



A New Brexit Horizon

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Dear Friends and Supporters

First of all, my team and I wish you all a very Happy New Year and I am pleased to finally say - for the first time in over 40 years - we are now OUT of European Union. Like me, I'm sure many of you are looking forward to the freedom to celebrate this success after our current lockdown due to COVID-19 is finally lifted.



It has now been over a week since MPs were urgently recalled to Parliament to rush through the vote on the brand-new **UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement**. Time was of the essence to get the new Trade Deal passed through Parliament before the Transition Period ended at 11pm on December 31st, with the tolling of Big Ben.

With this being our first e-Bulletin since the Deal was signed, I wanted to give you a short breakdown of my thoughts, and you can read a more detailed breakdown in the links at the end of this e-Bulletin.

Wins

- No continued jurisdiction of the European Court of Justice in Great Britain.
- The entire Agreement is based on International Law and NOT European Law
- No acceptance of the EU's heavily regulated Level Playing Field.
- All Governance of the Agreement is done by an independent arbitration panel.
- Tariff-free access for goods will continue.
- The Agreement ends the European Arrest Warrant – whilst still providing UK access to international criminal databases.
- It also ends the disproportionately expensive Erasmus scheme in the UK which deprived UK universities of funding. (The Prime Minister has promised this will be replaced with a UK only global scheme to be called the Turing Programme).

- The UK has left all EU military missions and programmes – with the small exception of the Horizon programme, which is a mutual research organisation.
- Travel across the EU will still be allowed - after the suspension of COVID-19 restrictions.

Losses and Concerns – Some more detail because I know this is what you all want to know.

- £22 Billion still has to be paid to the EU as part of the so-called Divorce Bill – this money will be paid over a number of years until around 2060. There has been no comment on this from No 10! This money will even contain 10 billion to pay for the pensions of EU officials including Michel Barnier, Jean Claude Juncker and former commissioners like Lord Peter Mandelson. The ‘Gravy Train’ really does never stop!
- Northern Ireland remains under the jurisdiction of the European Court of Justice and will be forced to follow EU rules. This clearly and deliberately separates Northern Ireland from the rest of the United Kingdom.
- Our fishing waters are still compromised – with a five-and-a-half-year Transition Period created and full renegotiation scheduled for the end of this time. What is of great concern is the fact this renegotiation is tied to the trade deal as a whole, therefore if the UK does not hand over an acceptable level of access to our waters the EU can implement compensatory tariffs on UK Goods - or in extreme scenarios, they could terminate the entire Trade Agreement.
- Many fishing disputes are still left unresolved. The EU is currently rejecting a wide variety of UK-caught fish and shellfish if they do not have the right certificates. This is ridiculous, as French vessels are catching the same products right next to UK vessels, so this is a deliberate frustration, particularly by the French. **It appears even fish need passports now!**
- Financial Services are excluded from the Agreement completely. This means the UK’s biggest export to the EU has to rely on ‘equivalence’ rulings to continue to work. The EU can withdraw ‘equivalence’ by giving only 30 days’ notice. It is ridiculous this trade deal helps the EU’s biggest export to the UK – goods, but leaves the UK’s biggest industries in doubt.
- There is potential for a lack of agreement over Financial Services to result in the UK sticking too closely to the EU and becoming a ‘rule-taker’. This is something even the Governor of the Bank of England, Andrew Bailey, has said must not happen, urging the Government to ensure the UK is free to ‘break away from Brussels’.
- This Agreement creates huge swathes of new bureaucracy, including 19 joint EU/UK separate sub-committees which have the power to make binding decisions on both the UK and the EU. Decisions must be unanimous, but they are legally binding and require NO VOTES in Parliament. Hardly Sovereign decision making!
- The UK is still able to sign up to EU programmes if it wishes to, potentially opening the door to ‘Remain’ ministers and civil servants selling UK Sovereignty down the river over the next few years – all without any votes in Parliament. This could get even worse if the next General Election result returns a ‘Remain’ Government.
- The new Agreement restricts the UK from offering shipbuilding contracts to only UK companies - meaning we will still be unable to kickstart the UK economy by giving our full support to a ‘Build British’ campaign.

- There are multiple 4-year renegotiation periods in the Deal which pose a threat of the entire Agreement being torn up and replaced by a potential new ‘Remain’ Government which could take power in 4 years’ time, after the next General Election.

Clearly, the EU had this possibility in mind when it agreed to this Trade Deal, hoping they can get rid of Boris and sign a new Deal with any new Prime Minister!

As you can see from this lengthy list of losses and concerns, the Brexit fight is by no means over. This is why Get Britain Out will continue our campaign for as long as possible, and why we will not just be shutting up shop like many other Brexit campaigns. We think these threats to a Real Brexit are far too significant to be ignored and pressure must be maintained on the Prime Minister, the Government and our MPs.

WHY GET BRITAIN OUT’s Work IS NOT YET FINISHED!

1. THIS DEAL FAILS to ‘TAKE BACK CONTROL’ of OUR WATERS – We are faced with a new 5.5-year Transition Period and minimal increase in our share of fish stocks!
2. FINANCIAL SERVICES – Our MOST IMPORTANT EXPORT to the EU – have been COMPLETELY IGNORED.
3. NORTHERN IRELAND has been DELIBERATELY ANEXED from the UNITED KINGDOM.
4. MULTIPLE 4-year RENEGOTIATION CLAUSES – COULD UNDO EVERYTHING WE HAVE FOUGHT FOR via a future ‘REMAIN’ Government.
5. Will MPs BE ABLE TO PROPERLY MONITOR ongoing changes with ONLY LIMITED PARLIAMENTARY SCRUTINY?
6. BREXITEERS MUST BE VIGILANT with FUTURE GLOBAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. BIG BUSINESS MUST NOT DOMINATE THE NARRATIVE AGAIN.

