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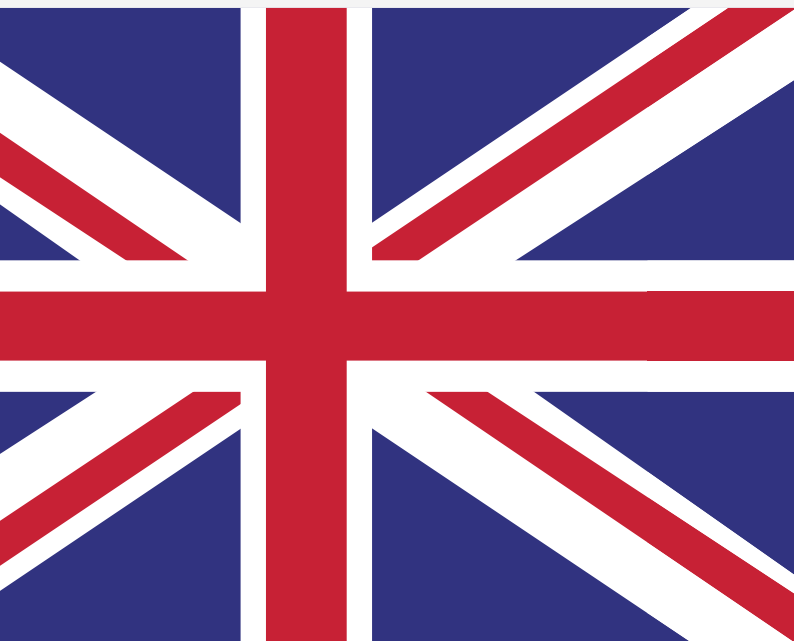
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BREXIT

Whether we like it or not, Brexit is happening and come the 29th March 2019, how we currently travel throughout Europe will change. At Selective Travel Management we have looked at some of the potential areas that may be impacted, which may add additional costs and stress of what was once a simple process.





PASSPORTS

EU Member States could insist that UK passport holders require a visa to enter that country. It could also be a requirement that you will need at least six months validity remaining on your passport. This is normally based on the date of arrival in that country, rather than simply the duration of your stay.

Please make sure your Passports are valid a minimum of 6 months post your stay and double check, as it could be a lengthy process in renewing your about-to-expire passport.



HEALTH CARDS

The European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) provides access to state provided healthcare during a temporary stay, providing medically necessary treatments free or at a reduced price. The current UK Government has said it wants both UK and EU citizens to be able to continue using the EHIC scheme after Brexit, but this has yet to be agreed. Should the scheme not be agreed, all travellers will be required to purchase additional insurance to cover any medical emergency.





ADDITIONAL SECURITY/ CUSTOM CHECKS

It may be a requirement that UK passport holders use special passport control queues (instead of the standard EU member passport control). This could result in lengthy delays at airports.



DRIVERS LICENCE

According to The Department of Transport, British drivers will potentially need to apply for an International Driving Permit (IDP). While these permits are cheap, it does add an additional layer of paperwork and planning (time) to obtain. They can be obtained from most Post Offices and are valid for one year, but it is an additional document to remember to both pack and also to renew.





EU DATA ROAMING CHARGES

In 2017, all EU roaming charges were abolished and while not a “major” cost implication; once we leave the EU we will no longer qualify for reduced EU Roaming charges and will be subject to the charges as levied by each individual mobile network.



INSURANCE

Your Travel Insurance Policy may also be impacted by Brexit and it would be prudent for you to check with your current provider as to their plans to continuing providing you with cover if travelling through Europe





DEVALUE/STRENGTHENING STERLING

Devalue of Sterling would mean everything in EU costs more, thus travel budgets not going as far. Adversely if the financial markets react positively, we could see the strength of Sterling, meaning that it becomes far more cost effective to travel throughout Europe.



COMPENSATION ON DELAYED FLIGHTS

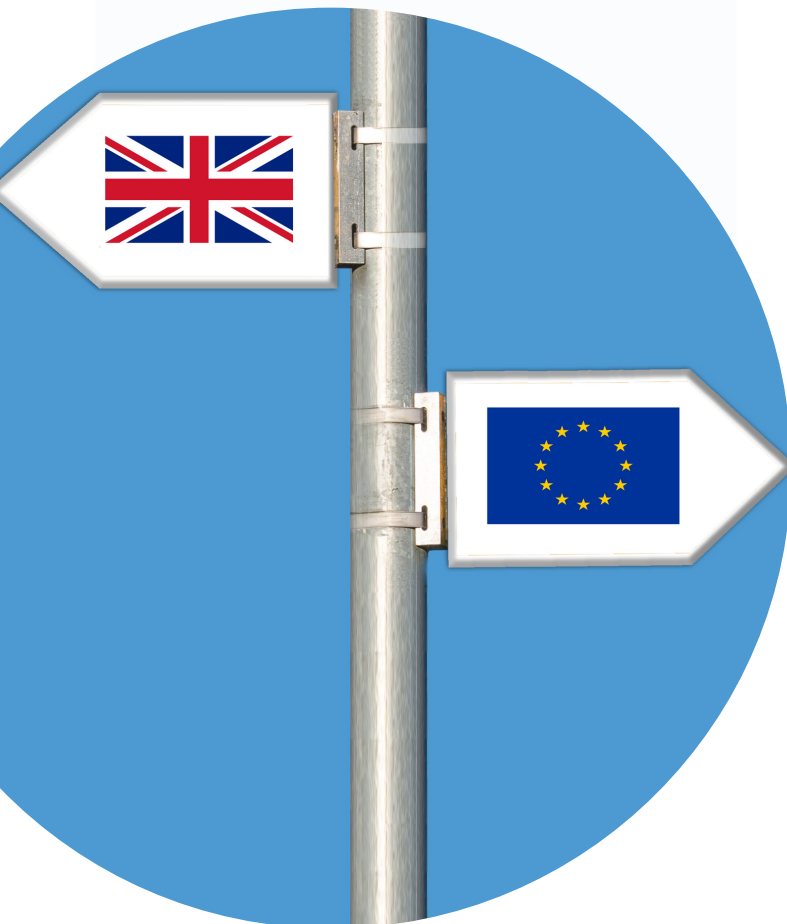
Currently UK Travellers benefit from EU rule 261/2004, which basically provides compensation for delayed flights. This could be anything between £110 and £540 per passenger. Once we leave the EU, we may no longer be able to apply for this compensation.





TAXES

The EU seems to be moving forward with plans to charge travellers coming from countries outside the single market a €7 “travel authorisation fee” – similar to the USA ESTA.



WORKFORCE

The free movement of people within the EU has been a fundamental principle of the EU; however this may be impacted post Brexit. Under the UK Government's current plan, all EU citizens who have lived in the UK for over five years by the end of December 2020 will be allowed to seek “settled status”. However, in the event of a no-deal exit only EU citizens who lived in Britain before 29th March 2019 – Brexit day – would be able to apply. Either way this could have a major impact on not only your workforce but as an example the workforce of UK Airlines. In any eventuality we are seeking assurances from all our suppliers that they are suitably resourced and will continue operating as normal

Details of how/if/when or even the cost implications if any of the above will be applied or implemented are few and far at the moment, but what we can say for sure is that travel in 2019 will not be quite like it once was. We are monitoring all news channels and Government updates and will keep all clients regularly updated as to any formal changes.