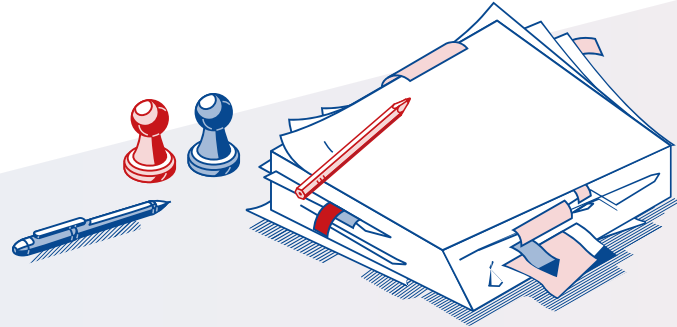


EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement

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Overview with EM Germany's assessment



One comprehensive agreement

Scope: 1246 pages

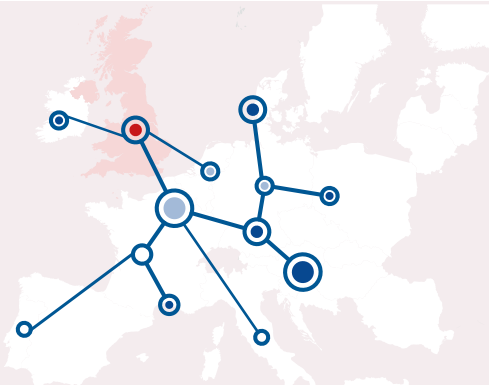
As ratified by the European Parliament (EP) and in force since 01/05/2021

PRINCIPLE: Maintaining a level playing field



Fair, sustainable and free trade

- UK exits single market and customs union
- However no tariffs or quota restrictions on goods
- Trade in services goes beyond WTO provisions
- Commitment to common high environmental and social standards
- **Exemplary changes:**
 - Customs controls on exports and additional testing for agricultural products
 - No free movement of services



Promoting connectivity

- Coordination in fishery, energy and transport policies
- Coordination of social security systems
- Participation in five EU programmes, incl. Horizon Europe
- **Exemplary changes:**
 - Re-introduction of roaming charges
 - No mutual recognition of vocational qualifications
 - No participation in the Erasmus+ programme

PRINCIPLE: Maintaining fundamental rights



Cooperation in justice and home affairs

- Framework for law enforcement and judicial cooperation
- Data exchange in the field of internal security
- Cooperation in the fight against terrorist financing and money laundering
- **Exemplary changes:**
 - Right to work, study and live in another EU country/in UK will be restricted
 - Visa-free travel limited to 90 days

Lack of parliamentary control

Not covered by the Agreement: Foreign and defense policy



Governance Framework

- Joint Partnership Council (Chair: Maroš Šefčovič & David Frost)
 - Task: application and modification of the agreement
 - Assisted by about 20 special committees and working groups
 - Limited to an advisory role: "Civil Society Forum" & option to set up a Parliamentary Partnership Assembly
- In case of dispute: decision by arbitration panel
- **Withdrawal Agreement** with Northern Ireland Protocol remains in force

State of negotiations



24-31/12/2020 Agreement and signing of the provisional agreement



01/01/2021 Provisional agreement enters into force



10/02/2021 EU requests extension of deadline for EP ratification



27/04/2021 EP ratifies the agreement



01/05/2021 Agreement enters into force

✓ IMPORTANT TO EM GERMANY:

- Strengthen parliamentary control in the implementation of the agreement
- Preserve unity of the single market
- Use governance framework to revise the agreement with the objective to foster cooperation, especially in foreign policy and on Erasmus+
- Northern Ireland: preserve Good Friday Agreement and avoid physical border