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THE POSITION RE BREXIT - OUR VIEW



Yesterday the UK and EU agreed to the Brexit deadline being extended until 31st October 2019. However, this is seen as a flexible date that may be shortened if an agreement can be reached by the UK Government in advance of this.

The current position is that the UK is highly unlikely to leave Europe without a deal. The UK Parliament has already voted that a 'no deal' Brexit is unacceptable and the Government has made similar statements. The EU has also indicated that it wants a deal and would prefer the UK to stay in the Union.

The current block to reaching an agreement is divisions within UK Parliament over what such a deal should look like, particularly with respect to issues around the Irish border.

What this means for imports and exports

With a Deal: Assuming that agreement on a deal is reached, this is only the first stage of the negotiations. The UK and EU governments have already agreed that once an initial deal on the principles of Brexit are signed, there will be a two year period of further negotiations over details of the future relationship. During this time, trading between the UK and Europe should not be affected. This means that trading relationships are unlikely to be affected for at least two years and possibly longer.

No Deal: Although thought to be unlikely, the UK Government has already issued guidance on what would happen should Britain crash out of Europe without an agreement. The UK and EU had already reached agreement that for live animal and animal by-products covered by TRACES, the EU's import notification scheme, to have access to the UK without border inspection for at least nine months after the UK leaves the Union. It is expected that similar arrangements would be agreed for wider imports and exports for at least a transition period.

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