

Brexit

Since the UK declared its intention to withdraw from the EU, a process that has become known as 'Brexit', JMJ Bulk Packaging has worked carefully to examine the implications and put into effect a number of strategies to minimise potential impact on supply.

Even though Brexit happened on 31 January 2020, both the UK and the EU still need to work out the rules of their new relationship. This includes everything from trade, immigration, security and a whole host of other topics. These new rules have to be negotiated and signed-off by the EU and UK parliaments by the end of the year.

We have taken a number of steps to ensure our business continuity planning remains robust and relevant to the changing status of Brexit. This centres on the three key identified areas for JMJ Bulk Packaging of:

1. Product Availability
2. Customs Clearance
3. Product Regulations

1. Product Availability

We will build a higher level of finished stock, however this will be over several months for three reasons; the continued strength of demand across our key markets following the impact of the Covid-19 shutdown earlier this year, the relatively constrained production possible under Covid-safe guidelines at our partner factories and challenging logistics in the global movement of goods by sea container.

2. Customs Clearance

Although our importation of goods from the EU is minimal, we have considered the impact of goods arriving for other businesses and markets on the routes and logistics we use for our supply chain from India.

The UK government has indicated that should the port of Dover and Folkestone become overwhelmed, provision will be made for additional ferry services to Felixstowe, Harwich, Hull, Newhaven, Poole, Portsmouth, Teesport and Tilbury. In the light of this, we are transitioning our own arrivals to London Gateway or Southampton.

No change to the paperwork or processes for these imported goods from India are anticipated, except a possible change in duty rate. We are monitoring this and will inform clients if appropriate.

3. Product Regulations

Our FIBC's will continue to be tested and certified in accordance with BS EN ISO 21898:2005.

FIBC's are not within the scope of the CE marking regulations and therefore the new UKCA mark will be similarly non-applicable.

We are confident that we are as prepared as we can be to navigate changes necessitated as a result of Brexit and minimise any impact to ongoing supply.

Our aim is to ensure continuous supply of FIBC's and we will continue to work closely with all our customers, to meet their needs and those of the larger markets during this period.

We will continue to track all new developments in these key identified areas in the coming months, to ensure our plans remain robust. As a company familiar with the demands of international trade we are confident in the skills and expertise of our business to cope with any changes necessitated following the agreement of new rules between the UK and the EU following Brexit.