Brexit and beyond timeline

January – February 2020

March – April 2020

May - June 2020

June – December 2020

Beyond December 2020

UK actions

31 January 2020 UK left the EU

1 February 2020 onwards

UK able to start negotiating FTAs with non EU countries

27 February 2020

Publication of UK approach to negotiations

Joint actions

24 January 2020

Withdrawal Agreement signed by UK and EU

1 February 2020 onwards

Start of Phase 2 negotiations to decide the future EU/UK economic partnership

EU actions

8 – 29 January 2020

Commission briefings to MS re plans for future negotiations

29 January 2020

Withdrawal Agreement ratification vote in European Parliament

25 February 2020

EU negotiation mandate agreed

UK actions

W/C 23 March 2020

Anticipated start of UK/US negotiations

4 April 2020

New Labour leader to be announced

Joint actions

30 March 2020

First scheduled meeting of the Joint Committee

March – June 2020

Negotiations for the future economic partnership continue

Round 12 - 5 March

Round 2 18 - 20 March

Round 3 6 - 4 April

Round 4 27 - 30 April

Round 5 13 - 16 May

EU actions

26/27 March 2020

EU Council meeting

UK actions

June 2020

UK to determine whether to move away from negotiations and focus on domestic preparations

Joint actions

30 June 2020

Agreement of financial settlement.

EU and UK to aim to complete financial services equivalence assessments by

30 June 2020

Legal deadline for agreeing extension to transition period.

EU actions

18/19 June 2020

EU Council meeting

UK actions

3 November 2020

US Presidential election date. US administration will wish to conclude any US-UK deal before this.

31 December 2020

Government aims to have negotiated the future economic partnership with the EU by this deadline.

Joint actions

June – October 2020

Negotiations continue re future economic partnership plus approval process for the deal

October – December 2020

Legal drafting and checking of deal, and ratification by both sides

31 December 2020

End of transition period per the Withdrawal Agreement.

EU actions

15/16 October 2020

EU Council meeting

10/11 December 2020

EU Council meeting

UK actions

1 January 2021 onwards

UK able to implement FTAs with non-EU countries. Implementation of new EU-UK trade terms or implementation of 'no deal' measures.

1 January 2021

New UK immigration system to come into force.

Joint actions

1 January 2021 – beyond

If a deal agreed:

- Potential implementation period?
- Provisional application of deal, pending approvals?

If a deal **not** agreed:

Basis of trade reverts to WTO terms 'No deal' provisions apply

31 December 2022

An extension of the transition period to 31 December 2022 may be agreed by the EU and UK, but this is not the UK Government's intention.

EU actions

1 January 2021 onwards

Interim application of new EU-UK trade terms, or implementation of 'no deal' measures



