



**Brexit: implications for EEA
nationals**



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The Scene

The screenshot shows the BBC News website interface. At the top, the URL is <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/8628878.stm>. The page features the BBC logo, navigation tabs for News, Sport, Weather, iPlayer, TV, Radio, and a search bar. The main headline is "Royal Navy ships to return Britons stranded by volcano". Below the headline is a map titled "Forecast scope of ash up to 20,000ft" showing the ash cloud's extent over Europe and the Atlantic, with labels for Iceland and Canada. The article text discusses the deployment of three Royal Navy ships to help stranded Britons return home as UK airspace remains restricted. The page also includes a sidebar with navigation links, a "LATEST NEWS" section, and "FEATURES AND BACKGROUND" information.

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Royal Navy ships to return Britons stranded by volcano

Forecast scope of ash up to 20,000ft

- 20 April 0000GMT
- 20 April 1200GMT

ICELAND

CANADA

0 1,000km

Source: Met Office

Three Royal Navy ships are being deployed to help bring stranded Britons home as UK airspace remains restricted.

The UK's emergency committee Cobra discussed options to address the travel chaos caused by a volcanic ash cloud and will hold another meeting later.

The three ships are heading for Spain and unspecified Channel ports. Air traffic control service Nats has extended flight restrictions to 0100 BST Tuesday, but ministers are hopeful airspace may reopen later that day.

Transport Secretary Lord Adonis said Met Office reports of a "dramatic reduction in volcanic activity on Monday morning" meant it might be possible to open airspace on Tuesday if the reduction was sustained.

"If it's possible to start opening airports tomorrow, contingency plans are being put in place to get as many people through those airports as

VOLCANIC ASH CLOUD

LATEST NEWS

- More airports shut over ash risks
- Flights resume after new ash risk
- Ash ban 'might have ended sooner'
- EU ministers agree volcano action
- Warning over ash passenger rights
- London 'lost £100m' in flight ban
- Europe flights 'back to normal'

FEATURES AND BACKGROUND

Ash threat returns
Why new cloud has disrupted flights

- Was the flight ban necessary?
- Ash aftermath: Making a complaint
- Eruption 'won't affect climate'
- UK cheerleaders' nail-biting wait
- Can aircraft dodge volcanic ash?
- Why Icelanders enjoy their volcanoes
- The real nature of risk
- Ash alert: Air passenger rights

GRAPHICS, GUIDES AND MAPS

- Story in graphics**
How a volcano brought Europe to a standstill
- Ash cloud in maps**
See the extent of the dust cloud
- Animated guide**

The Vote



“Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European Union or leave the European Union?”

UK voted to leave on 23 June 2016

The Question

So, what does Brexit mean?

The UK Answer

- “Brexit means Brexit” – Prime Minister



The Scottish Answer

- Brexit does not mean Brexit – FM



What does it mean?



Implications?

- Uncertainty for Europeans in UK?
- Uncertainty for UK nationals in Europe?
- Restrictions on working for Europeans?
- Rights of Residence denied?
- Labour shortages?
- End of Free Movement of People?
- Border Closed (temporarily)?



Reassurances

"My message today – to EU citizens and to their representatives in Scotland – remains simple. Scotland is your home, you are welcome and your contribution to our economy, our society and our culture is valued...A strong starting point is a clear message from me to EU citizens that wherever they live and whatever they do, they are welcome here, now and in the future."

- First Minister, July 2016

Reassurances

- *“It will, as I say, be a feature of any future negotiation to determine the status of EU citizens within the United Kingdom and of British citizens within the EU”*
 - Lord Keen of Elie (Advocate General for Scotland), June 2016

EEA nationals in UK

- EEA nationals only have a right to reside in the UK as long as they are a 'qualified person':-
 - Employed (including job seeking)
 - Self-Employed
 - Studying
 - Financially Self-Sufficient



EEA Nationals in UK

- Home Office require those studying or financially self-sufficient to have comprehensive sickness insurance in place
- Most do not have, leading to complications at permanent residence stage

Why register?

- *"I've lived here for years"*
- *"But I have a job here and pay tax"*
- *"We own properties here"*
- *"We own a business"*
- *"I have British children"*
- *"Why would I be asked to leave?"*
- *"Why should I pay to register?"*

Register Now

- Certify a right of residence by applying for an EEA Residence Card
 - £65
- Apply for Permanent Residence (5 Years)
 - £65
 - Complexities regarding sickness insurance
- Apply for British nationality (6 years)
 - £1,236
 - Need a PR Card first (apparently)

Practicalities

- Apply for “highest” category possible
- Confirms your status in the UK
- Avoid delays with sudden surge of applications to the Home Office e.g. when Article 50 triggered
 - Currently up to 6 – 8 months for each type of application
- Beware of absences
 - 6 months total in any year – loss of continued residence
 - 2 years continuous absence – loss of permanent residence
 - 450 days over 5 years (qualifying period) – not eligible for naturalisation

Application Forms

- Residence Card/ Registration Certificate
 - Form EEA (QP) – EEA national
 - Form EEA (FM) – Direct family members
 - Form EEA (EFM) – Extended family members
- Permanent Residence Card (5 years min)
 - Form EEA (PR)
- British citizenship (6 years minimum)
 - Form AN – Adults
 - Form MN1 – Children

Future solutions?

- European Economic Area
 - Norway, Iceland, and Liechtenstein
 - Continued free movement of people, goods and services
 - Membership of single market but not member of EU – similar to status quo
- European Free Trade Area
 - Switzerland
 - Free movement of people and some goods
 - Separate agreements

Future solutions?

- Customs Union
 - Turkey, Andorra, Monaco, and San Marino
 - Covers industrial and manufactured goods
 - Access to single market for certain products
 - No free movement of persons
- World Trade Organisation Model
 - Pay tariff to export to EU countries and subject to restrictions
 - No free movement of persons

Future solutions? (continued)

- Free Trade Agreement
 - Third party access to EU (Korea/Canada etc)
 - Many years of negotiation due to complexities
 - Comprehensive (but not complete) tariff free trade in goods
 - No free movement of persons

Questions





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