



Legal latest

Brexit: news bulletin

30 January 2017

European Union (Notification of Withdrawal) Bill published

Following Tuesday's UK Supreme Court ruling that the British government cannot trigger Article 50, the legal pathway to Brexit, without an act of Parliament authorising it to do so, the UK Government (the Department for Exiting the European Union) has presented a Bill to Parliament to confer power on the Prime Minister to trigger Article 50.

Despite the historic significance of the legislation, the Bill is just approximately 140 words and contains only two clauses, one of which is the title. The new law is being fast-tracked through Parliament in order to meet the Prime Minister's deadline for triggering Article 50, thereby beginning negotiations to leave the European Union, by the end of March 2017. The second reading of the Bill is due to take place on 31 January next.

A copy of the Bill can be found [here](#).



Sean Ryan
Partner

+353 1 6644 207
seanryan@eversheds.ie



Ciara Drayne
Solicitor

+353 1 6644 955
ciaradrayne@eversheds.ie