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Dear colleagues,

As part of the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government's stakeholder engagement campaign to raise awareness of the actions businesses need to take in preparation for a no deal Brexit on 31 October, we are writing to you today to bring your attention to two Brexit preparedness updates.

We would encourage you to:

- share the information below with your members and key stakeholders;
- attend events when and where appropriate.

### ***Extension to the application period for the Business Readiness Fund***

Due to high interest in the Business Readiness Fund, the closing date for submitting bids has been extended and up to a further £5 million will be made available, bringing the size of the fund up to £15 million. We would like to apologise for such short notice.

As before, you may be eligible to bid for funding to support your members in their preparations for Brexit through, inter alia, events, training sessions and webinars. We will be happy to support you with digital materials, information, suggested scripts for events and potentially speakers where this would be helpful.

Applications for grants will be accepted up to Monday 7 October and can be made [here](#). For more information on the fund, please refer to the application [guidance](#) note or contact the team via email: [businessreadinessfundenquiries@beis.gov.uk](mailto:businessreadinessfundenquiries@beis.gov.uk).

### ***Update on the regulation of manufactured goods in the event of no Brexit deal***

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy hosted a WebEx seminar on the regulation of manufactured goods in the event of no Brexit deal on Monday 30 October and have now released the slide deck, which I have attached to this email.

Please contact [James Henry](#) or [myself](#) with any questions and/or to let us know how we can further support your business in the lead up to 31 October.

Kind regards,

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