



Ministry for Foreign Affairs

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The Ministry for Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Diplomatic Missions, Career Consular Posts and International Organisations in Sweden and has the honour to convey the following in relation to the consequences of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union.

In accordance with the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, EU law will cease to apply in relation to British citizens after the end of the transition period, i.e. on 31 December 2020.

As a result, the Ministry will begin to issue residence permits for British diplomats and British family members of diplomats as well as British staff of international organisations and British family members of staff of international organisations residing in Sweden. Other British citizens are referred to the Migration Agency for matters relating to residence permits or residence status.

In light of the above, the Ministry kindly asks all diplomatic missions, career consular posts and international organisations that currently have staff members who are British citizens or family members of staff members who are British citizens and who will remain in Sweden after 31 December 2020, to notify the Ministry of this through a note verbale.

The note verbale should include a list of the individuals concerned, including each individual's intended stay and a copy of his or her passport. Once the

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Ministry has been notified, the individuals concerned will be invited to a photo session. After the photo session, residence permit cards are normally delivered within five working days.

As of 1 January 2021, working family members will be needing a work permit provided through the Migration Agency with the assistance of the Ministry. The procedure for obtaining a work permit is described in the Diplomatic guide, chapter 3.3.

For staff members and their family members who will arrive in Sweden after 31 December 2020, the diplomatic missions, career consular posts and international organisations should follow the usual procedures concerning notification of arrival (see the Diplomatic guide, chapter 3.2). Residence permits will then be issued in the same way the Ministry issues residence permits for other third country citizens. Visas for entering Sweden will not be required for British citizens.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Diplomatic Missions, Career Consular Posts and International Organisations in Sweden the assurances of its highest consideration.

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