

United Kingdom, June 15, 2020

Country	Gov measures for Swiss subsidiaries in country	Economic Outlook 2020	Movement of goods	Movement of people
United Kingdom	✓			

Red = critical situation / expected GDP decline bigger than 5% compared to previous year

Yellow = difficult situation / expected GDP decline up to 5% compared to previous year

Green = normal or almost normal situation / remaining GDP growth compared to previous year

1. General Situation

DESCRIPTION OF THE CURRENT SITUATION

- Find latest information here <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

GOVERNMENT MEASURES

Coronavirus (COVID-19) support is available to businesses

- Loans, tax relief and cash grants are available
- Employers can apply for staff to get up to 80% pay if they can't work / The furlough scheme will be extended until the end of October. From 1 July 2020, businesses will be given the flexibility to bring furloughed employees back part time.
- Self-employed people can receive up to £2,500 per month in grants for at least 3 month
- Self-Employment Income Support Scheme will be extended - with those eligible able to claim a second and final grant capped at £6,570

More details and updates regarding the aid packages can be found on the [gov.uk business support website](https://www.gov.uk/business-support-website).

What you can do now

- Find out what financial support schemes you may be eligible for <https://www.gov.uk/business-coronavirus-support-finder>
- Claim for wages through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-for-wages-through-the-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme>
- Find out how to apply for a grant if you're self-employed <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-a-grant-through-the-coronavirus-covid-19-self-employment-income-support-scheme>

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EFFECTS ON INDUSTRIES)

Economic Development and Outlook

- The economy is being hit hard by the crisis. The Bank of England warns of sharpest recession on record
- GDP is down by more than -2% based on severe impact of coronavirus. Analysts expect a double digit drop in the UK GDP in the coming quarter
- Due to the economic policy measures, company bankruptcies or loan defaults are not expected to occur in large numbers.
- GDP fell 20.4% in April, the largest monthly drop on record

Effects on industries

- The Office for National Statistics said there had been a “widespread” declines across the services, manufacturing and construction sectors. A record fall in service output which includes retailers, travel agents and hotels.
- All non-essential retail shops to reopen in England from Monday 15 June, provided they follow government guidelines to keep staff and customers as safe as possible.

2. Movement of goods

- There are no restrictions on the movement of goods.
- To help stop the spread of coronavirus, the UK Gov has temporarily changed customs border processes. This includes transit and export procedures by further digitizing existing workflows. More details can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-goods-through-customs-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19>

3. Movement of people

RESTRICTIONS ON ENTRY FROM SWITZERLAND

- The Government will introduce a series of measures and restrictions at the UK border. This will contribute to keeping the overall number of transmissions in the UK as low as possible. First, alongside increased information about the UK’s social distancing regime at the border, the Government will require all international arrivals to supply their contact and accommodation information. They will also be strongly advised to download and use the NHS contact tracing app.
- Second, the Government will require all international arrivals not on a short list of exemptions to self-isolate in their accommodation for fourteen days on arrival into the UK. Where international travellers are unable to demonstrate where they would self-isolate, they will be required to do so in accommodation arranged by the Government. The Government is working closely with the devolved administrations to coordinate implementation across the UK.
- Small exemptions to these measures will be in place to provide for continued security of supply into the UK and so as not to impede work supporting national security or critical infrastructure and to meet the UK’s international obligations. All journeys within the Common Travel Area will also be exempt from these measures.
- These international travel measures will be introduced as soon as possible. Further details, and guidance, will be set out shortly, and the measures and list of exemptions will be kept under regular review.
- From 8 June, there are new rules in place for entering the UK. The rules are for residents and visitors. When these rules are in place, you will:
 - need to provide your journey and contact details when you travel to the UK

- have to self-isolate for the first 14 days except in very limited situations

RESTRICTIONS ON MOBILITY WITHIN THE COUNTRY

You can travel to outdoor open space irrespective of distance, as long as you can return the same night and do not put others at risk because of services you may need in the time you are away. You should continue to avoid using public transport and should cycle, walk or drive wherever possible.

Regarding social interactions, in England there are 2 ways to meet people outside your household:

- meeting outdoors in a group of up to 6 people with those you do not live with, but you should do this while observing social distancing guidelines and keeping at least 2 metres apart
- single adult households – in other words adults who live alone or with dependent children only – can form a 'support bubble' with one other household. All those in a support bubble will be able to spend time together inside each others' homes, including overnight, without needing to stay 2 metres apart. We are making this change to support the loneliest and most isolated. It is a targeted intervention to provide extra support to some of those most impacted by the most difficult effects of the current social restrictions, while ensuring we continue to keep the rate of transmission down