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Alexia has been a public servant for nearly 35 years, specializing in policy development predominantly focusing on trade and regulatory issues. She has worked for several UK government departments including the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Department for Energy and Climate Change and the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

She currently leads the trade and standards team in the Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) – the UK's national regulator leading on policy and providing national capacity through specialist scientific, risk and enforcement teams – within the Department for Business and Trade. In this role, Alexia is responsible for the UK standards policy and manages the government's relationship with the national standards body, the British Standards Institution.

Alexia chairs a UK government forum on standards use in government and leads a team of specialists working to support trade colleagues negotiating and implementing provisions under the 'Technical Barriers to Trade' chapters in UK trade deals.

Prior to this, Alexia managed the EU Exit programme for OPSS. She has also worked on secondment to the European Commission for two spells, most recently in the Development Team in the DG for Trade working on World Trade Organisation issues and supporting farmers and communities in developing countries.