



European Union Committee Report: *Brexit: Will Consumers Be Protected?* **Debate on 16 January 2019**

This briefing identifies relevant reports and useful documents, including recent parliamentary materials and press articles, which may be of assistance to Members in preparing for the following debate:

Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws to move that this House takes note of the Report from the European Union Committee *Brexit: Will Consumers be Protected?* (9th Report, HL Paper 51).

Copies of the materials are available for collection from the Library.

Key Information

- House of Lords European Union Committee, [Brexit: Will Consumers be Protected?](#), 19 December 2017, HL Paper 51 of session 2017–19, pp 3, 5–7 and 29–31; and [Government Response](#), 12 February 2018

Summary, introduction and the summary of conclusions and recommendations from the committee's report on the protection of consumer rights following the UK's withdrawal from the EU. Also included in the Government's response.

- HM Government, [Political Declaration Setting Out the Framework for the Future Relationship Between the European Union and the United Kingdom](#), 25 November 2018, pp 1–2

Introduction to the political declaration on the framework for the future relationship between the EU and the UK, which states that both are, amongst other objectives, "determined to work together to safeguard [...] consumer and environmental protection and cooperation against internal and external threats to their values and interests".

- Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, '[Guidance: Consumer Rights and Protection After Brexit](#)', 8 January 2019

Guidance document published by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy on consumer rights after the UK withdraws from the EU.

- Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, '[Guidance: Consumer Rights If There's No Brexit Deal](#)', 12 October 2018

Guidance published by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy on consumer rights, providing information to businesses and consumers setting out the UK's approach to the consumer legislative framework if the UK leaves the EU without a negotiated withdrawal agreement with the EU.

- European Parliament Directorate-General for Internal Policies of the Union, [Consequences of Brexit in the Area of Consumer Protection](#), 11 October 2017, pp 1 and 4–7

Abstract, executive summary and introduction from a report published by the European Parliament on the consequences of the UK's withdrawal from the EU in the area of consumer protection.

- National Audit Office, [Exiting the EU: Consumer Protection, Competition and State Aid](#), 6 July 2018, HC 1384 of session 2017–19, pp 12–22

Report by National Audit Office on the progress made by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, the Competition and Markets Authority and National Trading Standards in preparing the UK's consumer protection, competition and state aid regimes for exiting the EU. Included are the report's summary and the section on consumer protection.

Parliamentary Debate, Statements and Questions

- [Debate on 'Leaving the EU: Consumer Protection'](#), 10 October 2017, cols 32–53WH

Press Articles and Comment

- Jessica Elgot and Heather Stewart, ['UK Consumers Could Lose EU Legal Rights in Event of No-deal Brexit'](#), *Guardian*, 12 October 2018
- Which?, ['How Will Brexit Affect My Consumer Rights?'](#), accessed 8 January 2019
- Citizens Advice, [Brexit: The Outlook for Consumers: A Briefing Note by Citizens Advice](#), July 2018

Further Information

- European Commission, [The European Union Explained: Consumers: Putting the Consumer First](#), 27 April 2016
- Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, ['Guidance: Resolving Disputes with Business: Your Consumer Rights After Brexit'](#), 8 January 2019
- Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, ['Buying a Timeshare in the EU: Your Consumer Rights After Brexit'](#), 8 January 2019
- Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, ['Package Holidays: Your Consumer Rights After Brexit'](#), 8 January 2019
- HM Government, [Providing a Crossborder Civil Judicial Cooperation Framework: A Future Partnership Paper](#), 21 August 2017
- House of Commons Library, [Effect of UK Leaving the EU on Consumers and Consumer Protection](#), 5 October 2017
- Bar Council Brexit Working Group, [Paper Ten: Consumer Law](#), March 2017

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