

IMA Fact Sheet

Our Role

The Independent Monitoring Authority for the Citizens' Rights Agreements (IMA) was established by the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 and protects the rights of EU and EEA EFTA citizens, and their family members:

- living in the UK and Gibraltar since before December 2020 (or are eligible joining family members after this date); and
- have applied to the EU Settlement Scheme. These rights relate to those set out in Part 2 of the Withdrawal and Separation Agreements (the Citizens' Rights Agreements).

Our Duties

The IMA has two broad duties; to monitor and promote citizens' rights.

- We monitor public bodies, ensuring they are not only aware of these rights but are applying them correctly.
- We work with citizens to ensure they are aware of their rights so that they are empowered to take action when needed.



Our Specific Powers

We review intelligence, including complaints from citizens and have powers to launch inquiries and take legal action when appropriate.

We may conduct an inquiry for one of three reasons:

- as a result of a complaint or series of complaints
- as a result of our own monitoring and intelligence gathering
- following a request from a Secretary of State, Scottish Minister, Welsh Minister, Executive Office of Northern Ireland, or Gibraltar Minister

We are able to bring or intervene in legal proceedings where we consider it appropriate to promote the implementation or application of the Citizens' Rights Agreements. We will take legal action as a last resort and only intervene in a case where we are satisfied that our contribution will add value and assist the court in its determination.



How you can help



Sharing information about the rights of EU and EEA EFTA citizens and the role of the IMA, or submitting a complaint on our website: www.ima-citizensrights.org.uk



Reporting intelligence or information to us where you come across a suspected rights breach by emailing: IMA@ima-citizensrights.org.uk

What we're working on

We have a dedicated section of our website called an Issues Log where you can find information about our current work and action we have taken so far.



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