



European Union Committee Report: *Brexit: Plant and Animal Biosecurity* **Debate on 15 May 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:

Lord Teverson to move that this House takes note of the Report from the European Union Committee *Brexit: plant and animal biosecurity* (21st Report, HL Paper 191).

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

Key Information

- House of Lords European Union Committee, [Brexit: Plant and Animal Biosecurity](#), 24 October 2018, HL Paper 191 of session 2017–19, pp 3–4 and 48–52; and [Government Response](#), 10 January 2019

Summary, conclusion and recommendations from the committee's report into plant and animal biosecurity in the United Kingdom (UK), after it leaves the European Union (EU), and the Government's response to the report. Recommendations include giving UK bodies the "necessary powers" to carry out biosecurity functions currently undertaken at EU level.

- Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, '[UK Listed Status Application Approved to Assure Animal and Animal Product Movements in a No-deal Brexit](#)', updated 11 April 2019

Press release detailing that the EU had agreed the UK's listed status application, meaning that the UK met the animal health and biosecurity assurances required for a third country to export live animals and animal products from the EU in the case of a no-deal Brexit.

- Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, '[Exporting Animals, Animal Products, Fish and Fishery Products if the UK Leaves the EU With No Deal](#)', updated 26 April 2019; '[Importing Animals, Animal Products and High-risk Food and Feed Not of Animal Origin if the UK Leaves the EU With No Deal](#)', updated 10 April 2019; and '[Government Urges Businesses to Prepare for Changes to Animal Imports and Exports in a No-deal Brexit](#)', 20 February 2019

Guidance for businesses detailing how to export animals, products of animal origin, animal by-products, fish, shellfish, crustaceans and fishery products if the UK leaves the EU without a deal; guidance for importers in the same scenario; and the accompanying press release.

- Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, '[Importing and Exporting Plants and Plant Products if the UK Leaves the EU Without a Deal](#)', updated 11 April 2019

Guidance for businesses discussing the trade in plants and plant products inside and outside the EU if the UK leaves the EU without a deal.

Parliamentary Debate, Statements and Questions

- House of Commons, '[Written Statement: EU Exit: NI Border](#)', 13 March 2019, HCWS1406
- Debate on '[British Flora: Protection from Imported Diseases](#)', *HC Hansard*, 27 June 2018, cols 419–36WH
- A selection of written questions from both Houses: [194700](#) (28 November 2018); [176014](#) (11 October 2018); [163567](#) (17 July 2018); [163575](#) (12 July 2018); [157085](#) (2 July 2018); and [127562](#) (21 February 2018)

Press Articles and Comment

- Josh Gabbatiss, '[Foot-and-mouth: Will Brexit Leave Us on the Brink of Another Epidemic?](#)', *Independent*, 17 March 2019
- Dr Andrew Moxey, '[Does Brexit Pose a Biosecurity Risk to the UK?](#)', *UK in a Changing Europe*, 1 November 2018
- Simon Doherty, '[No Deal Brexit Risks Shortages, Delays and Lower Standards, Warn Vets](#)', *Politics Home*, 22 October 2018
- Royal Horticultural Society, '[The UK's Biosecurity and Brexit](#)', 30 April 2018
- Jon Sharman, '[Brexit May Bring New Invasive Species to UK Risking Economic Damage, Say Experts](#)', *Independent*, 27 March 2018

Further Information

- Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, '[Issuing Plant Passports to Trade Plants in the EU](#)', updated 17 April 2019
- Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, '[Material Originating in the European Union That Must Be Accompanied by a Phytosanitary Certificate When Entering the United Kingdom if There is No Withdrawal Deal](#)', 11 April 2019

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