



# UK Referendum on EU Membership



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## Brexit Factsheet

### CTPA tackles 'Brexit': Looking at the impact, solutions and opportunities for the cosmetics sector



Early October, Theresa May announced that she will trigger Article 50 of the Treaty of European Union, which will begin the Brexit negotiations, before the end of March 2017.

Once a formal notification of Article 50 is made by the UK, a withdrawal arrangement taking into account the framework of the future relationship between EU and UK will have to be agreed within a two years' timeline. It is important to stress that the UK would still be a Member State of the EU during the withdrawal negotiations and would continue with business as usual until the withdrawal agreement entered into force two years (or more) after notification.

The result of the UK Referendum on European Union membership has led to a great deal of uncertainty and much speculation on both the process for withdrawal from the EU itself and on the UK's subsequent relationship with the EU and third countries. Ahead of the negotiations, CTPA has developed a [position paper](#) providing an assessment of the impact of the Brexit on the cosmetics industry and what will be important to achieve. This document will be updated on a regular basis and companies are urged to [contribute](#) their views. CTPA is being very proactive with regard to Brexit and work is being done at both UK and EU level with sister associations to ensure consistent messaging of the key priorities for the cosmetics industry.

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### CTPA Brexit Seminar

Although, we do not have all the answers at this time, we are dedicated to providing timely advice and guidance to help companies make well-informed and timely business decisions with as much certainty as is possible. At CTPA's half-day afternoon seminar on Brexit, organised on Wednesday 5 October, we provided stakeholders with information on the withdrawal process, the UK political climate, and the potential impact on the cosmetics industry. Senior Campaigns Advisor at CBI also explained how the CBI has engaged with business and sector associations in order to relay the key messages to both the Department for Exiting (DExEU) and the Department for International Trade. This event was also a unique opportunity for CTPA to exchange views with different stakeholders. In particular, we had fruitful discussions with the participants around the repeal and enforcement of EU and UK laws, the importance of trade and understanding of non-tariff barriers within the political discussions and the impact, solutions and opportunities for the cosmetics sector.

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A summary of the event is available to [download](#).



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Please feel free to forward this factsheet to anyone else in your company focussing on the Brexit implications. We are also happy to add them as a direct contact if required ([jhewitt@ctpa.org.uk](mailto:jhewitt@ctpa.org.uk)).

CTPA is the authoritative public voice of a vibrant and responsible UK industry. It represents cosmetic manufacturers, brand owners, distributors, ingredient suppliers and service providers; from SMEs to multi-nationals. CTPA's primary goal is to promote good working practice to ensure that consumers are provided with the very best products.

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