



# UK Referendum on EU Membership

## Brexit Factsheet



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### European Union (Notification of Withdrawal) Bill

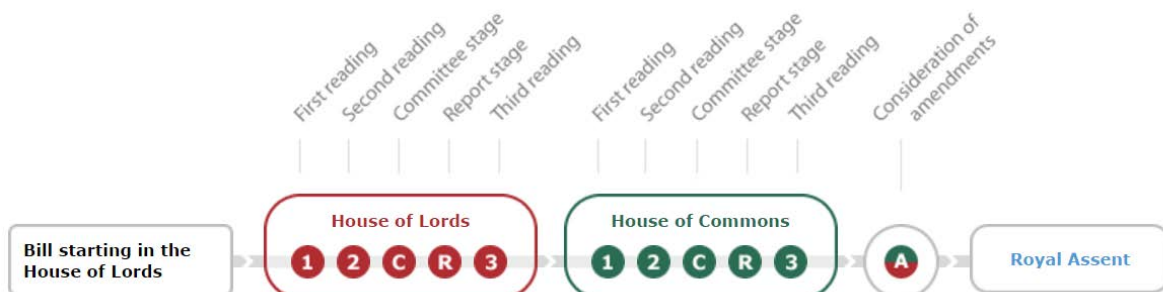


Since the beginning of February, the UK Houses of Parliament have been debating the European Union (Notification of Withdrawal) Bill to provide the relevant Parliamentary powers to Theresa May to trigger Article 50 of the Treaty of the European Union.

On Monday 13 March, the EU (Notification of Withdrawal) Bill completed its journey through both Houses and the Bill has been adopted by the Parliament in its original version. Royal Assent has yet to be scheduled so the Bill can become an Act of Parliament (Law).

#### When does a Bill become law?

#### Royal Assent



<http://www.parliament.uk/about/how/laws/passage-bill/lords/lords-royal-assent/>

The two amendments proposed earlier by the House of Lords have been rejected "Because it is not a matter that needs to be dealt with in the Bill."\* These were:

- the guarantee of the rights of EU citizens currently living in the UK post Brexit; and
- the Parliamentary approval for the outcome of negotiations with the European Union.

The Prime Minister's intention is clear; the Government wants to invoke Article 50 once the Bill receives Royal Assent and, as we understand, around the last week of March. It is important to understand that the UK will still be a member of the European Union even after triggering Article 50 and will be so until it formally leaves the EU after 2 years of negotiations.

\*see HL Bill 111: <https://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/lbill/2016-2017/0111/17111.pdf>.



## Future Deal with the European Union

CTPA is working to bring the cosmetic industry's needs to the attention of key people ahead of and during the negotiations and to influence their outcome. We have been working in collaboration with many other sectors and relevant stakeholders. This includes Government departments and sister associations as well as the Confederation of British Industry (CBI).

At the Lord Mayor's Business and Investment dinner held on 2 March 2017, Paul Drechsler, the President of the CBI, argued that leaving the EU without a deal would lead to significant tariff and regulatory barriers to trade and would open up a 'Pandora's Box' for Britain's businesses. To illustrate his speech, Paul Drechsler provided 10 case studies and started by explaining the issue for the cosmetics industry, saying: "Imagine you're a small cosmetics firm in Stockport and shops in France sell your products. No deal? Without an EU office it's illegal for those French shops to sell your products. A loss for you and for them."

To read Paul Drechsler's speech please visit:

<http://www.cbi.org.uk/news/wto-rules-would-open-a-pandora-s-box/>



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## in-cosmetics Global – CTPA expert panel on Brexit (Tuesday 4 April - 11.10-12.05)

CTPA will continue to monitor and inform its members and the public to help companies make well-informed and timely business decisions with as much certainty as is possible. During [in-cosmetics Global](#) in London, CTPA will lead an [expert panel](#) on the implications of Brexit on Tuesday 4 April 2017 (11.10 – 12.05). This session will provide an overview of key challenges and insights into current political thinking, how the Association has and is responding to those challenges and will take a look at how we are planning for the future.

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Please feel free to forward this factsheet to anyone else in your company focussing on the Brexit implications. This factsheet is also available on the CTPA public [website](#).

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