

Key steps on Britain's road to Brexit

Prime Minister Theresa May's government is seeking approval for legislation giving her the right to start Britain's divorce from the EU

Jan 24:

Supreme Court rules government must seek parliamentary approval to invoke **Article 50** of Lisbon Treaty – formal process for leaving European Union



Feb 1: Members of House of Commons vote by 498 to 114 to advance bill giving Theresa May power to trigger Article 50

Feb 6-8:

Bill faces further scrutiny in Commons

Mar 9-10: May could use EU summit in Brussels to formally trigger Article 50 and start two-year countdown



Feb 20-Mar 7: Bill sent to House of Lords. Amendments debated between both houses in "ping-pong" process before final bill is agreed. **Bill sent to Queen for royal assent to become law**

Mar 31: Deadline May has set for invoking Article 50

May 2019: Britain could formally leave EU, following ratification of Brexit by all other 27 member states

Sep 30, 2018: Date by which EU's chief Brexit negotiator, **Michel Barnier**, wants to wrap up terms of Britain's exit



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