

# Brexit Statement

## Updated 2020



The United Kingdom left the European Union at 11pm on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020 and have now entered into a transition period running to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020.

EU Public Procurement Directives and UK Public Procurement Regulations will continue to apply during the transition period. The relationship between the UK and the EU will remain unchanged for the practical purpose of the free movement of goods, services, capital and people and the United Kingdom will remain part of the single market and the customs union until December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020.

Therefore the immediate uncertainty of a “no deal” Brexit with no time to prepare has now rescinded. Our plan is still to allow for a large degree of flexibility but our contingency plans for a “cliff edge” Brexit have been stood down.

Whilst a lot of uncertainty exists around exactly what Brexit will eventually mean for the European trading landscape, it is possible other risks may emerge as the precise form of our exit from the EU becomes clearer. In all events ACS is committed to communicating all issues that arise to its customers as soon as they emerge, openly and honestly.

We will continue to work extremely closely with all our major supply partners throughout this coming year, keeping a clear focus on what impact Brexit will eventually have on our supply chain, customers and ACS directly. Our commitment is that we will do everything reasonably possible to alleviate any negative implications.

At this stage there is no need to change your normal ordering pattern, if this alters, we would inform you directly.

If you have any additional questions please contact our Commercial Director, Harry Stevenson:

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ACS encourages open dialogue and information exchange. Harry would be happy to note, investigate and act upon any specific query or information request.