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### **No Deal Brexit: Government Not Surprised by EU Commission Statement**

The European Commission has today issued a communication to the EU institutions in preparation for the departure of the United Kingdom from the European Union without a Withdrawal Agreement (aka a No Deal Brexit).

It has been made clear that their contingency measures do not apply to Gibraltar.

While it examines the detail, the Government is not surprised by this latest situation which reflects the position only of the EU27 and not of the UK.

The Gibraltar and UK Governments continue to work closely as we prepare for every eventuality in order to mitigate the impact of a possible No Deal Brexit.

This is the reasonable thing for responsible Governments to do given the absence of an agreed Withdrawal Agreement at this time.

This latest development serves to demonstrate, however, the importance of leaving the European Union with a Withdrawal Agreement in place for Gibraltar, which some appear not to have appreciated.