



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Getting Scotland's laws ready for Brexit

Lots of current Scottish and UK laws come from the EU and may not operate properly in the UK after Brexit.

To reduce uncertainty, we need to make changes to these before 29 March 2019.

In order to make the changes in the limited time available, UK and Scottish Government Ministers have been given special temporary powers.

Scottish Government Ministers have to decide how they want to use these powers to ensure Scottish law operates properly after Brexit.

They might

(1) agree to let the UK Government make the changes.

The Scottish Parliament, particularly its committees, will have to consider whether it agrees with this approach.

The Scottish Government then asks the UK Government to make the changes.

Or, the Scottish Government might

(2) decide to make the changes themselves.

The Scottish Parliament will then consider the changes necessary to Scottish laws.

This will have to be done alongside normal legislative and inquiry work.

The Scottish Parliament is getting Scotland's laws ready for Brexit.