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Mr Dobri Mitrev
President of the Bulgarian Industrial Association

Dear Mr Mitrev,

I am writing to you to provide information on the upcoming changes in relation to the export of goods from the EU to the UK, which will come into force from 2022. These changes are part of the new trade relationship between the EU and the UK under the Withdrawal Agreement and the Trade and Cooperation Agreement.

I know my team has been in touch with some of your members already to inform them about the changes and help them prepare. We will of course continue to provide relevant updates in the weeks and months to come. The main upcoming changes are set out in the annex to this letter providing further information on the procedures with links to the gov.uk websites. As trader readiness will be a key factor, I hope you and the members of your association will find this information useful.

In order to be able to continue providing your members with the most useful and timely updates, I would be grateful if you and your members might fill in a short survey on business readiness [available here](#), no later than 15 January.

In addition, I know that UK immigration rules are a topic of interest for many business travellers. Business visitors to the UK, from the EU are able visit the UK for up to a period of six months without needing a visa. This enables them participate in a wide range of activities such as meetings, events and conferences. A UK visa is required for stays over 6 months, or if the purpose of the visit is to work or study. All visitors must present a valid passport at the UK border. Full details are available at [Immigration Rules Appendix Visitor: Permitted Activities - Immigration Rules - Guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/immigration-rules-visitor-permitted-activities)

My team and I remain at your disposal should you wish to discuss any of these points in further detail.

With all best wishes for a merry Christmas,

Yours sincerely,

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