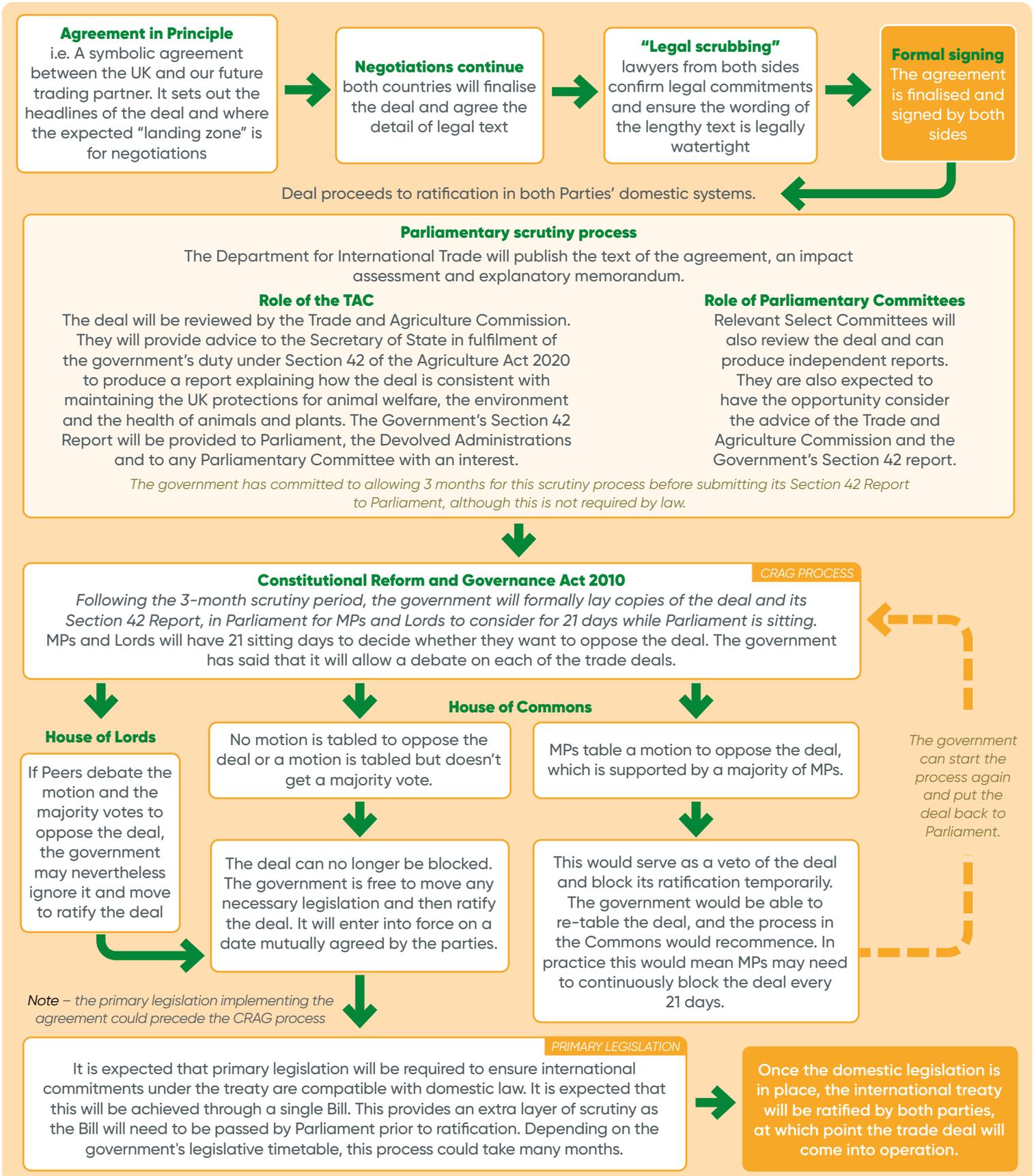


# FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS: FROM AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO RATIFICATION

An 'Agreement in Principle' sets out the main elements of a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between the UK and the other country. However, once the Agreement in Principle is reached there is still a lengthy process before a final, detailed deal is signed and then ratified, including the opportunity for Parliament to scrutinise the final deal.



NB. This is the process for any new FTAs, as the NFU understands it, according to the CRAG 2010 and public statements from Department for International Trade.