<u>Update on further extension by HMA</u> <u>Kate Smith for Brits in Greece</u>

You will all have seen that the European Union has agreed the UK's request for a further extension of our membership of the EU. The extension sets a new deadline of 31 January 2020. If a new Brexit deal is approved by the UK and European Parliaments before 31 January 2020, it is possible for the UK to leave earlier.

For as long as we remain in the EU, the UK will continue to hold full membership rights and UK nationals will retain their full EU citizenship rights. So if you are a UK national living in Greece now, nothing has changed. The current rules on registering as a resident, accessing healthcare, travelling within the Schengen area, etc, remain exactly as they were until now.

However it is still very important to be prepared for Brexit. Please ensure you are correctly registered as resident in Greece, registered for healthcare, and have taken the necessary steps to exchange your driving licence. If you are planning to travel you should also check that your passport is up to date.

As always, we will keep you up to date with reliable information and advice as the situation develops in the coming weeks. Please stay in touch with us through our <code>@BritsinGreece Facebook page</code> and our <code>@UKinGreece social media</code> accounts on <code>Facebook</code> and <code>Twitter</code>; and by signing up for email alerts for <code>our Living in Greece guide</code>. Please also encourage your British friends and contacts in Greece to do the same.

Kind regards,

Kate Smith CMG

HM Ambassador

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