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Dear colleagues

We held a BNMS council meeting yesterday in which the supply of radiopharmaceuticals post our leaving the European Union was discussed. Whatever happens concerning a transitional arrangement or a no-deal “Brexit” there may well be disruption to the supply of radiopharmaceuticals. Unlike other medicines we cannot stockpile radiopharmaceuticals so any delays at new border arrangements may impact the time a delivery can be made and the activity delivered.

Due to changes in the exchange rate of the pound and increased costs of importation and customs clearance it is also likely to be an increased cost for the radiopharmaceuticals and delivery costs.

The council believe it would be prudent to ensure that these possible delivery issues and costs changes are flagged to your hospital/NHS Trust by adding these issues to your local risk register. It is our belief these should be added at the highest priority e.g. a “red risk”

It is always our hope that we have no problems after March 29th but feel we should all be prepared.

With kind regards

Yours Sincerely

John Buscombe, President