

IP ALERT – Brexit News: Brexit is again delayed until 31 October 2019 at the latest

On 10 April, the 27 EU Member States agreed to grant a further extension to the UK's departure from the EU, thus avoiding a "no deal Brexit", which would have otherwise occurred on 12 April.

This new extension is in response to British Prime Minister Theresa May's request, following the House of Commons' repeated votes refusing to approve the withdrawal Agreement that had been negotiated with the EU for an ordered Brexit.

According to the European Council decision, the new extension is "flexible" in that it allows the UK to leave the EU before 31 October 2019, the first day of the month following ratification by the UK House of Commons of the withdrawal Agreement, which has been negotiated with the 27 EU Member States and was approved by the European Council in November 2018.

In addition, if UK has not ratified the withdrawal Agreement by 22 May 2019, it has the obligation to organize, in the UK, elections to the European Parliament. In the event that such elections do not take place in the United Kingdom, the extension shall cease on 31 May 2019, meaning a "no deal" Brexit on 1 June 2019.

The uncertainty about Brexit therefore continues. The issue depends entirely on the political discussions between the parties represented at the House of Commons.



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