

News story: Government affirms commitment to strong consumer protections post Brexit

At a roundtable today (2 November), government ministers met with consumer groups to ensure consumer rights and protections are maintained once Britain leaves the EU.

Consumer Minister Margot James and Department for Exiting the European Union Minister Robin Walker met with consumer groups including Which?, MoneySavingExpert, Citizens Advice, Citizens Advice Scotland, the Consumer Council Northern Ireland and the Chartered Trading Standards Institute (CTSI) at a roundtable hosted by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS).

During the roundtable, Ministers affirmed the government's commitment to maintaining high standards of consumer protection and delivering the stability and continuity consumers require, as well as discussing steps the Government could take to ensure consumer voices continue to be heard.

BEIS Minister for Consumer Protection, Margot James said:

The UK's consumer protection regime is among the most robust in the world and the government is committed to ensuring consumers continue to benefit from robust consumer protections after we leave the EU.

That's why I met with consumer groups today to make sure their views, and those of Britain's consumers, are represented during the Brexit negotiations.

Minister at the Department for Exiting the EU, Robin Walker said:

This government is committed to ensuring that the consumer's perspective is fully taken into account as we negotiate EU exit, which is why I was very pleased to meet with consumer groups earlier today and listen to their views.

The UK has a strong track record on protecting consumers – and we are clear that this will continue after Brexit. We are not just a leader in Europe but in the world when it comes to consumer protection.