

Further to speculation across the media over the last few days with regards to a possible lockdown of the home moving market, we have literally just received an update from our governing body (British Association of Removers), who received the following update directly from MHCLG (Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government).

We will of course keep you updated on any developments as they arise.

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During the first lockdown, people were still able to move where it was reasonably necessary. The housing market was the first sector of the economy to open back up in May 2020.

We feel it is important to make people aware that closure is a possibility, to encourage all parties to build flexibility into their moving plans.

It takes around 20 weeks to move home and one of the complexities in the process is agreeing to a final date for the move, not least because in a long chain several households will be moving on the same day.

When agreeing on these dates we want all parties to have had a discussion with their conveyancer about contingencies in case they need to delay or postpone their move. We don't expect it to happen but it is practical for people to think about it in advance.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us directly and we will be very happy to help and support you.

Britannia Movers International