

21st March 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Continued Provision of Services in the event of a no deal Brexit**

I am writing to you to give assurances around the continued provision of our services, to all our participants, in the event of a no deal Brexit.

1. **Sample sourcing:** Our EQA samples are sourced mainly from UK sites and USA sites so sample supply will not be affected. The online EQAs will also be unaffected as the information is online and/or images are sent electronically and can be sourced from within the UK if required. Our online competency assessment modules (Tissue-I and G-TACT) will be unaffected.
2. **Sample delivery/Border delays:** All our non-UK packages are sent out using one of two couriers. One of these, DHL use solely airfreight to transport their deliveries. DHL have their own dedicated planes and have employed extra staff to deal with any potential custom issues. We have a dedicated DHL manager who does not anticipate any delays with deliveries using their services. We are going to use paperless trade which should streamline any potential customs clearance as the paperwork is available online.
3. **Consumables:** These are used in-house to prepare EQA samples. We have amassed enough to satisfy the requirements of the EQA in 2019, other than those which are provided directly to us by UK based manufacturers.
4. **Staffing:** staffing levels will remain unaffected
5. **Website:** our website administrators are based within the UK so will be unaffected.
6. **Accreditation:** We are accredited to ISO 17043 by UKAS which is UK based so accreditation status will remain unaffected.

For any queries regarding the impact of a no deal Brexit on our services, please contact us at [info@genqa.org](mailto:info@genqa.org)

Best wishes



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