

# BRIEFINGS

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## Employment Law Watch

### *UK employees to be allowed to continue working more than 48 hours a week*

It has been announced today that UK workers can continue to “opt-out” of the maximum 48 hour average working week, due to agreement being reached in Europe. The continued availability of the “opt-out” for UK employees was to be reviewed, and so the announcement today that it is to continue will be welcomed by employers of all sizes.

This means that employees willing to work an average of more than 48 hours a week will be able to do so providing they have signed an agreement to this effect. The “opt-out” can be contained within the employee’s contract of employment or can be a separate document.

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