

UK election makes 31 January 2020 Brexit date inevitable

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With a convincing Conservative majority win in the recent UK general election, Boris Johnson is expected to present his revised Brexit deal to parliament before Christmas. A new protocol in the revised deal replaces the controversial backstop arrangements in [Theresa May's deal](#).

After 31 January 2020, the EU and the UK government will enter into negotiations about the future trading relationship. The UK government is currently aiming to secure a trade deal by the end of 2020, but it is highly unlikely that this can be achieved in such a short time. Legal experts and political commentators point out that the UK's future relationship with the EU involves a range of issues in addition to trade, such as dispute resolution, law enforcement, security and citizens' rights. They believe an extension of the transition period is inevitable, unless a No Deal scenario makes a comeback.

In early January, our dedicated [Brexit newsletter](#) will tell you more about what to expect in each practice area affected.

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