

Press release AFME welcomes initial agreement on a transition period

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Welcoming the initial agreement on a transition period, announced today, Simon Lewis, Chief Executive of AFME, said:

"The initial agreement on a transition period announced today is a major step forward and we look forward to seeing more details at the EU summit later this week. While this agreement is a big move in the right direction, it will be important to see that there is real political and regulatory commitment from both sides to a transition period."

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