Lessons for Brexit](#). 15 March. London.
- [Brexit at the halfway point: What can third country investors expect?](#). 20 March. Brussels.
- [Brexit and future trade relations](#). INTA Committee. 21 March. Brussels.
- [Brexit: Its Consequences for Whitehall & Westminster - Briefing Paper & Video](#). 21 March. London.

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