

BREXIT FAQs – Updated September 2020

These FAQs were originally put together in 2019 based on requests we received from customers and partners in relation to Brexit. As we enter a new phase of Brexit they have been updated to provide an overview of our current position. I hope the information provides an insight into the work we are doing and emphasises the importance which we have continued to attach to this matter.

Is BREXIT still regarded as an important business risk for B. Braun?

Yes - along with many other organisations we continue to recognise that the uncertainty around BREXIT remains one of our top business risks. We have a significant number of resources working on Brexit related matters every day and have increased our activity again in recent weeks. Updates on our progress are shared, at all levels in our organisation, including Global and UK executives. To ensure preparedness, we are working towards a No Deal scenario.

Are you planning to increase UK Inventory?

Although some of our Brexit stock was utilised for COVID-19, we still retain a significant amount from our preparations last year and we are now in the process of replenishing selected lines that were reduced, while also increasing other lines that are now deemed to be critical. We continue to follow and respond to the most recent Department of Health and Social Care guidance and are actively working with them, NHSSC and industry trade bodies to ensure we can maintain continuity of supply to our customers and patients.

How will you store the additional inventory in the UK?

B. Braun has for many years had its own warehousing facilities in the UK which have been expanded in recent years and on occasions further supported by utilising 3rd party warehousing facilities. This capacity is retained to cope with any further inventory increases required for Brexit.

Are you still planning for the implications of delays at the borders?

Yes, we recognise that the customs clearance process for imports from Europe could slow down in January 2021 and add a significant amount of administration. Therefore, we have already re-energised our plans from last year to ensure we have the people and processes in place to cope with any changes following the end of the Transition Period. We still retain our AEO accreditation.

Which transport routes do you use?

We import our products from Europe via a number of routes, including Air and Sea Ports. The majority of our road deliveries arrive via Sea Ports to the North of England and we already have plans in place to re-route any freight arriving via the short straits of Calais to Dover, if required.

Are you aware of contractual issues that could occur in the case of a No Deal?

Our legal team are reviewing again our agreements, in-conjunction with external experts, to identify any areas of concern. We will work with our suppliers and customers to mitigate any issues we identify.

Could regulatory change affect the ability of B. Braun to deliver their products?

Regulatory colleagues continue to work with our Global teams in Europe, and external bodies, to understand and prepare for any changes to statutory requirements.

Please contact us directly with product or contract specific questions.

Best Regards



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