

As the Brexit deadline draws closer, we would like to share our plans and advice on being best-prepared to navigate potential challenges. This summary guide aims to give you an overview of the practical plans we have in place to support our customers should there be continued product availability issues or uncertainty that might affect your business.

PREPARING FOR BREXIT

OUR AIMS:

We aim to mitigate any risks that could arise in the event of a no deal Brexit. This ensures we are well prepared to support our customers with a continuity of supply whatever the outcome.

REVIEW AND ACCESS

We have based our plans on a comprehensive review of our products, working with over 700 suppliers to understand their plans. In addition to this, we have risk assessed all of our core range products, categorising their risk into red, amber and green. For those products that are critical, we have identified alternatives and put contingency plans in place including:



Increasing stock holding



Securing additional warehouse space



Reviewing impact of tariff changes



Providing customers traffic light reports on their top 50 products - contact your Account Manager who can provide you with these.



Clarifying requirements with UK and EU customs



Developing contingency plans for short-life and fresh products

OUR APPROACH:

Our approach is based on reasonable 'worst-case' assumptions arising from a no-deal exit e.g. potential delays to imports resulting in reduced inbound UK flows:

JAN	FEB	MAR
APR	MAY	JUN
JUL	AUG	SEP
OCT	NOV	DEC

40-60%

of current levels for first three months

50-70%

for further three months

ONE YEAR

before return to current levels.

We're not expecting food shortages overall, but we may see intermittent availability issues and reduction in choice.

OUR TOP TIPS FOR PLANNING

- ✓ Work closely with your suppliers to build contingency stocks
- ✓ Be proactive with your nominated line suppliers
- ✓ Review planned menu changes and new lines where appropriate
- ✓ Streamline decision-making and approvals in the event of the need to change products or menu items

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There are further excellent planning resources available on:

- ✓ www.brexitfoodhub.co.uk put together by a number of industry organisations
- ✓ www.gov.uk/brexit where you can find flow charts for import and export processes after Brexit or sign up for e-mail alerts.