

Chess Group – Brexit Statement

Introduction

While Chess have been planning for all eventualities, our focus has been on ensuring we are ready for a “No Deal” scenario. Our biggest priority continues to be ensuring our supply chain and infrastructure are robust, and we limit any impact on our customers. Chess are primarily a services business and trade exclusively in the UK and therefore, we believe any form of Brexit will have minimal or no effect on the services we deliver. Once the UK Government publishes the details of the final Brexit deal, we will update our statement and customers accordingly. Rest assured Chess will continue to serve both our partners and customers to the highest standards.

Supply Chain

We are working closely with our strategic partners to avoid any interruption to business or delays for our customers. For products, our logistics partners can import stock into the UK at multiple entry points to minimise delays resulting from any additional customs overheads. We will also collaborate with our vendors to ensure products continue to be manufactured to the technical standards legally required by the UK and EU, and that sufficient parts are held in the UK to support our services.

Systems & Data Storage

Chess primary systems and customer data storage are located within the UK. We consume some services to support our organisation from suppliers outside of the UK.

Business Continuity Plan (BCP)

Chess BCP ensures that when invoked, the data does not leave the UK. We use only UK hosted data centres for BCP and DR.

Currency & Tariffs

We expect there is likely to be some currency volatility over the next few months and this may impact on pricing of equipment and software which is manufactured outside of the UK. Tariffs and customs admin could change in the months ahead, and we will keep our customers informed of any changes as soon as we can.

Chess People

Our people are based in the UK and our provision of services are delivered from the UK. Therefore, we do not envisage any significant impact on our ability to resource and deliver services to our customers.

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