Timeline of key milestones and deadlines in the UK–EU post-Brexit relationship, 2021–28

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March 2021
UK and EU to agree a memorandum of understanding on financial services regulatory co-operation

End of three-month exemption on export health certificates for supermarkets and suppliers moving agri-food goods GB–NI

April 2021
End of interim measures to allow personal data to flow from EU to the UK (if not extended)

UK to introduce additional requirements on agri-food imports from EU to GB (pre-notification)

June 2021
End of interim measures to allow personal data to flow from EU to the UK (if extended)

End of six-month grace period on GB–NI trade in certain prohibited meat products

EU temporary equivalence for UK central security depositories ends (unless superseded by new equivalence decisions)

Deadline for EU citizens in the UK to apply for the EU Settlement Scheme (and several equivalent schemes in EU member states)

July 2021
UK to introduce full GB import controls on goods imported from the EU

(During the second half of 2021) UK government to implement long-term scheme for Northern Ireland businesses to obtain "qualifying status" to benefit from "unfettered access" to the UK internal market

December 2021
Deadline for the Specialised Committee on Air Transport to examine options to liberalise ownership requirements for air carriers

End of grace period for imports of medicines to NI from GB

End of grace period for EU CE product standards mark to be recognised in GB

End of grace period allowing rules of origin declarations to be made without suppliers certifying compliance

2022
30 March: UK residents in EU with EU spouses need to have returned to UK to avoid income threshold requirements

31 March: Deadline for UK and EU to make arrangements on optimal use of energy interconnectors

30 June: EU temporary equivalence decision for UK Central Counterparties ends (unless superseded by new equivalence decisions)

2023
30 June: End of MHRA recognition of some EU approvals and CE markings on medical devices

30 June: Deadline for the UK and EU to review tariff exemptions on GB–NI goods movement under NI protocol (the UK Trader Scheme)

31 December: Deadline for UK and EU to assess the functioning of provisions on cross-border data flows

31 December: End of UK temporary permissions regime in financial services (although could be extended)

31 December: Deadline for UK and EU to consider further steps to facilitate trade in wine

31 December: Deadline for the Joint Committee to monitor the UK's implementation of EU law in Northern Ireland

2024
The Partnership Council may review whether the agreement delivers the appropriate balance of rights or obligations on trade and modify terms of the agreement (from end of 2024)

Trade Partnership Committee may review product-specific rules of origin that apply from 2027 (from end of 2024)

31 December: Deadline for first consent vote in the Northern Ireland assembly on parts of the NI protocol

2025
31 December: First five-yearly review of the UK–EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement

2026
30 June: End of provisions on energy (unless extended by the Partnership Council on an annual basis)

31 December: End of the adjustment period on fishing. Annual negotiations on access to fishing waters begin

31 December: End of phase-in periods for product-specific rules of origin (including on electric vehicles)

2028
31 January: Ability of UK courts to request a preliminary reference from the ECJ on the citizens' rights provisions of the Withdrawal Agreement ends

2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028

Bodies established by the UK–EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement to meet at least annually:
- Partnership Council
- Trade Partnership Committee and Trade Specialised Committees
- Specialised committees
- Civil Society Forum

Ongoing reviews:
- Development of a framework for the mutual recognition of professional qualifications
- Review of the impact of the NI protocol on UK internal market and North-South Ireland cooperation.
- Joint Consultative Working Group (on NI protocol) to meet monthly
- Joint Committee to review decisions on level of agriculture and fisheries subsidies

Dates related to the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement and accompanying Joint Declarations
Dates related to the Northern Ireland protocol
Dates related to UK and EU unilateral measures
Dates related to the Withdrawal Agreement

Source: Institute for Government analysis of the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement, Withdrawal Agreement (and Northern Ireland Protocol), UK and EU unilateral measures and 'The next Brexit timetables and deadlines' produced by Professor Simon Usherwood, https://blogs.surrey.ac.uk/politics/2021/01/07/mapping-the-next-period-of-brexit

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