As you may be aware, the UK voted to leave the European Union (EU) in a referendum on 23 June 2016 and may leave the EU on 31 October 2019 without a transition agreement in place.

Springer Nature and KNV Zeitfracht have been preparing throughout 2019 to make the transition as smooth as possible. This note updates you on our preparations and suggests some checks to assure goods are received with minimal delays.

Preparations for Brexit
We have taken all possible steps to ensure (working with KNV Zeitfracht and other third-party distribution partners) that preparations are in place to support shipments of product into the UK post 31 October 2019. Our POD suppliers have increased their POD printing-capacity to ensure that many Springer Nature titles can be printed in the UK. For those Springer Nature titles that cannot be printed in the UK, to minimize shipment delays, we recommend that you place your Q4 orders at your earliest convenience as we may experience interruptions for any title shipping from the EU post 31 October 2019.

Please contact your account manager to discuss taking action now so you won’t be caught without enough stock – or with too much stock – on one side of the channel or the other.

Freight Forwarders in the UK
If you have chosen a freight forwarder in the UK please be aware of potential delays due to border controls that will be in place if the UK leaves the EU without a deal. If you decide to continue using your UK freight forwarder, you may want to consider consolidating your orders to weekly shipments, or a minimum order value (if you haven’t already done so). Transporting larger shipments reduces (but doesn’t completely avoid!) the risk of goods being stuck in customs.

There is also the possibility of picking-up at KNV Zeitfracht. Please contact customer service for additional information.

Tax, Duty, Compliance
Please seek advice from the relevant country compliance and tax authorities.
FAQs:

Q. Are there any changes for my freight carrier who collects from KNV Zeitfracht?
Most carriers will already be moving goods from outside the EU and will be familiar with the paperwork, but it would be prudent to ask them to confirm their readiness. KNV Zeitfracht will continue to deliver to your freight forwarder with all of the appropriate documents.

Q. Are there any changes in the way I place my orders on Springer Nature?
No, you should place orders exactly as you do today and through your regular contacts.

We believe that Springer Nature, KNV Zeitfracht, and our network of printers are well prepared to manage a no-deal/post Brexit scenario. If you have any other questions or concerns, your contact at Springer Nature will be happy to provide you with further information.