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Joint Standing Committee on Treaties

Public Hearing

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Brexit on the agenda in Canberra

A stable transition to a post-Brexit UK for Australian exporters will be discussed on Monday by the [Joint Standing Committee on Treaties](#).

Committee Chair, [Mr Russell Broadbent MP](#), said that Australian businesses exporting to the UK can be assured that work is ongoing to ensure that trade can continue uninterrupted.

‘While it is still unclear when or how the UK will leave the EU, we can take steps now to ensure that Australia’s trade routes remain open,’ Mr Broadbent said.

The two treaties to be discussed will establish a framework for compliance assessment for Australian goods exported to the UK and ensure that the Australian wine industry can continue to export to Australia’s top wine market.

In addition, the Committee will hold a hearing on a number of other treaties, including three air services agreements, an extension to the MH17 treaty with The Netherlands, a treaty permitting family members of Australia’s diplomats in Italy to engage in employment, and an oil stocks contract treaty with Hungary. Details of these treaties are available [on the Committee’s website](#).

Public hearing details: 11.00am – 1.00pm, Monday, 1 April, Committee Room 1R5, Parliament House, CANBERRA

11.00am: **Work Diplomatic Families - Italy**
11.20am: **Air Services – Thailand, Timor-Leste, PNG**
11.40am: **MH17 – Netherlands**
12.00pm: **Oil Stocks – Hungary**
12.20pm: **MRA – UK**
12.40pm: **Wine - UK**
1.00pm: *Close*

The hearing will be broadcast live at aph.gov.au/live

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