



Brexit Alert for Legal Counsel Are you prepared?

The UK's impending departure from the EU will bring change for businesses of every size and sector, especially in Belgium, given its close economic and geographic ties with the UK.

In view of a possible "no-deal" Brexit by 29 March 2019 (i.e. no EU-UK trade deal or preferential / transitional access to the Single Market), now is the time for Belgium-based businesses to consider the changes that Brexit may bring, and to plan at commercial, operational, board and legal levels.

While there is no perfect text-book answer to how companies should – or shouldn't – prepare for Brexit (given the unprecedented nature of the situation), Laga's Brexit Alerts will provide structure and informed analysis for legal counsel to deal as best as possible with the complicated implications of the situation.

The Brexit Alerts will summarise the following key legal issues that are relevant across the widest cross-section of businesses and most likely to be affected by Brexit:

- Data protection and IP
- Commercial arrangements
- Corporate law
- Sector-specific regulation
- Banking and financial services
- Competition law
- Tax and trade
- HR and employment
- Public procurement
- Legal tech solutions

Each of the above topics will be discussed in a weekly alert. In a simple and well-structured way, the alerts will outline the different legal issues to consider, the actions to take and recommended best practices to implement.

Collectively, this series of Brexit Alerts will form a checklist providing guidance to legal counsel for managing Brexit risks. The alerts can be used to ensure that you identify and consider all the key issues in your Brexit plan.

Laga can help

Laga is in a position to provide valuable perspectives and depth of insight on Brexit issues because of our firm's practice diversity, ranging from practitioners in international trade and tax, public law, EU law, banking and corporate as well as commercial and employment law.

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