



## New plans announced to speed up trade after transition

A series of new measures that aim to make it easier for UK traders to operate after the end of the transition period with the EU on 31 December 2020.

The plan is to make sure that “Operation Brock” – the traffic management strategy for Kent – works as smoothly as possible with the aim of reducing delays at Dover for incoming and outgoing goods.

The new arrangements will mean that all heavy goods vehicles using the Dover-Calais route will need a digital Kent Access Permit (KAP) in order to ship goods. It is thought that the new KAPs will limit delays as much as possible through a more effective monitoring and traffic flow system.

A new haulier handbook is also being produced that provides key information for drivers and new information and advice sites are being created to ensure that hauliers know which documents will be required during transit to, from and through the EU.

Hauliers are being advised to apply for a European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT) permit now as these will be required to support hauliers accessing the EU.

The Government has also pledged to prioritise the shipment of exports that are seen as time sensitive, such as fresh and live seafood and day-old chicks.