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## **New ETA interpretations due to Brexit!**

### **How will the Brexit agreement affect the European Assessment Documents and the national general construction technique permit ("allgemeinen Bauartengenehmigungen" – aBG) in Germany?**

As part of the United Kingdom's (UK) negotiations to leave the European Union (EU), the EU has withdrawn the accreditation of Technical Assessment Bodies (TABs) based in the UK. Consequently, EOTA (European Organisation for Technical Assessments) has withdrawn the validity of all European Technical Assessments (ETAs) prepared by TABs based in the UK as of 31 December 2020. This was indicated by the fact that the corresponding ETAs were no longer listed on the website [www.eota.eu](http://www.eota.eu).

In the meantime, the invalidated ETAs have been taken over by an EU-based TAB and given a new ETA no. (typically 20/....). In most cases, these are identical to the versions that were valid until 31.12.2020. The ETAs with new ETA no. are listed again on [www.eota.eu](http://www.eota.eu).

The German general construction technique permits ("allgemeinen Bauartengenehmigungen" – aBG) still refer to the previous ETA numbers. An update must be requested by the respective holder of the aBG. Nevertheless, the DIBt (Deutsches Institut für Bautechnik) has not invalidated the aBGs in question, so that the ETAs with the previous ETA no. are also recognised in these certificates.

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