



UFP: Brexit Contingency Plan

As the UK creeps ever closer towards leaving the EU without a deal, we are left with increasing uncertainty and no clear picture of what the outcomes and impact could be on individuals and businesses alike. When it comes to business, there are so many concerns about trading regulations, tariffs, inflation, currency, transportation and port delays, cost of goods/services etc.

In recent months, we have been evaluating the impact on our business of all the possible outcomes of Brexit with an increasingly greater emphasis on a no-deal exit.

We have looked carefully at how Brexit might impact the following areas of our business:

Financial	- banking, currency volatility, tariffs, inflation, credit, cash flow & liquidity
Logistical	- delivery, carriers, warehousing, lead times, import/customs checks
Inventory	- availability, stock shortages, vendor issues, price instability
Customers	- demand, service disruption, continuity, credit limits

Having identified the potential risks and implications, we have taken steps to mitigate these risks and have taken proactive contingency measures that will allow our business to function with minimal disruption to our supply and service.

We have worked diligently with our vendors, supply chain partners and financial institutions to put together the following package of measures:

- **Contingency planning in place with key vendors and supply chain partners**
- **Negotiated agreements with key vendors to hold safety stock in the UK**
- **Commitment and agreements in place to hold additional inventory**
- **Identified and secured local warehousing facilities to hold additional stock**
- **Financial provisions in place to fund additional stock**
- **Working closely with key customers on forecasting and supply arrangements**

Although there are no certainties and no accurate predictions of what will happen in the coming months, we feel we have taken the necessary steps to mitigate risk and ensure our customers can continue to rely on us to provide the best possible service solutions.

If you have any concerns or would like to discuss your business requirements, call your UFP Account Manager on 01274 651800.

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