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Downsides

2071 Economy Supply Chains Sep 2024

According to the logistics industry news outlet, *The Loadstar*, British firms are being advised to reconfigure supply chains away from the single market to “mitigate the TCA’s adverse effects.” This comes from the Aston University report published recently which claims the “Reduction in trade scale due to Brexit, particularly in sectors burdened by higher trade barriers, has led to decreased efficiency and a loss of global competitiveness” and adds that this “at least partially, explains the wider decline in UK exports outside the EU. The disruption of global value chains in sectors such as footwear is particularly evident, with corresponding declines in both exports and imports.”

2070 Immigration Impact Sep 2024

In a joint letter, the German interior minister and her French counterpart urge the EU Commission to “rapidly present a draft negotiating mandate” for talks with the UK on an “essential” asylum and migration deal. The letter says: We believe that Brexit has had very detrimental consequences for the coherence of our migration policies. The absence of provisions governing the flow of people between the UK and the Schengen area is clearly contributing to the dynamics of irregular flows — and to the danger posed to people using this route in the Channel and the North Sea.”

2069 Culture Musicians Sep 2024

Singer and songwriter Elton John claims that Brexit has placed 'leg irons' on travelling musicians and says he also resents all the polarised opinions after “the bloody government tricked people into a bad vote” The rock icon said the red tape involved in moving between countries has caused a 'logistical nightmare' for the music industry, could jeopardise young artist’s future and also the country’s status as a cultural force.

2068 Borders Border checks Sep 2024

Plans have been approved for border inspection facilities at the port of Larne in Northern Ireland. The development includes three inspection buildings, security huts, stores, road alterations, and animal waste holding tanks. The cost of employing environmental health officers at Larne was highlighted in April with the forecast that more than £700,000 will be spent within a 12-month period on council staff carrying out post-Brexit checks.

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2067 Agriculture Horticulture Sep 2024

The Horticultural Trades Association (HTA), representing garden retailers and growers, has written to Lady Hayman, the borders, biosecurity and plant health minister, warning that some specialist transporters were now withdrawing from the UK market completely. It follows events at the Sevington border control post in Kent last week, when several lorries transporting plants from Italy were held for more than eight days over fears they were transporting pests into Britain. One Italian supplier has paused deliveries to the UK, leaving a number of UK customers waiting for deliveries.

2066 Agriculture Farming Sep 2024

UK farmers are said to be struggling with red tape surrounding post-Brexit environmental subsidy schemes, according to *The Times*. John Atkinson, a Lake District farmer says joining the new Countryside Stewardship higher-tier scheme is “like pulling hens’ teeth.” This is despite a £358 million underspend of the agriculture budget over the past three years. The National Farmers Union (NFU) call it a “kick in the teeth” for farmers. NFU president Tom Bradshaw said the underspend was the result of new and incomplete government schemes replacing the Basic Payment Scheme (BPS), the outgoing EU subsidy.

2065 Education EU Sep 2024

The mother of a Yorkshire student says Brexit has made studying abroad “impossible” as she battles to get her daughter a visa in time to attend the University of Barcelona. Fay Bird, from Dinnington, South Yorkshire, says she applied to visa outsource provider BLS International on 1 July but is still waiting. Her daughter, Niamh King, due to start studying on 30 September 30 has spent £89 on a criminal record document, £80 for the cost of the visa, £79 for a medical form, £80 to post the documents and £100 on applying for a second passport, bringing her total costs to £548 - which could all be for nothing.

2064 Energy Inflation Sep 2024

A new report from the think tank UK in a Changing Europe claims the UK’s exit from the EU’s Internal Energy Market (IEM) has made the trading of energy more costly. The inefficiency is estimated to have increased wholesale electricity costs by 0.25%-0.70% per year (£130m-£370m in 2022), with the cost spread across generators and consumers in Britain and the EU. UKICE also suggests the move has created barriers to investment in hybrid assets (the next generation of interconnectors which enable multiple connections from offshore wind farms to national grids) in the north seas, as this requires interoperability between the GB and EU energy markets.

2063 Agriculture Horticulture Sep 2024

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A plant nursery in Swanley, Kent, has constructed a biosecure barn to conduct checks on products arriving from Europe because of dysfunction in the post-Brexit border control system. Provender Wholesale is one of a growing number of UK plant and food traders setting up their own “control points” where products can be inspected, as an alternative to state-run facilities. Stuart Tickner, head of the nursery and biosecurity at Provender said: “The way it’s going is we’re losing all control. By becoming a control point, we bring some of that aspect of control back to us.”

2062 Health Food Sep 2024

An analysis by Pan UK (Pesticide Action Network) using data from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), which regulates pesticides in the UK, and shared with *The Guardian*, has revealed that the amount of pesticide residue allowed on scores of food types in England, Wales and Scotland has soared since Brexit, with some now thousands of times higher. For tea, the maximum residue level (MRL) was increased by 4,000 times for both the insecticide chlorantraniliprole and the fungicide boscalid. For glyphosate, classed as a “probable human carcinogen” by the World Health Organization (WHO), the MRL for beans was raised by 7.5 times.

2061 Agriculture Horticulture Sep 2024

According to the Horticultural trade journal *Hortweek*, officials from DEFRA have blocked 11 trucks at a Border Control Post (BCP) at Sevington in Kent for 11 days on suspicion of finding *Pochazia shantungensis*. leading to affected hauliers saying they will never deliver to the UK again and to the death of thousands of pounds worth of trees.

2060 Borders Border checks Sep 2024

Dame Angela Eagle, the border security and asylum minister, claims that an error by the previous government in the negotiation of post-Brexit trade rules has delayed the replacement of the UK’s Border Force fleet and increased the cost to the taxpayer by hundreds of millions. According to *The Times*, the replacement of five cutters and six patrol vessels used to monitor Britain’s borders and pick up people attempting to cross the Channel, will be delayed until at least 2030, while costs are likely to increase to £300 million, six times the original budget.

2059 Food Meat Sep 2024

Inconsistencies and inaccuracies in veterinary regulations are ‘crippling’ the UK meat sector warns the Association of Independent Meat Suppliers (AIMS). The trade body, representing the UK’s meat and poultry industry, described the current situation as ‘untenable’. Jason Aldiss, AIMS’ head of external affairs, said: “We are seeing a complete failure in the consistency of veterinary controls, which is compounded by the inaccuracy of the manual, outdated export certification system. Errors in veterinary certification are causing substantial losses for the industry, and without immediate action, these inefficiencies will continue to destabilise the meat sector.”

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2058 Northern Ireland Trade Sep 2024

The BBC reports that two elements of the Windsor Framework agreed in February 2023 and due to be implemented at the start of October have now been delayed until next year. New customs processes for parcels and freight sent to Northern Ireland have now been postponed by HMRC until March 2025 at the earliest, after some businesses had expressed concerns that there had not been enough time to prepare for the changes (see also entry 2049).

2057 Financial Services Investment funds Sep 2024

Asset managers Abrdn (formerly Standard Life Aberdeen plc) has claimed that outdated post-Brexit regulation around investment trust cost disclosure has “set the UK back by three years on infrastructure.” Christian Pittard, head of closed-end funds at Abrdn, said: “Cost disclosure rules, which have amounted to a distortive 'double counting' of costs, have negatively impacted investor sentiment, therefore choking flows into investment trusts. They have been a key cause of these three lost years of infrastructure investment.”

2056 Food Trade Sep 2024

A trade 'snapshot' for the first half of 2024 published by the Food and Drink Federation (FDF) shows food and drink exports to the EU declined by 23.6% in volume terms, and 4.3% in value. Certification requirements are said to be, by far, the “biggest obstacle to growth.” A decline in beef and poultry imports since the introduction of the Export Health Certificate on EU imports in February 2024 demonstrates the effect of this requirement on trade, the FDF claims.

2055 Government Food Sep 2024

The government has postponed indefinitely plans to force food manufacturers to put “not for EU” labels on all meat and dairy products sold across Britain from next month after warnings that the scheme could cause “chaos” for producers and suppliers. The Food and Drink Federation (FDF) had estimated the cost to the industry of meeting the new labelling requirements at up to £250m a year, and warned that it would increase the price of products for shoppers. The plan was part of the Windsor framework agreed with the EU last year.

2054 Economy Trade Sep 2024

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The *FT* cover a report published by academics at the Aston University showing that Brexit is having a “profound and ongoing” impact on Britain’s trade with the EU, with goods exports and imports still being impacted. Modelling indicates that the UK’s annual exports to the EU are 17% down and imports 23% below where they would have been if Brexit had not occurred, with negative impacts increasing during 2023.

2053 Borders Border checks Sep 2024

The UK government has again delayed implementing post-Brexit physical checks on “medium risk” fruit and vegetables imported from the EU which were due to begin on 1 January next year. DEFRA has announced the checks will be postponed until 1 July to allow the new government to consult with stakeholders involved in the import supply chain on the potential impact of the regulation. The move comes after a warning from the UK’s food supply chain that the new checks will add over £300m costs to the fruit and vegetable industry, resulting in higher consumer prices.

2052 Northern Ireland Meat Sep 2024

Jenny Brunton, of the British Agriculture Bureau says that because of new EU deforestation regulations (EUDR), beef sold in Northern Ireland from 1 January cannot come from cattle raised on land that has been deforested to make space for grazing. Ms Brunton adds that GB farmers will need to show they are not using animal feed that contains soy or palm oil which is driving deforestation abroad. The Irish Independent claims the new regulation has raised fears of a ‘hard beef border’ between Northern Ireland and Great Britain.

2051 Economy Tourism Sep 2024

Bernard Donoghue, director of the Association of Leading Visitor Attractions (Alva), has described the government’s decision to ban the use of ID cards by EU citizens as “illogical” and says it is causing harm to the UK tourism industry. The government’s impact assessment showed that the UK would lose 890,000 visits by European citizens each year, with a financial loss of £590m by the ban on ID cards. More than 200 million potential visitors from Europe have ID cards but not passports.

2050 Economy Tourism Sep 2024

A new report by the Centre for Economics and Business Research (CEBR) suggests that the UK is attracting nearly three million fewer overseas visitors annually compared to before the pandemic. Spending by these tourists has also declined by 8%, or £2.8 billion adjusted for inflation. Britain’s main competitors in Europe are expected to see a return to growth in visitor numbers this year, indicating that the UK is losing ground as a top tourist destination. The trend is attributed to rising costs and the abolition of the UK’s tax-free shopping scheme has further dampened the appeal for international visitors.

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2049 Northern Ireland Trade Sep 2024

The leader of Traditional Unionist Voice (TUV) Jim Allister says new rules which come into force at the end of September with business-to-business parcels having to register for the green lane at the Irish sea border, will create “**additional complexity and costs.**” Businesses not meeting the criteria for the green lane will have to send goods through the red lane, in effect a full EU customs border.

2048 Economy Trade Sep 2024

Figures from the UK's Department of Transport, show a decline in the tonnage handled by the UK's major ports in the year to the end of Q2 2024. Total freight tonnage fell to 108 million tonnes, according to the 'Port Freight Quarterly Statistics: April to June 2024' report. Imports decrease by 1% to 72.4 million tonnes, while exports fell by 2% to 35.6 million tonnes. Liquid bulk and container tonnage saw notable reductions, while roll-on/roll-off (Ro-Ro) freight increased by 4%, highlighting mixed trends in post-Brexit UK trade patterns.

2047 Economy Devolution Sep 2024

A new cross-party report from Holyrood's Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee has concluded that customs formalities and regulatory checks have put extra costs and resource pressures on Scottish businesses that wish to continue trading with the EU. Isles MSP Alasdair Allan said: “It's now clearer than ever that Brexit has been an economic calamity for Scotland and the UK. Even more depressing is knowing that the majority of Scotland did not even vote for this.”

2046 Immigration Skills Sep 2024

According to the hiring platform Indeed, the UK is failing to attract highly skilled foreign workers after Brexit. Only 21% of clicks on UK jobs for roles which offer the upper third of wages, between £35,200 and £91,000 per annum, come from overseas. By comparison, France and Holland stand out with 36% and 35% foreign clicks respectively. The UK attracts the second lowest share, only behind Spain among the ten advanced economies analysed. The relatively low proportion of clicks for high-wage occupations in the UK contrasts with the aim of the current immigration policy to focus on attracting high-skilled foreign workers.

2045 Food Inflation Sep 2024

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The Daily Mail reports that Migrant butchers are set to be paid more than British abattoir workers due to new immigration rules and post-Brexit labour shortage, quoting figures from the British Meat Processors Association (BMPA), an industry lobby group. The price of meat could soar and businesses could go under due to laws that raise the salary threshold for skilled worker visas by nearly 50 per cent, from £26,200 to £38,700. EU citizens currently make up 70% of the UK's abattoir staff as the industry has struggled to recruit British workers.

2044 Economy Impact Sep 2024

Research by professor Thiemo Fetzer at Warwick University has found that the economic cost of Brexit, in the form of lower trend growth, is “large and near-universal across all regions and constituent countries of the United Kingdom.” Their report estimates that the output losses due to Brexit “range from 5 to 10 percentage points of GDP. 73% of UK districts have seen economic damage due to Brexit, with 44% having experienced high costs.”

2043 Transport Border checks Sep 2024

The Daily Telegraph reports that Logistics UK, a haulage industry trade body, has warned that the EU's new Entry/Exit System (EES) which comes into force on 10 November threatens to disrupt Christmas food deliveries by delaying truck traffic during the “food shoulder”, which is when the onset of winter leaves Britain reliant on imported products. The group claims the rules, which will require all non-EU passengers at Dover to have fingerprint and facial recognition checks, will create tailbacks and interrupt the flow of goods.

2042 Economy Aviation Sep 2024

The government has announcement that almost all foreigners will require online permission to change planes in the UK from next year, causing consternation at Heathrow which could potentially lose four million passengers that choose other hub airports to avoid the added red tape and the £10 charge. *The Independent* has calculated that the move could cost the UK economy anywhere between £2.5bn and £5bn annually, in lost revenue to airlines and spending in airport shops.

2041 Culture Football Sep 2024

Former Liverpool defender Jamie Carragher has blamed Brexit after Andy Mangan, currently an assistant coach at third-tier side Stockport County, was set to join Real Madrid but was then denied a work permit by Spanish authorities. The 38-year-old is said to have already signed a contract, started Spanish lessons, and flown out to Madrid to look at schools for his children before the move broke down after his request for a work visa, required by post-Brexit rules was rejected.

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2040 Culture Musicians Sep 2024

A new campaign called Cut the Red Tape, backed by a range of lobby groups has been launched to fight for better conditions for touring artists in the EU. Deborah Annetts, CEO of the Independent Society of Musicians, has been lobbying for changes since the TCA came into force in 2021, and said a new deal was vital for the sector. The campaign run by Creative Powerhouse, a pressure group supported by several others including the ISM and trade bodies One Dance UK and Fashion Roundtable, is the latest attempt to draw attention to the impact of Brexit on touring musicians, according to the *FT*.

2039 Citizens Rights Sep 2024

A British teacher who moved to Valencia and bought a property in early 2020 has been told he may no longer have Spanish residency rights after he was found to have missed one month's medical insurance in the first year after the UK left the EU. Mark Saxby, 56, says he is "sick" with nerves and feels "trapped" in a nightmarish limbo unable to convince anyone that he has the right to live in Spain despite the EU-UK withdrawal agreement guaranteeing residency rights for those in the country before Brexit.

2038 Culture Musicians Sep 2024

The chief executive of the The Featured Artists Coalition (FAC), a trade body, says the costs and time added by post-Brexit restrictions have meant a loss of work, an erosion of "cultural exchange" between the EU and UK, and reduced opportunities for UK musicians to get experience on the road and build their fanbase. David Martin added: "To put it into context, in 2019, the EU was the biggest touring market for British musicians. The next biggest was the US and that was a quarter of the size."

2037 Manufacturing Trade Sep 2024

Ormiston Wire, a family-owned business in London producing specialist wires and cables for customers ranging from naval vessels to film sets, has blamed Brexit for shredding its business. Owner Mark Ormiston said EU exports have halved since Britain left the EU, with the loss of the European market a huge blow for a small company with revenues of £1.5m and limited growth prospects at home.

2036 Food Trade Sep 2024

Post-Brexit checks on fruit and vegetables being imported from the EU are to be delayed once more amid fears they could add to food price inflation. The checks had been scheduled to come into force next month, but were first postponed until January, and have now been delayed again for another six months until 1 July 2025. The

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Government is said to be concerned that the checks could damage food supply chains and put companies out of business, according to a leaked ministerial letter seen by *the i news*.

2035 Citizens Travel Sep 2024

In an update on September 5, the Foreign Office has officially warned travellers to the EU to expect “longer queue times for people travelling to countries in the Schengen area” from November this year. The *Daily Mirror* reports the FO has indicated that while the new post-Brexit border process aims to be a “swift few-minutes affair, skepticism is brewing over potential pandemonium, including tech glitches during its initial rollout.”

2034 Construction Regulation Sep 2024

The government has announced that it is extending the recognition period of CE marking for construction products. Rushanara Ali, parliamentary under secretary of state for building safety said: “We have listened to the findings from the Independent Review of the Construction Products Testing Regime. This was clear that there is currently **insufficient testing and certification capacity in the UK** alone to provide the volume of conformity assessment that would be required were CE recognition to end.”

2033 Economy Automotive Sep 2024

Paul Nowak, the general secretary of the Trades Union Congress (TUC), has said he “absolutely” believed Kier Starmer's EU reset policy would help to keep manufacturing jobs in the UK and prevent them being moved to the continent. Mr Nowak said more could be done to “ease pressures on supply chains, which is really important in sectors like automotive and aerospace. But also more broadly, for musicians and other creative performers.”

2032 Citizens Musicians Sep 2024

The EU has dashed hopes that the new Labour government will be able to secure a new deal to help touring musicians cut post-Brexit red tape. According to the *FT*, Brussels is not prepared to consider changes to rules on customs, road haulage, and services. Such a deal is said to be “impossible” because it would require rewriting the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA), according to internal briefing documents seen by the *FT*.

2031 Culture Musicians Sep 2024

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A new study commissioned by the Musicians Union, finds that 50% of musicians have reported that touring the EU is not financially viable in the post-Brexit landscape. Increased fees and lengthy paperwork has meant that many musicians are postponing or cancelling shows on the continent. Simon Wallfisch, an internationally acclaimed baritone said: "I took it for granted as a young musician that I could work as easily in Munich as I could in Manchester. It is devastating to see how young British musicians today will never experience the world-is-your-oyster mentality I felt as a young musician, finding my feet in the mid-2000s."

2030 Borders Border checks Sep 2024

Concerns are mounting that disruption at Dover when new EU border checks come into force in three months time will be made worse because the technology for registering travellers' fingerprints, photos and scanning passports will not be ready. In July, council leaders in Kent wrote to the Government urging action to avert EES chaos on the county's roads and said initial testing on the tablets being used to collect biometric data found them to be "wholly unreliable".

2029 Economy Trade Sep 2024

A parliamentary briefing note published in August states that goods exports to the EU remain below their pre-pandemic/Brexit level. In 2023, goods exports to the EU were 11% below their 2019 level in real terms. In addition, exports to non-EU countries in 2023 were also 11% below their 2019 level in real terms. Service exports to the EU are up by 9% over the same period.

2028 Borders Border checks Sep 2024

Ministers are said to be in the process of signing agreements with landowners around Dover to secure sites away from the main road network that could be used to "stack" cars heading to the UK's busiest passenger port to avoid gridlock when strict new EU border controls come into force in November. The sites will be opened rapidly in case of congestion at the port. Travellers have been warned of 15-hour delays at peak times.

2027 Culture Football Sep 2024

Sports Witness reports that Liverpool footballer Stefan Bajcetic has made a temporary move this season to the Austrian club Red Bull Salzburg but cannot start playing due to Brexit. Because the UK is no longer a part of the EU it means it will take 'some time' before the Liverpool youngster can get a work permit and permission to play.

2026 Borders Border checks Sep 2024

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The *BBC* reports that work has finally started on a border control post at Holyhead in north Wales which will carry out post-Brexit checks on goods coming in from the Republic of Ireland. The BCP should be operational sometime in 2025. Products from Ireland have not been checked previously due to a lack of facilities at Britain's west coast ports.

2025 Borders Border checks Aug 2024

Starting from 31 October 2024, new legislation will require hauliers entering the UK to submit an Entry Summary Declaration (ENS) for all goods imported by all modes of transport. The Entry Summary Declaration (ENS) is a mandatory document providing UK customs authorities with advanced information about imported goods. This pre-arrival declaration is part of the Safety & Security GB measures aimed at identifying and mitigating potential risks before goods reach the UK border

2024 Citizens Travel Aug 2024

A mother has had to spend £400 getting an emergency passport after she realised a post-Brexit rule change meant her own document was invalid. Carolyn Pellatt, 57, told inews she had to travel more than 400 miles from Southampton to Glasgow to get a new passport sorted just five days before her dream cruise holiday to the Norwegian fjords.

2023 Economy Trade Aug 2024

Carolina Fransen, co-founder Alvica, a distributor of medical devices from Germany, says: "Like many other small businesses trading with the EU, Brexit has had significant implications. Increased bureaucracy, customs delays, and additional costs – like VAT – have all added layers of complexity to what was previously a streamlined process." Ms Fransend added that, "Growing a business already has its challenges, having to invest more time and resources in compliance and logistics not only increases costs – but has also strained our timelines, which is critical in the HealthTech industry."

2022 Economy Trade Aug 2024

Glasgow based Executive Shaving Ltd, a business supplying high-class men's grooming products, has announced it is closing down due to Brexit. In a Facebook post, the company said: "The impact of Brexit significantly reduced our monthly sales by an average of £10k monthly, and as the UK economy continued to decline, we faced mounting financial challenges that we could no longer overcome."

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2021 Economy The Arts Aug 2024

The owner of an art gallery and picture framing business says that pre-Brexit, Germany was her business's third-biggest customer but interest from the country has almost dropped off entirely since January, 2020. Summer Obaid who runs Nestology said: "We are a unique art gallery based in west London and we created all of our own art, prints and frames. Before Brexit, Germany was our third-biggest customer, but things have really slowed down since we left the EU. The new rules and regulations that the decision brought have been a complete headache for us to be honest and they have caused us lots of issues."

2020 Citizens Pensions Aug 2024

Due to the Brexit withdrawal agreement, some 35,000 pensioners living in the EU can still claim the winter fuel allowance, which is being phased out for most UK pensioners. *The Daily Telegraph* reports that retirees in 23 countries across Europe, who will still be able to carry on claiming the allowance up until April next year. The number includes those living in Germany, Ireland, Italy, Belgium and the Netherlands. Some nations, including France and Spain, are not covered by the deal.

2019 Borders Border checks Aug 2024

The UK government is providing another £10.5mn for UK ports to help them prepare for enhanced EU border checks ahead of the bloc's new Entry/Exit System (EES) coming into force in November, according to *The Daily Mail*. The new money will be used to support additional facilities and technology at the Port of Dover, the Eurotunnel terminal in Folkestone, and at London's St Pancras station for Eurostar services.

2018 Economy Trade Aug 2024

The head of Make UK (formerly the Engineering Employers Federation), Stephen Phipson, has called the trade deal negotiated by Lord Frost, "the worst possible deal we could get as an industrial country. It is a disaster and continues to be a disaster." Mr Phipson said: "I have lots of chief executives from international companies coming into my office and telling me they have billions to invest and that the UK is a candidate but they are not investing anything unless they know what the plan is."

2017 Northern Ireland Vets Aug 2024

The North of Ireland Veterinary Association (NIVA) has issued a warning that the province is at risk of losing 30% of animal medicines by December 2025, said to be a 'significant concern due to potential effect on animal and human health.' The NIVA told the *News Letter* that the issue has serious implications for Northern Ireland's public health, regional food supplies, animal welfare – including that of pets – and trade and is a consequence of the Northern Ireland Protocol.

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2016 Culture Musicians Aug 2024

The campaigning group Best for Britain says while the number of British musicians playing major EU festivals has exceeded pre-Brexit levels this summer, difficulties persist particularly for up-and-coming artists. Industry insiders say administration and paperwork, as well as costs, had all increased as a result of Brexit. Brexit has also made the movement of equipment and merchandise far more difficult and it is now much harder for smaller and emerging artists to deal with the challenges of touring Europe.

2015 Citizens Travel Aug 2024

The Port of Dover says the EU's new Entry/Exit system could leave the port unable to cope with passenger demand beyond Easter next year. CEO Doug Bannister told *inews* that while the port should be able to handle the initial influx of passengers when the rules change in November it will not be adequate for handling "the full volume of traffic that we're anticipating for next summer".

2014 Borders Border checks Aug 2024

Nigel Jenney, CEO of the Fresh Produce Consortium, has warned the government that failure to delay checks on fruit and vegetables imported from the EU will add £200m to the fruit and veg industry's annual costs, which firms will be forced to pass on to consumers. The checks, due to begin next January, should be delayed until July 2025 to avoid fuelling inflation, the FPC say. In 2022, the UK imported more than half its fruit and vegetables, nearly 80% of which came from the EU.

2013 Northern Ireland Trade Aug 2024

According to *The News letter* in Belfast, a dog breeder in Northern Ireland has been advised that Nestle Purina, a pet food manufacturer based in Sudbury, Suffolk, will no longer supply customers of the Breeder Connect scheme in the province because of "new trade regulations and logistics challenges that have arisen" from the Windsor Framework deal. Purina have not confirmed what specific part of the trade deal is problematic – but in a statement they referenced "parcel services to professional breeders"

2012 Citizens Travel Aug 2024

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British travellers to the EU and wider Schengen Area will need to apply in advance for an online permit to visit from November 2025, according to current plans in Brussels, *The Independent* reports. The EU's Electronic Travel Information and Authorisation System (Etias) will become optional in May 2025 and mandatory from November. Travellers will need to pay €7/£6 for an ETIAS authorisation which will be valid for 3 years or until the passport expires, whichever is shorter.

2011 Borders Border checks Aug 2024

The cross-party House of Lords' Justice and Home Affairs Committee has called on the government to "use all diplomatic efforts" to persuade Brussels to defer the introduction of the EU's entry/exit system (EES) later this year. The committee has warned of "serious delays for passengers" at London St Pancras, the Eurotunnel terminal at Folkestone and the Port of Dover unless the European Union postpones the launch of the new system later this year.

2010 Northern Ireland Trade Aug 2024

Some Northern Ireland businesses are concerned about the next implementation phase of the region's Brexit deal at the end of September, the BBC reports. Customs processes will apply to business-to-business parcels for the first time while parcel carriers will also have to be signed up to a new trusted trader scheme. The Northern Ireland Chamber of Commerce has called on the government to help with the looming changes and re-engage with wider Brexit issues in Northern Ireland.

2009 Borders Meat Aug 2024

The British Meat Processors Association (BMPA) said the maximum Common User charge of '£145 per truck' claimed by ministers for goods imported to the UK could end up costing up to £870 depending on the product lines and consignments being carried. Peter Hardwick, BMPA's trade policy advisor, said many firms are in for a shock and the whole concept of a common user charge "is now just another added cost of Brexit with no added benefit. The fact is that this is a tax, as it is charged on every consignment passing through Dover and Eurotunnel."

2008 Citizens Mobile phones Aug 2024

The Daily Express, champions of Brexit, is now telling readers: "There's nothing worse than the thought of landing on holiday and ending up with a hefty fee you didn't expect, but for thousands of mobile phone users this can be the case. Since the UK left the EU many providers including Sky, EE, Three and Vodafone charge their customers to use their phones abroad."

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2007 Food Border checks Aug 2024

Importers of organic produce have warned of higher prices and increased food waste as a consequence of new post-Brexit import controls. The government is introducing a requirement for a Certificate of Inspection (COI) on EU organic goods as of next February. Industry sources claim the extra costs of producing and verifying the paperwork at the UK's borders will significantly affect organic imports and could potentially lead to shortages across the country's supermarkets.

2006 Borders Border checks Aug 2024

Disgruntled food importers have complained to DEFRA about the 'chaotic' post-Brexit controls on food and plant products coming from the EU. One consignment could not be unloaded at a government-run border inspection facility at Sevington in Kent due to a design flaw in the inspection bay. However, the shipment owner was still charged for the inspection. Others had paid for physical checks only to discover their shipments were cleared automatically by a computer system, according to the *FT*.

2005 Food Border checks Aug 2024

The website *Food Manufacture* has investigated issues with UK food companies having to re-register post-Brexit with the EU's TRACES system, an online certification platform for controlling the import and export of animal products. One company, Raynor Foods in Chelmsford, spent 6-months going between the Food Standards Agency (FSA) and the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) and still doesn't have access. The business is said to be concerned about the growing costs of the new export processes.

2004 Food Impact Aug 2024

According to *Farmers Weekly*, NFU president Tom Bradshaw has written to DEFRA parliamentary under-secretary Baroness Hayman with concerns about biosecurity and food fraud from imports through UK Border Control Posts. Mr Bradshaw said BCPs represent an unacceptable risk and any delay while transiting through them could also pose a viable threat to businesses, food security and biosecurity.

2003 Borders Border checks Aug 2024

Industry trade bodies including the British Chambers of Commerce are warning that small and medium-sized importers of food and plants from the EU will face punitive monthly charges running into tens of thousands of pounds when post-Brexit border checks come into force at the end of this month. One specialty Hungarian food importer, HunPro, said their customs agent had estimated that the border inspection fees would cost an extra £8,880 a month.

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2002 Food Border checks Aug 2024

The National Sheep Association (NSA) have called on the government to address the “alarming rise” in illegal sheep meat imports which could pose a major threat to public health and farm businesses by bringing new diseases to the UK. Phil Stocker, CEO of the NSA, said illegal imports of sheep meat are bypassing crucial safety and quality controls at UK borders undermining the integrity of domestic sheep farming, but also “jeopardises food security by introducing products that do not meet the rigorous standards expected of UK-produced meat.”

2001 Economy Trade Aug 2024

According to the Irish vehicle date website Cartell, Japan has overtaken the UK in Ireland’s used car imports market, signifying a notable post-Brexit trend shift. Over the past decade, Japanese imports have increased nearly tenfold, from 2,321 in 2014 to 21,716 in 2023. In contrast, imports from the UK, have declined from 44,939 in 2014 to 14,904 in the same period. Since Brexit, Irish buyers have faced increased costs and paperwork when importing vehicles from the UK, whereas favourable depreciation rates for cars in Japan mean high-quality vehicles available at lower rates.

2000 Health Shortages Aug 2024

The FT report that applications by overseas worker for UK visas in the health and social care sector fell by more than 80% last month compared with the year before, in a sign that net migration to Britain is continuing to decline from record highs. Some 2,900 people applied for a health and social care visa in July, according to Home Office data published on last week, a drop of 82% compared with the same month in 2023. A senior figure in the care industry said there were more than 130,000 live vacancies this year, as tens of thousands of domestic workers continued to leave.

1999 Borders Border checks Aug 2024

Ministers are said to be preparing a public information campaign to advise travellers how to cope with 15-hour delays at peak times when crossing into Europe via Dover after the EU's Entry/Exit system comes into force in November. It is expected to advise families who could be stuck in cars for hours to ensure they have enough supplies including water, food, and nappies when travelling. Councils in Kent have written to ministers demanding urgent action to tackle disruption from EES, warning of massive congestion and food-supply problems once the IT checks go live.

1998 Food Salads Aug 2024

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The British Tomato Growers' Association (BTGA) said delays of up to six weeks for deliveries of seeds from the EU are threatening yields and reducing the profitability of growers, while the Cucumber and Pepper Growers' Association (CPGA) said the significant holdups were causing "costly crop delays" for some members. Dr. Phil Morley, the BTGA technical officer, said the delays have a "knock-on effect for propagators who have programmed their propagation for other crops as well, so they have to rejig their programmes."

1997 Health Shortages Aug 2024

A think tank, The Migration Observatory at Oxford University, has warned that the fall in visa numbers seen so far this year means that the UK's health and social care sector faces potential recruitment problems. Ben Brindle, a researcher with the organisation, said: "If the decline in health and care visas is because people are put off applying because of new rules, rather than a fall in demand, then it could signal further workforce problems for the health and care sector."

1996 Education Student numbers Aug 2024

Home Office data shows the number of international student applying for visas in the UK has fallen by a third so far this year. Mark Corbett, head of policy and networks at London Higher, a body representing universities and colleges in London said the reduction could represent a billion-pound loss for the sector next year and will "no doubt set alarm bells off" and could have serious consequences for the diversity and financial health of UK universities.

1995 Borders Border checks Aug 2024

The Grocer magazine reports that among many border issues raised by the SPS Certification Working Group in a letter to new DEFRA secretary Steve Reed, the main problem remains with the common user charge (CUC), a fixed fee for checks performed on goods entering Britain via the port of Dover and the Eurotunnel. The CUC, which is disproportionately impacting small businesses, would be more acceptable it claims if the checks were actually taking place. According to several traders border officials are waving truckloads in without checking, to avoid more queues and delays.

1994 Culture Football Aug 2024

Dundee United manager Jim Goodwin has lamented the post-Brexit red tape that delayed the arrival of Nigerian winger Meshack Ubochioma from the Hungarian side Zalaegerszeg in July by several weeks. Goodwin said: "The visa process – after the carnage of Brexit – means it is hard to get these players from European sides into the country. This one has dragged on. We did all we could with our lawyers, but we are dealing with people in foreign countries. It is not as big a priority for them as it is for us!"

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1993 Economy Trade Aug 2024

The Trade Confidence Outlook for Q2 2024, conducted by the British Chambers of Commerce's (BCC) Insights Unit, a survey of just under 2,000 UK SME exporters, is said to show a "bleak picture" with most (52%) reporting overseas sales flatlining and 21% reporting a decrease. William Bain, Head of Trade Policy at the BCC, said: "Our research shows the Government will have its work cut out in trying to revitalise UK exports, as they continue to underperform."

1992 Health Pharma Aug 2024

An 81-year-old grandmother from Buckinghamshire has warned that Brexit has cut off her crucial supply of creon enzyme capsules that she needs to digest food because her pancreas is unable to produce the proteins naturally. Patricia Cope said: "We can't apply for a licence to make these drugs in this country because now we have left, they won't issue this country with a licence. I don't ever remember hearing anything like this while we were in the EU, I am sure it is down to Brexit. Now we have left, we are last in the pecking order for everything."

1991 Economy Impact Aug 2024

The Independent reports that the National Institute of Economic and Social Research (NIESR) has claimed "Brexit uncertainty", along with the effects of lockdown and the Covid pandemic, has caused growth and productivity in the UK to lag behind. It added Brexit had contributed to a loss of confidence in Britain as a destination for investment and renegotiating Johnson's Brexit deal could have a "serious positive impact" on turning around Britain's failing economy.

1990 Food Trade Aug 2024

Imports of red meat from Australia have increased by 500% since the UK-Australia free trade agreement came into force in May 2023, according to *Food Manufacture* magazine. Stephen Edwards, business manager for the trade body Meat & Livestock Australia, said: "Where we've seen a steady increase in trade between the UK and Australia within the red meat sector, we're very much where we want to be one year in to the Free Trade Agreement."

1989 Borders Border checks Aug 2024

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A lack of lab testing capacity in the UK means some imported food arriving at British border control posts is being sent back to Europe to be tested. The SPS Certification Working Group, which represents 30 trade bodies involved in the UK's food supply, has written to the government warning that members are being advised that some samples of imported foods are being sent to countries such as Germany to be tested before they can be released at the border.

1988 Transport Aviation Aug 2024

British airline operators are flying planes to the USA for slower and more expensive repairs instead of Europe because of Brexit rules because, after a two-year post-Brexit grace period which ended in 2023, UK-registered aircraft cannot be legally repaired at EU-licensed facilities. Now British companies have been flying their planes thousands of miles across the Atlantic to the US, which has a mutual recognition agreement for aviation engineering with the UK. Cargo airline One Air said a straightforward maintenance check in Germany would take a week and cost about £164,000. In the US, it takes a fortnight and costs £203,000.

1987 Culture Musicians Aug 2024

A recent survey by The Musicians Union has revealed that 75% of respondents had seen a decline in European bookings since Brexit with 59% claiming touring the EU was no longer financially viable. Over 40% said they had to hire equipment in the EU to avoid the cost of a Carnet, and 35% had to hire transport in the EU. Almost 80% of those who had given up European tours said they had been unable to make up for the loss of that work by touring elsewhere in the world.

1986 Borders Border checks Aug 2024

Figures from the SPS Certification Working Group, a body representing 30 organisations covering the UK's food supply, production, and distribution chain, as well as enforcers and port health authorities, the British food industry has spent over £200m on export health certificates since Brexit controls came into force in January 2021. The government's Animal & Plant Health Agency has issued over one million certificates, each costing up to £200.

1985 Food Border checks Aug 2024

According to *The Grocer*, the government is proposing a further extension to the imposition of controls for fruit & vegetable imports from the EU until 1 July 2025. This had been expected to begin in October this year. In a statement DEFRA said that the delay was "necessary to prevent the remaining controls taking effect by default, to allow the introduction of new controls in a phased way which works for traders while protecting biosecurity." Britain imports over half of its fruit & vegetables and in 2022, nearly 80% of vegetable imports came from the EU.

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1984 Government Trade Aug 2024

Attempts by the UK government to align with EU rules on food and agriculture to ease border bureaucracy are likely to be followed by similar moves for chemicals and other sectors. This could lead to Britain adopting a Swiss style relationship with the EU, including many different bilateral agreements that are constantly up for renegotiation, according to *Politico*. Although Brussels does not like such an arrangement, Charles Grant, director of the Centre for European Reform, a London-based think tank believes that, “in the very long run, the UK relationship will be a bespoke, unique institutional structure rather like the Swiss” adding that Bern’s set-up would serve “indirectly” as a model.

1983 Government Trade Aug 2024

The EU has warned Britain that before any improvements to the Trade and Cooperation Agreement can be negotiated, it must fully implement existing Brexit deals on Northern Ireland and the rights of EU citizens living in Britain, according to the FT. Brussels has issued a list of eight demands that the UK must fulfill to “demonstrate real UK government commitment” to honouring its Brexit divorce deal, which EU diplomats described as a “test of good faith” in the new relationship.

1982 Food Beer Jul 2024

The Brexit Institute in Dublin claims there has been an increase in the foreign ownership of Britain's brewing industry, including craft breweries, since Brexit. As a result, they say, the level of imports from the EU has further increased. At the same time, more foreign brews are being produced on British soil, and the level of UK exports has fallen due to increased legal and transportation complexity after Brexit, hurting their competitiveness in foreign markets.

1981 Food Salads Jul 2024

According to *International Supermarket News*, the British tomato industry is facing unprecedented challenges, as post-Brexit seed import protocols 'wreak havoc' on supply chains, threatening both economic stability and crop yields. UK growers are grappling with delivery delays of up to six weeks, primarily due to extended pathogen testing times. These delays have disrupted crop programming and planning, leading to significant financial losses and operational headaches.

1980 Borders Border checks Jul 2024

The Home Office is to introduce new legislation in Parliament to allow French border officials to operate in an expanded zone at the Port of Dover to minimise the risk of traffic disruption and to create more space to process passengers when the EU's new biometric border controls come into force in November. The port will also upgrade its infrastructure to include 24 kiosks for coach passengers to complete the checks, and will register passengers in cars using agents and tablets.

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1979 Borders Border checks Jul 2024

A border inspection facility at Poole in Dorset, built at a cost of £2.3 mn including two large unloading bays, inspection rooms, and refrigeration facilities, has performed just two (2) checks since new controls were implemented in April this year. Brian Murphy, CEO of Poole Harbour Commissioners, blames the problem on the government constantly “moving the goalposts” of its five-times-delayed post-Brexit border regime, ultimately reducing the number of checks that would be needed.

1978 Government Border checks Jul 2024

Labour has been warned that UK ports could demand compensation if trade barriers with the EU are lowered. The British Ports Association (BPA) say its members risk losing large sums of money after constructing high-tech checkpoints, many of which had been barely used, if checks on EU animal and plant products were removed. A letter sent to the Cabinet Office and the DEFRA said port owners had “built a series of expensive and high-spec Border Control Posts at the direction of government”

1977 Government Rights Jul 2024

The UK's scheme allowing EU citizens to remain post-Brexit is in danger of being upended, legal experts have warned, after a series of contradictory court rulings over social welfare payments to French and Slovenian citizens and the relative of a Spanish woman living in Britain. In May, a judge found against Islington council over the removal of a Slovenian software engineer's right to emergency housing after he lost work during the pandemic. But in another case, in February, brought against Oldham council on behalf of a woman whose Spanish daughter was living in the UK, the judge found the opposite.

1976 Borders Impact Jul 2024

Nichola Mallon, head of trade at Logistics UK, a lobby group for the freight industry, has warned that “time is running out” and that there was an “urgent need” for the Government to share its modelling on EES congestion at ports like Dover. Ms Mallon said: If [lorries are] bringing GB exports across, which are perishable goods, every hour that sits in the back of the lorry, the lower shelf life and the lower its value and the increased risk, you have of wastage”.

1975 Borders Musicians Jul 2024

Singer Kim Wilde has been forced to find “ways around” the Brexit restrictions on musicians travelling around the EU. She told BANG Showbiz when asked if she and her backing group had been hit by the fallout from the 2020 referendum vote to quit the bloc: “We have found ways around it. There have been some issues that needed

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sorting out, some complications from time to time. But, luckily, nothing we haven't been able to overcome." Miss Wilde's remarks come after a survey found almost half of UK musicians and workers in the music industry have had less work in the EU since Brexit than before it.

1974 Borders Gibraltar Jul 2024

According to *The Daily Telegraph*, Spain is about to impose a hard border on Gibraltar in the absence of a Brexit deal for the Rock, authorities in Gibraltar have warned. The government of the overseas territory told residents they will face full Brexit border controls for the first time once new EU border systems are in place in November, after talks aimed at finding an agreement reached deadlock. Gibraltarians face tighter controls, including a 90-day limit on visa-free travel to the EU every 180 days, and a requirement to submit their fingerprints and facial photos in automated border booths before entering Spain.

1973 Transport Aviation Jul 2024

One Air, the UK's sole operator of B747 freighters, is lobbying the government to establish a bilateral agreement with the EU to ease post-Brexit bottlenecks. These include difficulties in hiring pilots and engineers and accessing maintenance facilities due to the UK's exit from the EU Aviation Safety Agency (EASA). NED Paul Simmons revealed the lack of reciprocity in professional qualifications between the UK and EU following Brexit has led to increased costs and operational inefficiencies for One Air, impacting its growth. Simmons believes the lack of mutual recognition is a bureaucratic oversight and has urged swift policy changes.

1972 Citizens Trade Jul 2024

TheDaily Telegraph carries a story of a Cotswold couple who moved to France to afford their own home without being saddled with a huge mortgage. The piece is subtitled: Britons ditch the land of red tape to pursue dream of home ownership on the Continent. Phil and Kirsti Coley say the move also created business opportunities unaffordable back home. Mr Coley claimed: "The barriers to starting your own retail business with high street frontage in France compared to the UK are hugely different. In the UK I could expect to pay between £15,000 to £20,000 in rates a year for this type of premises which we've turned into office and workshop space with a coffee shop. Here, it's just £1,000 a year."

1971 Government EU Relations Jul 2024

A research briefing for the House of Commons Library puts the Treasury's latest estimate of the UK's divorce bill agreed as part of the 2019 Withdrawal Agreement at £30.2 bn with £23.8 billion of that having been paid as of December 2023. This excludes £2.9 bn of contributions still owing to the European Development Fund (EDF) until the current programme ends in 2026. The Gross figure was £48.6 bn less £18.4 bn of receipts.

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1970 Food Fruit Jul 2024

Liz Webster, the founder of Save British Farming, a lobby group campaigning to rejoin the Single Market, has blamed Brexit for a crisis in Britain's berry-growing sector. British Berry Growers (BBG), representing more than 95% of locally-grown berries sold in the UK, found almost half of growers (47%) reported not making a profit, suggesting that 40% could go out of business by the end of 2026. Ms Webster says "Brexit removed food subsidies and labour supply, pushing inflation further. Brexit also added trade barriers for exports reducing the market for sales."

1969 Government EU Relations Jul 2024

Sir Alex Younger a former MI6 chief, has told ITV that Britain has been "marginalised" by Brexit. He said: "Putin would've been absolutely delighted by our decision (to leave the EU) and so would Xi." Sir Alex added that when he travels around Europe, he is profoundly depressed. "Just nobody mentions the UK. We've made ourselves irrelevant. And this is extraordinary. The beginning part of this century, we were the dominant force. France has effectively eclipsed us and you just don't hear a discussion of us."

1968 Immigration Crime Jul 2024

An Italian-born police officer working in Manchester has been forced to quit his job after the salary threshold to sponsor his Italian wife to live in post-Brexit UK was raised to £29,000. Dani, has been in the UK since 2017 and has full settled status under the post-Brexit residency scheme for EU citizens but, with one year into a two-year probation period training to be a detective, earns only £26,000, £3,000 short of the sum needed to act as sponsor to bring a foreign family member into the country.

1967 Borders Travel Jul 2024

Amid warnings of long delays at entry points into Britain, the EU has announced a delay in the implementation date of the European Entry/Exit system (EES) from 6 October to 10 November. Getlink, the operator of Le Shuttle, which takes vehicles through the Channel tunnel, has spent €78m (£66m) providing new facilities to ensure a smooth introduction. It expects EES will mean an additional six to seven minutes to process a careful of passengers, reports *The Guardian*.

1966 Construction Shortages Jul 2024

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Labour's pledge to build 1.5mn homes in England over the next 5 years is at risk due to a shortfall of more than 150,000 skilled construction workers, according to Tim Balcon, CEO of the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB). Among the factors driving the net loss are an ageing workforce and changes to UK immigration rules as a result of Brexit, which led to a steady decline in the numbers of immigrant construction workers.

1965 Economy Trade Jul 2024

Nick Thomas-Symonds, the UK's ministerial envoy to the EU, has told the *FT*, "What business wants is fewer barriers to trade [with the EU]." Mr Thomas-Symonds said Britain wanted "structured dialogue to happen as soon as possible" to build closer ties on a wide range of issues including security, dismantling trade barriers and migration. He confirmed that Britain was also seeking an UK-EU leaders' summit to help seal the new partnership, saying both sides would be "laying some groundwork for this in the autumn".

1964 Health Covid Jul 2024

The Covid-19 inquiry led by Baroness Hallet has officially found that senior health officials were diverted to plan for a "no deal Brexit" – ultimately killing more people when Covid struck in 2020, reports *The iNews*. In the same month that the UK's first two Covid cases were discovered, a cabinet-level body that had created the pandemic flu readiness board was effectively abolished before its work was completed, leaving a "significant amount" unfinished, and in particular any surge planning for the health and social care sectors.

1963 Economy Regulation Jul 2024

The King's speech this week contained proposals for new legislation to make it easier for the UK to recognise and adopt new EU product safety laws to prevent businesses from being burdened with new costs and red tape. The government could "recognise new or updated EU product regulations, including the CE marking where appropriate, to prevent additional costs for businesses and provide regulatory stability" but without having any influence over the regulations themselves.

1962 Health Pharma Jul 2024

A Labour councillor in Portsmouth has blamed Brexit for the shortage of ADHD medicine. Cllr Tom Coles said the shortage has resulted in people having to "**trawl around pharmacies**" searching for available stock. Another Cllr, Matthew Winnington, said: "Whether you think Brexit is a good or bad thing, I think pretty much the consensus is the way that Brexit was handled, and indeed what it did to our medicine supply chain has been an absolute disaster."

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1961 Citizens Rights Jul 2024

Research by UK in a Changing Europe (UKICE) shows that EU citizens, who are not given a physical ID card but rather need to navigate an online process to use and prove their status, have reported on frequent glitches in that system. But, according to UKICE, even when it is working in a technical sense, the system does not work well for marginalised and vulnerable EU citizens, including many Roma, who often struggle to independently generate a 'share code' to prove status to an employer or prospective landlord.

1960 Citizens Rights Jul 2024

The Court of Appeal has ruled that two Albanians whose applications to settle in the UK were refused under the EU Settlement Scheme had their rights under the Withdrawal Agreement breached and that their appeals should have been allowed. Their passports had been stamped with the words "Admitted to the United Kingdom under the Immigration (EEA) Regulations 2016" and the Home Office had argued this did not give any right of residence. The Court found that it amounted to facilitation of residence within the meaning of Article 10(2). It's not known how many other applicants to the EUSS were wrongfully rejected.

1959 Economy Taxes Jul 2024

While 52 out of 56 countries worldwide are expected to see a rise in the number of millionaires resident, the UK is forecast to lose 17%, more than any of the other four nations where a fall is forecast. This is according to a recent report by the Swiss bank UBS and reported by the *FT*. The research also revealed that more millionaires had been leaving the UK than arriving over the past decade, with the UK suffering a net loss of 16,500 millionaires between 2017 and 2023. The UK's withdrawal from the EU was said to be a factor.

1958 Economy Impact Jul 2024

According to the *FT*, Labour's plans for closer alignment with the EU to boost trade and economic growth is not a simple or immediate fix to the problems caused by Brexit for several reasons, not least because there is no consensus in affected industries about what benefits different models of alignment might achieve.

1957 Health NHS Jul 2024

An article in the London Review of Books by an anonymous GP about the shortages of medicines in the UK claims that in order to overcome trade barriers erected because of Brexit, the NHS is now paying extra costs to a private company – the international logistics firm Kuehne and Nagel - to circumvent those barriers. The National Supply Disruption Response was introduced in 2020 to give clinical providers access to an 'express freight' mechanism.

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1956 Education Research Jul 2024

In a recent interview on BBC Radio 4, the government's new chief scientific adviser Sir Patrick Vallance said: “Brexit was definitely a problem for science. We were part of a very successful European funding scheme with very large collaborations, right the way across Europe.” He added, “You can’t do the type of science that everyone’s trying to do and make progress in isolation. You need brains that come with other backgrounds, other thought processes, other training.”

1955 Economy Impact Jul 2024

Research by Gavekal, a Hong Kong based financial services company, shows that since the 2016 referendum, Britain has gone from the best performing major economy to among the worst. They claim that the UK's growth, productivity and living standards will continue to be weighed down by the structural handicap of Brexit. Gavekal say the obvious way to accelerate Britain's dismal post-2016 growth rate, would require Labour to commit to rejoining the European customs union and then preparing for membership of the single market and a return to free movement of labour.

1954 Northern Ireland Transport Jul 2024

Andrew Baxter, CEO of Europa Worldwide Group, who supported and even campaigned for Brexit, has admitted that it is “preventing the seamless transportation of goods for British businesses” and has increased complexity by “impacting transit times, increasing the amount of customs paperwork required, and could have costly and time-critical implications.” He has now introduced a scheme to help 'export' goods to Northern Ireland with a team of 34 in Manchester and 8 in Liverpool to help support “exporters” across the North West.

1953 Economy Regions Jul 2024

The FT's Martin Wolf says a new report (see DDD entry 1948) suggests the UK's overall output losses due to Brexit (relative to a synthetic counterfactual) are at least 5% of GDP and that Brexit has reduced regional inequality, not by levelling up, but by “levelling down” — that is, damaging Britain's previously prosperous regions more than less prosperous ones.

1952 Citizens Border checks Jul 2024

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UK government officials are said to fear tailbacks and chaos at UK ports in three months unless the EU again delays plans to introduce a biometric travel registration scheme requiring facial and finger scanning, according to *The Guardian*. A recent survey by the Transport Department showed that 69% of the UK public had not heard of the European entry/exit scheme, and 15% said it was likely to make them travel less.

1951 Citizens Travel Jul 2024

The Dutch airline KLM says it is still unsure about Britain's post-Brexit passport rules, three and a half years after they took effect. The carrier claims the rules are “very confusing and interpreted differently depending on who we speak to”. It comes after KLM turned away a passenger from two Birmingham-Amsterdam flights on the same day in November 2022, even though she had a valid passport. Ms Zielinski said: “I’m really upset even 18 months later. It felt like a huge waste of finances and expenditure on this trip, and it was devastating missing out on seeing my friends who live abroad.”

1950 Transport Border checks Jul 2024

The M20 contraflow scheme known as Operation Brock introduced initially to prevent chaos in Dover as Britain exited the EU, is set to return next week, accompanied by new permits to prevent lorry drivers from bypassing the system. Many truckers have been skipping the system and taking alternative routes to the Port of Dover, worsening congestion in the area. Kent and Medway Resilience Forum (KMRF) will issue new permits to truckers at the front of the Operation Brock queue between Junctions 8 and 9.

1949 Borders Border checks Jul 2024

The FT has been told that non-EU goods entering the UK through Dover and supposedly checks using the new border control post at Sevington, Kent, are now entering with weaker checks or none at all, according to three agents. Communication issues and delays have beset the post as it struggles to implement the new import control regime. Before Brexit, the UK relied on the bloc to carry out official controls on goods coming into Europe. The UK carried out its own checks on those arriving from non-EU countries entering the bloc..

1948 Economy Impact Jul 2024

Using five different methods, a team of academics at Bath, Oxford, Bonn and New York have estimated the cost of Brexit to the regions of the UK. Their estimates suggest that England's economy in 2022 lost between £70-95 billion in economic activity owing to Brexit. The Scottish economy was on average £8.5 to 14 billion smaller. The Welsh economy is estimated to be up to £4 billion smaller. The only region not to see an impact was Northern Ireland, where no costs of Brexit have materialized to date.

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1947 Agriculture Horticulture Jul 2024

The Horticultural Trade Association, representing 1,400 garden retailers and growers in the UK, has combined with several European trade bodies to write an open letter calling for urgent solutions for the new post-Brexit border checks, warning the new system was adding more than 25% to import costs. The HTA say a significant number of deliveries are being delayed at the border, sometimes for as long as 44 hours, while difficulties carrying out inspections were increasing the chance of harmful pests and plant diseases entering Britain.

1946 Food Fishing Jul 2024

A Peterhead fisherman feels he was sold a “pack of lies” in 2016 and thinks Brexit has been a “total shambles.” James Stephen, who has spent 44 years at sea, said: “We lost some of our markets because we couldn’t supply them, or the fish was being held up. For one truck, it used to go through with one set of paperwork. There are 42 pallets in a truck. Now, each pallet must have its own paperwork.” Mr. Stephen, who still thinks Brexit was the “right thing to do”, claimed in the first months after Brexit, goods were perishing in lorries, and “people lost a lot of money in that respect.”

1945 Agriculture Potatoes Jul 2024

According to *The Times*, the UK no longer has any small or medium farms growing new potatoes. Guy Singh-Watson, the founder of one of the country’s biggest vegetable box schemes, said it was the first time it has been impossible to source British early potatoes for his boxes. He called it part of a wider “tragedy” of smaller UK fruit and vegetable growers quitting in the face of low returns, post-Brexit labour shortages and extreme weather.

1944 Northern Ireland Fishing Jun 2024

Jim Allister, founder of the political party Traditional Unionist Voice (TUV) in Northern Ireland claims the government's 2020 Fisheries Act, the UK’s first major domestic fisheries legislation in nearly 40 years, does not apply fully in NI because Article 10 of the Northern Ireland Protocol limits the amount of state aid that can be provided. Brussels is able to cap funding to the local fishing industry under the Windsor Framework which Mr Allister claims makes Stormont’s agriculture minister “but a slave” to the EU.

1943 Citizens Travel Jun 2024

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A Paralympic swimmer due to compete in this summer's Olympic Games in France has said his career is at risk after a post-Brexit policy change barred him from flying in and out of the UK with his guide dog. Mar Gunnarsson, a visually impaired Icelandic national has been unable to fly to sporting championships to represent his country because his guide dog is not recognised as a service animal by the UK authorities.

1942 Immigration Ireland Jun 2024

Workers from Ireland have dropped out of the list of top 10 nationalities seeking jobs in Britain, according to data from a recruitment site, marking a dramatic reversal from the situation in 2016 when Irish applicants ranked second. The data suggests that job seekers from across the Irish Sea are drying up after Britain's departure from the EU and amplified by a growing anti-immigrant tone coming from politicians.

1941 Economy Transport Jun 2024

The owner of a Carlisle haulage firm fraudulently applied for a government loan that he was not entitled to because he was fighting to keep his business afloat. At trial, his defence barrister told a judge that Stuart Chilton had the sole intention of saving his once-thriving business, which was ultimately killed off by the "twin bullets" of Brexit and the pandemic.

1940 Economy Impact Jun 2024

A major report by the University of California, Los Angeles claims that the "long-term scars" caused by austerity and Brexit have stifled economic growth and undermined social cohesion in the UK. Researchers say the UK has been lagging well behind the EU every year since 2020 for capital formation, which is one measure of investment. The report says: "This chronic lack of investment is one obvious explanation for the UK's infrastructural woes such as crumbling transport and a lack of affordable housing near employment centres."

1939 Northern Ireland Impact Jun 2024

Sinn Fein's Michelle O'Neill and Emma Little-Pengelly, of the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), Northern Ireland's first and deputy first ministers have condemned the Conservative Party for the impact of Brexit on the region. Ms O'Neill told Sky News the current government had "played fast and loose" with the Good Friday Agreement. Doug Beattie, the Ulster Unionist Party (UUP) leader, accused the "chaotic" Tory government of "destroying the cohesion of the United Kingdom".

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1938 Economy Impact Jun 2024

Shevaun Haviland, leader of the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) representing 50,000 firms, with over 6 million employees, has said Brexit is not working for UK businesses and the Government needs to “stop treading on eggshells around trade with the EU” if it wants to grow the UK economy. Ms Haviland claimed: “The current plan isn’t working for our members. But better trade terms are possible if the UK Government and the EU reach agreement in areas of mutual benefit for business on both sides. A better deal is best for everyone.”

1937 Economy Musicians Jun 2024

Amber Violins, a trader in secondhand violins, cellos and bows, relied on the EU market for both sourcing and selling goods. Owner Matthew Gryspeerdt, says before Brexit, importers only had to pay VAT on the margin of the sale, but since Brexit everything imported, even if secondhand, is charged at full VAT. Mr Gryspeerdt, was selling 1,000 units per year but this has now dropped to just 40. “Brexit completely scuppered it, really. I basically couldn’t bring stuff in without a shipping agent, and that wasn’t feasible for a small business like mine.”

1936 Economy Wine Jun 2024

A wine bottling company in Manchester has seen benefits from the Australian and New Zealand trade deals and expects to save £3.3mn per year on reduced tariffs. However, the savings on the retail price per bottle has been more than offset by the new post-Brexit alcohol duty regime. MD Ed Baker said: “For an Australian wine you might lose between 7.5p and 9p on the removal of tariffs but you’ll be paying 44p more on excise duty, and that’s ignoring the extra VAT too.”

1935 Northern Ireland Tariffs Jun 2024

Denroy, an injection moulding firm in Bangor, Co Down, sells products that contain material sourced from GB, some of which originated outside the UK or EU meaning they could be subject to tariffs when imported into NI. CEO Kevin McNamee says: “In the year or so after Brexit, we paid tens of thousands of pounds on tariffs. In some cases, we simply re-sourced the supply, so unfortunately the GB supplier got dumped and we went directly to the EU to avoid tariffs.”

1934 Agriculture Horticulture Jun 2024

Wack’s Wicked Plants, based in Scampston North Yorkshire have been forced to pull out of The Chelsea Flower show after they were unable to obtain the plants they needed due to Brexit rules. The business, which specialises in carnivorous plants, has been unable to export anything since the UK exited the single market. Owner Helleentje Walker said: “If we have a customer from Spain who wants five plants for £70, it might cost £80 for the inspection – nobody is going to pay that?”

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1933 Borders Red tape Jun 2024

The UK government has accused importers of making “deliberate” and even “criminal” errors on key documentation in a bid to avoid new Brexit border costs and delays. Apparently, some traders and logistics companies were repeatedly filling out forms incorrectly, declaring goods as low risk when they were medium, while high-risk products were being put down as medium. There was also a problem with importers not including export health certificates for meat and dairy products and phytosanitary certificates for plants.

1931 Environment Rivers Jun 2024

Following Brexit, the Environment Agency (EA) has reduced the testing of rivers under the EU-derived water framework directive (WFD) from annually to every three years, which critics claim has led to gaps in monitoring. Now, a huge citizens survey has found 75% of UK rivers are in poor ecological health as a result of pollution from water companies and agricultural runoff. Dr Sasha Woods, director of science and policy at Earthwatch Europe, said: “The picture around London and the Thames river basin is particularly dire.”

1930 Manufacturing Trade Jun 2024

Steve Toon, a Gloucester-based guitar maker says Brexit has meant exporting his high-end products has gone from 48 hours to three weeks. Shipping costs have increased from £60 to £240 with his hand-crafted items often turning up late and “trashed”. Mr Toon said: “It’s become actually quite difficult to trade. My European sales have dropped off by 50%.” However, he does not want to rejoin the EU but wants politicians to ‘come up with a plan’ to get his guitars across the channel in under a month.

1929 Economy Trade Jun 2024

The think tank UK in a Changing Europe says the UK became *more* dependent on trade with the EU in 2023. The EU’s share of total UK trade in goods and services significantly declined in the lead-up to the end of the Brexit transition period but last year both EU goods and services rebounded, with EU goods now comprising 52% of total UK goods trade. While this *might appear* as if trade with the EU dramatically increased in 2023, the real reason is that trade with non-EU countries fell at such a rate that the EU reclaimed a majority share of total trade.

1928 Health Chemicals Jun 2024

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According to *inews*, in the four-and-a-half years since Brexit, the EU has agreed to ban, restrict, or require clear safety warnings on 46 chemicals compared to the UK which added just one chemical to the watchlists it inherited from Europe – and only after a worldwide ban under the Stockholm Convention, according to an analysis by the Chem Trust charity. The paper suggests the UK's more relaxed approach has raised fears that children face greater potential health risks in the future from toxic toys, bouncy playgrounds and artificial turf sports pitches.

1927 Economy Trade Jun 2024

The Tholos Foundation, a free-market US think tank, says Britain has fallen from 4th place in the Global Trade Barrier index in 2021 to 8th place in 2023. Tholos says, due to Brexit, the UK was the most improved in the tariff section, allowing it to be ranked 4th overall but because the percentage of duty free tariff lines was not as high as initially reported, Britain dropped to 8th, the same position it held in 2019.

1926 Economy Trade Jun 2024

A report from the Centre for Economic Performance at the London School of Economics claims that in real terms, UK exports and imports of goods are both lower now than in 2016, having shrunk by 1% and 2%, respectively. The Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) has reduced exports to the EU by around 30% for small firms, but it has had no effect on large firms' exports to the EU. Many small firms (perhaps around 20,000) have stopped exporting goods to the EU entirely under the TCA.

1925 Economy Impact Jun 2024

The pro-EU think tank UK in a Changing Europe (UKICE) say Labour's plans to improve the UK's trading relationship with Europe will have a "minimal" impact on reducing the economic costs of Brexit. In a new report, UKICE found plans to seek "mainly technical agreements" to improve the EU-UK trade deal, including cutting red tape on food exports and visas for travelling musicians, would only "sand away at the sharpest edges" of the problems caused by Brexit.

1924 Fashion Trade Jun 2024

UK fashion designers are 'decamping' to Milan according to *The Guardian*. Olya Kuryshchuk, the founder and editor-in-chief of 1 Granary, a fashion education platform and creative network, is doubtful that the Italian city can steal Paris's crown. "With London rapidly losing its advantages primarily due to Brexit, Paris will stay the most important hub for independent brands as that is where the majority of the buying is happening," she says.

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1923 Citizens Travel Jun 2024

The Spanish husband of a British woman who had lived in the UK since 2016 has been deported to Spain after he was detained at Leeds Bradford Airport following a trip to visit his elderly mother in Spain. Aimee Grossman's husband Gines Rodriguez, 45, was removed from the UK last week. He had applied to live in the UK under the EU Settlement Scheme but missed the June 2021 deadline and his case is thought to have been rejected due a lack of evidence outlining why it was 'late'.

1922 Health Pharma Jun 2024

A survey by the British Generic Manufacturers Association (BGMA) has found almost half of adults in the UK have struggled to get medicine they have been prescribed. Mark Samuels, CEO of the BGMA, which represents firms producing generic – or off-patent – drugs, which account for 80% of all the drugs the NHS uses across the UK says: “Several factors are contributing to the problem and the Brexit agreement is definitely one of them.”

1921 Food Fishing Jun 2024

According to the BBC, fishermen in Devon and Cornwall feel they have been let down by Brexit and say they have lost trust in politicians ahead of the general election. They said they had wanted Brexit to deliver an increase in fish stock but instead had got more paperwork, citing the introduction of a mandatory catch app to record catches before they are landed, new vessel monitoring systems, inspections and the requirement of medical certificates. Fisherman Graham Nicholas said life post-Brexit had been difficult.

1920 Culture Zoos Jun 2024

Since Britain left the EU zoos have struggled to participate in breeding swaps designed to help vulnerable and endangered species. Bernie, a spectacled bear and one of the star attractions at Chester Zoo has seen the downside of Brexit. He has been waiting for two years for the correct paperwork allowing him to move to Germany and mate with a female bear. A spokesperson for Chester Zoo said: “Prior to Brexit, this would have been in place in 6-8 weeks.”

1919 Transport Aviation Jun 2024

Issues being highlighted in the airline industry include operational disruption due to crew shortages exacerbated by the post-Brexit regulatory framework, affecting many UK operators. Efforts to recruit pilots and engineers to meet demand face significant hurdles due to the UK government's changes to immigration rules, which came into effect on 4th April 2024. Skilled Worker sponsorship remains the most common route into permanent UK employment from overseas, but increases in salary rates and thresholds under the new rules create new impediments to this option.

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1918 Economy Impact Jun 2024

Support for Britain being outside the EU has fallen from 41% in 2016, to 36% in 2019 and just 24% today, according to the latest British Social Attitudes survey, The poll of 5,578 adults across the country also revealed that 71% of respondents thought the UK economy was worse off because of Brexit, an increase in the figure of 51% seen in 2019.

1917 Government Impact Jun 2024

A report for the National Centre for Social Research (NatCen) finds record numbers of voters saying they “almost never” trust governments to put country before party or politicians to tell the truth when in a tight corner. The report suggests disillusionment over Brexit among leave voters is one of the main reasons for the collapse in trust. Sir John Curtice told the BBC: “Leave supporters in particular have just basically gone back to being extremely doubtful about our politicians, about our system of government.”

1916 Transport Driving Jun 2024

Inadequate conditions at UK border posts and long delays could mean drivers start turning down jobs transporting goods to the UK, according to *The Guardian*. A trade body representing 5,000 Dutch transport companies, said some drivers were being held at border posts for up to 20 hours. TLN described the facilities that drivers were forced to wait in as “leaving a lot to be desired” with nowhere for drivers to get food or drink. In one instance, a TLN member said €40,000 (£34,000) of plant products were rejected by a UK customer because of the damage incurred during loading and unloading at a post.

1915 Agriculture Farming Jun 2024

A dairy farmer from Ashbourne in Derbyshire fears agriculture could decline like the steel industry without more support from the next government. Phil Lawton told the BBC that cuts in subsidies and shrinking profits have collided with a labour shortage and pressure from climate change. Mr Lawton, who supported Brexit in 2016 but would vote against it now, said: “We didn't realise a lot of farmers in the UK were dependent on EU subsidies and suddenly they were gone. With Brexit, we have a massive labour shortage in agriculture.”

1914 Financial Services Stock market Jun 2024

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Matthew Lynn, a Brexit supporting writer in *The Spectator*, has admitted the London Stock Exchange is “in serious trouble.” He says a statement by the CEO of Octopus Energy, the largest electricity supplier in the UK, that the company may not list in London could “accelerate the City’s decline into global irrelevance.” Octopus could join the growing number of companies who have chosen to exit London since Brexit. Mr Lynn says the number of companies quoted in London has fallen from 2,700 in 1996, to just 1,100 at the end of 2022, a fall of 60%.

1913 Economy Services Jun 2024

Research by the pollsters IPSOS suggests that Brexit is the most-cited reason for declining public services. Three-quarters of respondents believed services are worse since the last general election in 2019, with a third (31%) blaming Brexit as a cause – more than the outbreak of Covid-19 (27%) in 2020. For Labour and Lib Dem voters, Brexit is believed to be the second leading cause of the decline in public services, at 48% and 44% respectively.

1912 Northern Ireland Trade Jun 2024

A survey by Ulster Bank shows Northern Ireland’s economic performance compared favourably with other UK regions, with NI topping the league table for both output and employment. The province continues to have access to the EU single market. UB chief economist Richard Ramsey said: “The four months since the return of the Northern Ireland Executive have witnessed a strong private sector performance, and this shows no signs of slowing, indeed quite the opposite, with the pace of output, new orders and employment all accelerating in May.”

1911 Borders Border checks Jun 2024

A driver for the Italian haulage company Marini, was held at the Sevington border control post in Ashford, Kent for 55 hours while his load of plants was inspected. CEO Vincenzo Marini described the incident as “surreal” and said the new checks and custom requirements since Brexit had made sending goods to the UK much more problematic. The company, which has been transporting goods to the UK since the 1980s, was now considering abandoning its UK routes due to the new controls, as well as fears among drivers around migrants entering their lorries.

1910 Economy Trade Jun 2024

Martin McTague, national chair Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) has said Britain’s decision to leave the EU has impacted some small businesses negatively when exporting to the EU. He told *The Independent*: “What we are seeing in specific areas is a really big drop-off for exporters. Location is very important and a lot of small businesses don’t have the resources to take on the distant markets. Vicinity is important. A lot of them have been put off by the additional burden that Brexit has caused.

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1909 Economy Chemicals Jun 2024

The Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) has said the UK's post-Brexit replacement for the EU's chemical regulation regime is inefficient, lacking in long-term focus and poor value for money. The RSC is urging the next government to invest in a dedicated national chemicals agency. The present system falls on several government departments and agencies leading to duplicated effort, fragmentation and confusion, according to a new RSC report with the result that industry and the UK's global standing are suffering.

1908 Economy Trade Jun 2024

Total Media Group, a behavioural planning agency based in London, has been acquired by Germany's Mediaplus, Europe's largest independent media agency. TMG chairman, Guy Sellers said Brexit in 2016 made the company consider its credibility with European clients, asking: "Why would you appoint a London media agency to your European media when they're not even in Europe?" Mr. Sellers admits that if it hadn't been for Brexit, the acquisition "certainly wouldn't have happened the same way at all — it might have taken longer".

1907 Northern Ireland Regulation Jun 2024

The EU is set to phase out artificial smoke flavourings over the next two years after its food safety authority said toxicity concerns, including cancer risks, were 'either confirmed or can't be ruled out.' It means that crisp makers in Northern Ireland will also be subject to the ban under the terms of the Windsor Framework, potentially creating a 'smoky bacon border' with Britain, according to *The Daily Mail*.

1906 Borders Gibraltar Jun 2024

Gibraltar's chief minister has said that the alternative to a treaty with Spain is potentially the full application of the Schengen border code with all of the massive difficulties that would entail, and for Gibraltar to reciprocate. Fabian Picardo said: "In other words, if the Schengen border code is applied to Gibraltar and to crossings from Gibraltar to Spain, the government of Gibraltar will apply the same rules to crossings from Spain to Gibraltar. We will do that more in sorrow than in anger."

1905 Financial Services Regulation Jun 2024

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TheCityUK, a trade body representing UK-based financial and professional services firms is calling on the next government to seek an “ambitious and wide-ranging” review of the UK’s relationship with the EU as part of a wider strategy of boosting growth. In a manifesto released last week, they urged the government to “actively engage” with industry over the first 100 days to understand its priorities ahead of the 2026 review of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement.

1904 Government Trade Jun 2024

Guernsey's Environment & Infrastructure department say that dealing with the post-Brexit ramifications has made everything “much more complicated” requiring more time and resources. E&I President Deputy Lindsay de Sausmarez said. “We've had a whole raft of legislation that we've had to bring in, for example about phytosanitary regulations, and things like that, which we've never needed before Brexit.”

1903 Retail Trade Jun 2024

The report by Retail Economics and online marketplace Tradebyte (see also Dossier No 1901) indicates that British retail sales to the EU have plummeted by £6bn since Brexit, despite a flourishing European e-commerce market. Retail Economics CEO said: “International retail is a complicated space to be in, particularly for UK brands and retailers looking to sell in Europe post-Brexit. From language barriers to taxation and customs issues through to warehousing and fulfilment, these are not small obstacles to overcome.”

1902 Economy Trade Jun 2024

The think tank UK in a Changing Europe reports that UK goods trade has “underperformed relative to other OECD countries, particularly since the introduction of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) with the EU in January 2021.” If the UK’s total exports to the EU had grown at the same rate as intra EU exports since Brexit, they would have been 27% higher in August 2023. From December 2020 to August 2023, UK exports to the EU rose by just 1%, and by 9% with the rest of the world. UKICE say it is therefore possible that, without Brexit, the UK’s trade with the EU would have grown more strongly than trade with the rest of the world.

1901 Manufacturing Supply Chains Jun 2024

A report by Retail Economics and online marketplace Tradebyte claims exports of clothing and footwear sold to the EU have fallen from £7.4bn in 2019 to £2.7bn in 2023. Red tape has forced many UK producers to set up operations inside the EU while others have rejigged supply chains so goods made in Asia are now shipped directly to the single market. A sock-maker based in Leicester has shifted production to Italy, ending more than 100 years of manufacturing in the East Midlands, the report's author Richard Lim said.

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1900 Economy Investment Jun 2024

The respected Institute of Fiscal Studies (IFS), in a new report, says there has been a sharp fall in UK business investment dating from around the date of the June 2016 referendum. The IFS calculates that by the start of 2023 business investment in the UK was no higher than it was in June 2016, something “not replicated in other advanced economies.” This shortfall from the 2010 to 2016 trend rate amounts to approximately £4,200 per worker per year, with negative consequences for growth

1899 Citizens Travel Jun 2024

The introduction of a competitor to Eurostar 's cross Channel services will be delayed by at least four years due to Brexit red tape, according to *CityAM*. Richard Branson’s Virgin Group, the Spanish rail firm Evolyn, and the newly established Dutch operator Heuro were planning a high-speed challenger service. Evolyn was expected to launch its service as early as next year, but corporate filings from Eurostar say this is “not feasible,” with “2028 considered to be the earliest possible timing of market entry.”

1898 Environment Regulation May 2024

With the ending of EU cross-compliance in December last year, the requirement for farmers to abide by the no-cut season for hedgerows and buffer strips alongside agricultural land no longer applies in the UK. Environmentalists must now rely on the goodwill and green credentials of farmers to maintain flourishing hedgerows that benefit wildlife and provide nest sites, food sources, and shelter. DEFRA has completed a survey showing overwhelming support for extending the hedgerow management protections but there is now no time for parliament to incorporate the lost no cut and buffer strip rules into UK legislation before the election.

1897 Government Regulation May 2024

The UK government has extended the range of product regulations that will continue to follow current EU requirements. Firms will be able to use either the UKCA or CE marking to sell a range of products in Great Britain indefinitely although the UK will have no influence in the regulations themselves. The range now covers an extra 21 product regulations including 18 owned by the Department for Business and Trade (DBT). Following industry feedback a further 3 regulations, covering ecodesign, civil explosives and, in most circumstances, restriction of hazardous substances (in electrical equipment) are also included.

1896 Citizens Travel May 2024

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Passengers using the juxtaposed UK Border Force e-gates at Paris' Gare du Nord station were delayed for several hours on Thursday due to an IT failure. Eurostar said: "A technical problem is affecting the UK Border Forces e-gates at Gare du Nord, causing major delays and impacting all traffic on the London-Paris route in both directions." One passenger, Karen Fletcher, told The Independent there was "Total chaos at Gare du Nord."

1895 Economy Regulation May 2024

The FT reports that the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) say tighter migration rules and rising costs and complexity of exports were throttling investment and growth at home. BCC director-general Shevaun Haviland said: "We urgently need to get a better trading relationship with our closest neighbour" adding that the constant addition of new EU rules was making life ever-harder for exporters and their suppliers. Ms Haviland said: "We thought that after year one things would just get easier for people as they worked out what the problems were, but actually the changes just kept coming."

1894 Citizens Travel May 2024

The BBC claim that coaches arriving at Dover for Channel crossings from October will be directed to the Western docks, away from the main check-in areas where coach halls will be built with new kiosks to register passenger details for the EU's biometric Entry/Exit system. The port's CEO Doug Bannister says passengers will disembark, pass through the border in the Western docks, re-board their coach and continue to the ferry terminal, adding: "As long as the seal's intact the coach will proceed directly around to check-in." By summer 2025, the plan is to relocate car processing to the Western docks too. This relies on an old dock being filled in to create more land. The port plans to make more holding space around the port by September 2027.

1893 Borders Gibraltar May 2024

The Spanish Government has suggested that Policia Nacional must carry out border controls, armed and in uniform, at Gibraltar airport, seaport and the marina, if a treaty is to be agreed. It says the role of Frontex, the EU's border control force, will only be to support and complement the Policia Nacional. Spain is insisting that responsibility for entry to Schengen must be controlled by uniformed and armed Policia Nacional officers, with Frontex serving in an auxiliary capacity.

1892 Northern Ireland Trade May 2024

InterTradeIreland, a cross-border trade body says businesses in Northern Ireland and the Republic that traded with both sides of the border are in a stronger position than those who only trade in their own markets. According to Ireland's Central Statistics Office, cross-border trade in 2022 was valued at €10.3bn (£8.8bn), up €2.5bn on 2021. The lobby group says in Q1 2024 four out of 10 firms that trade across the border report that they are growing, compared to two out of 10 firms that don't.

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1891 Financial Services Stock market May 2024

The CEO of DocuSign, the e-signature company with 1,000,000 paying customers and over a billion users worldwide, says Brexit and British red tape have stifled dealmaking in the UK, making it much slower compared to the US. Allan Thygesen, told *City AM* that Brexit and the regulatory and compliance issues that have come with it “just adds burden” to operating in the UK. The company is “very bullish on Europe” which Thygesen thinks is the biggest growth market outside the US.

1890 Economy Taxes May 2024

A piece by professor Jonathan Portes for the think-tank UK in a Changing Europe on UK immigration levels, claims the recent fall in net migration, although at 685,000 still very high, has “major implications for the public finances.” He quotes OBR figures forecasting that a ‘low migration’ scenario would push up borrowing by about £14 billion per year in 2028-29 and raise the debt to GDP ratio – the government’s key fiscal target – by about 2.5%, or about £75 billion.

1889 Economy Tourism May 2024

Sally-Ann Hart, a Conservative MP who campaigned for Brexit has joined calls to ease the ban on travel to the UK by European school groups with ID cards. Ms Hart, who represents Hastings and Rye, told *The Independent* it is “vital” that barriers to restoring inbound tourism are removed. Her constituency has seen a collapse in school groups from the EU who previously stayed in the town while on English-language courses. In 2021, the government banned the use of ID cards by visitors to the UK.

1888 Economy Tourism May 2024

Clarence House, the king’s London home, will not be open to tourists this summer because of staff shortages in the royal household caused by Brexit and the pandemic. The trust that oversees tourist visits to the palaces, has struggled to find people willing to work in front-of-house, retail, catering, and other jobs. Bernard Donoghue, director of the Association of Leading Visitor Attractions, says, “It is much harder since Brexit to recruit. It’s a real problem, given that tourism is the fifth biggest industry and the third largest generator of exports.”

1887 Food Trade May 2024

The organisers of a the world’s largest food awards have been forced to hold a judging panel outside the UK for the first time in its 30-year history to avoid post-Brexit import controls. On Sunday, judges from the Guild of Fine Foods panel travelled to County Tipperary in Ireland to spend three days tasting products that have become

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much harder to bring to the UK. John Farrand, MD of the guild said: "We're a bellwether for the wider problems in the market. It's irritating for us because it's going to cost us a lot more money to go and judge in Ireland."

1886 Culture Cycling May 2024

Of the 15 women's WorldTour cycling teams, only four have opted to attend next month's Tour of Britain Women, one of the stages in the WorldTour event, which starts on 6 June. In statements issued to *Cycling Weekly*, WorldTour outfits Movistar and Roland cited Brexit in their rationale for not taking part. Ruben Contreras, manager of Roland, said Brexit makes racing in the UK "very, very complicated. Even if we have the vans, the ATA carnet, all the equipment, all the documents, it's still very complicated," adding that "We got stuck at the customs border last year."

1885 Culture Cycling May 2024

The manager of Lincoln-based cycling team Pro-Noctis - 200^o Coffee - Hargreaves Contracting has been forced to crowd-fund money to cover the extra costs of participating in European competitions following Brexit. Speaking to *Cycling Weekly*, Rick Lister said the Brexit process has "significantly" increased costs. "If we've got an early morning boat, it's a real risk to go in the morning, because if it's two hours, we could then miss the boat. Every trip we have to stay in the Travelodge at Ashford, which is an expense, so I can go the evening before [to do the paperwork], and it's the same coming back."

1884 Government Gibraltar May 2024

Fabian Picardo KC MP, the first Minister of Gibraltar, has issued a stern rebuke to the members of the European Scrutiny Committee, over comments relating to Gibraltar and reports that the British Overseas Territory is about to join the Schengen area. Mr Picardo said members of the ESC want "to turn a Nelsonian blind eye to the huge problems that their Brexit has created for Gibraltar and our current economic model. More worrying, there seemed to be a failure to understand some of the issues that arise and how to legally and logically resolve them."

1883 Agriculture Farming May 2024

The Liberal Democrat MP for Westmorland and Lonsdale has said changes to subsidy payments following Brexit were making it difficult for farmers in Cumbria to run viable businesses. Tim Farron raised concerns that the new systems to replace the EU funding were leaving tenant farmers exposed. Roughly half of farmers in Cumbria were tenant farmers, he said, sixty five of whom received letters giving them notice to quit last month.

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1882 Transport Border checks May 2024

The Road Haulage Association (RHA) has greeted the NAO report on post-Brexit border control infrastructure with dismay. Public Affairs Manager, Ashton Cull said: “We are deeply concerned to read this report detailing the level of delays in the introduction of the new border model, and particularly the Single Trader Window. The overspend on infrastructure and staffing is also of concern to us, particularly when we are receiving reports from members that significant delays are being caused by a lack of resource at Sevington.”

1881 Northern Ireland Border checks May 2024

A scheme to help traders cope with new customs processes required to move goods from GB to NI will have cost more than £500m in its first four years, according to the BBC, quoting the National Audit Office. HMRC expects to have spent £531m on the Trader Support Service (TSS) between December 2020 and December 2024 using an IT system operated by a consortium led by Fujitsu. The initial contract was for a two-year period, with the option of two one-year extensions. HMRC has since extended the contract twice and the current contract will expire in December 2024.

1879 Borders Increase May 2024

The NAO claims that the government's ambitious plans to create a one-stop-shop for all UK border processes and systems, allowing users to meet their import, export and transit obligations by submitting information once, and in one place, is already months behind schedule. The Single Trader Window (STW) is said to be a fundamental element of the government's plans to implement both the remaining import controls and the 'most effective border strategy.' The spending watchdog believes the programme's objectives and timescales are “overly optimistic and continue to under-estimate the complexity of what is required.”

1878 Borders Funding May 2024

The *FT* says the NAO report into the government's post-Brexit border controls has found there was “no cross-government integrated delivery plan” for the strategy. The project has been plagued by political U-turns and delays that have led to public funds being wasted. The report said ministers spent £62mn on a customs post at Dover that was later not required, while £258mn was spent building eight temporary border facilities to cope with additional demand, but in the event were never needed.

1877 Borders Funding May 2024

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A report by the National Audit Office (NAO) has revealed the cost of new infrastructure needed to implement the government's new post-Brexit trade border will be at least £4.7bn for the 13 most significant projects, excluding their annual staffing and running costs. The government estimates the annual cost to traders of the Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) controls and safety and security declaration (SSD) requirement will be £469mn.

1876 Citizens Travel May 2024

Passengers taking the Eurostar from St Pancras will be expected to arrive at the station at least **two hours before departure** when the new EU entry/Exit system comes into force in October. Currently travellers are advised to arrive 90 minutes in advance. A spokeswoman for Eurostar said: "We are working closely with the authorities in the UK and EU member states to prepare for the arrival of EES."

1875 Citizens Travel May 2024

Foreign Secretary David Cameron has said he is worried about the introduction of the EU's new Entry/Exit System (EES), which will require photographs and fingerprints to be taken from UK and other non-EU nationals on their first visit to the bloc from 6 October. He told MPs on the European Scrutiny Committee: "We have made some progress... but it's still worrying because we do have these quite big choke points at Dover and St Pancras and I'm really worried about there being long delays for people."

1874 Construction Shortages May 2024

Tim Leiweke, CEO of US-based Oak View Group (OVG) which owns Co-Op Live, the UK's largest indoor arena located in Manchester has told the *Financial Times* that the root cause of the delays, which saw shows cancelled and fans turned away at the last minute, was a shortage of construction workers caused by Brexit and the pandemic. He described the past few weeks as "hell" for OVG after the 23,500-capacity arena was ridiculed by angry ticket holders, and said the experience had made him reconsider plans for a second UK venue in London.

1873 Food Fishing May 2024

The BBC reports that a lobby group representing small boat owners, the New Under Ten Fishermen's Association (NUTFA), was disbanded last month, because it can no longer see a future for the industry because of the foreign fleet's ability to catch huge quantities of fish. Martin Gilbert, who fishes mainly for shellfish out of Newquay harbour and voted for Brexit said the current deal had "sold us down the river," adding: "The French, the Belgians and the Spanish have still got the majority of the quota."

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1872 Agriculture Animal welfare May 2024

Experts are warning that new rules intended to reduce the use of antibiotics in farming in the UK are too lax and weaker than their equivalent under EU laws which have been in force since 2022. The new UK rules ban the routine use of antibiotics on farm animals, and specifically, their use to “compensate for poor hygiene, inadequate animal husbandry, or poor farm management practices” take effect from today (17 May 2024). Experts, however, say there are loopholes in the legislation that are closed off under the equivalent EU regulations.

1871 Education Student numbers May 2024

The National Centre for Universities and Business (NCUB), a lobby group including leading firms and UK universities, has sharply criticised the government's higher education strategy in a letter to Rishi Sunak. NCUB are 'deeply concerned' by reports of growing research and teaching funding gaps, as well as sharp declines in international student applications resulting from the government's post-Brexit immigration policy. They warn it risks undermining the positive impact that international students have on our skills base, future workforce, and international influence.

1870 Education Student numbers May 2024

The annual report from the Office for Students says that Universities in England face a looming funding crisis as a result of a fall in student applications. The *Financial Times* says the findings follow government plans to restrict the number of lucrative international graduate students who come and study in the UK. The government has removed the right of overseas graduate students to bring family members, and increased the salary threshold for skilled workers from £26,200 to £38,700, contributing to a sharp drop-off in applications.

1869 Government Research May 2024

Britain's attempt to rejoin ITER, the EU's world-leading experimental nuclear fusion project in France, without being affiliated to Euratom, which the UK left on 24 January 2020 as part of the Withdrawal Agreement, has been rebuffed by Brussels, the *FT* reports. The UK has asked to continue with ITER as an outside partner, an arrangement already granted to Australia. But the EU has said it must join the Euratom research scheme within months or risk being locked out. Australia has a cooperation agreement with Euratom.

1868 Financial Services Impact May 2024

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The increase in the salary threshold for skilled worker visas has caused HSBC and Deloitte to withdraw job offers to foreign graduates in the UK. The two businesses have recently told dozens of incoming staff that their job offers had been revoked. Another big employer, KPMG, cancelled contracts for some foreign graduates last month. The government has increased the salary threshold for skilled worker visas from £26,200 to £38,700, and to £30,960 for people under the age of 26 as of April, as part of its efforts to cut record levels of legal migration.

1867 Food Border checks May 2024

After a government IT system went down last weekend, trucks carrying perishable food and plants from the EU were held for up to 20 hours at the UK's busiest Brexit border post. Businesses have described the government's new border control checks as a "disaster" after consignments of meat, cheese and cut flowers had their shelf life reduced, prompting retailers to reject some orders. One importer of Italian goods said that 18 of their 23 lorries that came through the Port of Dover were sent to Sevington, and delayed between nine and 20 hours before being released.

1866 Economy Regulation May 2024

The Daily Express complains that UK manufacturers are being forced to implement 'pettifogging' new EU rules that all plastic water bottles sold within its territory must be equipped with tethered caps, starting this summer. Running separate production lines for the UK and EU markets would incur unnecessary costs, making alignment with EU regulations in the UK the obvious choice for businesses. The move, it reports, "symbolise the futility of Brexit in escaping EU product standards."

1865 Agriculture Horticulture May 2024

The price of imported garden plants has increased due to costs related to Brexit according to Emma Gibbons, stock manager at The Palm Centre in Richmond, London. Ms Gibbon reports that as of 30 April, phytosanitary tests are being carried out by inspectors on site as part of a pilot test to see if checks can be made away from the border. She claims it involves very complicated and time-consuming paperwork. With the extra costs, a plant that sold for around £5.95 before 2021 for example, is now £8.95.

1864 Northern Ireland Legal May 2024

The High Court in Northern Ireland has struck down the application of key parts of the UK's Illegal Migration Act in the province. Mr Justice Michael Humphreys ruled that human rights provisions of the act contravened the post-Brexit Windsor framework. He also ruled that other provisions were incompatible with the European Convention on Human Rights. The passage into law of the Illegal Migration Act last July barred anyone entering the UK without prior permission from claiming asylum.

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1863 Education Student numbers May 2024

The number of international students paying deposits to study at UK universities has “plummeted” according to the *FT* using figures from Enrolly, a web platform used by one in three international students for managing university enrolment, **falling 57% year-on-year** as of May. It follows restrictions on education visas introduced by Rishi Sunak last year. University and industry leaders say the move will inflict significant damage on a sector that relies on foreign fee income for more than a fifth of its revenues.

1862 Northern Ireland Funding May 2024

The minister of finance in the NI Assembly, Sinn Fein's Dr Caoimhe Archibald has told the Commons Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee, that : “The replacement of locally administered EU funding with Whitehall funding has failed to deliver a complete replacement, either in quantum, scope of intervention or duration. The lack of understanding of devolved and local government structures here has been a significant contributing factor to the slow delivery and to the limited impact this funding has had on the ground.”

1861 Economy Trade May 2024

Emily Fry at The Resolution Foundation says the UK's performance in goods trade, relative to similar economies, has been dismal. Since 2019, the UK's goods exports have **grown by just 4%** compared with OECD countries' goods exports growing 23%, and has fallen to thirteenth on the rankings of world goods exporters. Ms Fry concludes that the first step to addressing it needs to include a reduction in UK-EU trade frictions.

1860 Health Rights May 2024

A British man settled in Italy who has a rare cancer has been unable to receive the free healthcare he is entitled to because local officials don't understand the details of the Brexit withdrawal agreement. Graham Beresford, 61, said: “Brexit is the cause of this. Brexit is an absolute disaster, an act of self-harm of the worst kind for absolutely nothing. I don't know why anyone voted for it.” Local authorities claim the withdrawal agreement gives health rights only to British nationals who were in the country for five years before the end of the transition period on 31 December 2020.

1859 Environment Rivers May 2024

A report from Office for Environmental Protection (OEP) claims England's rivers are likely to remain in a poor state for years to come because the government is failing to put in place EU clean water laws post-Brexit. The OEP say not enough monitoring taking place. Under the EU's Water Framework Directive a national chemical and

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ecological survey of rivers was conducted annually but since 2016 these have taken place every three years. Ministers are said to be planning to stop assessing water quality under the WFD.

1858 Borders Gibraltar May 2024

The Daily Mail reports that Britain is set to “cave in” over proposed post-Brexit rules in Gibraltar in a “serious diminution of UK sovereignty.” The European Scrutiny Committee has this week raised 'serious concerns' that British negotiators are close to conceding plans to carry out Schengen border checks required by the EU will take place on British soil at the peninsula's airport. This would mean British visitors undergoing passport checks while those arriving across the border with Spain will not.

1857 Services Tourism May 2024

The UK ski operator Alpine Action has announced that it has ceased trading. Based in Sussex, the company operated 10 ski chalets in Meribel and four in La Tania in France. An article on the ski news website PlanetSki blamed the closure on the “continuing fallout” from Brexit and Covid, noting how the chalet market had been particularly badly hit because of its small margins and reliance on British staff.

1856 Health NHS May 2024

Mark Dayan, Brexit programme lead for The Nuffield Trust, an independent health think tank claims that by nearly every available indicator, since 2021 we have experienced a “once unthinkable level of medicines shortages again and again.” The crisis jumps between products and conditions, with no sign of slowing down.” He added that while other western countries such as Italy and Germany were also being hit by disruptions to supply, “Brexit creates some extra obstacles for the UK because our market is now partly separated from the wider European pool of supplies.”

1855 Economy Trade May 2024

Gita Gopinath, deputy MD of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said Britain’s exit from the EU’s single market and customs union in 2020 showed the harmful consequences of breaking up trade ties, hurting economic growth and reducing cross-border investment. “Imposing restrictions on trade would diminish the efficiency gains from specialisation, limit economies of scale, and reduce competition,” Ms Gopinath said, citing Brexit as a useful example.

1854 Agriculture Vets May 2024

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MPs on the environment, food and rural affairs select committee have warned the environment secretary Steve Barclay about an increasing shortage of vets due to post-Brexit visa and food security requirements. They say the shortage is of particular concern as, due to Brexit, there are more biosecurity measures for animals coming into the UK, food and animal certification has changed and it is harder to recruit vets from overseas.

1853 Northern Ireland Regulation May 2024

The BBC reports how Brexit is continuing to cause problems in Northern Ireland with Stormont voting to approve a relatively uncontroversial but obscure EU regulation on organic pet food in a so-called "applicability motion." These require cross community support and have the constant potential going forward to become a focus of political disagreement between unionists and nationalists in the assembly, between the local parties and the UK government and between the UK and the EU.

1851 Agriculture Farming May 2024

The National Farmers Union's (NFU) annual survey of the industry shows that a combination of Brexit and the wettest UK weather for nearly 200 years will lead to a significant drop in food production by British farmers this year. President, Tom Bradshaw, said it was grimmest outlook for farmers in England and Wales in the 14 years the NFU has run the survey and leaves the UK on the brink of a food security crisis. The phasing out of the EU's basic payment subsidy scheme is set to negatively affect 86% of farm businesses,

1850 Agriculture Flowers May 2024

The UK flower industry is said to have been "thrown into chaos" by the introduction of border checks. One wholesaler, Green and Bloom, said that each of his daily trucks had been flagged for inspection with one driver being held at Sevington for seven-and-a-half hours before being told to leave without any inspection. and at no point was his truck opened. Owner Freddie Heathcote said: "We had in the region of 50 wholesale orders going out the door on Thursday, but nothing arrived."

1849 Agriculture Flowers May 2024

John Davidson, co-owner of flower company Tom Brown Wholesale, said the new post-Brexit border checks are expected to cost his business between £200,000 and £225,000 per year. The Cold Chain Federation, an industry trade organisation, said the costs were bound to affect prices and would have to be passed on to "either the EU importer, the smaller UK retailer, or the UK consumer".

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1848 Food Supply Chains May 2024

Nigel Jenney, CEO of the Fresh Produce Consortium, has described plans for goods inspectors at Border Control Posts to clock off at 7pm as “absolutely crazy,” causing huge disruption for truck drivers bringing in perishable goods. Mr Jenney said: “95% of all our consignments from Europe arrive in the evening and through the night to be delivered... so that we can enjoy that produce the next day.” Delivery drivers would have to choose between parking up for the night or driving inland to Sevington which he claims was impractical given what he called the “astronomical” fees charged at the government facility.

1847 Agriculture Border checks May 2024

The NFU in Scotland has raised concerns following reports from ITV suggesting that, despite the second phase of the UK Government’s Border Target Operating Model starting this week, shipments are being waved through even when incorrect paperwork is submitted. Vice President Andrew Connon said: “The UK Government’s record on introducing effective post-Brexit border controls that protect farmers and crofters from highly damaging plant and animal diseases has, to date, been woeful.

1846 Citizens Travel May 2024

The Daily Mail reports that ministers fear the EU's Entry/Exit System (EES) which comes into force in October is “likely to cause travel chaos for UK holidaymakers.” British and non-EU passport holders will have to go through fingerprint checks and face scans under the new rules. The Port of Dover, which has regularly seen long delays resulting from post-Brexit checks, said the new system could lengthen inspections on cars from 45 seconds to as long as ten minutes.

1844 Retail Horticulture May 2024

Lord Howarth of Newport, who was both a Conservative minister under Margaret Thatcher and John Major, and a Labour minister under Tony Blair, has told peers of a florist friend who claims the price for lisianthus, a cut flower with a long vase life, imported from Europe has almost trebled due to new sanitary and phytosanitary checks. The florist foresees “only the rich being able to give flowers.”

1843 Economy Impact May 2024

Philip Rycroft, the former top civil servant at DEXEU, the Department for Leaving the European Union, has said the barriers that now exist between the UK and its major EU markets act as a drag anchor on the UK and reduce productivity growth. “Coming out of the EU means we will be poorer than otherwise we would have been,” said Rycroft, adding that he also believed Brexit had made an independent Scotland more likely.

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1842 Food Poultry May 2024

The British Poultry Council (BPC) says that certification alone has cost UK poultry meat exporters £55 million a year since January 1, 2021 and claims a 56% drop in poultry meat exports since 2020 underscores the erosion of British poultry supply chains due to Brexit, and shows the need for a Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) agreement. The trade body also says importers have enjoyed a competitive advantage over the same period.

1841 Economy Trade May 2024

Quoting ONS figures for the three months to December 2023, *Bloomberg* reports the UK is exporting fewer goods than before Brexit. The volume of exports of goods was around 15% below the level in 2018. That's in contrast to services exports which have continued to rise after surpassing pre-pandemic peaks. The UK's trade balance is said to have worsened since 2010, with falling EU trade weighing on progress made to boost business with the rest of the world.

1840 Borders Funding May 2024

A tender document has been issued for the construction of new border control infrastructure at the port of Fishguard in Pembrokeshire, required as a result of Brexit, with proposed enhancements including expanded parking for heavy goods vehicles and additional processing facilities. The Welsh Government has announced the need to augment customs infrastructure at this key transit point following the UK's departure from the European Union.

1839 Food Transport May 2024

UK food importers claim that the newly introduced post-Brexit checks could increase their costs by up to 60%, pushing up prices for customers and driving some shops out of business. Importers and haulage companies have criticised the lack of clarity over what a "consignment" meant, with many assuming that the cap applied per lorry. Adriana Zalewska, from the small importer Kin Global Distribution, said its lorries could often carry shipments with several types of meat, dairy, and other fresh produce, with the new fees adding upwards of £1,300 per shipment.

1838 Borders Funding May 2024

Just hours to go before new post Brexit border checks started yesterday, Britain's commercial port operators are still waiting to discover how they're supposed to recoup the costs of running new high tech border controls. Richard Ballantyne, CEO of the British Ports Association, and Rhett Hatcher, chief executive of the UK Chamber of

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Shipping, warned it's not possible to know "how many eligible goods are being transported through ports as well as who to invoice a blanket charge" without the information on the government's Import of Products, Animals, Food and Feed System, to which they do not have access.

1837 Economy Trade Apr 2024

The Guardian reports that Irish consumers paid €700m (£600m) in customs duties on GB imports in 2021 and 2022, according to figures from the Revenue Commissioners (IRC) in Dublin. The data revealed a 90% increase over 2020, after the Trade and Cooperation Agreement came into force. While a significant amount of customs duty came from imports from China, the IRC attributed the scale of change to Brexit saying: "The level of customs duties has effectively doubled in recent years compared to the previous decade, reflecting the transformation of Great Britain into a third country in 2021."

1836 Economy Stock market Apr 2024

Fears are growing that the oil giant Shell, Britain's second most valuable company, may be considering moving its listing from London to New York joining the exodus of businesses who have chosen to abandon the London stock exchange after Brexit because of poor valuations. In April, former Shell CEO Ben van Beurden called the difference in valuations between Europe and the US a "major issue" and argued Shell is "massively undervalued".

1835 Economy Trade Apr 2024

An analysis by chartered accountants and business adviser, Hazlewoods, shows the number of UK businesses trading with the EU has fallen to a three-year low of 232,309 in the year ending December 31, 2023, down 4% from 242,029 businesses in 2022. Partner Rebecca Copping said: "The number of businesses having no option but to cease trading with the EU continues to grow. This is a worrying sign for the many businesses that have traditionally relied on a European customer base."

1834 Food Inflation Apr 2024

The manager of a German deli in London has described Brexit as "a massive pile of paperwork." Susan Schneider was showing ITV's business editor Joel Hills how to enter commodity codes into the government's "Import of Products, Animals, Food and Feed" (IPAFF) system online for which a customs agent charges her a flat rate of £50 plus £1.50 per commodity line. From this week the new Common User Charge of £10 per commodity line (£29 for "medium risk" products) comes into force and Ms Schneider's EU supplier has now introduced a new "Brexit Admin Fee."

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1833 Food Inflation Apr 2024

ITV has calculated that the cost to UK consumers of the new post-Brexit border checks coming into force in a few days at £2.9 billion a year, more than ten times the government's own estimate published last year. If all the extra costs are passed on to consumers then the average household in the UK would see the price of their monthly food shop rise by £8.57. Anna Jerzewska of Trade & Borders, an independent customs consultant, described tITV's calculations as “robust”.

1832 Borders Regulation Apr 2024

MPs on the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee have written to the government demanding clarity on plans for the UK's new post-Brexit border controls after it emerged in the *FT* that crucial checks on imports would not begin by next week's deadline. The committee claimed that setting the rate of checks to zero for all goods when the border comes into force was a sixth delay “in all but name”. “It is essential [the government] urgently takes steps to communicate the changed arrangements to businesses and the public to build confidence in our incoming border controls and reduce disruption,” the MPs said in a letter to Environment Secretary Steve Barclay.

1831 Agriculture Equivalence Apr 2024

A paper published by Aston University and the University of Bristol, based on an analysis of 279 previous trade agreements and export statistics from more than 200 countries suggests that a UK deal to harmonise veterinary standards with the EU could boost British agrifood exports to Europe by more than 22%. The study also predicted imports from the EU would also increase by 5.6% if there was a deal. Professor Jun Du said that because the UK was previously aligned with EU standards and had not diverged significantly since Brexit, it was likely to feel the benefits of a veterinary deal faster than was normal.

1830 Economy Trade Apr 2024

The *FT* reports that small and medium-sized importers of food and plants from the EU will face “punitive monthly charges” when post-Brexit border checks come into force at the end of this month. This is according to William Bain, the head of trade policy at the BCC, who warned that owners of corner shops, cafés and local delis would face an “explosion in costs” with some businesses paying “tens of thousands of pounds” extra each month. Mr Bain said: “It is becoming clearer [the checks] will have an unfair effect upon small and medium-sized businesses. The loser in this will be British consumers, facing higher prices for everyday foods and reduced choice.”

1829 Economy Transport Apr 2024

The UK haulage industry has been forced to train extra drivers following Brexit and two years on, logistics trade bodies report that the crisis has triggered a restructuring of the driver industry leading to higher costs and wage increases of 20-30% above pre-pandemic levels, but also a steadier pipeline of younger British drivers. Lee Juniper,

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boss of FreshLinc, which has trained nearly 200 drivers since opening his on-site driver school 18 months ago said: “I’m not sure it’s exactly a Brexit ‘success story. We’ve solved the problem, but we’ve had to pay through the nose for it.”

1827 Economy Regulation Apr 2024

Joël Reland from the UK in a Changing Europe think tank has highlighted a raft of legislation the EU is rushing to finalise ahead of the European Parliament elections in June and argues that UK businesses will have little choice but to follow the new measures to avoid losing access to their biggest export market. Despite technically being free of Brussels ‘red tape’ British businesses will still need to comply with new EU regulations – on packaging, due diligence, and much else, in order to export to the single market. In short EU regulations will become *de facto* UK ones.

1826 Financial Services Investment funds Apr 2024

According to the *FT*, Goldman Sachs has moved its top investment banker for the European market from London to Paris. Dirk Lievens, head of Goldman’s financial institutions group for Europe, the Middle East and Africa, moved to Paris last month. Since Brexit Goldman has relocated dealmaking teams focused on different industries from London to continental European cities. Lievens joins several other members of Goldman’s financial institutions group in Paris, while a skeleton staff remains in London to serve UK and Middle Eastern banks.

1825 Food Trade Apr 2024

The CEO of The Wine Society Steve Finlan has criticised the UK government's post Brexit trade deals which he claims have made selling wine abroad “more difficult and more expensive.” He said the government was completely “out of touch with business”, over complex new duty changes which are set to hit the industry next year. The Treasury was warned that plans to tax alcoholic drinks by alcohol strength as opposed to type would be “unworkable” and push prices up, however it is pressing ahead.

1824 Immigration Rights Apr 2024

Former Conservative PM David Cameron has effectively admitted that it was easier to tackle the asylum crisis and return migrants to France before Brexit. Speaking to ITV’s Anushka Asthana, the foreign secretary said before Brexit we had “a totally different situation” where you could return people directly to France: “People land on a beach in Kent, you take them straight back to France, you therefore break the model of the people smugglers.”

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1823 Citizens Banking Apr 2024

Some British customers of the French bank Crédit Agricole have been told their bank accounts will be closed in two months time due to “complex issues post-Brexit.” The 60 Britons, who are UK residents with second homes in west France, said they were “devastated” to receive the letter which gave “no explanation.” The bank said the customers were British people who had dormant accounts with their Nord Midi-Pyrénées branch and were UK-based residents with second homes in France.

1822 Food Trade Apr 2024

James Macsween, MD of haggis suppliers Macsween of Edinburgh, has told MSPs that Brexit has delivered extra burdens when selling goods to Europe. He claimed, “Pre-Brexit, you used to put an order on a lorry that would go to Germany and it would arrive two or three days later and you were able to use the same product codes, the same invoicing, the same paperwork and the same process as if it was going to London, as if it was going to Frankfurt. Unfortunately, that's now not the case.” Mr Macsween called for “a fairer and more level playing field on trade and to try and get back to where we were on the free movement of goods that we did have before Brexit.”

1821 Economy Trade Apr 2024

Quoting ONS figures for the three months to December 2023, Bloomberg reports the UK is exporting fewer goods than before Brexit. The volume of exports of goods was around 15% below the level 2018. That's in contrast to services exports which have continued to rise after surpassing pre-pandemic peaks. The UK's trade balance is said to have worsened since 2010, with falling EU trade weighing on progress made to boost business with the rest of the world.

1820 Food Trade Apr 2024

A delicatessen in north London has lost 37 suppliers from the EU since Britain left the single market in 2021, and the owner of Panzer's, David Josephs, fears more will quit after the UK introduces new border checks start coming into force this month. Mr Josephs says Brexit has been a disaster for his business: "The government says there won't be any disruption. I guarantee there will be. We already have some meat suppliers who are saying it's becoming debatable as to whether or not it's economically viable to supply the UK."

1819 Economy Trade Apr 2024

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Trade bodies have said fresh confusion about when the post-Brexit border checks would begin were “incredibly challenging” for business planning, while others said serious questions remained about the government’s readiness for the regime, according to *The Guardian*. Businesses have described Britain’s border plans as being in “complete disarray” after the *FT* revealed the introduction of some checks on EU imports will again be delayed.

1817 Economy Red tape Apr 2024

The founder of The Fold, an upmarket women’s workwear brand, says Brexit has made running an international business so complicated “you need a PhD in customs” to make sense of the new rules.” Polly McMaster said the impact of the UK’s withdrawal from the EU in January 2021 has led to the company spending “hundreds of thousands” on consultants to help resolve the situation. She claimed the main issue is caused by the “origins of goods” rules that require complex paperwork to be filled out for each step of a garment’s creation.

1816 Health NHS Apr 2024

A new report by the Nuffield Trust health think tank has warned that drug shortages are a “new normal” in the UK and are being made worse by Brexit. The trust says: “A clear picture emerged of underlying fragilities at a global and UK level, not fundamentally rooted in Brexit but exacerbated by it in some specific ways, especially through some companies removing the UK from their supply chains.” Since leaving the EU 2020, the UK has faced “constantly elevated medicines shortages” including for key treatments such as antibiotics and epilepsy drugs, the report said.

1815 Agriculture Horticulture Apr 2024

The Guardian reports that garden centres and nurseries in the UK are stockpiling European plants to limit potential shortages when the new Brexit checks are introduced later this month, after concerns were raised about new border posts (BCPs) being ready to deal with the volume of deliveries. The Horticultural Trade Association (HTA) said many of its members had been increasing orders of plants in recent weeks. Continental suppliers have announced that they will hold back some orders for up to three weeks after the checks begin because of fears BCPs could be overwhelmed.

1814 Food Trade Apr 2024

Figures from the Irish Central Statistics Office (CSO) suggest that Brexit is having an impact on the annual level of Irish exports to Great Britain which declined to €1.2bn in February, a 5% drop compared to 2023. Janette Maxwell, director of tax at Grant Thornton, said the decline was “unsurprising” following the introduction of Brexit-induced customs controls at the end of January. Ms Maxwell said the CSO figures highlighted “difficulties experienced by Irish traders when selling goods” into Britain. The figures are expected to fall further when a “Brexit border tax on plant and animal products will be applied from the end of April.”

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1813 Food Regulation Apr 2024

Food Manufacture magazine says that phase 2 of the new 'Not for EU' labelling rules, which begins in October, will apply to goods imported directly into GB from the EU or the rest of world (RoW), or produced by businesses that do not currently trade with NI. All will have to be compliant with the new labelling requirements. It means that EU and global businesses that supply products to GB will be faced with producing a bespoke label purely for the GB market. Food Manufacture asks how with “all this added complexity, can we possibly be seen as an attractive trading partner.”

1812 Food Cheese Apr 2024

The owner of a Glasgow cheese shop says her business will be 'eradicated' by new import fees. Starter Culture brings in specialist artisan cheeses from across Europe, but Rachna Dheer says she “cannot afford to absorb the costs.” Ms Dheer added: “Brexit was so long ago and the effects are going on and on. There was no thinking behind what impact it was going to have on local people to eat, drink, live. If we close, what is going to go in our place? Another supermarket? Independent and local businesses will be eradicated.”

1811 Food Trade Apr 2024

The CEO of the Cold Chain Federation has written to Environment Secretary Steve Barclay calling for a delay in introducing new Brexit import checks due to begin at the end of April. Phil Pluck, said that after UK exporters became subject to new rules in 2021, “many smaller cold-chain UK warehouses and distributors found the administration too onerous and ceased to operate” and he fears the same impact on EU exporters. Nigel Jenney, CEO of the Fresh Produce Consortium, said the government had failed to recognise that importing food was a rapid, overnight process, and that some importers would pay more in fees than the amount they make from shipping food.

1810 Services Hospitality Apr 2024

With the raising of the minimum salary threshold for a skilled work visa from £26,000 to £38,700, Italian restaurants in London are struggling to find staff post-Brexit, according to *The Guardian*. The average wage for waiting staff in London in 2024 is £28,000, according to recruitment site Glassdoor. Plaxy Locatelli, who runs Locanda Locatelli in Marylebone said: “It has been an absolute disaster. We’ve been open for 22 years and held on to many of the same staff for a long time. They’re now feeling it’s not worth it in the UK and are deciding to leave after all this time.”

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1809 Citizens Red tape Apr 2024

The 77-year old daughter of an Italian now faces various bureaucratic hurdles to obtain an Italian passport to make extended use of a €150,000 two-bedroom Tuscan holiday retreat purchased last year. The retired architect from Edinburgh says her father did not pass on Italian citizenship and she now only has a UK passport. She says obtaining an Italian passport could take up to a decade to resolve.

1808 Citizens Tourism Apr 2024

The Daily Mirror reports that UK holidaymakers are “fuming” about a new rule being introduced by Spain requiring tourists to prove they have at least €113.40 (£97) available every day if they visit the country. It applies to both the mainland, and the Canary and Balearic islands. Spain is concerned about the impact of tourism on its environment and public services. Some Brits have threatened to "boycott" the country.

1807 Northern Ireland Travel Apr 2024

DUP MP Sammy Wilson has called for Ireland to carry out checks on visitors entering the country to prevent a 'border crisis' with immigrants using the Republic or Northern Ireland to illegally enter the UK. It follows a Home Office admission that it will be "a challenge" to catch people illegally entering the UK from the Republic of Ireland using the Common Travel Area who have not signed up to the new electronic travel authorisation (ETA) scheme.

1806 Northern Ireland Eggs Apr 2024

The Ulster Farmers Union has recently warned that farmers will be unable to absorb the costs of the new EU rules on organic produce. Hence, concerns are now being raised about NI companies becoming uncompetitive when selling into GB. A report in the *Belfast Newsletter* suggests 14% of the organic eggs sold in Britain for example, come from NI. Baroness Hoey, who campaigned for Brexit but opposes the Windsor Frameworks, has warned that divergence will increase and local farmers will face unfair competition in the UK market.

1805 Economy Stock market Apr 2024

In a Substack blog post, the chief leader writer at *The Times* Simon Nixon, argues that Brexit has “wrecked “ the London stock market. He says £100 invested in the FTSE100 in June 2016 is now worth £118 and in the FTSE250, £114. This compares to the same sum invested in the CAC40 (French) at £198; in the Nikkei 225 (Japan) £235; FTSE MIB (Italy) £189 and in the S&P500 index in America it would have grown to £250. London is being de-globalised, he claims, with a net £80 billion being taken out of equities since Brexit.

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1804 Food Inflation Apr 2024

The former minister for Brexit Opportunities Jacob Rees-Mogg, MP for North East Somerset, has described the extra costs of £2bn to be raised by charging importers for new post-Brexit checks on plant and food products as an “unnecessary act of self-harm that will increase prices in an era of inflation.” Mr Rees-Mogg had claimed in 2017 that Brexit would potentially “reduce people’s food costs by 20%”.

1801 Food Inflation Apr 2024

A new report by the business insurer Allianz Trade claims that the new post-Brexit UK border controls coming into force at the end of April will cost British businesses £2bn and help to increase inflation. The new checks, part of the government’s “border target operating model” (Btom), will impact £21bn of food and agricultural product imports adding around 10% to costs in the first year.

1800 Citizens Rights Apr 2024

A British man and his French wife who moved to France in 2015 after 25 years living and working in the UK cannot now return because they did not have five years of unbroken residency in Britain before Brexit. IT specialist Stephen Kaye, who has Parkinson's disease, said: “My first reaction upon discovering that Carmen did not have an automatic right to return to England was one of disbelief. It did not seem possible that a ‘civilised’ country (the UK) could invent such an outrageous rule.

1799 Economy Hospitality Apr 2024

The Times reports how the new British regulation raising the minimum salary threshold for a skilled work visa from £26,000 to £38,700 is expected to increase the 120,000 current vacancies in the UK's hospitality sector. Recent research indicates that over 90% of the 8,500 migrants recruited in the sector in 2023 would not qualify under the new threshold. The rule is also expected to impact other workers. One Italian who took a master’s degree in marketing in Britain is unable to find a starting salary that would qualify him for a work visa.

1798 Food Trade Apr 2024

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The post-Brexit import charges due to begin at the end of April could hinder efforts to get Britons to eat healthier foods. The warning comes from Mike Parr, director at PML Seafrigo, a logistics firm specialising in chilled food distribution. Mr Parr says: “Post-Brexit, there is a growing reluctance to export fresh produce to the UK because it is now fraught with bureaucratic policies and red tape and this latest additional cost is just further ammunition for that argument.”

1797 Citizens Rights Apr 2024

In what is being described as a major blow to thousands of British expats, Spain has announced plans to end the so-called 'golden visa' scheme which provided residency rights to wealthy foreigners making a significant investment in the Spanish economy as well as visa-free access to the Schengen Zone. It was used to avoid the rule permitting stays of just 90 days in any 180-day period.

1796 Immigration Skills Apr 2024

Analysis by experts at the immigration and visa law firm A Y & J Solicitors has revealed that the UK government's post-Brexit plan to attract the “brightest and best” to work in the UK accounted for less than 2% of the total work visas issued in 2023. Based on figures from government immigration records, 2,186 High Potential Individual (HPI) visas and 4,181 Global Talent visas were issued last year, out of a total of 337,240. Director Yash Dubal said the data illustrates the gap between the government’s messaging on immigration and the reality of the points-based system.

1795 Northern Ireland Border checks Apr 2024

According to *Politico*, experts are warning that the new carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM) regime threatens to create more problems over the Northern Ireland sea border. The EU's CBAM rules are set to apply from 2026 with the UK expected to introduce its own scheme a year later, leaving Northern Ireland in a half-in half-out status. The issue is likely to raise business costs and threaten jobs in the region and could reopen arguments about laws separating Northern Ireland from the rest of the UK.

1794 Food Dairy Apr 2024

The MD of Graham’s Family Dairy, a £150mn business based in Stirling, says the post-Brexit labelling laws requiring dairy and meat products to carry a “Not for EU” label on every pack is costing his company £300,000 even before considering the extra labour time, complexity and additional running costs. According to Dairy UK, the trade body for the dairy sector, the financial cost per business of changing labelling alone has been quoted as up to £500,000, and up to £2 million per business when factoring in all other costs.

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1793 Services Hospitality Apr 2024

The Shropshire Star reports that The Baron of Beef Country Inn and hotel at Bucknell is to close due to the combined impact of Brexit, Covid-19, and the cost-of-living crisis. Owners Debra and Phil Wright said: "Hospitality has had a very challenging few years. Firstly, the effects of Brexit, making staff recruitment much more difficult, then Covid and three lockdowns, and most recently the cost of living crisis. These have had a huge impact on the sector."

1792 Economy Aviation Apr 2024

Glasgow-based airline Loganair has reported how Brexit red-tape is bringing "unwelcome cost" and exacerbating global aircraft overhaul and maintenance supply chain pressures. The company said: "In the UK's case, the challenges have been exacerbated by new border import and Civil Aviation Authority certification requirements following Brexit and the UK's consequent departure from the EASA common European aviation system."

1791 Services Zoos Apr 2024

Zoos are facing difficulties in importing animals from EU countries after Brexit. New legislation is making it complicated and time-consuming. This is also hampering efforts to protect endangered species. Markus Wilder, the curator of Port Lympne Wild Animal Park and Wingham Wildlife Centre in Kent, has claimed that getting animals from outside the UK has become difficult. However, within the UK, there are only a limited number of animals that can be moved around.

1790 Agriculture Farming Apr 2024

A new campaign has been set up to demand a universal basic income (UBI) for all farmers in Britain. It follows research by the organic farming group Riverford that found half of the farmers surveyed said they may go out of business due to post-Brexit trade deals and uncertainty over farming payment schemes. BI4Farmers said farmers across the UK were "basically kept afloat" by EU subsidies. Coordinator Jo Poulton said: "British farmers are overworked and underpaid but the Brexit process presents an ideal opportunity to change this."

1789 Trade Survey Apr 2024

The latest trade tracker by the think tank UK in a Changing Europe (UKICE) shows UK goods exports have been "consistently declining for the last five years" down by 8.2% since 2019. Paradoxically, UK trade with the EU as a percentage of the total, is at its highest level since 2008. This is because: "Trade with non-EU countries is actually going

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down, leading to the more stable trade with the EU making up a higher share of UK trade overall.” In Q4 2023, the EU represented 53.6% of UK trade. Seven of the UK’s top 10 trade partners are EU member states.

1788 Transport Logistics Apr 2024

The *FT* report that despite complaints from trade bodies about the Common User Charges (CUC), the British Ports Association (BPA), which represents the port industry, said the charges were lower than anticipated and would make it hard for ports that had invested in Border Control Posts (BCPs) to recover costs. Mark Simmons, policy manager at the BPA said: “The charge is at the lower end of our expectations, which whilst better for traders places more pressures on those ports that were forced to build new border infrastructure at significant cost.”

1787 Agriculture Horticulture Apr 2024

James Barnes, chairman of the Horticultural Trades Association (HTA), commenting on the newly published Common User Charge (CUC) said: “Whilst it is welcome that it has at last been published, the CUC announcement at the eleventh hour confirms our fears that in just one month, UK horticulture’s competitiveness will be again hit by a cost hike for no material gain. 90% of our growers import plants at some stage of the growing cycle. Nearly 100% are SMEs and, in theory, subject to 100% checks and charges. Today, they have near 0% access to the easements or alternatives to Border Control Post usage.”

1786 Food Inflation Apr 2024

Publication of the government's list of Common User Charges (CUC) for border checks carried out at the Port of Dover and the Channel Tunnel has been greeted angrily by trade bodies that are likely to be most impacted, according to the *FT*. Businesses have warned that the charges, which will apply to all consignments of animal products, plants, and plant products whether checked or not, would drive up food prices and deter EU producers from exporting to the UK as of April 30

1785 Manufacturing Impact Apr 2024

The *Financial Times* has released a video detailing the impact of Brexit which includes the founder and engineering director of 3P Innovation Ltd in Warwickshire, Dr Dave Seaward, saying that the company “has lost about half our growth as a direct result of Brexit.” The firm manufactures automation systems mainly for the pharmaceutical industries and has been forced to establish a company in the EU in order to gain a CE mark to export products not just to Europe, but to the rest of the world as well.

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1784 Borders Funding Apr 2024

Officials and farming industry bodies are said to be concerned that cuts in Government funding originally intended to allow ports to meet costs related to the new post-Brexit customs regime will result in fewer checks. According to *The i* newspaper, health officials believe the 75 tonnes of intercepted meat seized in “often grim conditions” over the last 18 months represents “the tip of the iceberg” and that for every tonne seized, there are “multiple tonnes entering undetected”. Despite this, funding for Dover Port Health Authority is being cut by 66%.

1783 Energy Trade Apr 2024

Adam Berman, deputy director of the industry lobby group Energy UK says the EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), which takes effect in 2026, is becoming a “regulatory nightmare.” He claims that “Putting an unwarranted carbon price on electricity exports to the EU sends a clear negative investment signal for North Sea infrastructure.” Mr Berman says the tax will reduce North Sea energy co-operation between Britain and Europe and deter investment in renewables infrastructure.

1782 Immigration Rights Apr 2024

Researchers from the University of Leicester say new hurriedly prepared post-Brexit visa immigration rules to solve labor shortages have put foreign workers at greater risk of modern slavery and exploitation. The team led by Dr. Inga Thiemann says there is was a high risk of “labour exploitation and debt bondage” and that Brexit had made workers more vulnerable because complaints about their employment wouldn't risk their status automatically if their employer revoked the sponsorship”.

1781 Agriculture Farming Apr 2024

Gavin Pearce, a leave-voting farmer, from Appledore, in Kent, when asked how he thought Brexit was going, has said: “Terribly in my mind” adding that there are too many “rules and red tape” for farmers, something Brexit was supposed to reduce. Mr Pearce described the government's new free trade deals as “S*** quite frankly.” He explained: “I think they could be structured better - they're still not looking after their own industry and country. If our industry is doing good, our economy is doing better - there's a knock-on effect for everyone.”

1780 Economy Trade Apr 2024

A recent survey by Novuna Business Finance has revealed that three quarters of Scottish small business owners are suffering sleepless nights over worries about the UK economy, with 19% concerned about the impact of Brexit. Most respondents (44%) cited worries about market volatility

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1779 Education Student numbers Apr 2024

Tory MP Chris Skidmore, a former Universities minister, has criticised the government's graduate route visa as “totally counterproductive” for the UK, which was already causing a drop in student applications after being widely reported overseas. He described it as “economically disastrous for the country” amid concerns UK universities are becoming increasingly reliant on students from China, who already provide 25% of fee income at leading institutions, to avoid financial crisis.

1778 Economy Wine Apr 2024

Miles Beale, CEO of the Wine and Spirits Trade Association, has called the government's new post-Brexit and highly complex tax regime for UK wine importers, “ludicrous” and warned that they would lead to “substantial” price increases, with the strongest 14.5% ABV wines seeing duty increases of more than 40p a bottle. Matthew Hennings, of Hennings Wine in Sussex imports about 500,000 bottles a year and employs 22 people, said the new regime would be “incredibly burdensome” for his business.

1777 Economy Border checks Mar 2024

The head of trade at the industry lobby group Logistics UK, Nicola Mallon, has told LBC that the 'UK is not ready and won't be ready' for new passport checks at borders when the EU's Entry/Exit System (EES) is due to be introduced on October 6. It means non-EU passport holders will need to submit fingerprints and facial biometrics on their first visit to Europe and verification on each entry. Ms Mallon says up to 10,000 trucks per day pass through Dover alone. Kent CC leader Roger Gough warned: “We could see **14-hour delays**, it could be longer.”

1776 Manufacturing Automotive Mar 2024

The *Financial Times* says some British car exports to Canada are facing tariffs of more than 6% within days caused by the 'deadlocked trade dispute' between the two countries. The UK business and trade department said: “Canada’s decision not to roll over these rules of origin will increase the cost of trade and hurt businesses on both sides of the Atlantic.” Mike Hawes, chief executive of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders said import tariffs would be deeply disappointing.

1775 Borders Border checks Mar 2024

Lucy Manzano, the head of the Dover Port Health Authority has questioned the decision to designate the inland Sevington facility as the main BCP for food and plants passing through Dover. Ms Manzano claims that “Sevington was designed as a site for checking sanitary and phytosanitary goods arriving via the Channel tunnel only – not

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as a combined site for all food arriving via Dover and the Channel tunnel,”pointing to “significant capacity and design limitations” and the sites inability to handle hanging meat carcasses which come via northern France into Kent.

1774 Citizens Travel Mar 2024

An estimated 2.4 million of Britons are barred from entering the EU by post-Brexit passport rules that are set to cause chaos over the Easter holidays, according to *The Independent*. This is the number of citizens with UK passports issued before September 2018 that had expiry dates extended by up to nine months. Since Brexit, British passports must have an issue date less than 10 years old on the day of departure to the EU. The report claims 200 people every day are falling foul of this rule at UK airports, with thousands expected to see their holidays ruined over the upcoming break.

1773 Government Trade Mar 2024

A report published by the Justice Select Committee on the constitutional relationship between the UK and Crown Dependencies (CDs) like Guernsey, Jersey and the Isle of Man, raises concerns about the way that negotiations for the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership were carried out. The committee noted that the CPTPP deal covered trade in goods, but not services and “was not the one that the service industry predominant CDs had hoped for.”

1772 Food Fishing Mar 2024

A press release by the trade body which represents the Scottish salmon industry claims that Brexit is costing producers between £75mn and £100mn per year in lost sales. Salmon Scotland says had the sector maintained volumes at 2019 levels, then sales would have been above £430m instead of the £356mn recorded. They say the figures do not include the direct £3m-a-year cost to farming companies because of the lack of an e-certification scheme.

1771 Manufacturing Trade Mar 2024

The Indian based manufacturer of Royal Enfield, a once-renowned British brand of motorcycles, has established a unit in the Netherlands after Brexit made it more difficult to move parts to mainland Europe. Eicher Motors Ltd is said to have set up the Dutch arm to reduce its dependency on the UK and is also in talks to establish a warehouse, potentially in Germany or France, to speed up the supply of non-motorcycle products like spare parts and branded merchandise. EML's Arun Gopal said: “Brexit has made it challenging to move materials to and from the UK to Europe.”

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1770 Food Meat Mar 2024

The CEO of the British Meat Processors Association (BMPA) Nick Allen has claimed Brexit has delivered nothing but increased costs for his members. Speaking to *New Food* magazine in a podcast, Mr Allen said: "I would say all our membership have seen since Brexit is increased cost, and sooner or later that cost has to be picked up by someone. Either the farmer gets paid less, or that cost has to come out or the consumer has to pay more for it or it eats into their margins."

1769 Food Farming Mar 2024

The *BBC* reported more than 100 tractors appeared at the Houses of Parliament as farmers protested against what they say is a lack of support for UK food production. The organisers, Save British Farming and Fairness for Farmers of Kent, said cheap food imports and unsupportive policies were putting UK food security at risk. Farmer Colin Rayner from Buckinghamshire said: "We have been farming for 500 years and the government now has a scheme where they will pay us more money to grow wildflowers than to grow food. It is insanity."

1768 Government Devolution Mar 2024

The annual Report on the operation of the UK Internal Market 2023-24 from the Office of the Internal Market (OIM) studied four cases of potential regulatory divergence between the devolved nations, Single-use plastic, Deposit Return Schemes, High fat, salt or sugar food and drink restrictions, and Precision breeding. The OIM said: "The emerging picture of the [UK] internal market is that regulatory difference is starting to build up, albeit slowly and with goods affected more than services, especially in food and drink."

1767 Northern Ireland Regulation Mar 2024

EU rules banning some single-use plastics which come into force in 2030 could mean the end of miniature shampoo bottles in hotels in Northern Ireland but not in the rest of the UK. The new regulations could also affect plastic shrink wrap around suitcases in airports and the use of plastic sachets for sauces such as ketchup and mayonnaise in restaurants. David Jones MP, a former Cabinet Minister, said: "This is yet a further example of Northern Ireland becoming semi-detached from the rest of the country."

1766 Borders Border checks Mar 2024

A newly constructed Border Control Post (BCP) at Portsmouth which is threatened with demolition, was intended to handle up to 80 lorries per day arriving from the EU but due to changes in UK border rules only around 5-6 will now be processed. It leaves Portsmouth Council with an £800,000 annual shortfall. Richard Ballantyne, CEO at

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the British Ports Association said the SPS checks due at the end of April will have a “big impact” at 41 border ports across the country. There was “extreme frustration” within the industry that the Government has not yet published the list of processing charges with just six weeks to go.

1765 Environment Trade Mar 2024

More than 70 different sustainability regulations being pursued by the EU as part of the so-called 'Green Deal' could involve huge cost implications for the UK's exporters. Data published by *BusinessGreen* using the AI-powered verification platform Compare Ethics reveals how diverging EU and UK environmental regulations raise the prospect of £193bn worth of goods ending up stuck at the EU border due to a failure to comply with the more than 70 different environmental rules.

1764 Borders Border checks Mar 2024

Delays to a smartphone app designed to reduce congestion when the EU's Entry/Exit System (EES) checks involving fingerprints and facial scans are introduced in October, could lead to 15 hour queues at Dover. Kent County Council has warned that traffic jams could be “much worse” than 23-mile tailbacks seen in 2022. Greg Smith, Tory MP for Buckingham and a member of the European Scrutiny Committee said: “I think the whole implementation of the EES could be one of those absolute catastrophic disaster moments.”

1763 Government EU Mar 2024

The *Daily Mail* reports that documents from the Treasury show British taxpayers paid £8bn to the EU as part of Brexit divorce bill last year, and a total of more than £23.8bn since formally leaving in 2020. John O'Connell, CEO of the TaxPayers' Alliance which supported Brexit, said: 'Taxpayers will be shocked by the billions going to the global quangoocracy.'

1762 Government Trade Mar 2024

With six weeks to go before new border checks are introduced for EU imports, it has been reported that up to 30% of the documentation now required for food and horticultural imports entering the UK from the EU is being “administratively rejected” at the border because of mistakes in the paperwork. If repeated when the system goes live on 30 April, Britain's food supply chains could be thrown into chaos. The Cold Chain Federation (CCF), said that its concerns were so serious that it wants to see the implementation of the inspection regime delayed until October.

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1761 Borders Funding Mar 2024

A brand new £25mn, two-acre building constructed in Portsmouth International Port may have to be demolished because much of the facility will not be used, the port director has said. The Border Control Post (BCP), built to a deadline of July 1, 2022, was part of the government's Border Operating Model to process goods from the EU after Brexit. The scheme required stringent checks on animal, dairy, plant, and other products. But the government has decided to U-turn on the procedures, leaving much of the facility redundant and Portsmouth taxpayers with a £7mn bill.

1760 Borders Animal welfare Mar 2024

Administration and Brexit have delayed plans to send a rescued turtle to the warmer waters of Gran Canaria according to the Guernsey Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (GSPCA). The loggerhead turtle, named Barnacle Bill by rescuers, washed up on the west coast of Guernsey in November during Storm Ciarán. The GSPCA wanted to send Bill, now recovered, to Spain to be released but paperwork delays and Brexit travel issues meant the animal was unable to travel at the moment.

1759 Northern Ireland Animal welfare Mar 2024

A breeder of budgerigars in Cullybackey, Co Antrim, has complained that post-Brexit regulations now require an “enormous” amount of paperwork to get the appropriate veterinary certificates in both GB and Northern Ireland. What was once a simple affair, reports The Belfast Telegraph, has become a logistical nightmare for every individual bird. Sammy Adams says that even attending shows across the Irish sea has become much more trouble than they are worth.

1758 Northern Ireland EU Relations Mar 2024

The Stormont Assembly has failed to reach agreement on a new EU law passed last October governing the protection of geographical indications (GI) for craft and industrial products. The law received support from Sinn Féin, The Alliance, and the SDLP while Unionist parties refused to back it. Without cross-community consent, the new law cannot apply. It will now be up to the UK government to decide whether to introduce legislation or breach the Windsor Framework by vetoing it.

1757 Economy Electricity Mar 2024

According to the industry lobby group Energy UK, the EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), which takes effect in 2026, would in effect impose a 40% tax on electricity flowing from the UK to the EU via undersea interconnectors. Deputy director of the group, Adam Berman, says: “Putting an unwarranted carbon price on electricity exports to the EU sends a clear negative investment signal for North Sea infrastructure.”

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1756 Financial Services Stock market Mar 2024

Amsterdam has retained its position ahead of London in the European equity trading market with an average daily value in shares traded of €10.5bn in February, compared to €8.95bn in London, according to data from Cboe Global Markets and reported by *CityAM*. London's position as the undisputed financial capital of Europe is being increasingly questioned. Since January last year, nearly 100 firms have left the capital's embattled bourse, while just 25 have floated, raising £1.3bn.

1755 Economy General Mar 2024

Matthew Winkler, editor in chief emeritus at Bloomberg News, says that by almost every economic and financial measure, Brexit "has been disastrous for the UK." The collapse of Sterling after the referendum "remains unequalled as a UK foreign-exchange debacle." The EU economy is growing 2.3 percentage points faster than the UK's on an annual basis, with GDP rising 24% since 2016, compared with the 6% for the UK. Based on publicly-traded equities, according to data compiled by Bloomberg, the average premium investors pay for the future profits generated by the stocks in the euro zone, is now 25%, Mr Winkler claimed.

1754 Services Tourism Mar 2024

After Brexit, the UK government banned EU citizens from visiting Britain for business or leisure trips using their national identity cards. More than 200 million potential visitors from Europe have ID cards but not passports. With visitors to UK tourist attractions struggling since the pandemic, a tourism leader has put part of the blame on the ban. An impact assessment suggested the UK would lose 890,000 visits by European citizens each year, with a financial loss of £590m. Bernard Donoghue, director of the Association of Leading Visitor Attractions (ALVA), described the decision as "illogical". He told *The Independent*: "We thought that was a disastrous act of economic self-harm."

1753 Northern Ireland Border checks Mar 2024

The cost of operating and staffing the "permanent infrastructure" at Northern Ireland's four Irish Sea border posts and implementing the trade arrangements was £28.2 million in the past year. The costs were revealed by the DAERA minister Andrew Muir in response to a question from Tom Elliott UUP MLA for Fermanagh who described the figure as "a shocking sum of money to be investing in border posts when we are all aware of the financial pressures facing the public sector."

1752 Retail Wine Mar 2024

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The CEO of Majestic Wine, John Colley, has said the new post-Brexit alcohol duty system, which comes into effect in February 2025, would increase the number of tax bands for wine from one to 30, and cost businesses huge sums of money to administer. Steve Finlan, CEO of the Wine Society, said the plan was “ludicrous, expensive and probably unworkable”. UK consumers face and increase of more than 40p on a bottle of red wine next year.

1751 Education Student numbers Mar 2024

According to *The Times*, 15 universities so far this academic year have said they may have to cut jobs, with others considering cost-saving plans or scrapping courses to save money. Rachel Hewitt, chief executive of MillionPlus, the group for newer universities, said: “It is impossible to imagine the government going out of its way to make Britain less inviting to investment in almost any other sector and yet every negative headline and policy reform that makes Britain less attractive to international students damages both the higher education sector and UK plc.”

1750 Northern Ireland Border checks Mar 2024

The Belfast Telegraph reports that the number of checks carried out on goods arriving in Northern Ireland from GB has not changed significantly under the Windsor Framework. In January this year, under the newer Northern Ireland Retail Movement Scheme (NIRMS), 6,095 documentary and seal checks were made in addition to 592 identification checks. This compares with 5,948 in January 2023, plus 159 identification checks. Earlier this year DUP leader Sir Jeffrey Donaldson said the deal which restored the Stormont assembly meant: “Zero checks, zero customs paperwork on goods moving within the United Kingdom.”

1749 Services Hospitality Mar 2024

An article in *The Times* about the rapidly rising costs of a stay in high-class hotels says the past few years have “proved challenging” for the hospitality industry. Brexit, the authors claim, sparked a recruitment crisis, forcing companies to increase wages to attract and retain staff. Brexit has also resulted in higher costs for food and drink, maintenance and other goods, while the war in Ukraine has led to substantially bigger energy bills. This industry has found it easier to maintain standards by welcoming fewer guests who are paying, effectively, double or more to stay.

1748 Government Regulation Mar 2024

The UK in a Changing Europe's Divergence Tracker has published its 10th edition which notes some 'Brexit wins' but says: “The day-to-day impacts of these reforms are likely to be limited, as many of the changes are largely technical in nature.” The tracker claims that an ‘alternative’ process for registering chemicals under the new UK REACH regime is due to the “inhibitive cost to business of replicating EU registrations.” The move, the report adds, continues the “recent trend of the UK seeking to minimise divergence” and in some cases, simply “replicating or restating EU law.”

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1747 Financial Services Stock market Mar 2024

Research by SCM Direct for the *Evening Standard* has revealed that money is flowing out of the London equities at a faster pace than ever, despite government efforts to boost the stock market. According to Investment Association's recent figures UK savers took £14 billion out of UK equities last year, the eighth consecutive year of outflows. Alan Miller of SCM said: "There are some underlying fundamental reasons for the poor performance of UK equities, the over-representation in the 'old' economy rather than tech, together with the ongoing uncertainties surrounding Brexit and its economic implications."

1745 Retail Cycling Mar 2024

Huddersfield-based Fli Distribution has ceased trading with the company's owner placing the blame squarely on those people who voted for Brexit in 2016. Speaking to *Cycling Weekly*, Colin Williams said: "I'm done fighting, I'm done with the red tape and the barriers to trade, it hasn't been fun for some time, so the time was right to end it now, life is too short." Fli distributed Austrian made KTM road and mountain bikes but Mr Williams said he knew in 2016 that if the UK left the single market "it would spell the end for my business."

1744 Food Border checks Mar 2024

In a letter to DEFRA secretary Steve Barclay, the Cold Chain Federation has warned that proposals for new border checks due to be rolled out at the end of April on imports of products of animal origin (affecting many types of meat and fish) from the EU will "jeopardise the UK's food supply chain and increase food prices for consumers." The CCF says at the moment, EU food businesses can safely transport loads to the UK the same day the order is received but the new Border Target Operating Model's 24-hour pre-notification requirement includes no plan for this crucial service.

1743 Financial Services Stock market Mar 2024

Tom Stevenson, an investment director at Fidelity International, writing in *The Telegraph* has compared stock market returns between the UK and the USA. Up to 2016, these were virtually identical but since then the total return from the US stock market has been more than four times greater. He says: "The more likely reason is that in the past eight years, there has simply been a general pessimism about the UK economy and stock market, triggered by years of political uncertainty," in short, Brexit.

1742 Trade Meat Mar 2024

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It has emerged that no beef has been exported from Britain to Australia under the recently signed trade agreement because Australia will not permit the import of UK beef or sheep meat without undertaking a protracted approval process. The CEO of the British Meat Processors Association said: “Australia considers UK beef and lamb not safe to import unless and until we prove otherwise.” This follows a shipment of British beef jerky being blocked by Australian border officials earlier this month.

1741 Government Technology Mar 2024

The EU Artificial Intelligence (AI) Act is expected to come into force in late May following a vote in the European Parliament, which means the bloc has stolen a march on the UK in regulating the rapidly evolving technology. While the UK government is consulting on a light-touch AI regime, Enza Iannopolo, principal analyst at research firm Forrester, said: “Over time, at least some of the work UK firms undertake to be compliant with the EU AI Act will become part of their overall AI governance strategy, regardless of UK specific requirements – or lack thereof.”

1740 Government Regulation Mar 2024

Analysis by Jill Rutter from the think tank *UK in a Changing Europe* suggests that Brexit has “made the UK state less productive.” For example, the post-Brexit farming regime means that the handfuls of people in DEFRA who oversaw the EU CAP scheme have now been expanded to 100s of officials. The international trade function in government – which did not exist in 2016, now numbers over 1000, and when the Department of International Trade was absorbed into the reshaped business department it numbered over 4000 staff. Ms Rutter says the big achievement of the government to date has been to create a lot of additional public (and private) cost for little economic gain.

1739 Financial Services Stock market Mar 2024

In the latest blow to The City, the Australian hedge fund Tribeca, a major investor in Glencore, one of the world’s largest diversified natural resource companies, has called on the Glencore board to shift its primary listing from London to Sydney and abandon a plan to spin off its profitable coal business. Glencore has underperformed against rivals since listing in 2011, returning 9% compared to 95% for BHP and 126% for Rio Tinto. BHP moved to Sydney in 2022. Ben Cleary, a portfolio manager at Tribeca said: “London is no longer the home of mining.”

1738 Northern Ireland Border checks Mar 2024

It has emerged that the government has allocated up to £192.3m for the construction of post-Brexit border inspection posts in Northern Ireland. The figure was given in answer to a question in the House of Lords by UUP peer Lord Empey. Lord Douglas-Miller, a junior minister at DEFRA said: “The construction of the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Inspection Facilities in Northern Ireland is supported by an agreed business case which provides a funding envelope of up to a maximum of £192.3 million,”

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1737 Northern Ireland Animal welfare Mar 2024

The Northern Ireland environment department (DAERA) has warned that the ban on the movement of sheep and cattle between GB and NI - in place because of an outbreak of blue tongue virus (Btv) – could continue for another two years. DAERA minister Andrew Muir has also confirmed it does not apply to French cattle moving to NI through Great Britain because they are treated as 're-entering' the EU. Movements from GB to NI now adhere to the same rules as those governing movements from GB to the EU, with an export health certificate now required.

1736 Economy Red tape Mar 2024

David Lidington, deputy PM under Theresa May, and the former junior transport minister Stephen Hammond, have published a report calling on the present and any future UK government to “dismantle post-Brexit barriers between the UK and the EU”, arguing that it will help “boost the economy” and would enjoy public support. Mr Lidington said: "The removal of red tape, friction and the cost of form filling will make it easier for British firms to make profit and to employ people, and will make the UK an even more attractive place for investors."

1735 Education Student numbers Mar 2024

According to *The Telegraph*, UK universities are considering offering fewer places to British students amid the threat of financial collapse. John Rushforth, the executive secretary of the Committee of University Chairs, representing university governing bodies, says reducing the number of domestic students was “one consideration” because it's possible to make a surplus on foreign students, “but you can't make one on domestic students.”

1734 Government Devolution Mar 2024

A new report by the think tank UK in a Changing Europe: Brexit and the State, claims that civil service numbers have grown by 100,000 since the referendum with particularly big increases seen in The Cabinet Office, DEFRA, and the Home Office. A lack of capacity in the devolved administrations who now have to “administer new functions and devise and deliver more policy from scratch, rather than merely implementing EU policy decisions” has at times also been challenging

1733 Economy Trade Mar 2024

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Delays at the EU border and a lack of stock being stored in the UK, means that lifts are staying broken down for longer, reports *The Yorkshire Post*. This is according to Dave Cooper, the CEO of Lift and Escalator Consultancy who says that goods “being stuck at the border is one of the big issues” and that before the UK left the EU, parts would arrive within “two or three days. “Now all they can say is we’ll order it now but we don’t know when we’ll get it because it could get tied up or it could come straight through.”

1732 Financial Services Stock market Mar 2024

The founder and CEO of Intercontinental Exchange, the company that owns the New York stock exchange says the UK has “lost value as a trading centre since leaving the single market”, and uncertainty around some post-Brexit regulations had made it difficult to invest in British businesses. Jeffrey Sprecher suggested Brexit had “complicated” things for the UK, which had historically been a global trading centre and an access point to Europe. He added that he now saw the UK as a “foreign country”, and that investments in the US were easier to make.

1731 Government Gibraltar Mar 2024

The European Scrutiny Committee chaired by Sir Bill Cash has been told by the First Minister of Gibraltar the UK and EU have “agreed in principle” that Schengen border checks will be carried out in Gibraltar and that the overseas territory will be “aligning with EU rules to ensure a so-called level playing field together with joint UK-Spanish management of Gibraltar’s airport and defence issues. Sir Bill says if true, the deal will breach the UK government’s own red lines and risks setting a dangerous precedent.

1730 Economy Trade Mar 2024

A report from the Centre for European Reform (CER) calculates that all the UK’s existing free trade agreements (FTAs) plus possible new ones with India and the US would give the UK “a total boost of around 1% of GDP in the long run, a small fraction compared to the impact of Brexit.” This they say is due to Britain’s exports being heavily reliant on services where FTAs generally have a very limited impact, and because of trade gravity which means it’s easier and cheaper to trade with neighbours than countries on the other side of the planet.

1729 Borders Horticulture Mar 2024

The *FT* reports the new Border Control Post at Harwich is physically ready but the Horticultural Trade Association has written to the PM complaining of a lack of operational detail. Also, Hendrik Jan Kloosterboer of Anthos the Dutch trade association for nursery stock and flower bulbs, says: “We very much doubt if the inspection capacity is enough. We fear damage and mix-up of loads, quality issues and delays and logistic disturbance.” The Cold Chain Federation estimates that new requirements could add up to £1,000 to the cost of a single multi-consignment lorry entering the UK.

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1728 Retail Food Mar 2024

A London delicatessen, German Deli, known for its wide variety of traditional sausages, says stocks are running low due to post-Brexit border changes brought in last month. The company's accounts manager, Susann Schmieder, says: "We only have stuff left over from before the new border changes came in, and those are approaching their best before dates." The business has not received a delivery of sausages since 31 January, when the government brought in the first stage of its border target operating model (BTOM), which requires a vet to sign off all meat and dairy imports before they can be shipped.

1727 Economy Trade Mar 2024

John Springford at the Centre for European Reform (CER) says following Covid, intra-EU exports grew much faster than exports from Europe to the rest of the world. He claims that if Britain's total exports to the EU had grown at a similar rate, by August 2023 they would have been 27% higher. With EU exports comprising about half of the UK's total exports, it indicates that our total goods exports are down by around 13.5%, or £13.4 billion quarterly. In other words, if the UK had remained a member of the EU, its exports to the EU would have probably outpaced those to the rest of the world.

1726 Northern Ireland Equine Mar 2024

Members of Northern Ireland's equine industry have protested at Belfast docks about what they have called "a continuing Irish Sea border". Felim Crane, who has a horse and pony business in Irvinestown, County Fermanagh, said new regulations introduced under the Northern Ireland Protocol in January 2021 had been "decimating". Mr Crane added: "We would have bought a lot of animals in Great Britain and brought them home to Northern Ireland. We can no longer do that due to blood tests which are required for animals travelling from Great Britain to Northern Ireland."

1725 Financial Services Stock market Mar 2024

Jonathan Pryn, the business editor of *The Standard*, says the London Stock Exchange's crisis is only getting worse. He suggests the reasons behind the apparent decline of London as a world-leading share trading centre are a complex mix of the cultural, regulatory and political. "Britain's global reputation as a place to invest, particularly in its equity markets, took a terrible hit with the Brexit referendum in 2016, and has never really recovered," Mr Pryn said. Since the referendum nearly £80 billion has been pulled from UK equity funds, according to data from analysts Morningstar.

1724 Government EU Relations Mar 2024

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According to *The Guardian*, the chancellor has privately admitted that because of EU rules, the £5000 increase in the VAT threshold for small businesses was the maximum possible without creating a different VAT regime for Northern Ireland. A Treasury source said the chancellor did not want there to be different VAT rules in Great Britain and Northern Ireland which operates under EU regulations for VAT purposes because of the Windsor Framework.

1723 Economy Trade Mar 2024

Following the budget, the independent Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR) in its March 2024 Economic and Fiscal Outlook has reaffirmed its assumptions about the impact of Brexit which appears to be broadly on track and consistent with recently published studies. The OBR believes that the volume of UK imports and exports will both be 15% lower than if the UK had remained in the EU and that the resulting reduction in the trade intensity will lead to a 4% reduction in the potential productivity of the UK economy (relative to remaining in the EU), with the full effect felt after 15 years.

1722 Manufacturing Regulation Mar 2024

The government has admitted that requiring UK pressure vessel makers to conform with UKCA standards is creating 'supply chain issues, extra costs and administrative burdens' and reducing the ability of UK businesses and consumers to purchase pressure equipment required for domestic industries, workplaces, and homes. A Statutory Instrument has now amended the rules to permit relevant bodies based in the European Economic Area (EEA) to certify permanent joining (welding), non-destructive testing personnel, and manufacturers' quality assurance systems.

1721 Health Food Mar 2024

A Professor of food policy at City University, Tim Lang, is not surprised at a huge spike in the number of cases of food poisoning in the UK revealed by NHS data. He has blamed the increase on the "weakening of state attention and regulatory focus on food hygiene and safety" adding that the situation had been "worsened by Brexit and local authority cuts, and a fragmentation of the system of food safety governance".

1720 Manufacturing Automotive Mar 2024

The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT), in a letter to the chair of The Business and Trade Select Committee, said the reintroduction of import tariffs by Canada would result in an average price hike of more than £3,000 per car. From January 2024 EU vehicles have been exported to Canada tariff-free under the CETA deal agreed in 2016. UK manufacturers have benefitted from this but that is set to expire on 1 April. The suspension of negotiations with Canada by Trade Secretary Kemi Badenoch means the reapplication of tariffs on UK-built vehicles which incorporate a large percentage of EU materials.

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1719 Manufacturing Chemicals Mar 2024

The MD of Robinson Brothers, a chemical manufacturer in the West Midlands that conducts 70% of its business in Europe, has highlighted the steep costs and hurdles of UKReach compliance. Adrian Hanrahan has said the company faces a hefty financial burden re-registering all of its chemicals in the UK with estimates reaching up to £1 million for a single product. EU companies are said to be reconsidering their partnerships with UK firms, fearing non-compliance with EU standards and unnecessary expenses.

1718 Government Border checks Mar 2024

The devolved administration in Wales has said that Irish agri-food products being shipped to Great Britain are unlikely to face physical checks until next year, rather than the end of next October as planned. The checks have already been delayed five times but now the Welsh government says it is "difficult to see how physical checks can be implemented before spring 2025". Welsh economy minister, Vaughan Gething, claims there were still "issues to be resolved" between the Welsh and UK governments.

1717 Food Regulation Mar 2024

The Daily Express has told its readers that the Food and Drink Federation (FDF), which represents more than 1,000 UK businesses, has written to Northern Ireland Minister Steve Baker warning the cost to the industry of implementing 'Not for EU' labelling rules "is likely to run into hundreds of millions of pounds." Manufacturers say they will be forced to re-label products every time EU and UK food law diverges. They're asking ministers to scrap plans to impose the rules on goods that never leave the UK mainland.

1716 Transport Eurostar Mar 2024

France is said to have proposed too few kiosks at London's St Pancras station to handle the the EU's new Entry-Exit System (EES) which is due to come into force in October. The owners of the High-speed line have again warned this will lead to long queues and could result in a further reduction in services and passenger numbers. The company has added 65 pre-check-in kiosks in terminals at St Pancras in London and Gare du Nord in Paris, with additional manual booths and electronic gates at both stations, at a cost of €10 million.

1715 Food Border checks Mar 2024

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The government has confirmed that all central grant funding for checks for illegal meat imports at Dover will be withdrawn at the end of April. After that date, it will be up to the Port Health Authority (PHA) to start charging offenders to recover costs. The biosecurity minister Lord Douglas-Miller told the chairman of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (EFRA) committee that the budget for such spot checks was only ever intended as a temporary measure.

1714 Government Technology Mar 2024

According to The New Scientist, Britain has rejected the chance to participate in The EU's International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) project having lost access following Brexit. ITER, the world's largest fusion experiment, is under construction in France and is expected to be completed in 2025. The project is being funded by a huge international collaboration including China, India, Japan, Russia, South Korea, the US and the EU. Britain plans to focus on UK-based fusion efforts.

1713 Economy Trade Mar 2024

An analysis of the latest ONS trade statistics by the *FT* reveals the the largest five-year decline in UK goods trade since comparable records began in 1997. The ONS reported that the volume of imports fell 3.8% compared with 2018. Exports fell 4.6% year on year, with substantial drops in exports to both EU and non-EU countries. Over five years, export volumes have fallen by 12.4%. John Springford, of the Centre for European Reform think-tank said most countries saw an increase in goods trade after the pandemic, but not the UK: "The obvious culprit is Brexit," he added.

1712 Food Inflation Mar 2024

Food industry trade bodies in the UK are looking at taking legal action against the government over post-Brexit plans that will require all meat and dairy products sold in the UK to be labelled as "not for EU". Food producers claim the labelling could add £250m a year to their costs, further fuelling inflation. Concerns from food processors are around the upheaval to production the changes will create, with many having to run two separate production lines for products for the EU and UK.

1711 Borders Impact Mar 2024

A report by the UK's recently dismissed chief inspector of borders and immigration David Neal claims that staffing problems at Stansted have become worse since Brexit, with Border Force officials revealing that their casework had increased by 400% since the UK left the EU. Mr Neal said protection of the border was "neither effective nor efficient" due to "distractions, ineffective and inconsistent deployment of resources, lack of communications equipment, poorly configured arrival halls, and poor data" at passport e-gates which could be exploited.

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1710 Government Funding Mar 2024

Mark Drakeford, the outgoing First Minister of Wales, says Brexit has left Wales poorer and cut off from the world, with the country losing a billion pounds in funding. Speaking to i in Brussels, Mr Drakeford said the government's claims that it had replaced EU grants with national funding were not correct. "It's completely untrue," he said. "It's just not the truth. We were repeatedly given a cast iron guarantee that Wales would not be a penny worse off for leaving the European Union – but we're over a billion pounds worse off since Brexit."

1709 Northern Ireland Legal Feb 2024

In what the Financial Times calls a "damning 200-page ruling" the High Court in Belfast has ruled that a key element of the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Act 2023 breaches the European Convention on Human Rights. Mr Justice Colton also found "no evidence" that the legislation would promote reconciliation, as it is intended to do. The ECHR continues to apply in Northern Ireland through the Windsor Framework and the 1998 Good Friday Agreement.

1708 Economy Trade Feb 2024

A new report from The Resolution Foundation about post-Brexit trade patterns suggests that at the end of 2023, the UK's goods trade had shrunk to levels not seen since 2015. The author, Emily Fry, claims this isn't just part of a general slowing of goods trade around the world because the UK's goods exports and imports have contracted far more than any other G7 country, by 13.2% and 7.4% respectively since 2019. During 2023 the EU's share of goods imports and exports had returned to its pre-Brexit level.

1707 Food Fishing Feb 2024

The trade body Salmon Scotland has estimated that post-Brexit paperwork is costing salmon farming companies in Scotland an extra £3 million a year since Brexit. CEO Tavish Scott has complained that the UK government is introducing an electronic system to reduce paperwork for seafood imports into Britain. Mr Scott is quoted: "We've been saying since Brexit that we need electronic systems to reduce the red tape for salmon farmers. So given this now happens for seafood imports from third countries like Norway, as highlighted by the fisheries minister, we're surprised that this still hasn't been sorted for exporters to the EU."

1706 Food Food Feb 2024

A note on the website of the UK's leading Scandinavian food distributor apologises to customers for shortages of their favourite meat/fish/dairy products imported from the Nordic nations like Sweden, Denmark, Norway, and Finland. ScandiKitchen blames Brexit and the latest rule changes which came into force on 31 January 2024 which meant that "every single product imported into the UK from the EU that is meat or fish (and some dairy products) has to have a so-called 'vet certificate'."

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1705 Education Student numbers Feb 2024

Figures from Enrolly, a self-service technology processing student enrolment at UK universities, show a sharp fall in the number of international students taking up postgraduate places. A report in the FT claims that compared to January 2023, this year has seen a 37% fall. Vivienne Stern, the CEO of Universities UK, representing more than 140 universities, said the data painted a “stark and concerning” picture for the wider sector. “Its findings are further confirmation that policy changes by the government are already having a significant impact on international student demand — and we are now at serious risk of an overcorrection,” she said.

1704 Government Regulation Feb 2024

UK Regulators like the Food Standards Agency are said to be 'lagging behind' the US, Australia, Canada and New Zealand on approval times according to a report in the *Financial Times*. The FSA has managed to complete only 63 regulatory approvals out of the 450 applications submitted since the EU-UK trade deal came into force in January 2021, according to data published by the agency. It also lists more than 1,500 other “incomplete applications” that are yet to join the approvals queue. One producer of synthetic pork products is now considering moving to the US in order to start scaling up production.

1703 Food Food Feb 2024

Charles Bigham, described as the ready meals king, believes much of the impact of Brexit has been masked by the effects of Covid, and after that, the inflation linked to the war in Ukraine, but says it has created more friction for importing goods, and made it harder to recruit staff. Mr Bigham said that leaving the EU has been “very harmful to British business”, adding: “I haven’t seen a single benefit from it yet.”

1702 Agriculture Farming Feb 2024

Kaleb Cooper, farming contractor and star of the Amazon TV documentary Clarkson’s Farm, claims the government isn't doing enough for farmer and that since Brexit he now spends “two days a week just filling out forms.” Mr Cooper calls on the government to start cutting red tape and to help secure a fairer deal for farmers in what they earn for their produce.

1700 Government EU Relations Feb 2024

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A Labour backbencher, in the Welsh Assembly has claimed that Wales' role in influencing UK-EU relations has been 'removed' since Brexit. Huw Irranca-Davies, during a debate in the Senedd constitution committee, cited evidence from witnesses that the role of devolved governments in UK-EU decision-making has diminished. Mr Davies said: "Our ability to influence decisions that have a real extraterritorial impact on people in Wales today has not simply been diminished, it's been removed." James Evans, a Conservative, who represents Brecon and Radnorshire, also raised concerns about Wales losing its voice in governance arrangements.

1699 Northern Ireland Vets Feb 2024

The new President of the British Veterinary Association (BVA) in Northern Ireland has pledged to keep up the fight against a pending EU blockage of 51% of veterinary medicines coming into NI from GB. A grace period agreed with the EU after Brexit comes to an end in 2025. Dr. Sharon Verner, elected last week, says if the issue remains unresolved, it could see Northern Ireland lose access to up to more than half of veterinary medicines.

1698 Manufacturing Automotive Feb 2024

William Bain, head of trade policy at the British Chambers of Commerce has claimed the UK's electric vehicle industry faces a "cliff edge" when a delay to Brexit tariffs on vehicles traded between the UK and EU ends in 2027. A review of the post-Brexit trade agreement is not likely to resolve "rules of origin" requirements that have seen tariffs postponed for three years, Mr Bain said, "unless there's a huge change in the pattern of where UK and EU car manufacturers are sourcing the batteries." The UK is the only European country not in the Pan-European Mediterranean (PEM) Convention on Rules of Origin

1697 Culture Museums Feb 2024

Delays to a major £45m refurbishment at Paisley Museum have been blamed on the impact of Brexit and the Covid-19 pandemic. The landmark facility – which chiefs hope will be a "world-class visitor attraction" – had been scheduled for this year but will now be pushed back until spring 2025. Dr Victoria Hollows, CEO of OneRen, the trust responsible for culture in Renfrewshire said delays had been caused by "the impact of Brexit on securing specialist workers and materials, as well as the economic after effects of the pandemic and war in Europe."

1696 Food Fishing Feb 2024

An Oyster company in Jersey has lost 75% of its EU customers since Brexit. Chris Le Masurier, owner of the Jersey Oyster Company, told the *BBC* the amount of paperwork that needed to be submitted often led to mistakes and further delays and that Jersey's "reputation is being tarnished." He described the restrictions as "bureaucratic nonsense" which is "ruining" his business. Since 2021 all consignments of Jersey caught fresh fish and bi-valve molluscs such as oysters must enter the EU through a Border Control Post and delays meant the produce is no longer fresh.

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1695 Food Regulation Feb 2024

A poll by Survation on behalf of the campaign group Best for Britain suggests that almost one in five UK consumers are less likely to buy products that are labeled 'Not for EU,' a requirement for all British meat and dairy produce from October 2024. Just three in ten consumers understand where 'Not for EU' products are manufactured. Best for Britain claims this is a 'fresh blow' to British farmers and retailers could face new and unforced financial strain from a lack of consumer confidence.

1694 Northern Ireland EU Feb 2024

Civil servants in Northern Ireland will face "capability and capacity" issues when examining new EU laws and assessing their consequences, according to a senior official giving evidence to Stormont's Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee. Before Brexit, thousands of Whitehall civil servants examined the impact of new EU laws but now a far smaller team of Stormont civil servants will be tasked with supporting the work of the scrutiny committee. EU law still applies in Northern Ireland under post-Brexit trading rules.

1693 Economy Trade Feb 2024

Trade expert Dr Rebecca Harding told *CityAM* that the UK's new Free Trade Agreement's, excluding the new agreement with the EU, "capture relatively little of our international trade-based GDP". Since leaving the EU Britain has become "a less trade intensive" economy, she claimed, adding that in the post-Covid world, states have become "more protective" of their interests, approaching deals "in a more strategic way".

1692 Financial Services Stock market Feb 2024

In what *The Daily Telegraph* describes as a "fresh blow" to the square mile, the British pharmaceutical company Indivior, is to drop its primary listing on the London Stock Exchange and move to New York. Indivior, which makes treatments for opioid addiction and schizophrenia, said it could move its primary listing to the US as soon as this summer and is consulting shareholders over the switch. Although Brexit is not specifically mentioned, the company joins an 'exodus' of FTSE companies quitting London since Britain left the EU.

1691 Agriculture Horticulture Feb 2024

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A survey by the Horticultural journal *Hortweek* has revealed that 93% of respondents believe the new Border Control Posts (BCPs) set to be implemented on 30 April this year will have a negative impact on plant imports. This sentiment reflects the industry's apprehension about the post-Brexit landscape, where import costs and requirements have become a significant consideration for garden centre retailers and ornamental growers.

1690 Environment Fishing Feb 2024

Denmark and Sweden are pressing the EU to take action against the UK in a fresh post-Brexit fishing dispute, according to the FT. Plans to ban the catching sand eels on Dogger Bank in the North Sea for environmental reasons has outraged Danish and Swedish fishers who use sand eels as pig feed and for producing fish oil. Danish foreign minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen told his EU counterparts they had to "take a common stand to avoid a de facto erosion of fishing rights".

1689 Food Investment Feb 2024

Plans by the government to require all meat and dairy products sold in the UK to be labeled "Not for EU" consumption will raise food costs, hit exports and deter investment in domestic food manufacturing, the Food and Drink Federation (FDF) has warned. The FDF said the post-Brexit labeling regime will cost "hundreds of millions of pounds" and had already caused international investors to "pause" plans to put capital into the UK. CEO Karen Betts, in a letter to Cabinet Office minister Steve Baker, claimed it would lead to higher prices and lower investment at a time when investment in the sector is already down.

1688 Economy Housing Feb 2024

A Conservative MP has claimed the UK's post-Brexit migration system is exacerbating the country's housing crisis. Neil O'Brien, a former levelling-up minister, said that while migrants were not "to blame" for the origin of the problem, the effect of migration had added to the housing crisis and made it harder for the government to tackle. Mr O'Brien said the problem was particularly acute in London, where 67% of private rented households were headed by someone born overseas.

1687 Financial Services Investment funds Feb 2024

Officials from the Treasury, Bank of England, and Financial Conduct Authority are to raise concerns in Brussels about what they say is the EU's lax approach to regulation of the European Money Market, reports *Politico*. In what is described as "the ultimate irony" UK authorities are lobbying the EU to impose more red tape. Britain's financial watchdog is to set out plans to require some domestic funds to hold more easy-to-sell assets but cannot act alone because 90% of sterling money market funds are based in the EU and fall under the bloc's regulations.

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1686 Economy Food Feb 2024

According to *The Guardian*, UK food businesses sending products to the EU have had to spend an extra £170m in export costs because of Brexit red tape, with the changes described as being “catastrophic” for some exporters. In the three years since leaving the single market, exporters of foods of animal origin have had to pay the sums to secure sign-offs by vets before they can send their shipments. In the past 12 months alone, exporters have paid more than £58m. The extra costs have resulted in a sharp fall in exports, particularly among smaller producers, with the value of meat product

1685 Agriculture Animal welfare Feb 2024

In a letter sent to Steve Barclay the DEFRA secretary, his cabinet colleague Kemi Badenoch has warned that plans to introduce labels promoting homegrown food products, including the high animal welfare standards used to produce them, will drive up food costs and risk upsetting Britain’s trade partners. Badenoch wrote: “I am very concerned about the costs of such an approach on domestic producers and exporters to the UK,” in a letter to Barclay seen by the *Financial Times*.

1684 Financial Services Banking Feb 2024

The US investment bank Morgan Stanley has been accused of trying to 'dupe' the European Central Bank by giving a senior employee the fictitious job title of “head of loan trading” that “only existed on paper” solely to meet EU regulatory requirements. The ECB has repeatedly warned that after Brexit banks must move “sufficiently senior key risk-takers and proper reporting lines into the European entity” and that they will not accept 'brass plate operations.' It appears that Morgan Stanley have tried to circumvent the rule.

1683 Services Food Feb 2024

Ruth Watson, founder of the ‘Keep Scotland the Brand’ campaign claims Scottish businesses are struggling, with the spiralling costs of Brexit, the price of energy, a one-sided VAT burden and high business rates adding yet more weight in challenging times but are surviving by working together. An Italian restaurant in Edinburgh, Contini George Street, said: “We import these amazing ingredients every week from Italy. That now takes an extra day to have the pallets inspected and checked at customs. We need to have phyto-sanitary certificates – who would have known what that even was 10 years ago?”

1682 Culture Musicians Feb 2024

Professor Jonathan Freeman-Attwood, the principal of the Royal Academy of Music, has said that Brexit has brought no benefits and instead may cause “terminal damage” to the UK’s music industry. He told the European Movement that the proportion of European students at the London academy had fallen by half since 2016 and warned

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that Brexit has “stopped the flow of talent coming in. “It has been a complete no-win situation, not just for higher education but actually for music higher education, and particularly an institution like this that was founded over 200 years ago by Europeans.”

1681 Education Student numbers Feb 2024

Research by the think tank UK in a Changing Europe (UKICE) suggests that without “significant and immediate structural changes,” continuing to attract a large number of overseas students is a necessity for the survival of many UK higher education institutions. However, international student enrolment is now expected to stagnate or decline, due to a decrease in the attractiveness of studying in the UK. This is partly financial, due to the increasing strength of the pound. But it is also due to policies such as the new limits on family visas for the dependents of overseas students.

1680 Agriculture Horticulture Feb 2024

Strawberry and garden plant growers are said to be worried about new import checks. Previously, tests for bugs and diseases were carried out as needed at the 7,000 or so greenhouses and premises spread across the UK. But as part of post-Brexit rules, those same checks will need to be carried out at a handful of ports where and when the plants arrive. Any problems at these new facilities could lead to long delays that may impact the health of the plants.

1679 Agriculture Farming Feb 2024

Welsh farmers have held go-slow protests over plans proposed by the devolved administration in Cardiff, which include requiring them to plant trees on 10% of land in exchange for cash. First Minister Mark Drakeford has blamed Brexit for Welsh ministers having to draw up their own farm subsidy proposals. He told the Senedd, "If farmers in Wales were still able to have access to the funds that were available through the EU, they would be in a very different position than they are, having heard and followed [Welsh Tory group leader Andrew RT Davies'] advice."

1678 Economy Trade Feb 2024

The Canadian high commissioner to the UK has explicitly contradicted claims made in the House of Commons on 29 January by Business Secretary Kemi Badenoch that trade talks with Canada are “ongoing.” Ralph Goodale wrote to the business select committee to insist the talks have not happened. The row stems from Badenoch halting free-trade talks over Canadian hormone-treated beef, a move that left UK carmakers potentially facing tariffs costing tens of millions of pounds. Cheesemakers also face heavy Canadian tariffs.

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1677 Agriculture Farming Feb 2024

Criticism that Brexit trade deals and rising costs put England's ability to feed itself at risk have triggered a response from ministers, with Rishi Sunak set to announce the 'largest ever' grant scheme amid food security concerns. This is expected to be as much as £427m, and will include an "unprecedented" package of funding for technology and productivity schemes. There are fears that Brexit impacts, including the new farming schemes that focus on nature rather than food production, and trade deals that undercut UK farmers, will lower food security.

1676 Agriculture Farming Feb 2024

DEFRA officials buried an analysis of the financial prospects for some of the most vulnerable farmers in the UK after realising it was almost entirely bad news, according to *The Guardian*. An FOI request revealed fears that many hill farmers would sell up if they saw an assessment of the post-Brexit farming payments scheme. Farming groups said it was "irresponsible" not to make the analysis public after the internal documents showed officials refused to publish it because ministers would not like it.

1675 Economy Regulation Feb 2024

EU regulation of Artificial Intelligence (AI) has an "enormously broad scope" according to Linklaters technology lawyer Peter Church and is likely to be preferred by UK businesses. "If you've got users in the EU, you're caught; if the output from your AI system is used in the EU, you're caught; if you put it on the market in the EU, you're caught," he said, adding that compliance with the EU's AI Act would "probably be sufficient to satisfy the requirements in the UK, and most other jurisdictions."

1674 Agriculture Farming Feb 2024

Farmers in the Channel Islands have told *ITV* they are frustrated that "layers of bureaucracy" and red tape post-Brexit are causing major challenges across the industry. Policies created after Brexit have caused delays in shipping essential items such as seeds and machinery, with imports from Europe that used to take two to three weeks now taking up to eight. Jersey Dairy has taken the step to focus its trade on the UK and Asian markets to "minimise the impact of Brexit". MD Eamon Fenlon added: "There's so many different negative aspects to Brexit that add cost".

1673 Economy Trade Feb 2024

A peer-reviewed academic paper published in the *European Economic Review* claims that Brexit is responsible for a fall in UK-EU trade in both directions of about 20%. The authors found that Brexit has "substantially reduced trade" in both directions relative to their benchmark of no-Brexit. The baseline model showed UK to EU trade declined by 16% and trade from the EU to the UK by 24%. The paper examines the variations across member states, product types, and time horizons.

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1672 Government EU Feb 2024

Tory MPs including Sir Jacob Rees-Mogg, Sir Bill Cash, and Sir John Hayes have criticised the Government for quietly adopting EU Equality laws which they claim go even further than some ECJ rulings, by using secondary legislation without a debate in the chambers of either the Commons or the Lords. Ministers used powers under the The Retained EU law (Revocation and Reform) Act to avoid significant scrutiny by MPs.

1671 Economy General Feb 2024

An associate Professor at the LSE's Department of Economics says Brexit has failed and that far from boosting trade, it has left the UK "less open to the world." Professor Thomas Sampson said the growth in trade since 2019 has been "the weakest in the G7," contributing to the ongoing stagnation of the UK economy. On the import side, trade barriers increase the cost of buying goods and services from the EU, leading to higher consumer prices. While on the export side, trade barriers reduce opportunities for UK firms, leading to fewer good jobs and lower wages.

1670 Economy General Feb 2024

In a letter sent to Chancellor Jeremy Hunt, the British Chambers of Commerce say UK businesses have still not adapted to the impact of Brexit and the government must "strengthen relations with the EU" to relieve the strain on firms. BCC's director general Shevaun Haviland told *City AM* that businesses had still not adapted to trade barriers erected by Brexit and were struggling under current trading rules. A recent BCC survey in 2023, showed 77% of UK firms felt the post-Brexit Trade and Co-operation Agreement (TCA) was "not contributing to their business growth" and 56% said they had "trouble in making the new trading arrangements work for their sales and export strategies".

1669 Food Regulation Feb 2024

The Food and Drink Federation (FDF), which represents major players in the UK food industry has urged the UK Government to act to reverse an "alarming downturn" in investment in the sector which fell by a third between 2019 and 2023. In a manifesto, the FDF, among other things, calls for the scrapping of UK-wide "Not for EU" labels, "improving" the Tories' Brexit deal and reforming the immigration system to make it "globally competitive" and help attract foreign talent to key UK roles.

1668 Education Research Feb 2024

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The Royal Society has revealed that the upfront costs for a Global Talent Visa (GTV) for research scientists coming to the UK can be up to ten times higher than the average fees of other leading science nations. For an applicant to bring a family of four to the UK the upfront cost will be close to £21,000. The RS calls it a “punitive tax on talent for UK business and public/ non-profit research organisations.” GTVs were introduced in 2020 under Boris Johnson as part of his post-Brexit plan to turn the UK into a "supercharged magnet to attract scientists like iron filings".

1667 Economy Travel Feb 2024

In what The Daily Telegraph describes as the latest post-Brexit blow to the Square Mile, shareholders in the travel and holiday company TUI have voted to quit a listing on the London stock market and move to Frankfurt. Investors overwhelmingly backed a resolution to cancel its premium listing on the London Stock Exchange, with 98.35pc voting in favour of the proposal.

1666 Financial Services Banking Feb 2024

Global banks have increased the balance sheets of their German units to a new record as lenders move more of their business to the EU in the wake of Brexit, Bloomberg reports. Assets held by foreign banks in Germany hit €2.04 trillion (\$2.2 trillion) at the end of September, a sixfold increase since the 2016 referendum. This is according to the most recent data published by the ECB which moved to Frankfurt after Brexit turning the city into a regulatory centre, with the amount of bank assets held there soaring as a result.

1665 Citizens Rights Feb 2024

A 22 year old woman born in the UK to a Portuguese mother who has a British birth certificate and has lived her entire life in Britain has been refused a British passport because she had missed the deadline to apply for settled status. The woman only understood she was not officially a British citizen when she applied to be a care worker and needed to show the right to work. She is not allowed to appeal the Home Office's decision and now risks being removed to a country she has never lived in.

1664 Economy General Feb 2024

Goldman Sachs, the US investment banking and financial services company has claimed that Brexit has damaged U.K. economy with higher inflation and much weaker growth. The UK economy, according to their study, is now 5% worse off than it would have been had it never left the European Union due to a slump in trade and investment since the Brexit referendum in June 2016. The UK's GDP per capita has stagnated since COVID-19, having increased just 4% since the 2016 referendum, compared to an 8% increase in the eurozone and a 15% increase in the US, said a team at Goldman led by chief European economist Sven Jari Stehn.

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1663 Economy Trade Feb 2024

Trade talks between the UK and India are said to have reached an 'impasse' over India's attempts to claw back social security payments worth tens of millions of pounds for its workers in the UK. Other differences have resurfaced during the talks, including Britain's push for India to open up its protected professional services, including the legal sector, to UK entrants. A Whitehall source said: "They want a paper deal to wave and say look what we have achieved, but we are not prepared to sign up to something that is basically worthless."

1662 Economy Trade Feb 2024

John Springford, an associate fellow at the think tank Centre for European Reform (CER), said his analysis "shows that Brexit is leading to permanent depression to trade between the UK and the EU". Businesses that make a variety of products including sporting goods, children's toys, jewellery and medical equipment have struggled the most with border costs after Brexit, leading to 30% less trade between 2020 and 2023 worth more than £100 bn.

1661 Education Erasmus Feb 2024

An EU Commissioner has called on the UK to ease visa procedures and costs for scientists or risk missing out on the full benefits of the Horizon Europe research programme. Iliana Ivanova, the EU research commissioner, will discuss the problem with ministers and officials during a visit to London to mark the UK's Horizon re-entry. "We are having some difficulties with European researchers going to the UK due to some visa issues and also higher costs that I'm going to raise with the British side," she told the FT in an interview.

1660 Citizens Travel Feb 2024

Brexit is said to have created bureaucracy and extra costs for ski operators wanting to hire British seasonaires, according to recent research by ABTA – formerly The Association of British Travel Agents. The number of UK workers in the EU fell by more than two thirds between 2017 and last year. Among the British travel firms surveyed, 61% said that problems with hiring UK seasonal staff could reduce their possibilities for growth over the next five years.

1659 Economy Regulation Feb 2024

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A British couple have been forced to move their business out of the UK to avoid duplicated trade rules in order to survive after Brexit. The unnamed couple in their seventies sell biocides – non-agricultural pesticides ranging from wood preservers to insecticides and pesticides but could no longer sell their products to the EU. They have now set up a company in the Netherlands and a packing service factory in the Langhe region of Piedmont, Italy, where they moved in 2015.

1658 Agriculture Trade Feb 2024

Farmers in Kent have mounted a protest against low supermarket prices and cheap food imports from post-Brexit trade deals and say they intend to launch further French-style blockades. Around 40 tractors and other farm vehicles blocked roads around Dover for several hours on Friday evening by driving slowly and carrying signs with slogans such as “No More Cheap Imports”. Organiser Andrew Gibson, said: “We’ve had support from all round the country. There will be other groups like us and they will make their presence felt – around the docks, around supermarket distribution centres.”

1657 Government Border checks Feb 2024

The port of Dover Health Authority (DPHA) is considering legal action against the government over its decision to end physical checks of imported meat at a post within the port. Instead, lorries will be directed to a new checking facility half an hour’s drive up the M20 at Sevington, Ashford. Lucy Manzano, the head of the authority, said that as a port with the only inland border control post in the country, Dover could become a hotspot for criminal gangs trying to bypass checks.

1656 Government Trade Feb 2024

The Telegraph report that the EU has accused Britain of potentially breaching the Brexit trade deal by introducing anti-strike laws for some classes of worker. EU bureaucrats said the stance on militant strikes meant the UK was watering down workers’ rights in a way banned by the Trade and Cooperation Agreement. EU officials have “expressed concern on the compliance” of the legislation with “labour commitments” in the deal. The row could result in extra tariffs on UK exports to Europe.

1655 Education Student numbers Feb 2024

A new paper published in the *International Journal of Higher Education Research*, has revealed that since 2016 the UK has on average attracted scholars of lower quality and found it harder to retain the best ones. The research used salaries as a measure of students quality. Author Giulio Marini, senior assistant professor in the University of Catania’s department of economics and business said: “Overall, Brexit is detrimental to the UK in relation to attraction of talents, cutting through a long-term pattern of success.”

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1654 Food Fishing Feb 2024

The CEO of The Shellfish Association of Great Britain (SAGB) David Jarrad has said that the **mussel industry in Wales has been obliterated**, going from exporting nearly 14,000 metric tons (MT) in 2009 to just 5 MT in 2022. Mr Jarrad said: "Brexit is the gift that keeps on giving – or, rather, taking away. The control that we are not allowed to sell B-Class shellfish into Europe that are un-depurated has wiped out the industry."

1653 Northern Ireland General Feb 2024

A Professor of Political Sociology at Queen's University Belfast has accused the UK government of breaching the principle of "rigorous impartiality" contained in the 1998 Good Friday Agreement. This is the obligation to be even-handed and to protect both nationalists and unionists in Northern Ireland from discrimination and neglect. Professor Katy Hayward says efforts to restore devolved government in Northern Ireland have seen ministers abandon even the pretence of impartiality in negotiations with unionists from the DUP.

1652 Financial Services Regulation Feb 2024

Brussels has formally introduced new rules that will force derivative traders in London to clear deals through the EU. *The Telegraph* reports the news as "dealing the latest blow to the City." London could lose control of a significant share of the lucrative £626 trillion clearing market, where traders act as middlemen in international contracts to ensure deals are settled even when counterparties default. The new rules require banks and asset managers above a certain threshold to clear derivative contracts, such as euro interest rate swaps, through accounts with EU-based clearing houses.

1651 Government Funding Feb 2024

Dover District Council (DCC) is warning it could be at risk of bankruptcy after the government withdrew £3m of funding for new import checks. If the authority has to fill the funding gap, it warns that will "severely deplete" council reserves. Deputy leader Jamie Pout, said without adequate funding the council would "have to make serious decisions about port health services in this district". A report published prior to a meeting of DCC said the cuts would greatly increase the risk of the council's finance chiefs having to issue a section 114 notice - effectively declaring bankruptcy.

1650 Culture Musicians Feb 2024

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A report by the Independent Society of Musicians has found that almost half of UK artists say they have had less work in Europe since Brexit, with more than a quarter getting no work at all. Gus Unger-Hamilton, from the Mercury Prize winning band Alt-J, told National World that the UK music industry is “going to **shrivel and eventually die** if this government doesn’t eventually give musicians a bit of help.”

1649 Food Trade Feb 2024

Andrea Rasca, Founder and CEO of Mercato Metropolitan, London’s first sustainable community food market, has written a letter published by the *FT* urging the UK government to “reconsider” the new food import checks which he claims will cause EU farmers and suppliers to think twice about exporting fresh food to the UK. Mr Rasca says: “British consumers will lose out on a variety of produce, see an increase in prices and ultimately find it harder to access the healthy and nutritious food they need.”

1648 Economy Border checks Feb 2024

The *FT* report that internal UK government contingency planning warns of a possibility that some border control posts (BCPs) could be overwhelmed when physical checks on plant and animal products from the EU come into force in April this year. Products will then be waived through without checks. Peter Hardwick, trade policy adviser for the British Meat Processors Association, said the government is concerned above everything else to avoid the situation where delays at BCPs result in supply chain disruptions and shortages of food on the shelves.

1647 Government Technology Feb 2024

After Brexit when the UK left the EU's ultra-precise Galileo satellite navigation project, the British government was persuaded by Dominic Cummings to take a £400 mn share in the bankrupt satellite company OneWeb. The company then merged with the French operator Eutelsat in 2022. Beset with delays the share is now worth £250 mn and the French owners have taken over the intellectual property rights. A spokeswoman for Eutelsat said: “The IP owned by OneWeb (OW) is still legally owned by OW – but OW itself is now owned by Eutelsat, so the IP is within the perimeter of the combined group.”

1646 Economy Pharma Feb 2024

Ireland has become the largest net exporter of pharmaceuticals in the EU and the third largest exporter of medicines globally, according to The Times. The Danish group Novo Nordisk, Europe’s most valuable public company in 2023 is to invest £2bn in a new manufacturing facility in Ireland which the paper claims is particularly attractive as an English-speaking country in the EU after Brexit. One anonymous CEO of an investment fund said having a great ecosystem and “just being part of the EU” makes a big difference, adding, “So you put those two things together and when people look at setting up a factory it’s very often, very high up on the list.”

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1645 Transport Eurostar Feb 2024

Plans to bring in biometric border controls later this year could force Eurostar to restrict passenger numbers travelling from St Pancras each day. Owners and operator of the line and stations between London and the Channel tunnel has warned that planning for the new Entry/Exit System (EES) checks at the London rail station are “severely inadequate”, and would lead to long delays and potential capping of services and passenger numbers. Non EU citizens or outside the Schengen area will in the future need to register before entering the zone.

1644 Economy Investment Feb 2024

A new report by the think tank UK in a Changing Europe (UKICE) about the current state of the UK economy says low levels of investment, both private and public, have held back the UK's productivity growth. The relatively low level of business investment in the UK pre-dated Brexit, but aggregate data and survey evidence strongly suggest that Brexit is at least in part responsible for the particularly poor performance since 2016. Investment has perhaps been 10% lower than it would otherwise have been: translating into a reduction in productivity, and hence output, of a little over 1% of GDP.

1643 Environment Chemicals Feb 2024

British government ministers have confirmed they do not expect to ban any new substances of very high concern (SVHC) until 2025 at the earliest. Since Brexit, the EU has added 31 chemicals to its watchlist compared to just four in the UK. Chloe Alexander, senior campaigner at the charity CHEM Trust, said the UK regulatory apparatus on chemicals is being left to “wither on the vine,” adding that “people and the environment in Britain will have greater exposure to harmful chemicals than in the EU and a second-rate system for regulating chemicals.”

1642 Economy Jewellery Feb 2024

A Camden market trader claims that the costs of importing products from overseas has increased by 25% since Brexit. Leatitia Dupont, originally from Nice in France, has been selling handmade jewellery for eight years and opened her shop, Let's Jam, just before Covid. Ms Dupont told MyLondon she used to be “absolutely positive” that she would be a Londoner for the rest of her life but now, financial difficulties mean she might “not be able to survive here”.

1641 Food Trade Feb 2024

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The Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee (EFRA) has written to the environment secretary expressing 'serious concerns' about the effectiveness of the Government's measures for protecting biosecurity as it introduces new import checks. MPs on the committee raised planned funding cuts for spot checks for products of animal origin at the Port of Dover and questioned the location of the new facility for physical checks for the Dover border crossing, at Sevington – 22 miles away from the point of entry at Dover.

1640 Food Inflation Feb 2024

Ministers have been warned that forcing all UK supermarkets to put “not for EU” labels on meat, dairy and plant products to mitigate concerns of unionists in Northern Ireland will force up prices and undermine the war against inflation. Waitrose has claimed that redesigning the packaging will “add unnecessary costs when we are doing everything we can to keep costs down” - even though they have any stores in Northern Ireland.

1639 Economy Red tape Feb 2024

Research by Bibby Foreign Exchange (BFX), has revealed that 55% of UK SMEs see ongoing issues as a result of Brexit as a ‘significant challenge’. Michael McGowan, MD of BFX said: “Four years on, the Brexit burden is **growing, not shrinking**, and this is stifling the growth of thousands of UK exporters and importers who also face a myriad of supply-chain issues as a result of conflicts in Europe and the Middle East.”

1638 Food Fishing Feb 2024

GB News has spoken to former Brexit Party MEP June Mummery, now MD of fish market auctioneers BFP Eastern based in Lowestoft who claims that “ UK fishing is on its knees.” Ms Mummery says, “There are still 1,700 EU vessels plundering, unmonitored, unregulated, eight of which are super trawlers.” Paul Lines, chairman of the Lowestoft Fish Market Alliance, said: “when you analyse the TCA agreement they sold us a pup.”

1637 Food Red tape Jan 2024

Karin Goodburn of the Chilled Food Association has written to Agriculture Secretary Steve Barclay expressing concerns about the level of preparedness at the border post in Kent for new border checks that start this week. Ms Goodburn chairs the SPS Certification Working Group representing 30 trade bodies covering £100bn of the UK's food supply. She fears that 24-7, 365-days-a-week food supply chains simply do not work when you have to wait for vets to sign off certificates and then give 24 hours notice of imports. It could cut the shelf life of fresh food from the EU by a fifth.

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1636 Economy Trade Jan 2024

The FT report that 81% of UK-based businesses which trade overseas found they faced more complexity today than they did before Brexit, spending an average of nearly £100,000 navigating the new border formalities over the past three years and hitting profits. Three-quarters reported that sales into the EU had fallen or become more complicated. Alex Baulf, VP of global indirect tax at Avalara, a tax technology firm that commissioned the survey said: "UK businesses have had less trade with the EU and that's impacting [their] revenue. Where there is trade, there's additional cost, which is eating into margins."

1635 Economy Trade Jan 2024

A survey of 2,000 SMEs, members of the British Chambers of Commerce, has revealed that many are still struggling to rebuild export trade after Brexit and the pandemic, with overseas sales failing to match a recovery in their domestic performance. The BCC said there had been a "noticeable divergence between domestic trade performance and exports" and that small exporters "have been disproportionately impacted" by headwinds in global trade caused by the Covid crisis and new trade barriers with the EU.

1634 Agriculture Farming Jan 2024

A beef and sheep farmer near Chorley in Lancashire is worried she will go out of business after a loss of income has left the farm "treading water". The NFU say financial support for farmers has fallen by 37% since Brexit. Helen Drinkhall, said the old payment scheme was phased out before the new one was ready, limiting the options for upland farms adding that it was "really hard to plan and invest and know where to take the business".

1633 Environment Eurostar Jan 2024

Eurostar has been criticised for expensive ticket prices forcing many passenger to take a cheaper but less environmentally friendly plane between London and Paris despite climate concerns and the high-speed rail service connecting the two cities in just over two hours. The company had said it wants to increase passenger numbers, which could help cut prices, but claim that has become more difficult since Britain's departure from the EU, with Brexit causing a "bottleneck" at the border.

1631 Food Meat Jan 2024

The British Meat Processors Association (BMPA) is concerned that imports may be held back due to a shortage of vets in the EU to carry out checks needed under the new rules, the first stage of which comes into force in a few days. Peter Hardwick, trade policy adviser at the BMPA, said he believed suppliers would "take the UK government's rules at face value", and he expected some big suppliers not to risk their stock or reputation by sending orders without a health certificate.

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1630 Health NHS Jan 2024

Dr Andrew Hill, an expert on the pharmaceutical trade, has warned that EU plans to stockpile key medicines will **worsen the record drug shortages** in the UK. D Hill said: “Europe is securing access to key drugs and vaccines as a single region, with huge influence and buying power. As a result of Brexit the UK is now isolated from this system, so our drug supplies could be at risk in the future.”

1629 Food Inflation Jan 2024

The Fresh Produce Consortium (FPC) says a DEFRA decision to reclassify many fruit and vegetable consignments from the EU as “medium risk” from “low risk” as of 31 October 2024 will add £200 mn to the cost of imports. Nigel Jenney, CEO of the FPC, told ITV News: “These increased costs will apply in October and be passed straight on to consumers, and they are a threat to the viability of numerous small businesses”.

1628 Economy Trade Jan 2024

The UK government has ended trade talks with Canada, after nearly two years of negotiations. Talks to extend a time-limited agreement allowing the UK to continue to sell cars and cheese without high import taxes have now broken down. It means the UK's trading terms with Canada will be worse than when it was part of the EU's deal. British car companies now face the prospect of higher tariffs - import charges - to sell into the Canadian market from the start of April.

1627 Food Fishing Jan 2024

The trade body that represents the salmon industry, has expressed its frustration over ongoing red tape which has now cost an estimated £12mn extra since Brexit. Tavish Scott, CEO of Salmon Scotland, said: “Four years on since Brexit, our farmers continue to face excessive red tape, while progress at smoothing trade flow and opening new markets remains painfully slow.”

1626 Energy Inflation Jan 2024

Brexit is being held to be partly responsible for a four year delay in completing the nuclear power plant known as Hinckley Point C. According to EDF, the French firm in charge of developing the site, issues on the project had been caused by Brexit, the Pandemic and inflation. The station may not be operational until 2031 with costs almost double the original estimate at £35bn.

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1625 Manufacturing Chemicals Jan 2024

The *FT* has seen a government impact assessment which puts the central estimate for the soaring costs of re-registering chemicals on a new UK database, in many cases duplicating existing registrations with the EU, at £2bn. This is double the estimate of the UK chemicals industry which warned last year that the new system — known as UK Reach — would cost about £1bn. The government is said to now accept that many more substances will have to be registered than previously thought.

1624 Northern Ireland Shortages Jan 2024

Consumers in Northern Ireland are said to still be concerned about the impact of Brexit on online shopping. A survey of over 1,000 people by the NI Consumer Council has found that more than half were concerned about the costs of online shopping, while 66% - compared to 55% in 2021 - were concerned about the reduced availability and supply of products online. Retailers not delivering to NI was the top concern reported, with a quarter of consumers saying they had experienced this first-hand.

1623 Economy Trade Jan 2024

A number of UK Trade bodies are said to 'fear disruption' when border checks begin to be introduced at the end of January. Marco Forgione, Director General of the Institute of Export & International Trade, representing UK importers, said large EU firms would probably cope with Britain's new rules but smaller ones, specialist food exporters for example, could struggle and some might decide it has become too complicated to trade with the UK and stop exporting, Mr Forgione said.

1622 Food Beer Jan 2024

A Leeds based brewery North Brewing Co, has become the latest to blame Brexit in part for having to appoint administrators. Founders John Gyngell and Christian Townsley said in a statement that they were looking to obtain “additional investment”. They said, “Like the rest of the hospitality and brewing world, over the last four years we’ve endured the turbulence of Covid, Brexit, material cost increases, cost of living crisis and interest rate rises.”

1621 Transport Ferries Jan 2024

The Road Haulage Association has blamed the Windsor Framework for a Stena ferry being unable to divert to an Irish port after it was caught in storm Isha and was unable to enter Belfast port because of seriously rough conditions. The Stena Estrid spent 11 hours at sea. John Martin, said “Prior to the Windsor Framework/Protocol vehicles

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could have been re-routed quickly from GB to Southern Irish ports. However this option is now subject to lengthy delays due to the completion of paperwork and the requirement to notify journeys in advance.”

1620 Government Border checks Jan 2024

The creation of customs and border controls 22 miles inland from the port of Dover will represent a “hole in the border” that could threaten biosecurity according to the Dover Port Health Authority (DPHA) *he Telegraph* reports. The DPHA says the Government's decision to carry out checks at the Sevington customs facility, a vast site built in Ashford, more than 20 miles from the entry point to the country could lead to importers circumventing checks or offloading potentially contaminated items en route.

1619 Agriculture Horticulture Jan 2024

The NFU’s chair of the horticulture and potatoes board, Martin Emmett, has warned that changes to import rules in April, which will impose checks at the border for nearly all young plants coming into the country, could cause long delays and result in plants being damaged or destroyed. Mr Emmet said: “There is a concern that border control points can pose an existential threat to horticultural businesses in this country.”

1618 Food Meat Jan 2024

The British Meat Processors Association (BPMA) say as of 15 January 2024 it will no longer be possible to bring in bulk shipments of meat from overseas to a central hub in mainland GB, then send it onwards in smaller consignments for further processing to Northern Ireland. This is due to EU rules being fully imposed. Such a process will be considered ‘triangular trade’ whereby a vet from one country (UK) cannot re-certify material from another country (e.g. New Zealand) for onward movement to Northern Ireland.

1617 Citizens Technology Jan 2024

In response to the EU’s Digital Markets Act, designed to make markets in the digital sector fairer and more contestable, Google has published several new features to its range of services, but only available in the EU. For example, EU users will now be able to download or transfer a copy of their data from more than 80 Google products and services. It will also prevent the removal of pre-installed apps on their systems and stop the tracking of end users outside of their core platforms without user consent.

1616 Financial Services Banking Jan 2024

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Chancellor Jeremy Hunt has called in Britain's largest banks to discuss why they remain so poorly valued compared with global peers, according to the *FT*. The FTSE 350 bank index has fallen 9% in the past year and all major UK-listed banks trade below the book value of their assets. Privately, the paper claims, bank executives place much of the blame for the declines on the loss of EU market access after Brexit and policy mis-steps including Truss's "mini" Budget, which undermined the UK's reputation for sound economic management in the eyes of investors.

1615 Manufacturing Investment Jan 2024

The British Generic Manufacturers Association (BGMA), has said that since Brexit there has been almost zero investment in the UK generics industry compared with £4bn in Europe, and manufacturing output is down by one-third in the decade to 2021. Budget cuts and restructuring at the UK regulator, the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), have led to a doubling of wait times to get generic medicines approved while the European regulator (EMA no longer recognises 'batch testing' done in the UK.

1614 Environment Regulation Jan 2024

An analysis by *The Guardian* suggests that Britain is falling behind the EU on almost every area of environmental regulation, as the bloc strengthens its legislation while the UK weakens it. At least seven big policies have been changed that means water in the UK will be dirtier than in the EU, more pesticides in Britain's soil and firms will be allowed to produce products containing chemicals that the EU has restricted for being dangerous.

1613 Economy Inflation Jan 2024

The Labour party has warned the government that the UK faces border disruption and risks to its food supply chains ahead of the scheduled introduction of post-Brexit import checks on January 31. EU firms sending animal and plant products to the UK face new paperwork from the end of this month with physical inspections beginning in April. A government official acknowledged the potential impact on inflation but said it would be "negligible", at an anticipated rate of less than 0.2 per cent over three years.

1612 Education Erasmus Jan 2024

A Sinn Féin MLA has called on the British government to improve a grant scheme which was meant to replace the Erasmus programme post-Brexit. Pádraig Delargy, the party's higher education spokesperson said: "The Turing scheme has fallen well short of expectations, and fewer students are benefiting from support previously available on the EU's Erasmus scheme, which provided support for students studying abroad."

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1611 Education Research Jan 2024

Researchers writing in the highly respected science journal Nature, say new restrictions on UK visas are making Britain unattractive to foreign scientists who want to work or study here. Daniel Rathbone, interim executive director of the Campaign for Science and Engineering (CaSE), a science-advocacy group in London, claims that “Salary-threshold increases, combined with the recent large increases in visa costs, create a real risk that the UK is seen as a less attractive place for the world’s brightest and best students and researchers.”

1610 Security Border checks Jan 2024

DEFRA plan to impose funding cuts of 70% to its inspection teams at Border Control Posts from April which will pose a risk to British food safety and animal health. The head of the Dover Port Health Authority has told the Financial Times: “The impact of the cuts will be significant and increase the threat to GB safety by an order of magnitude.” Lucy Manzano said that she believes proposals to move controls away from [Dover] is in effect opening a new door, adding: “We’re not taking back control of our border, we’re removing the border control.”

1609 Economy Trade Jan 2024

The respected economics editor of The Sunday Times, David Smith, says Britain is being pulled closer to the EU even after Brexit as trade figures show EU exports have now increased to 53.3% of total UK exports. He also says that measured on a GDP per capita basis, the UK has struggled since late 2019 declining by 0.4% while Germany saw a 4% increase, France 5%, and Italy 8.5%. These were dwarfed by the USA which saw an 11% rise per capita over the same period.

1608 Trade Trade Jan 2024

Figures published by the Irish Central Statistics Office (CSO) on Monday show that while exports to Britain in November reached €1.7 billion, an 11% increase on the same month in 2022, imports from Britain to Ireland fell by 25% to €1.5 billion over the same period. Janette Maxwell, director of tax at Grant Thornton Ireland, said that “it is likely that Brexit is still having repercussions three years on”.

1607 Financial Services Banking Jan 2024

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Research by recruitment firm Morgan McKinley shows that since the Brexit referendum in 2016, the number of newly open banking jobs in London is estimated to have fallen from a peak of 108,000 in 2015 to just 23,000 last year, a drop of nearly 80%. Banking jobs in London are said to have 'dwindled' last year while changing jobs became less lucrative. The average "salary change" for a finance professional moving company was 16% last year, down from 22% in 2022.

1606 Citizens Rights Jan 2024

A French woman married to a British man, and was in the UK for five years before Brexit, returned to France in 2020 for 18 months after a family tragedy but has lost her job after a mix-up over the post-Brexit immigration process for EU citizens. A digital identification number issued by the Home Office for applicants to the appeal process after she missed a June 2021 deadline for the EU settlement scheme, giving her a right to work in the UK expired and her employer was forced to dismiss or face a £20,000 fine.

1605 Financial Services Stock market Jan 2024

The Telegraph reports that the London Stock Exchange has seen its quietest year since 2010 and is "rapidly losing its status as a global centre for raising new capital." Figures in the City are said to point the finger of blame at the Brexit vote and the political instability in Westminster that followed. Investors have continued to remove billions from UK equity funds and companies are fleeing to the US or into the arms of private equity buyers. At £2.3 trillion, Apple is now worth more than the entire British stock market.

1604 Education Student numbers Jan 2024

Vivienne Stern, CEO of Universities UK, which represents more than 140 universities, has warned that the sector is facing the prospect of a "serious overcorrection" thanks to immigration policies that are deterring international students from coming to Britain. He told the FT: "[they have] really turned a whole bunch of people off that would otherwise have come to the UK." Stern claims large numbers of UK universities are at risk of falling into financial deficit due to a sharp decline in international students.

1603 Manufacturing Trade Jan 2024

Hattons Model Railways, a multi-million pound UK business is closing down with Brexit cited as one of the reasons. Based in Liverpool, the company both manufactured and supplied model trains to hobbyists across the world. A statement on their website blamed *inter alia* changing market conditions, supply chain disruption and the increased cost of compliance plus Brexit and other operational matters.

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1602 Economy Trade Jan 2024

A trade tracker by the think tank UK in a Changing Europe has revealed that since the Trade and Cooperation Agreement came into force, the UK has had the lowest trade openness (trade as a % of GDP) in the G7. Also, the UK's trade gap (imports minus exports) has deteriorated over the past few years. And while trade growth overall has stalled, the amount of trade with the EU has increased to 53.3%, reinforcing the principle that relative size economies will always trade more the closer in distance they are to one another – known as the gravity model.

1601 Services Hospitality Jan 2024

The trade body UK Hospitality, which represents firms running 100,000 hospitality venues, has warned the Home Office that changes to immigration rules risk damaging the sector. CEO Kate Nicholls said: “There’s an economy-wide shortage of labour. They [migrant workers] are a vital and important component and crucially they are plugging a gap.” Last year 95% of the 8,500 migrant workers recruited would be ineligible for a visa under the new salary thresholds.

1600 Economy Trade Jan 2024

Independent analysis from Cambridge Econometrics, commissioned by London Mayor Sadiq Khan claims output of the national economy is 6% smaller than it would have been without Brexit, amounting to around £140bn a year in lost output. GDP is said to be £2.2tn compared to £2.34tn based on economic modelling of a “counterfactual UK” that had not voted to leave the bloc.

1599 Economy Transport Jan 2024

Eurostar has confirmed this week that they have no plans to reinstate Eurostar trains making scheduled stops at Ashford or Ebbsfleet this year and would not commit to a return in 2025 either, according to a report in *KentOnline*. The report concludes the business case of Kent being the ideal place for foreign firms to set up UK outposts where staff could easily reach Paris or Brussels has dwindled.

1598 Financial Services Banking Jan 2024

Bruno Le Maire, the French finance minister has warned Britain that France will look to “take advantage of Brexit” and lure finance firms away from London. In a New Year address, he said his government would put forward proposals which tempt companies to come to Paris. Mr Le Maire said they had already attracted some of the world's biggest financial establishments adding: “To strengthen this position, a bill on financial attractiveness will be presented to parliament in spring.”

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1596 Economy Legal Jan 2024

According to the Law Society, English lawyers working in Europe continue to face 'huge challenges' following Brexit. Nick Emmerson, the president of Law Society of England and Wales has warned that it could impact the appeal of working with English Law. English lawyers who were not admitted to practice as European Economic Area (EEA) lawyer before he end of the transition period are now treated as third-country lawyers, and have lost the automatic right to practice on a permanent basis in any EU member state.

1595 Culture Musicians Jan 2024

From April 1 this year, orchestras from the UK touring in Europe will not be able to claim tax relief on performances in the European Economic Area, as they are currently allowed to do. The move could make trips to Europe “unviable” and undermine their activities back in Britain, according to their trade body. Hanna Madalska-Gayer, at the Association of British Orchestras said: “The proposals to remove EEA costs from qualifying expenditure is another post-Brexit barrier to touring in the EEA, which risks making European touring financially unviable.”,

1594 Manufacturing Technology Jan 2024

Britain's ambitions to become a “space superpower” after Brexit is being undermined by political disarray and weak domestic investment, according to *Bloomberg*. The UK is said to be embracing collaboration and mergers instead of large-scale ownership or leadership. Brexit has hurt recruitment and severed Britain’s access to Europe’s critical positioning satellites. Lucy Edge, COO of the Satellite Applications Catapult, a government-backed incubator said: “It would be a skills challenge anyway without Brexit, it’s just a more acute skills challenge because of Brexit.”

1593 Northern Ireland Trade Jan 2024

So-called 'protected goods' – those with a geographical indication (GI) – such as comber earlies, or new season Comber potatoes grown around the town of Comber in Co Down will need to display the EU logo if they are sold in Northern Ireland. Post-Brexit rules do permit the use of UK logos on GB goods being sold in Northern Ireland, and on NI goods being sold in GB, but their inclusion is voluntary. The use of EU logos will be mandatory and will be enforced.

1591 Retail Regulation Jan 2024

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Sellers on Amazon have been advised that they will be “required to meet the EU's General Product Safety Regulation (GPSR) requirements in 2024.” On December 13 this year new rules will replace the GPSR Directive and introduce requirements for “most non-food consumer products” offered for sale in the EU, including the appointment of an EU responsible person. The new GPSR will not apply in Great Britain but will affect sales in Northern Ireland, under the Northern Ireland Protocol.

1590 Citizens Border checks Jan 2024

Border force officials at Luton airport have forcibly removed a 34-year-old Spanish woman from the UK after she returned from a Christmas holiday near Málaga despite presenting Brexit paperwork showing she has a right to live and work in this country. The woman, a designer, had submitted a late application for the EU settlement scheme in 2023 but was refused. She requested a review and had a certificate of application (CoA) from the Home Office which states “you can work in the UK until you receive a decision on your application to the EU settlement scheme”.

1589 Transport Travel Jan 2024

Post-Brexit biometric checks at EU entry points, due to come into force in October, are set to create huge transport problems, according to Councillor Neil Baker, Kent County Council's cabinet member for roads. Mr Baker has warned the new Entry-Exit System (EES) is going to be a "serious, serious mess" with drivers facing 'massive congestion' and up to three years of Operation Brock on Kent's motorways and A roads.

1588 Retail Food Jan 2024

Shoppers are said to be confused by “Not for EU” labels that have started to appear on food products on supermarket shelves in the UK in anticipation of new rules set to apply from October 2024. One customer is reported to have said: “I recoil each time I see food in supermarkets with the label: not for EU.” Tim Lang, a professor emeritus of food policy at City University of London, said the labeling “leaves a lot to be desired” and for the government to introduce a ‘not for EU’ is “frankly stupid.”

1587 Financial Services Stock market Jan 2024

The board of the travel giant TUI has recommended de-listing the company from the London Stock Exchange in what CityAM describe as “yet another blow to the embattled bourse.” TUI propose to retain its listing in Frankfurt. In a statement the board said, “significant liquidity migration from England to Germany in recent years, with more than 75 per cent of trading in TUI shares taking place directly via the German share register.”

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1586 Agriculture Farming Jan 2024

Figures from DEFRA show an underspend of £110m in 2021/22 and £117m in 2022/23, meaning £227m of promised funds have not been spent. Minette Batters, president of the NFU said the underspend was unacceptable, adding that: “Farmers were promised a seamless transition to [the post-Brexit payment scheme] Elms. With 50% of basic payment scheme payments cut, farmers in England have no idea where that money is and what it has been spent on.”

1585 Northern Ireland Border checks Jan 2024

An economist at Ulster University says the price of continued access to the EU single market comes at the price of the Irish Sea border and the “unravelling” of Northern Ireland’s integrated position in the UK economy. Esmond Birnie, a senior economist at UU told *The News Letter* that it’s understandable politicians may want to claim we can have our cake and eat it – but it comes at the price of a border in the Irish Sea. A spokesperson for the DUP said the party wants continued EU market access alongside a restored UK internal market.

1584 Financial Services Stock market Jan 2024

Stephane Boujnah, CEO of Euronext, the European Stock Exchange, has said that London’s capital markets have been left “isolated” following Brexit while exchanges on the continent have consolidated and strengthened their position. The aggregate market capitalisation of companies on Euronext were almost at €6.3trn, twice that of London. Meanwhile, daily trading volumes of between €10-12bn were also twice that of London on some days. The City saw just five IPOs in Q3 of 2023 as the UK faces the slowest listing market in over a decade.

1583 Education Erasmus Jan 2024

An analysis by IFF Research into the Turing scheme which has replaced the EU’s Erasmus student exchange arrangements has found some applicants were forced to drop out because places were confirmed too late, while others failed to receive funding until after their return. Four out of five universities had difficulties with the application process, which was said to be overly complex, repetitive and “tedious”. Applications in the first year of the scheme fell short of the government target – just over 20,000, compared with the original aim of 35,000, partly due to Covid.

1582 Borders Horticulture Jan 2024

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The Dutch horticulture industry has called for a delay until 2025 in the introduction of new post-Brexit UK border checks scheduled to start this month, citing “significant concerns” about readiness for the changes among EU suppliers. Hendrik Jan Kloosterboer, of Anthos, a Dutch trade association representing the nursery plants and flower bulb industry, said there was “great concern” about shifting physical inspections of delicate plants to port border posts and the delays this would cause.

1580 Food Trade Jan 2024

Anne Wilson, a 75-year-old retired former IT worker from Manchester, now a chef and horticulturalist, says she is now unable to buy her favourite Italian finger limes, which produce a juice sometimes called citrus caviar, because of Brexit. Her Sicilian supplier was forced to end his small shipments due to new fruit import restrictions and border controls introduced following the UK’s exit from the EU.

1579 Citizens Homeowners Jan 2024

David Walker, a 65-year-old former interior designer from Leeds, who voted for Brexit “on impulse,” has said he will now have to sell one of his two holiday homes in Portugal because of it. “I admit it: I voted on impulse, like playing dice, without giving one thought to how it would impact my long and wonderful Portuguese stays,” Mr Walker, told the I newspaper. The pensioner, who bought the two properties in 2013, used to spend up to nine months in Portugal before the post-Brexit travel restrictions applied, banning Britons from staying in an EU state for more than 90 in any 180-day period.

1578 Food Wine Jan 2024

Reacting to the announcement that UK wine producers will now be able to sell wine in pint bottles, the manager of The Leaping Hare restaurant at Wyken Vineyards in Stanton, Josh Hicks, says it's unlikely to benefit producers or consumers. "The difference between a pint-sized bottle of wine and a regular 750ml bottle is little over a medium glass of wine. For producers, adding different bottle sizes will only add to further costs as it will require more resources to make, and glass is already in short supply. This makes it a less sustainable option and will only add to the higher price point."

1577 Borders Gibraltar Jan 2024

While negotiations between the EU and the UK over a deal with respect to Gibraltar are said to be deadlocked over future rules relating the policing of passport control at Gibraltar airport, Spanish police have started to check the paperwork of all non-EU nationals, including Gibraltarians with red identity cards according to *The Daily Express*. The checks have cause “massive queues” to build up at Gibraltar’s land border with Spain.

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1576 Education Student numbers Jan 2024

The vice-chancellor of the University of Birkbeck has claimed that international students are pulling out of UK university courses because of an “unfavourable atmosphere” created by ministers. The comments by Professor David Latchman, are reported in *The Telegraph* and come after Rishi Sunak announced a crackdown on overseas students bringing family members to the UK as part of a push to bring down legal migration. University of Birkbeck saw a 10% drop in international students starting in October after many who had accepted places pulled out.

1575 Manufacturing Red tape Dec 2023

Recticel, a Belgian owned maker of insulation panels based in Stoke-on-Trent will have to spend about £400,000 in the UK retesting its CE approved products to comply with the new UKCA mark which still applies to construction materials. Senior technical manager Simon Blackham said the tests would use the same test methods and standards as the EU and would have to be paid for, ultimately by the customer. Simon Storer, CEO of the Insulation Manufacturers Association, says the challenges are being replicated at many other firms. “The unintended consequences are significant and incredibly damaging.”

1574 Economy Trade Dec 2023

The Scottish government has estimated that the value of Scotland's exports to the EU has slumped by nearly £2bn since Brexit. Exports fell from £16.950bn in 2019, to £14.970 in 2021 - 12% in two years. Over the same period exports to the rest of the UK rose by £1.89bn - from £46.695bn to £48.585bn. Exports to Holland saw the biggest drop, crashing by over 25%.

1572 Food Shortages Dec 2023

Food shortages, according to *The Telegraph*, are “alarmingly likely” in 2024 as climate change, transportation issues and global conflicts continue to affect supplies which are expected to be 'further impacted' by new checks on goods entering the UK from the EU at the end of January, under the Border Target Operating Model. Professor Chris Elliott, of Queen's University Belfast said: “We are virtually totally dependent on other countries for most of our fresh produce, our fruit and our vegetables.”

1571 Citizens Red tape Dec 2023

An Italian environmental technology investor who obtained a “permanent residency” card after Brexit and has lived in this country for 14 years now discovers she could still be removed from the UK. *The Guardian* reports that she is one of 'potentially tens of thousands' of EU citizens who were unaware the Home Office changed the rules in 2019 requiring them to apply for a different scheme, called EU settlement.

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1570 Transport Transport Dec 2023

The *Daily Express* has reacted angrily to the UK being “left out” of EU plans for a trans-European transport network (TEN-T) system after a framework agreement between the European Parliament and the European Council was approved earlier this week by the European Commission. The new plans include all trains in the network being able to reach 160 km/h or faster by 2040 and putting in place a single European signalling system.

1569 Manufacturing Regulation Dec 2023

Sir Bill Cash has warned that new EU rules could have a “significant impact on toy producers in the UK.” His warnings comes as the EU considers proposals to amend current regulations, banning toys containing harmful substances, including carcinogenic, mutagenic or reprotoxic chemicals (CMRs). If adopted the changes will force UK toys sold to the continent to come with a ‘toy passport’, adding to burdensome regulations faced by businesses.

1568 Government Technology Dec 2023

The UK government has lost £200mn after bailing out the satellite company OneWeb. At the behest of Boris Johnson's chief adviser Dominic Cummings in 2020, the UK took a stake in the failed business as part of a plan to replace the use of the EU's Galileo sat-nav system to which it lost access after Brexit.

1567 Northern Ireland Impact Dec 2023

A House of Lords inquiry has found that Northern Ireland businesses "should not be additionally burdened by the need to search for the ways in which new or existing legislation is creating regulatory divergence which may have an impact on the way they conduct their business". The inquiry recommended the government should provide a "central portal of divergence" to track and share instances of upcoming or possible divergence in regulations between the UK and EU.

1566 Economy Inflation Dec 2023

Analysis by The Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) suggests that increased uncertainty about future trade conditions between the UK and EU after the 2016 referendum increased UK import price indices from the EU by 11% and consumer prices by 0.6%. The CEPR report claims that the effects are “likely to be persistent, as post-referendum agreements have reduced trade policy uncertainty, but have not eliminated it.”

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1565 Food Trade Dec 2023

Coombe Castle International, a British cheesemaker based in Wiltshire, which received the King's award for enterprise in international trade in April 2023, has set up a Dutch company in order to sell its products into the EU and is now paying taxes in the Netherlands. MD Darren Larvin said: "Brexit has not brought any opportunities – no good has come of it."

1564 Food Trade Dec 2023

The UK has failed to negotiate an extension to the terms of trade included in the rolled-over EU free trade agreement on cheese meaning British cheese exports will from 1 January 2024 default to the non-EU tariff-free quota, of which about 95% is already taken, mainly by Norwegian and Swiss producers. Imports into Canada outside that quota will face a 245% duty, making them unaffordable. Gareth Thomas, Labour's shadow trade minister, said the government was pricing British products out of business on the global stage.

1563 Culture Football Dec 2023

The European Court of Justice (ECJ) has ruled that UEFA and FIFA were breaking competition law by threatening to sanction professional football clubs that wished to create a European Super League. The judgment will impact the UK's Premier League clubs even though Britain has no representative among the ECJ's 27 judges, one from each member state. The ECJ accused UEFA and FIFA of abusing their dominant position.

1562 Food Honey Dec 2023

The British Honey Importers & Packers Association (BHIPA) has told the Telegraph that new draft EU rules governing the labelling of honey are discriminatory and "overzealous." All honey sold in the EU will now have to list the country or countries where it was harvested. UK suppliers that export to the EU will have to follow different European regulations to sell in the Single Market, unless the Government aligns with the Brussels rules, something that Lynne Ingram, the British Beekeepers Association's Honey Authenticity Ambassador, urges the Government to do.

1561 Agriculture Horticulture Dec 2023

The CEO of Crocus, an online garden retailer that employs 250 people, said they had recently been forced to give up a £10,000 export order to Ireland after falling foul of EU rules on soil types. Mark Fane said: "It's death by a thousand cuts. We tried every which way to export the order but hit barrier after barrier. If you're a big company,

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you grind your way through it, but it just gets to the stage where you can't be bothered anymore." Mr Fane told the *FT* the business was now focused on the UK market but was still supplying non-EU clients. "It has to be a bit ridiculous that we can supply the Middle East but not southern Ireland," he said.

1560 Economy Regulation Dec 2023

Under the EU's carbon border tax regime (CBAM) UK exporters are now required to provide data on carbon usage to EU importers, with taxes being imposed from January 2026. The British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) say British companies are having to adopt "processes for weekly, and in some cases daily, monitoring of gas usage", to provide the requested information. The BCC, is urging the government to seek simplifications to the reporting process and then to legally merge the EU and UK carbon pricing schemes to avoid such border bureaucracy.

1559 Immigration Social care Dec 2023

James Bullion, the chief inspector of adult social care and integrated care at the Care Quality Commission, has told the Commons health and social care select committee that post-Brexit restrictions on the free movement of workers from the EU has contributed to modern slavery becoming "a feature" of the UK care sector. Cases of modern slavery are on track to have increased tenfold in the last three years he said.

1558 Economy Survey Dec 2023

According to the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC), two-thirds of UK exporters say selling to the EU has become harder in the past year. Just 14% agreed that the TCA was helping them to grow their business, while 49% disagreed. Exporters told the BCC about "ever-changing" and "onerous" phytosanitary requirements on food exports, "nightmare" paperwork and variations in applying customs rules.

1557 Government Funding Dec 2023

Northern Ireland Co-operation Overseas (NI-CO), a not-for-profit consulting organisation, set up in 1992 to manage international development projects on behalf of government departments is to close in March 2024 with the loss of 18 jobs. NI-CO said that because it can no longer bid for contracts under the EU's Multi-Annual Finance Framework Programme due to Brexit, it is no longer considered a going concern.

1556 Citizens Travel Dec 2023

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Channel tunnel operator Getlink has announced the construction of a new processing area at its site in Kent to process non-EU passport holders when the EU's EES (Entry/Exit System) system comes into effect in October 2024. The company said the new facilities would cost £67 million to install and would be able to process 500 cars an hour, prompting fears of long queues at peak times. The tunnel has a peak hourly capacity of 840 cars at the moment.

1555 Manufacturing Steel Dec 2023

The trade organisation representing the UK steel industry has reacted angrily to the government's decision to delay introducing a CBAM (Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism) until 2027. UKSteel says by not mirroring the EU's 2026 timeline, the Government risks high-emission steel being dumped in the UK from 2026 when the EU CBAM takes effect. The steel sector has repeatedly warned the government against not keeping aligned with the EU implementation timetable, claiming it would leave the industry exposed.

1554 Economy Trade Dec 2023

The UK government has conceded the chance of a trade deal with the USA has now fallen to "zero" under President Joe Biden, according to Politico and reported by *The Telegraph*. Biden is said to be concerned about the impact of any deal on his own policy to protect American industry from imported goods and is under pressure from hard-line Democrats concerned about US manufacturing and agriculture.

1553 Northern Ireland Funding Dec 2023

According to the *FT*, the UK government is under pressure to increase an offer of £2.5bn for Northern Ireland after all of the region's main parties said it was too small to put its finances on a sustainable footing. The cash is to meet public sector pay rises and update the calculation of the province's financial needs but is seen by some as a "bribe" to force the main unionist party, who object to the Windsor Framework, back into the Stormont executive. DUP leader Jeffrey Donaldson has told his party "much more will be required".

1552 Citizens Legal Dec 2023

A campaign organisation for people impacted by immigration rules, has instructed lawyers to explore legal avenues for a review of changes announced by home secretary, James Cleverly, that they claim amount to being "punished for falling in love." Only those earning £38,700 or more will be allowed to bring family members to join them, more than doubling from £18,600. Many may be forced either to live separately or to leave the UK altogether.

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1551 Citizens Travel Dec 2023

The Independent reports that the delayed pan-European Entry/Exit Scheme (EES) is now set to start on 6 October 2024. The project is designed to be an “automated IT system for registering non-EU nationals travelling for a short stay, each time they cross the external borders of European countries.” From October next year, British travelers to Europe will need to submit fingerprints and facial biometrics, sharply increasing the processing time at ports, rail terminals and airports.

1550 Citizens Credit cards Dec 2023

The Payment Systems Regulator (PSR) says the credit card companies Visa and Mastercard have probably raised fees to an "unduly high level" since Brexit. Previously, so-called "cross-border interchange fees", which retailers pay when customers in the UK buy from the EU were capped by the EU. The PSR proposes to set caps of 0.2% for debit card transactions and 0.3% for credit cards, in line with the EU, for an initial trial period.

1549 Agriculture Farming Dec 2023

The NFU's president Minette Batters has told the FT that phasing out the EU Basic Payment Scheme has left many farmers who were reliant on subsidies with lower payments than they had previously while take up of the new Sustainable Farming Incentive has been low, with only a fraction of the 82,000 eligible farmers having signed up. Large landowners are still benefiting disproportionately, according to Ms Batters.

1548 Economy Trade Dec 2023

An initiative by the port of Antwerp-Bruges, Flanders Innovation & Entrepreneurship (VLAIO), Flanders Investment and Trade, and Deloitte, seeks to “make trade between Flanders and Britain as frictionless as possible”. Gateway Europe will allow UK exporters to complete just one dataset online, which is then automatically shared with all the relevant supply chain and logistics partners. It comes after a survey showed 74% of UK companies said they had been forced to consider other markets, due to post-Brexit administration struggles.

1547 Citizens Duty free Dec 2023

Sending gifts to friends and relatives in the EU has become more expensive since Brexit. The Irish Revenue website says VAT is now payable on all goods entering the EU “irrespective of their value.” Goods which have an intrinsic value (the value of the goods alone excluding transport, insurance and handling charges) of more than €150 may also incur Customs Duty.

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1546 Financial Services Investment funds Dec 2023

Figures obtained by the American financial services company Morningstar shows UK equity funds are on track to post their worst-ever year of outflows since the Brexit vote in 2016, with the total withdrawn by investors reaching £80bn. Between January and October this year, UK equity funds lost £26.2bn, up from £20.5bn for the same period in 2022 and exceeding the £25bn of net outflows recorded in the whole of 2022. Over the past three years, UK equity funds have posted only two months of positive flows.

1545 Financial Services Trade Dec 2023

Brexit has boosted Ireland's trade with France, according to Neale Richmond, an Irish minister of state speaking during an event at the Irish Embassy in Paris, reaching €30 billion per annum. Ireland's services exports to France almost doubled between 2016 and 2021 (from €6.4 billion to €11.4 billion) mostly on the back of increased trade in financial services linked to London losing financial passporting rights after Brexit. Irish goods exports to France also increased by a third to €7 billion, making the country Ireland's fourth biggest export market for agri-food products.

1544 Northern Ireland Trade Dec 2023

Latest figures show the value of goods shipped from Great Britain to Northern Ireland dropped by 2.4% in 2022, the *BBC* reports. This is as the value of goods imported from the Republic of Ireland, the wider EU and the rest of the world all increased. The fall is being attributed to the Windsor Framework, which keeps NI inside the EU's single market for goods by creating a trade border for goods flowing from GB to Northern Ireland. Also, the figures are not inflation adjusted which may indicate an even larger fall.

1543 Government Technology Dec 2023

The deputy prime minister Oliver Dowden has confirmed that civil service numbers in Whitehall have seen a "very big expansion" as a result of Brexit and Covid-19. In an attempt to reduce costs he plans to form a task force of 30 "high-end, technically capable" experts in AI and data engineering with an annual budget of about £5mn, to begin the process of transforming public services. Dowden said: "I think you can get more for less," and he described AI's potential to reduce headcount act as "a significant downward driver"

1542 Environment Chemicals Dec 2023

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CHEM Trust and CHEM Trust Europe, both registered charities, have published a report suggesting the UK should adopt the Swiss chemicals regulatory system. The report claims the UK system (UK REACH) is facing “considerable difficulties establishing an effective, high-standard regime as a standalone system since leaving EU REACH.” This is said to be due to a lack of capacity (of data and staff) and its deregulatory focus, with a system “acting on just a fraction of harmful substances the EU is banning or implementing controls on.”

1541 Immigration Shortages Dec 2023

The independent Migration Advisory Committee has claimed in a new report that the UK’s system of post-study work visas is likely to be fuelling low-wage migration rather than drawing “global talent” into high-skilled jobs. The so-called 'graduate route' allowing international students and their dependants to work in the UK for two years after graduation, had made the UK a “significantly more attractive destination” for those who wanted to enter its labour market, the committee said.

1540 Agriculture Farming Dec 2023

According to Farmers Weekly, there are fears that containers of lamb will 'flood' the British market after Australia's sheep slaughter rate rocketed by 28% above the five-year average in September. Cheap Australian imports are said to pose a growing threat as the volume of tariff-free lamb increases annually as part of the free trade deal with Australia.

1539 Economy Trade Dec 2023

Reacting to ONS Trade statistics published today (13 December) the head of trade policy at the British Chambers of Commerce, William Bain, said: “Following the 3.4% decline in goods exports volumes to the EU in September a further slump of 7% occurred in October. Drops in exports of chemicals, manufactured goods (including pharmaceuticals) and food were the main areas of decline.” He urged UK policymakers to take further measures to support exports, especially to the EU.

1538 Food Wine Dec 2023

The MD of Kingsland Drinks, an independent wine and spirits supplier, has said there was “no doubt” Brexit was having “a significant impact on the wine industry” as a whole. Ed Baker told *The Grocer* magazine that: “The biggest effect has been the insidious impact of extra bureaucracy and uncertainty, which has consumed large amounts of time and generated inefficiency for no benefit,” Issues such as the cost of goods, container availability, shipping delays, port congestion, and labour shortages were issues that Brexit had failed to make easier to address for wine importers, Mr. Baker claimed.

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1537 Immigration Shortages Dec 2023

The DG of the British Chambers of Commerce, has told the *Financial Times* that the immigration reforms announced last week, including an increased salary threshold for skilled worker visas, would exacerbate labour shortages. Shevaun Haviland, said the package “will make the job market tighter in theory and will reduce the number of people coming”. According to the *FT*, business groups from sectors such as manufacturing and hospitality have already expressed alarm about making it harder to recruit overseas staff and banning care workers from bringing family members to the UK.

1536 Food Trade Dec 2023

British food exporters are warning of the unintended consequences of labelling all meat and dairy products sold in the UK from October next year as “Not for EU as agreed under the Windsor Framework, even if there is no intention to send the products to Northern Ireland. The move could see EU exports plummet because of the costs and inefficiency of doing separate production runs for British and European markets. Sean Ramsden, director of the Food and Drink Exporters Association and the CEO of food export business Ramsden International, described the new system as “absolutely cataclysmic for food exporters.”

1534 Economy Regulation Dec 2023

The EU has reached a provisional agreement on the world's first legislation governing the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Anu Bradford, a Columbia Law School professor and an expert on the EU and digital regulation said other countries “will likely emulate many aspects of it,” adding that it is not efficient for AI companies to re-train separate models for different markets. This is the so-called Brussels effect in operation which may see the UK forced to adopt much of the EU's regulation.

1533 Citizens Rights Dec 2023

Part-time and shift workers could lose up to £248mn in holiday pay after the UK announced changes to the method by which holiday days and pay are calculated for people who don't work full-time throughout the year. Richard Arthur, head of trade union law at Thompsons Solicitors, said: “This move takes advantage of what the government is allowed to do post-Brexit.” Experts say this is one of the most significant erosions of employment protections since the UK left the EU working time directive.

1532 Financial Services Regulation Dec 2023

A year ago the chancellor Jeremy Hunt announced the Edinburgh Reforms which he said were the “next chapter for UK financial services” with over 30 regulatory reforms to unlock investment and turbocharge growth. This week the Treasury Select Committee described the results so far as a “damp squib.” Chair of the committee Harriett

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Baldwin, whilst welcoming many of the changes as logical and sensible measures, questioned the idea that consultations, establishing reviews, or publishing documents should be considered 'reforms'. None of the reforms implemented so far “will make a substantial difference to the UK economy,” she said.

1531 Citizens Rights Dec 2023

A 74 year old Leicestershire grandmother was threatened with deportation after 42 years in the country. Leonarda Zarcone, a French citizen who ran a chip shop in Leicester until she retired in 2016, applied for settled status following Brexit but missed a deadline when a Home Office email went into her junk folder. She said it was "the shock of my life" to hear that she had lost her right to live in the UK. After the BBC contacted immigration officials on Wednesday, Mrs Zarcone received an email telling her she does have the right of residency after all.

1530 Food Poultry Dec 2023

Brexit is claimed to be behind a 'surge' in cases of salmonella due to a lack of quality checks on food entering the UK according to the National Farmers Union (NFU). The farmers union said Britain was experiencing recurring cases of salmonella because meat, poultry and eggs have not been checked properly since leaving the EU. Tina Potter, head of incidents at the Food Standards Agency (FSA) said it was investigating a recent rise in cases of salmonella food poisoning: “A number of the cases have involved the consumption of eggs produced in Poland and used in meals in restaurants and cafes,” she claimed.

1529 Financial Services Stock market Dec 2023

The airline Tui, Europe’s largest package holiday operator, is considering moving its stock exchange listing from the FTSE 250 to Frankfurt, in what The Guardian have described as a further blow to London’s status as a global finance centre. The company said it had been approached by shareholders asking whether the current listing was “optimal and advantageous”. It suggested the shift to Germany could lower costs and yield “potential benefits to EU airline ownership and control requirements”.

1528 Northern Ireland Impact Dec 2023

Employers in Northern Ireland have warned that new migration rules may cause staff shortages across manufacturing, care, and food production, according to the BBC. The average salary in the province is £30,000 but new measures announced this week will set a minimum salary needed for skilled overseas workers at £38,700 - up from the current threshold of £26,200. Darragh Cullen, the MD of Edge Innovate in Dungannon, said the changes will limit the company's growth and cause huge damage.

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1527 Retail Wine Dec 2023

A vintner has claimed that Brexit has added over £3.00 to every bottle of wine sold this Christmas. Daniel Lambert, who runs a wine importing business handling millions of bottles of wine a year, says in the single market, there was no 'importing' of wine – only moving wine. But that has since changed. "The extra red tape has put about £3.50 on every bottle of wine you buy", Mr Lambert said, "If you used to buy a bottle for £8.99 – that's now £11.99 or £12.99."

1526 Manufacturing Chemicals Dec 2023

The MD of a chemical manufacturer has told the *FT* that during a recent chemical and pharmaceutical industry conference in Milan, several customers said the UK was "in the box marked 'too difficult'" when it came to finding suppliers and trade partners. Adrian Hanrahan, of Robinson Brothers in West Bromwich, said, "Two German and a Belgian customer have both said to us directly: 'Sorry Adrian, we know you do a great job, but dealing with the UK is just too much trouble now.'"

1525 Manufacturing Trade Dec 2023

A survey by the engineering trade body Make UK suggests 90% of UK exporting manufacturers are facing challenges trading with the EU. They say "little improvement" had been made since it conducted its first post-Brexit survey in mid-2021, with business still struggling with the effects of customs bureaucracy and logistics issues. Make's CEO Stephen Phipson said British manufacturers had fought to reach other international markets but faced a "minefield of challenges" when dealing with the country's largest trading partner as he urged the government to do more to assist trade.

1524 Economy Impact Dec 2023

A new report published this week by The Resolution Foundation, *Ending Stagnation*, says, "The lack of wide-ranging tariffs [in the UK-EU free trade agreement] shouldn't disguise the scale of the disruption: the new trade barriers have been estimated as equivalent to a 13 and 21% increase in tariffs for our manufacturing and service sectors respectively, similar in scale to the tariffs implemented during China–US trade war but covering a much larger proportion of UK trade."

1523 Immigration Legal Dec 2023

The UK government has been warned by senior home office civil servants that plans for an emergency law to resolve problems surrounding the Rwanda policy will fail. One senior official told *The Times* that the legislation is a "political gimmick". They added: "The government can't legislate its way out of the Supreme Court judgment." Government lawyers are also refusing to approve the most hardline version that would opt out of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR).

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1522 Immigration Returns Dec 2023

Changes to the minimum income requirement for certain classes of immigrants announced by Home Secretary James Cleverly yesterday means that many Britons living overseas with a non-UK spouse will be unable to return to Britain with their family unless they can show an income level above £38,700 per year. Only those earning above this threshold will be entitled to sponsor dependants – including children and elderly parents as well as partners – to get a visa after the new rules come into force next year.

1521 Education Horizon Dec 2023

A protocol agreed between the EU and the UK yesterday brought to an end a three year hiatus as Britain rejoined Horizon Europe, the EU's flagship scientific research programme and the Copernicus part of the EU's space programme. The UK will contribute €2.43 billion per year on average to the EU budget for its participation in Horizon, and roughly €154 million for participation to Copernicus. Provisions are included for adjustments in payments if UK scientists win "too many" or "too few" grants.

1520 Citizens Travel Dec 2023

A French parliamentary committee has rejected a proposal to relax visa rules for British second-home owners. An amendment to the country's new Immigration Bill would have restored pre-Brexit travel conditions for UK residents who own property in France. The committee said: "The automatic granting of a long-stay visa based solely on property ownership could be perceived as favouring a category of people because of their financial situation, creating inequality in relation to other foreign nationals who have to follow a more rigorous procedure to obtain such a visa."

1519 Immigration Shortages Dec 2023

The UK is at risk of losing out on skilled immigrants as the EU launches its own campaign to attract highly qualified workers from outside the bloc, in direct competition with the UK and as the British government is attempting to drastically reduce migration. The EU has recently presented a 'Skills and Talent Mobility' package to make the EU more attractive, including measures to match employers in the EU with jobseekers in non-EU countries to fill persistent skills shortages in a range of sectors.

1518 Culture Musicians Dec 2023

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Music festival organisers say times are tough at the moment with difficulty attracting top headline acts to the UK and Brexit making matters worse. In the past, playing in the UK would be part of a European tour. "You might do Brussels one night, Paris the next and then Manchester two nights later," said Sacha Lord, co-founder of Parklife festival. But now no one can risk equipment being delayed at the border. "If that happens you're going to lose your headliners. It's caused major issues in the industry."

1517 Agriculture Farming Dec 2023

A farmer on Exmoor has spoken about the challenges facing UK agriculture in the wake of Brexit and the new environmental land management scheme (ELM). Victoria Eveleigh, who farms at West Ilkerton near Lynton, said that farmers were "a bit befuddled" by the pace of change and the lack of clarity from the government. She claimed that ELM had become "so complicated" that only the big farmers who could afford the best land agents would benefit, while small farms would struggle to keep up.

1516 Retail Bicycles Dec 2023

Another cycle maker is in trouble and naming Brexit as one of the reasons. Administrators have announced that the international eCommerce stores for Wiggle and Chain Reaction Cycles is to close. The business will now focus on the UK market only. In a statement, the administrator said the international exporting part of the business has been impacted by "a range of economic factors" including Brexit and rising air freight costs.

1515 Citizens Rights Nov 2023

A study by the London School of Economics shows the difficulties faced by families that previously enjoyed status equality in EU law. Brexit has introduced status differences for many such families on both sides of The Channel and created what the LSE call "mixed-status" families. In one example, a dual Italian-Jamaican national married to a British woman living in the UK, discovered his daughter had not automatically inherited her mother's British citizenship and if he wished to leave, the daughter's return to the UK for study or work reasons would have taken place under new immigration and visa regime.

1513 Economy Legal Nov 2023

The *Global Legal Post* says since Brexit, US and UK law firms have selectively expanded their existing EU footprint, or created a new one. Following the 2016 referendum, many flocked to Dublin: a trend they claim still shows no sign of abating. Of the 37 international law firms with a local office, over half have opened since 2020. Luxembourg welcomed 15 new international law firms following the Brexit vote, while Brussels and Amsterdam have also benefited.

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1512 Food Food Nov 2023

Cranswick Group, a North Yorkshire food producer, has been forced to recruit 400 butchers from The Phillipines in response to what they say are challenges in recruiting highly skilled staff “directly resulting from post-Brexit immigration policies.” According to CEO Adam Couch in the most recent accounts, this “has come at a significant cost to the business” but has allowed them to continue serving UK customers “when others in the sector have had to cut back production due to ongoing labour shortages.”

1511 Economy Survey Nov 2023

A survey by Bibby Financial Services, a multinational company providing invoice financing to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) reveals that 58% of Britain’s SMEs that trade internationally are struggling with tariffs, customs, and other barriers. It is said to be the single most frequently cited challenge, ahead of the cost of doing business overseas and currency fluctuations.

1510 Retail Horticulture Nov 2023

A garden centre in Kent claims Venus flytraps are in short supply due to Brexit. Plants imported from the EU now require a certificate which means small orders must have the same paperwork as larger batches. Tim Holmes from Tunbridge Wells Garden Centre, part of the Blue Diamond Group, claims that his group has lost about £30,000 and is experiencing delays in the plants reaching their shelves. Mr Holmes said, “We can't just get one or two trays through anymore, there's legislation involved that is making it really hard to get hold of them.”

1509 Retail Inflation Nov 2023

The British Retail Consortium (BRC) has warned Rishi Sunak that a number of measures laid out in last week’s autumn statement could add to inflation next year. The retailers trade body said the government risked prolonging the cost of living crisis by driving up the cost of doing business on the high street with Brexit red tape and higher taxes. The cost of managing post-Brexit import checks and labelling rules, due to come into force next year, is likely to be passed on to shoppers, along with increase in business rates and the rise in the living wage, it said.

1508 Food Fishing Nov 2023

The owners of what is said to be one of Grimsby's landmark seafood processing factories has announced its closure after recording an £8 mn loss. Management has blamed Brexit, the pandemic, and Russia's invasion of Ukraine. In a major blow to the town, Icelandic Seafood International will now pull out of the UK and will focus on its European operations.

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1507 Economy Survey Nov 2023

A survey by the global professional services giant Ernst & Young says, “there’s no question that Brexit has reduced the UK’s relative attractiveness for some investors.” And claims: “Against the background of a rise in European FDI projects, the UK saw its project count decline in 2022 by 6.4% to 929, the lowest for eight years. As a result, the UK’s share of all European projects fell from 16.9% in 2021 to 15.6% in 2022, the lowest level in the past decade. The decline in UK projects likely reflected the political instability and uncertainty experienced in 2022, plus a trend towards net outbound project flows since Brexit.”

1506 Economy Inward investment Nov 2023

Having peaked in 2016, foreign direct investment (FDI) in the UK has now fallen for the fifth year in a row. The claim was made in *The New European* by Jonty Bloom who points to Brexit as the cause. In 2021, FDI into Britain was negative –£51.7bn, down from +£34.8bn in 2020 with more people taking money out of the UK than putting it in. The Department of Trade figures show the number of projects fell 32% between 2016 and 2021 (2265 to 1538).

1505 Culture Football Nov 2023

According to *Forbes Magazine*, Brexit-related work permits for foreign players arriving in the UK has significantly reduced the number of foreign players eligible to play in the Premier League. A study by the University of Harvard pre-Brexit found that 58% of Premier League signings from abroad between 1992 and 2017 would not qualify for a work permit today. Famous players like Spain's Cesc Fabregas, who joined Arsenal from Barcelona aged 16 in 2003, would not be allowed to come at that age now.

1504 Economy Shortages Nov 2023

The Office for Budget Responsibility's Economic and Fiscal Outlook for November 2023 claims that Britain's membership of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) could add just £1.8bn to GDP in the “long run.” The OBR said: “if we take the long run to be 15 years after joining, this equates to around 0.04% of GDP.” They also maintain that the UK economy will be 4% smaller than if the UK had stayed in the EU, losing 100 times more than is gained.

1502 Government EU Relations Nov 2023

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The Daily Mail complains that Britain will have sent £24 bn to the EU by next April as part of the divorce bill for leaving the bloc, which Britain agreed to pay under the 2019 Withdrawal Agreement. Payments will continue until around 2064 for items like pensions when the total settlement could exceed £40billion. The report also says the EU is asking for £2.2 bn per year annually from next January for Britain's membership of Horizon, the EU's scientific programme.

1501 Agriculture Farming Nov 2023

The reduction in post-Brexit farming subsidies plus rising costs has led to some farmers reducing the numbers of cows and lambs they own, threatening a shortage of British beef and lamb in supermarkets. The National Farmers Union (NFU) say that upland farm businesses will lose an average of 37% of support payments as basic subsidies are phased out in favour of green schemes. NFU vice president David Exwood said the anticipated fall in government subsidies is “not a surprise to the farmers working in our hills”.

1500 Culture The Arts Nov 2023

A report by the market research firm Arts Economics, says the post-Brexit 5% import VAT and significant red tape has hugely impacted EU-UK cross-border trade in the arts. Imports to the UK in 2022 were \$2.8bn, less than half their level in 2015, the year before the Brexit vote. Anthony Browne, chairman of the British Art Market Federation (BAMF), told a conference in London that, “I don't think I've experienced a more difficult time for our art market than now.”

1499 Culture Football Nov 2023

A former player with the Scottish club Hibernian has suggested that post Brexit rules on the recruitment of EU footballers means English clubs are seeking out rising stars from north of the border rather than looking to the continent. Tam McManus said: “Brexit is now in play as English teams are now **scouring our game** rather than focusing on Europe in the way they used to.” It leaves Scottish clubs short of home grown talent.

1498 Northern Ireland Farming Nov 2023

An official of the Ulster Farmers' Union, has told The House of Lords European Affairs sub-committee that post-Brexit divergence between UK and EU rules is putting the future of some farming sectors at risk. Alexander Kinnear, gave as an example of the use of glyphosate on farms for the desiccation (drying) of crops where the EU is considering extending its use for another 10 years, but not for pre-harvest desiccation. “If we can't use it for that purpose the viability of the cereal sector in Northern Ireland comes into question, which should set alarm bells ringing,” he said.

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1497 Charitable sector Trade Nov 2023

A Christmas market traditionally organised by The Danish Church in Hull is set to return on 25 November but organiser Dorthe Hostick, chair of the social fund at the church, says it has become more stressful and “much more difficult because of Brexit.” Ms Hostick added that: “We can still get most of the things that people want to buy but everything is more complicated. Before Brexit we could just order what we wanted and it all came on a pallet from Denmark just a few days later. Now it takes longer and it costs more because of import duty and clearance.”

1496 Northern Ireland Funding Nov 2023

No money has been allocated to Northern Ireland from the £1bn levelling up funding because of Stormont's collapse as the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) continues to refuse to join the power-sharing assembly in protest over the post-Brexit Irish Sea border. The Department for Levelling Up said no money has been provided to Northern Ireland "at this time" because of the absence of an executive and assembly. The DUP has described the move as "economic blackmail".

1494 Food Impact Nov 2023

The Irish government has warned its exporters that from 31 January next year, new UK import controls will come into force with particular implications for agri-food exporters, including those using the UK land bridge. Export health certificates (EHCs) and phytosanitary (SPS) certificates will be required for medium-risk animal products, plants, and plant products imported into GB from the EU, including from Ireland. Pre-notification of imports of SPS goods from Ireland on the UK's SPS import system (IPAFFS) will also begin.

1493 Economy Investment Nov 2023

The Bank of England's deputy governor for markets and banking Dave Ramsden, has told MPs on the Commons Treasury committee, that the fallout from the 2016 Brexit referendum had “chilled” investment levels compared with other leading nations and contributed to a lower “speed limit” for the UK economy. Mr Ramsden said: “It's hard to conclude otherwise, that the decision to leave the EU – that may have had lots of goods reasons for it – but that it has chilled business investment.”

1492 Citizens Travel Nov 2023

Some citizens with dual UK/EU nationality face problems when the EU's ETIAS (Electronic Travel Information and Authorisation System) comes into force in 2025. For example, a Portuguese national with dual UK citizenship traveling to the EU will be able to use ETIAS on the outbound journey but will find a manual passport check (see

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page 41) still needed for the return. This is because the UK's interactive Advance Passenger Information (iAPI) system does not link the Portuguese passport to the grant of British nationality.

1491 Citizens Vets Nov 2023

The *Vet Times* reports that a revolutionary once-daily oral solution for treating diabetes mellitus in cats has been launched. Senvelgo removes the need for twice-daily insulin injections. However, while the product has been approved for use in Great Britain, due to current post-Brexit arrangements, it will not be immediately available in Northern Ireland which depends on separate EU marketing authorisation.

1490 Manufacturing Bicycles Nov 2023

A London based bicycle accessory company has ceased production, blaming Brexit for the "increased barriers to selling in the EU" which the founder Andrew Lang said had been magnified by trying to continue manufacturing in Britain. Cycloc manufactured award winning wall mounted devices for storing bikes. Clare Lowe, head of operations, said some EU distributors had stopped placing orders, citing the "cost of shipping and customs clearance as prohibitive."

1489 Economy Trade Nov 2023

A new report by the National Institute for Economic and Social Research (NIESR) suggests that in 2023 Brexit was behind a fall in private consumption of around 11-12%. This suggests that UK GDP is already 2-3%, roughly £50-£75 bn per year, lower than it otherwise would have been, equivalent to £850 per person. The NIESR also forecasts that the negative impact of Brexit will gradually escalate, reaching some 5-6 per cent of GDP or about £2,300 per person by 2035.

1488 Economy Funding Nov 2023

Cornwall Council has confirmed that government funding to replace the money it used to receive from the EU will run out next month, with more than £230m of fund applications from Cornish communities and businesses unmet. The council's shadow cabinet member for economy has said this is "devastating" and has accused the Government of lying to Cornwall. In 2021 ministers pledged that "total funding through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) will at a minimum match the size of EU funds in each nation and in Cornwall each year." In reality, Cornwall received around 43% of EU funding.

1484 Citizens Eurostar Nov 2023

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Richard Branson is said to be looking at launching a rival to Eurostar's cross-Channel rail services into Europe. Two other companies, Evolyn Mobility Ltd and the Dutch firm Heuro, are also believed to be interested. However, the plans may fail not because of a lack of capacity in the tunnel but due to issues at St Pancras. Eurostar itself is forced to run services at 70% capacity to allow post-Brexit passport checks, a situation unlikely to improve when biometric security checks are introduced as early as next year.

1483 Economy Survey Nov 2023

A survey of 1,774 SME's across the UK covering all major industries, from finance to retail, entertainment, manufacturing, agriculture, and technology, showed that Brexit has impacted 93.6% of respondents negatively, and only 3.2% felt positive about our break with the EU. Some firms have moved fully or partially to the EU, others are considering doing so on the advice of customers and suppliers. Other businesses have reduced workforce hours, made staff redundant, or even closed entirely due to new trade barriers.

1482 Borders Red tape Nov 2023

Baroness Lucy Neville-Rolfe, a junior minister in the Cabinet Office, has confirmed that checks on goods entering Britain from the EU will go ahead as planned in January next year. The checks have been delayed five times due to fears that EU suppliers are not ready to handle the paperwork. Marco Forgione, DG of the Institute of Export & International Trade, told *The Grocer* magazine last week that the constant delays were causing an “environment of distrust” amid business. The Baroness said new technology would reduce paperwork for UK importers, “saving businesses over £500 mn a year”.

1481 Northern Ireland Regulation Nov 2023

The House of Lords European Affairs Sub-Committee has been told the Windsor Framework has not corrected a fundamental flaw in the Northern Ireland Protocol, which is to accept that a “foreign system of law” applies to the production of goods in the province. James Webber, a partner at the legal firm Shearman and Sterling, said the “deadweight costs of trying to work out which rules apply to you and in which direction divergence is affecting your business is likely to discourage investment” and will over time reduce competitiveness, productivity, economic and wage growth.

1480 Environment Chemicals Nov 2023

EU-derived laws on the use of potentially harmful chemicals are to be loosened under government plans according to *The Guardian*. Hazard information required to register substances in the UK are to be cut to an “irreducible minimum” leaving the UK “lagging far behind the EU” campaigners say. The EU has introduced eight rules restricting the use of hazardous chemicals since Brexit, and 16 more are in the pipeline. The UK has not banned any substances in that time and is considering just two restrictions, on lead ammunition and harmful substances in tattoo ink.

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1479 Manufacturing Regulation Nov 2023

The CEO of the British Generic Manufacturers Association (BGMA), says generic medicine manufacturers have invested around £4bn in almost 40 new or expanded generic pharmaceutical plants in the EU since Brexit, compared to almost none in the UK. Mark Samuels claims the TCA means the UK accepts EU regulations, but the EU does not accept ours, “sinking the UK’s manufacturing competitiveness and international influence on pharmaceutical regulation.”

1478 Economy Regulation Nov 2023

The *FT* has learned that Chancellor Jeremy Hunt intends to 'mirror' the EU's carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM) to avoid the risk of “a damaging trade barrier with our biggest trade partner.” Firms exporting carbon-intensive products such as iron, cement, fertiliser, and power supplies to the EU that do not face comparable carbon costs, will be subject to new levies linked to the carbon price under the EU's Emissions Trading System.

1477 Northern Ireland Trade Nov 2023

A report by professional services firm Pricewaterhouse Coopers forecasts the Northern Ireland economy will grow at the second fastest rate in the UK in 2023, only exceeded by London. PwC says this is due to the province benefiting from “greater certainty through the Windsor Framework and a large public sector.” Northern Ireland remains in the EU's single market for many goods and intra-Island trade has doubled between 2016 and 2022 (see Dossier No 1419).

1476 Energy Research Nov 2023

British attempts to rejoin ITER (International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor Project) are said to have 'foundered' in the last few weeks, according to *The Telegraph*. The UK was once one of the lead nations in the project at Cadarache in France but has now signed an agreement with the US to work together on nuclear fusion. Sixty or so UK scientists involved in ITER have adopted French nationality and remain in France, “decimating the UK fusion research community.” The UK's Jet fusion experiment at Culham in Oxfordshire will close at the end of the year.

1475 Government Funding Nov 2023

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The Welsh economy minister, Vaughan Gething, has described the UK Government's shared prosperity fund as being smaller, less flexible, and narrower in scope than the EU funding mechanisms it replaced. He warned that universities, colleges, businesses, and charities have had to scale back services, which have cost jobs. During a debate in the Senedd, he described the replacement system as "chaotic and unwelcome."

1474 Food Meat Nov 2023

The British Meat Processors Association (BMPA) says Great Britain should remain aligned with the EU on food standards and has called on the UK government to "reach an alignment agreement with the EU." The EU market, says the BPMA, is and will remain "our largest and highest value market" and claims the UK food sector is complying with EU standards but still has to jump through all the certification and SPS control hoops to prove it with no added value. An agreement on alignment would save hundreds of millions of pounds.

1473 Manufacturing Beer Nov 2023

Alpha Delta Brewery in Newcastle has announced it is closing, blaming "escalating energy costs", Brexit, and health reasons. Founder Ross Holland told the brewery's social media followers that the unforeseen complexities of exporting post-Brexit had added to rising energy costs and personal health considerations to force the closure. In 2021 it was named as one of the world's ten best new breweries in the Rate Beer Awards.

1472 Government Tariffs Nov 2023

The deputy chairman of the Falkland Islands Legislative Assembly has spoken to *The New European* about how Brexit has affected the Islands' economy. Teslyn Barkman spoke after a joint communiqué signed in Brussels by 60 EU states and Latin American nations referred to the Falkland Islands as the "Islas Malvinas." However, Mr Barkman was more concerned about tariffs on exports to the EU which he said. "cannot be the new status quo" and he hoped for a return to the previous tariff-free trading relationship.

1471 Services Automotive Nov 2023

According to *Car Dealer Magazine*, garages are being forced to pass on increased costs to customers, with Brexit cited as a cause. Some components have more than doubled in price with European brands most affected. One dealer, Morgan's Motor Engineers in Drayton, Norfolk, said on one occasion, some Honda suspension parts were delayed for several weeks at customs while Brexit checks were concluded and duties determined.

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1470 Economy Trade Nov 2023

Bank of England governor Andrew Bailey, speaking at a financial services conference in Dublin, said “[Brexit] has led to a reduction in the openness of the UK economy.” Mr Bailey was referring to a fall in the amount of trade relative to GDP. He also told his audience that he hoped to see further close regulatory cooperation with his Irish counterparts to minimise fragmentation of financial markets after Brexit.

1468 Financial Services Investment funds Nov 2023

The Times reports that an analysis by Calastone, a funds infrastructure group, shows British investors are “fleeing for the exits in droves,” withdrawing a net £1.2 bn from equity funds in October, making it the worst month since Kwasi Kwarteng's mini-budget debacle last year. Brexit, sluggish or non-existent economic growth, and a tendency for public flotations to flop over the past two years are all said to have soured sentiment for London-listed shares.

1467 Citizens Legal Nov 2023

The government has announced plans to reinstate a number of EU equality laws before they expire in December, admitting the move is required to avoid a "clear gap in protections" for workers, according to *Sky News*. A legal expert welcomed the announcement - but said it raised "legitimate questions" around what gains had been made from post-Brexit sovereignty if EU laws are simply going to be replicated.

1465 Citizens Travel Nov 2023

A Devon couple unable to board a cruise liner for a 12-day holiday costing £3500 because of an out-of-date passport according to new post-Brexit rules, have been refused compensation by the travel agent and Cunard. Andrew Sutherland, a retired teacher, said: What makes me cross is I put my wife's passport details onto the Cunard website but the system does not flag up there is a problem; it only flags up the expiry date.”

1464 Manufacturing Steel Nov 2023

The Steel industry has joined the energy sector (see DDD No 1449) in calling for action on the EU's carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM) which from 2026 will tax imports where the goods are linked to significant carbon emissions in their country of origin. Carbon-intensive UK exports like steel, aluminium, and electricity, will be subject to the levy because the carbon price under the UK's Emissions Trading System is lower than inside the bloc. Currently, the UK carbon price is around £40 per ton, compared to around €80 per ton in the EU.

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1463 Government Funding Nov 2023

The UK paid £9 bn to the EU last year, an increase of 60% over 2021. The figures were revealed by *The Daily Mail* which also claimed the amount is more than Britain's annual payments to Brussels when it was a member. Irate Brexiteers describe the increase as a 'slap in the face' for hard-pressed taxpayers in this country. The paper says Downing Street rejected an EU estimate of a total bill of nearly £41 billion in July 2021 but a year later the government's own estimate put the bill even higher, at £42.5 billion. This is mainly for projects the UK committed to before Brexit.

1462 Health NHS Nov 2023

The Independent carries a report that NHS patients are facing a "very worrying" risk due to "severe delays" in drug supplies caused by **Brexit red tape**. This includes some antibiotics, drugs for hormone replacement therapy (HRT), and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). The NHS is unable to stockpile many of the scarcer drugs because they go out of date, and experts say post-Brexit red tape is making it harder to get life-saving drugs into the UK when they are needed. Community Pharmacy England, which represents NHS pharmacists, has blamed the war in Ukraine and manufacturing problems overseas as well as Brexit.

1461 Citizens Mobile phones Nov 2023

Mobile phone operator EE, which introduced roaming charges for EU travel in 2021 and raised prices for its roaming package from £10 to £15 a month earlier this year, has now increased it again to £25 per month. The company told *Guardian Money* the price rise reflected the "increased cost of providing roaming services along with making investments into its network and UK customer services". Roaming charges were scrapped by the EU in 2017.

1460 Food Tariffs Nov 2023

British cheese makers are warning that tariff-free export quotas to Canada risk being 'slashed' unless a new permanent deal is reached before the end of the year. Canada currently allows British cheese imports under a post-Brexit temporary "rollover" arrangement, agreed in 2020. Trade experts claim Canada could be unwilling to import British cheese if the UK is not prepared to open its market to Canada's hormone treated beef.

1459 Health Covid Nov 2023

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Dominic Cummings, former senior advise to Boris Johnson has told the Covid-19 inquiry that the lockdowns of 2020 were only necessary because “the constitutional and political crisis that consumed a vast amount of the focus of core of the state 2016-19 [was] such that critical capabilities and planning were ignored.” In his witness statement (paragraphs 43 and 44), Mr Cummings said that had the government been able to focus on preparations for large disasters, then “no lockdowns would have been necessary.”

1458 Northern Ireland Border checks Nov 2023

Work is to commence on new border inspection facilities in Larne, County Antrim (see also 1381) as part of the Northern Ireland Protocol. The project is expected to take 30 months to complete with a finishing date of May 2026. Larne, along with Belfast and Warrenpoint harbours were all supposed to get upgraded inspection facilities to carry out new border checks when the Brexit deal was implemented in 2021.

1457 Citizens Travel Nov 2023

Following Rishi Sunak's meeting with president Macron of France, the UK government is to cut post-Brexit border bureaucracy for French school trips, part of plans to revamp educational exchanges with Europe. It comes after Jersey (see 1405) extended a trial period allowing school trips from France to use national identity cards. Rules requiring non-EU citizens to obtain a visa to travel with their classmates will also be dropped (see 1340). The educational travel industry has lobbied for changes after surveys showed school trips to the UK from the EU had fallen by up to two-thirds.

1456 Manufacturing Trade Nov 2023

Apothecary 87, an SME in Doncaster specialising in male personal grooming products was exporting to more than 130 countries before Brexit, especially to Europe (particularly Spain, Italy and Greece). Since Brexit, founder Sam Martin told the *FT*, that's pretty much all stopped. Martin says he's basically now retrenched to the UK only and has opened a couple of stores. The business he says, has just adapted to the reality of the UK's new trading environment.

1455 Culture Football Nov 2023

The *Daily Express* reports that both Arsenal and Chelsea are interested in signing a 17-year-old Irish 'wonderkid' but look like losing out to Real Madrid. Naj Razi, an Irish under-17 international plays for Shanrock Rovers. The paper says Brexit prevents English clubs from signing players from abroad until they turn 18. See also dossier numbers 19 and 1424.

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1454 Northern Ireland Border checks Nov 2023

Ards and North Down Council has accepted a £55,000 grant from the Office for Product Safety and Standards at Stormont to facilitate Brexit Irish Sea border regulations. It comes after the UUP decided not to oppose it. The funding is part of a package offered to help all councils in Northern Ireland fund extra staff posts for a range of activities on non-food products, including those required as a result of new Irish Sea border regulations coming from the Brexit Protocol.

1453 Financial Services Investment funds Nov 2023

The Times suggests Paris is beating Frankfurt and Amsterdam in the race to lure UK-based banks seeking an outpost in Europe. The regional development agency Choose Paris Region said 5,500 financial services jobs had been created or relocated in Paris since Brexit. A German-Italian graduate with Swiss nationality, Saverio Michienzi-Rowedder, said: "Pre-Brexit, we graduates wouldn't have a choice [to go anywhere other than London]. If you ask me if I'd move to London nowadays, I would be inclined to say no. Paris is a ... growing financial centre; you can feel the dynamism here."

1452 Retail Trade Nov 2023

The upmarket department store Fortnum & Mason has been able to resume its online service for EU customers which had been suspended due to post-Brexit customs challenges. The luxury food and drink retailer has been forced to establish a hub in Belgium which aims to ensure a consistent and reliable service for F&M's European customers.

1451 Services Hospitality Nov 2023

The trade body UKHospitality, in conjunction with the research agency CGA by NIQ, has compiled statistics showing a decline of nearly a third in the hospitality sector since 2003. Karl Chessell, CGA's director for hospitality and food, said: "These figures show the steady contraction of Britain's licensed premises over a 20-year period and that has accelerated in recent years with the triple whammy of Brexit, COVID and spiralling costs."

1450 Transport Ferries Oct 2023

Brittany Ferries has blamed Brexit for a decline in freight volumes. The cross-channel operator which provides services from Plymouth to France and Spain, says freight units on all routes declined to 48,114, from 50,868 in the same four months of 2022. In the summer of 2019, Brittany Ferries transported 59,057 units of freight. The company said Brexit had "delivered dividends" when it comes to freight carried between France and Ireland because it negated the need to travel via the UK land bridge. Growth was also seen on the Ireland/Spain crossing, where freight hubs in Rosslare and Bilbao continue to drive demand.

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1449 Energy Equivalence Oct 2023

A new report by Energy UK- an industry lobby group with 100 members – says the UK government's Emissions Trading System (ETS) has cost the Treasury £1 billion over the last six months and could, if low carbon prices persist, cost £3 billion a year in lost tax revenue. The group claims the problem stems from the disparity between the carbon price on the UK's ETS and its EU equivalent, and is urging ministers to link the two schemes – as other jurisdictions, such as Switzerland, already do.

1448 Financial Services Clearing Oct 2023

Chris Hayward, Policy Chairman at the City of London Corporation, has called for the EU to grant permanent “equivalence” to British financial firms. The EU has only granted temporary equivalence for derivatives clearing which ends in 2025 with Mairead McGuinness, the EU Commissioner for Capital Markets, still indicating Britain's access to the 'lucrative' EU clearing market will be cut after that. Mr Hayward said: "Obviously, we've now got our own regulatory rules up to our Financial Services and Markets Bill, but we don't want divergence for divergence [sic] sake.”

1447 Food Regulation Oct 2023

The CEO of the Australian RSPCA has warned that food standards in Australia 'fall below' those in the UK and were 'basic at best'. Richard Mussell said the country still uses methods long outlawed in the UK and that the standards set in the country are rarely audited and are not mandatory. It followed news of the UK-Australia trade deal. Mr Mussel specifically denied claims by Greg Hands, Minister for Trade Policy that 'Australia has some of the highest animal welfare standards in the world', and that Australian beef 'meets our standards.'

1445 Government Tariffs Oct 2023

A Pan-African trade association of banana producers and exporters fears the UK government is about to make tariff concessions to large “dollar banana” producers in Latin America at the expense of thousands of workers on small plantations in some of Africa's poorest countries. Brexit has freed the UK from a 2019 EU pledge not to cut tariffs imposed on big suppliers because of the impact on smaller African competitors. Tariff concessions have already been made to Mexico and Peru as part of the UK's accession to the CPTPP and the trade deal with Australia will see all tariffs lifted within eight years.

1444 Environment Regulation Oct 2023

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Campaigners fear that UK government plans to diverge from the EU's standards for monitoring water quality in England will lead to more pollution in England's rivers if the new measuring methods are less rigorous. The *Guardian* has been told the EU's water framework directive (WFD) will no longer be used, making it more difficult to compare the state of the country's rivers against those in Europe.

1443 Manufacturing Trade Oct 2023

Research carried out by Oxford Economics on behalf of the British Beauty Council (BBC), has found that customs delays and the increased cost of cross-border trade have led to an £850m fall in the value of the UK beauty industry's exports to the EU. CEO Millie Kendall has told *Bloomberg*: "Covid is not the problem, Brexit is the problem. People have pulled out of territories."

1442 Northern Ireland Border checks Oct 2023

Members of The Northern Ireland Public Service Alliance (NIPSA) are to strike over pay for five days starting Monday. Workers in the Veterinary Service Animal Health Group (VSAHG) are to take part, disrupting checks at the red and green lanes operating under the Windsor Framework at Northern Ireland's sea border. Glyn Roberts, chief of Retail NI, said that the strike could cause "significant disruption" to supply chains serving many wholesale and retail businesses.

1441 Economy UK-EU Oct 2023

The TUC has warned that the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023 which came into force in July this year, could put the UK in breach of its labour obligations under the UK-EU trade and cooperation agreement and expose the UK to "hefty sanctions, and stoking UK-EU tensions." The EU Commission recently put its concerns about the legislation to the UK government. TUC General Secretary Paul Nowak said: "The Strikes Act is dire for workers in the UK and across Europe."

1440 Environment Investment Oct 2023

Research by the think tank UK in a Changing Europe suggests that the UK Investment Bank (UKIB) has not been able to replace green financing from the European Investment Bank and the Green Investment Bank, which was sold to Australian venture capitalists in 2017. So far UKIB has provided around £0.9bn of lending and investment to support the UK's transition to a green economy. In 2022, for climate projects alone, France received €5.9bn and Germany received around €4.4bn from the EIB. The UK, with the same share capital, could have expected to receive a similar sum.

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1439 Environment Regulation Oct 2023

The latest 2023 Hinrich-IMD Sustainable Trade Index ranks the UK in second place among 30 major trading economies for long-term economic growth, societal well-being, and environmental stewardship but warns of trade consequences of rolling back environmental policies. Only New Zealand is ahead of the UK. However, it cautions the British government against any **post-Brexit watering-down** of green policies and regulations which risks "debilitating consequences" for future generations.

1437 Economy Inward investment Oct 2023

The UK is on track to reach \$18 billion in start-up investments in 2023, according to a report by HSBC Innovation Banking, maintaining its place as the top European destination for venture capital (VC). However, the figure is just half of last year's sum, and about a third of 2021's record investments. Since 2019 France has seen a 41% increase in VC funding and Sweden 57%. In the same period VC investment in the UK fell 14%.

1436 Services Hospitality Oct 2023

Leeds' only Michelin-starred restaurant, The Man Behind the Curtain, is to close in reaction to the impact of Brexit, the coronavirus pandemic, and the cost of living crisis. Owner Michael O'Hare, who has competed in *The Great British Menu* and *MasterChef*, said: "As an industry we've been hit by three major, major waves. Brexit is the first, the unspeakable...we had the pandemic and then the cost of living crisis." The restaurant will reopen next year as Psycho Sandbar, which is described as "fish-heavy."

1434 Government Legal Oct 2023

The authorities in Belgium have claimed thousands of people driving EU-registered vehicles have been unlawfully given fines for breaching London's ULEZ rules. After Brexit, UK authorities have not allowed access to the personal data of citizens living in the EU for non-criminal enforcement. A Belgian court has accused a collections agent, who works with TfL of "abusing its legal powers" by passing on details of EU drivers to a parking agent for UK enforcement. Belgian MPs have called on the government to take action.

1433 Government Devolution Oct 2023

A new report from the External Affairs and Culture Committee at Holyrood, has called for a new memorandum of understanding between the UK Government and devolved administrations **following Brexit**. Convener Clare Adamson said: "The evolving regulatory environment resembles a shifting landscape with its twists and turns, which has led to disagreements between devolved institutions and the UK Government." The report is said to follow numerous instances of the UK Government intervening to block legislation passed in the Scottish Parliament.

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1432 Financial Services Stock market Oct 2023

London has regained its crown as Europe's largest stock market (by market capitalisation) from Paris, reports *Bloomberg*. London is now \$2.8884 trillion against Paris's \$2.887 trillion. In 2016 however, the difference was \$1.4 trillion. But London's problems are "by no means over" with an economy in the doldrums and companies fleeing to New York for share listings. Global investors have continued to shun the UK market, according to a Bank of America fund managers survey in October.

1431 Citizens Travel Oct 2023

A Briton who moved to Spain has describes the process, which cost thousands of pounds, as "frustrating, annoying and stressful" as he battled with post-Brexit bureaucracy. Mike Sedgwick, 64, and his partner first had to apply for a Non-Lucrative Visa, enabling him to live in Spain without working while applying for one-year residency permit. This required a medical certificate, medical insurance, a criminal record check, and proof of financial means. After that, he could apply for it to be extended for up to four more years before applying for a permanent residency permit.

1429 Food Wine Oct 2023

Simon Stannard, director of policy at the Wine & Spirits Trade Association (WSTA) has told *The Grocer* that proposed post-Brexit reforms to allow imported wine to be de-alcoholised in the UK have the "potential to mislead consumers" unless the UK follows the EU's practice and insists key production information is displayed on pack. Mr Stannard said: "If you've got a product that is 0% or 5%, and that has been de-alcoholised or partially de-alcoholised, then that needs to be the descriptor for the product. You can't simply call it wine because that would be misleading to the consumer."

1428 Northern Ireland Funding Oct 2023

A report by The Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI) claims that organisations in Northern Ireland have lost out after the European Social Fund (ESF) was replaced by the UK government's Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) in March. The report suggested the ESF provided "wide-ranging support" and opportunities to marginalised people in NI. For example, the Kilcooley Womens Centre in Ards and north Down has been told £900,000 funding it received from the EU will not be replaced.

1427 Government Red tape Oct 2023

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Britain's new subsidy control regime has been criticised for a lack of transparency, the short time in which challenges must be made and the costs, according to the *FT*. Policing of illegal subsidies made or offered by government and local authorities is now done by individual businesses with too few “streamlined routes” (the UK has 3 compared to the EU’s 60-plus “block exemptions”) which means that smaller subsidies are now potentially subject to more costly and time consuming scrutiny, sometimes creating a bigger bureaucratic burden than the EU system.

1425 Construction Trade Oct 2023

Triton Projects, a Leeds-based construction business, provided key structures for the recently concluded Ryder Cup in Rome, including a multi-storey marquee, player and public bridges, and TV camera towers. The company says it faced an array of hurdles, with the post-Brexit landscape posing particular difficulties. Cited were the 90-day rule that meant the company had to frequently rotate teams throughout the 10-month contract, plus all the additional costs involved in shipping 73 trailers, reflecting the “new complexities” UK businesses face in the post-Brexit era.

1424 Culture Football Oct 2023

Arsenal are reportedly trying to sign the 19-year-old Ivorian footballer Ousmane Diomande. The North London club apparently attempted to acquire Diomande in 2022 from the Danish side Midtjylland before his move to Sporting Cub Lisbon but were thwarted by Brexit rules (see Downside No 19 from January 2021). Arsenal will now have to pay a higher fee than would have been the case last year.

1423 Security Crime Oct 2023

A leading criminologist at Birmingham City University (BCU) says Brexit has made it easier for organised crime groups in the UK to operate and expand their enterprises. Dr Mohammed Rahman, a Senior Lecturer in Criminology, claims that: “Dealing with organised crime in the UK has become more challenging due to limited information sharing between UK agencies and their EU counterparts. It’s a direct consequence of Brexit, which has had numerous negative impacts.”

1422 Culture Creative industries Oct 2023

DJ Pauze, AKA Pauzeradio, an online reggae mix show enjoyed strong growth prior to Brexit, selling vinyl records into the EU. After Brexit, orders were taking 3 months to reach the customer and often arrived with demands for extra VAT payments. Orders were returned with additional tracking fees and refunds, making the operation unviable. The company eventually **lost 96% of its EU customers** and ceased its direct EU operations altogether. This is an example given in a new report by the Independent Commission on UK - EU Relations (page 21).

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1421 Northern Ireland Vets Oct 2023

Speaking at The British Veterinary Association's annual Northern Ireland dinner in Stormont, BVA president Anna Judson said there will be a “serious risk” posed to both public health and animal welfare if the province loses 51% of its veterinary medicines **due to the post-Brexit trade deal**. She cited salmonella and leptospirosis vaccines, both of which prevent diseases affecting animals and people, as well as flu and tetanus vaccines for horses and insulin for dogs and cats.

1420 Economy Regulation Oct 2023

The latest quarterly regulatory divergence tracker from *UK in a Changing Europe* claims that a “recurring theme” under PM Rishi Sunak is the limited use the UK is making of its regulatory freedom to diverge from EU rules. Notable ones are reductions in climate and environmental standards where the UK for example now has less stringent emissions regulations compared to EU member states. It records five examples of the UK actually choosing to align with European rules.

1419 Northern Ireland Trade Oct 2023

A conference arranged by an Irish law firm in Dublin has been told by the CEO of InterTradeIreland that cross-border trade with Northern Ireland topped €12 billion in 2022, and is poised to increase further this year. Margaret Hearty, said, “Cross-Border trade has grown every year since 2016.” She also said the total was €6 billion in 2016 and had reached €7.7 billion by 2020. Michael Neil, a partner in A&L Goodbody’s Belfast office, agreed that the 'dual access' under the Windsor Framework was attractive to investors.

1418 Northern Ireland Community Oct 2023

MPs on the Northern Ireland Affairs parliamentary committee investigating the effect of paramilitary activity and organised crime on society in Northern Ireland, have been told that many young people opposed to the Irish sea border are looking at “non-political solutions.” Loyalist activist Jamie Bryson told the committee he was worried that the process of transition of paramilitary groups “towards civilianisation” had halted while concerns over post-Brexit trading arrangements remained.

1415 Food Supply Chains Oct 2023

A research paper co-authored by professor Sarah Bridle of York University and published in the journal *Sustainability* about the potential for civil unrest triggered by food shortages says, “Brexit has also caused major short-term disruptions to the UK’s food supply chain, including challenges and delays with imports (and exports), uncertainty

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over regulation and challenges with harvests, due to the reliance of parts of UK agriculture on seasonal migrant workers.” The paper urges the government agencies and the private sector to explore and fund options to increase food system resilience in the UK.

1413 Northern Ireland Trade Oct 2023

Baroness Neville-Rolfe, minister of state in the Cabinet Office, has written to Lord Jay, chair, of the Northern Ireland Protocol Sub-Committee. In the letter, defending the Windsor Framework, she notes that “significant wholesalers such as Booker [a subsidiary of Tesco]” have written to customers noting that they are now able to, “bring back some of your favourite products that we had to remove due to the previous Northern Ireland Protocol”.

1412 Economy Survey Oct 2023

A survey by Exeter University of 96 UK-based business managers, mostly within manufacturing, retail, and agriculture carried out in April 2022 showed that 78.1% of respondents thought Brexit had had a negative impact on their business, whilst only 12.5% noted a positive impact. Over 80% said Brexit had increased both transportation and administrative costs and 91.67% said it had made trading conditions with the EU harder. This was the case for 98% of Remain voters and 76.2% of Leave voters.

1411 Manufacturing Technology Oct 2023

The UK government has announced a two year pilot programme called ChipStart as part of its National Semiconductor Strategy. The initiative will see a dozen silicon startups share £1.3 million in funding. However, Andrew Buss, senior research director at analyst IDC, told *The Register*: "In terms of semiconductor product design and production lifecycles this sum spread between 12 companies is indeed almost insignificant." The EU has agreed €43 billion of funding to attract chipmakers to set up facilities within member states.

1410 Immigration Shortages Oct 2023

A forecast by Oxford's Migration Observatory and the London School of Economics (LSE) suggests net migration to the UK is unlikely to drop below pre-Brexit levels before the end of the decade, remaining at or around 250,000 to 350,000 a year. However, the record numbers seen in 2022, 606,000 according to the ONS, are likely to fall sharply over the coming years.

1409 Economy Transport Oct 2023

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A director of Nolan Transport based in Rosslare, Co. Wexford, Ireland has told *BelfastLive* that the huge growth in his business can be explained by the single word 'Brexit'. The company which started in the 1960s with a single truck now employs 1,000 staff operating 700 trucks and 2,000 trailers and is one of Wexford's leading employers. Most Irish companies no longer use the UK as "land-bridge" to Europe but sail directly out of Ireland to avoid customs and border controls at ports like Dover.

1408 Immigration Skills Oct 2023

The Home Office is reported by *The Daily Mail* to be considering raising the salary threshold for entry to the UK from £26,200 after admitting the post-Brexit 'points-based system hasn't worked.' A Home Office source is said to have told *The Sunday Times*: 'Our points-based system hasn't really operated in a way that we promised in our manifesto. The prime minister accepts that net migration is too high. He has been working closely with the Home Office on it.'

1407 Borders UK-EU Oct 2023

To cope with the surge in freight trade, the port of Rosslare in Ireland is embarking on a £300m investment programme with 28 new buildings to replace temporary infrastructure and border processing facilities used since the new Brexit regulations came into effect in 2021. The Irish port, recently named European Ferry Port of the Year, has enjoyed unprecedented growth with the number of sailings per week to continental Europe rising from 6 in 2020 to 36 now. Routes connect Ireland directly with Zeebrugge in Belgium, Dunkerque, Le Havre, Cherbourg in France, and Bilbao, Spain, and involve five operators: Brittany Ferries, DFDS, Finnlines, Irish Ferries and Stena Line.

1406 Economy Trade Oct 2023

The BBC reported comments by Christian Lindner, the German finance minister, inviting the UK to take "new steps" on post-Brexit trade relations with the EU if it wanted to. According to the German Chamber of Industry and Commerce, German goods exports to the UK were 14.1% less in 2022 than in 2016 and Britain slipped from third most important export partner to eighth. Combining trade both ways, the UK is no longer in the top 10 of German trade partners.

1405 Services Tourism Oct 2023

Jersey, the largest of the Channel Islands decided in April to allow French citizens to enter with an ID card for day-return trips instead of a passport as required since October 2021. The scheme, initially adopted for six months, has now been extended until 30 September 2024. It follows a "significant reduction" in the number of school trips from EU countries to the UK. Only about 50% of French nationals have a passport.

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1404 Culture Trade Oct 2023

Design Miami, a global forum for design that takes place annually in Florida and Switzerland, has chosen Paris for its new European venue. London, according to the *FT*, had been a key design hub until Brexit landed a 20% import tax on goods from Europe. Simon Andrews, a design expert who worked at Christie's for 26 years said: "A vast quantity [of design] would come into London, and 60% upwards would be spread out again to the US and Asia, but there has been an inevitable retraction since Brexit. Paris has the infrastructure and the appetite and the capacity to absorb the material and disseminate it."

1403 Financial Services Banking Oct 2023

Paris has "boomed since the Brexit vote", according to a report in the *Daily Telegraph*. Figures from the Swiss bank UBS suggest the number of dollar millionaires in Britain plummeted last year, while France's numbers were stable, at 2.82 million. In 2000, France was home to just 400,000 millionaires. More than 7,100 new jobs were created in Paris as a result of Brexit, the French government estimates – with thousands more expected by 2025. Many are in the well-paid financial sector.

1402 Retail Supply Chains Oct 2023

Supermarkets have criticised "unnecessary" new rules which will apply from October next year requiring thousands of meat and dairy products to be labeled "Not for EU" in post-Brexit regulations connected to the Windsor Framework. Waitrose's commercial director Charlotte Di Cello said: "This will simply add unnecessary new costs at a time when we are doing everything we can to keep prices down." The upmarket retailer said redesigning its packaging would cost millions of pounds. The rules are expected to cover about 4,000 products in a typical supermarket.

1401 Agriculture Farming Oct 2023

The MP for North East Somerset faces a backlash from some constituents after his comments at a Tory conference fringe meeting. Sir Jacob Rees Mogg said he wanted to eat hormone-treated beef from Australia as it was "absolutely delicious" and cost less. A group of 11 Somerset farmers, have written to the former minister lambasting his understanding of agriculture and accusing him of undermining British farming values. "We think that it's a shame you are extolling practices that the UK outlawed 30 years ago on health grounds," the letter says.

1400 Citizens Pensions Oct 2023

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British expats globally face being locked out of their pensions because of UK bank account closures linked to Brexit, reports *The Telegraph*. Most pension providers can only pay into a UK bank account, however after Brexit many banks reviewed which accounts they allowed non-residents to open and retain. Now retirees are struggling to move pensions into drawdown, buy annuities and make changes to their contributions as post-Brexit rules mean pension providers are less likely to offer cross-border services.

1399 Northern Ireland Meat Oct 2023

According to the Belfast Newsletter, both the EU and UK governments have refused to say how they intend to police and enforce new cross-border food rules set out in the Windsor Framework to prevent products like sausages from being taken across the border into Ireland. The rules not only ban the "sale" of GB meat and dairy goods purchased in Northern Ireland in Ireland but bans their "movement" across the border altogether. The penalties imposed on consumers for breaching the rules are not clear, says the Newsletter.

1398 Financial Services Investment funds Oct 2023

The Investment Association (IA), a trade body for the UK's investment management industry says Britain must align itself with EU rules and cut compliance costs to avoid its £8.8tn funds sector losing global competitiveness. Last year, assets under management fell 12% from the £10tn seen in 2021, a bigger fall than during the global financial crisis. In its annual survey of asset managers, the IA said: "The scale of regulatory change over the past five years is of significant concern. It has already led some firms to look differently at the role the UK plays in their global operations."

1397 Agriculture Horticulture Oct 2023

Burpee Seeds and Plants, a US-owned seed wholesaler based in Barmby Moor, Yorks, has announced it intends to withdraw from Britain because of the difficulties involved in importing seeds, according to a report in *Hortweek*. The magazine says that "Sourcing of seed from outside the UK is getting harder and that means the wholesale seed supplier is pulling out of the UK market." Kate McEvoy, co-founder of Real Seeds, told Sustainable Food Trust last year that dealing with seed imports from the EU since Brexit is 'slow, tricky and a pain.'

1396 Culture Publishing Oct 2023

A Scottish publisher of comics and graphic novels, Black Hearted Press (BHP), is closing due to the financial impact of Brexit and the Covid-19 pandemic. BHP say that shrinking profit margins and escalating costs "exacerbated by the complexities of Brexit" had made the international side of the business unfeasible. The firm was nominated in the publisher of the year category in the prestigious Saltire Society Awards in 2022.

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1395 Culture Racing Oct 2023

A race horse trainer from Lambourne, Berkshire says the horse racing industry will remain "under pressure" if changes are not made to post-Brexit immigration rules. Jamie Snowden, claims there's "definitely a shortage of staff" in the industry. The National Trainers Federation said there were 2,000 vacancies across the country, with a third of staff missing. The Migration Advisory Committee has recommended making some occupations in studs and racing yards easier for overseas workers to obtain visas.

1394 Economy Trade Oct 2023

The *FT* reports that figures from UK in a Changing Europe's quarterly trade tracker show that in the last two quarters the UK had the biggest fall in trade openness of any country in the G7. Before the EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement the UK had fared better than most of the G7 countries but since then with the exception of the third quarter of 2022, the trend has consistently been negative. Stephen Hunsaker who maintains the tracker said: "It paints a very clear picture that the UK is still struggling to be open to trade, and still struggling to expand its trade more than other countries."

1393 Retail Regulation Oct 2023

Supermarkets including Tesco, M&S, Asda, Lidl and Morrisons have warned the UK government that the UK needs to align with new EU regulations aimed at curbing the destruction of the world's forests or risk their ability to export British-made produce to Europe. The *FT* claim to have seen a letter from the supermarkets to DEFRA secretary Thérèse Coffey calling for legislation that will force companies to ensure their direct and indirect suppliers have "deforestation-free supply chains"

1392 Culture The Arts Oct 2023

The Art Newspaper declares that Paris is gaining on London, once the undisputed capital of Europe's art market. The Paris gallery scene is said to be 'gathering strength'. Since Brexit, David Zwirner, Gagosian and White Cube, all London art galleries, have opened branches in the French capital. Hauser & Wirth will do the same in October along with British dealer Stuart Shave who also plans to expand his gallery, Modern Art, to Paris.

1391 Manufacturing Automotive Oct 2023

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The UK government has asked the EU to delay applying tariffs due on imports of Electric Vehicles at the start of 2024, for three years. The FT reports that Brussels is working on a shorter one-year extension. Officials close to Thierry Breton, the French industry commissioner, who was been opposed to any changes to the dates agreed, said he considered a year-long postponement to be a workable solution as it did not reopen the TCA or compromise EU ambitions to build European battery supply chains.

1390 Economy Trade Oct 2023

A 'trade tracker' monitoring the UK's post-brexit trade performance suggests that while exports have increased since 2019 in current prices, when adjusted for inflation, they have fallen by 0.62% of GDP compared to Q2 2019. The UK in a Changing Europe quarterly tracker says that with the exception of import of services, UK trade is still below pre-pandemic/pre-TCA levels and Britain's balance of payments deficit continues to grow as the export of goods and services has fallen by more than the import of goods and services.

1389 Economy Investment Oct 2023

A survey carried out by the British Chambers of Commerce, shows UK businesses are reluctant to make large investments in machinery and new technology while barriers to trade with the EU remain in place and interest rates are high. The BCC said that, over the last six years, investment had “flatlined” and even in the pre-pandemic period remained stuck in first gear. During this period, the number of firms increasing investment never rose above the 28% recorded in the first quarter of 2018.

1388 Northern Ireland Border checks Oct 2023

The Windsor Framework's green lane is for goods with a “final sale/end use” in NI. This means most manufacturing firms bringing in intermediate goods would be excluded. Some industries such as construction, food, not-for-profit, healthcare, and animal feed are exempt but manufacturers with turnovers above £2m in areas such as electronics, engineering, and chemicals will be barred from using the green lane when buying materials from GB. One economist estimates the bulk of manufacturing output (75%) in the affected industries will still be forced into the red lane.

1387 Citizens Driving Oct 2023

What *The Daily Telegraph* describe as a “Brexit passport glitch” at the DVLA in Swansea is said to be responsible for post-Brexit passport holders being unable to renew their driving licences online. The problem affects all passports issued since 2016, including an estimated 15m new blue passports printed since their introduction in 2020. The *Telegraph* say the fault was caused by the removal of digital signatures from passports in 2016 designed to speed up online passport applications by scrapping the need to sign extra forms and printed photos.

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1386 Economy General Oct 2023

Bank of England governor Andrew Bailey, in an interview with *Prospect* magazine, confirms the short-term consequences of the UK leaving the EU are indeed negative. “If you reduce the openness of an economy, in the short run it will have negative effects. It will have a negative effect on productivity, it will have a negative effect on growth... you don’t need to take my word for it, you can go back to Adam Smith and David Ricardo,” Bailey said.

1385 Manufacturing Technology Oct 2023

The dual nationality CEO of a tech business with operations in Bristol and Barcelona says Brexit has made expanding the British side a challenge. Chris Morton, who runs Elem Biotech, is half-French, was born in Alicante and studied at Imperial College London. He does not believe the UK is “in a good place” after Brexit and prefers Barcelona for the “quality of the people you get for the salaries that you have to pay.”

1384 Culture Creative industries Oct 2023

The British tenor Christopher Willoughby says Brexit has been “an absolute nightmare.” Interviewed by Suna Erdem, an associate editor at *The New European*, he told her: “It’s been financially stressful; stressful in terms of the immigration process; stressful for my family and friends. Not a day goes by when I’m not worrying about it.” Brexit, Ms. Erdem claims, has introduced barriers to work and travel, expensive paperwork that most musicians cannot afford, and sent young British artists down the pecking order when it comes to plum European jobs.

1383 Northern Ireland Trade Oct 2023

Owen Polley, co-author of the book ‘An Agenda for Northern Ireland After Brexit’ says the Windsor Framework is a ‘disaster.’ Writing in *CapX*, Mr Polley claims although the system was designed with supermarket giants in mind, many leading chains have already ruled out using the green lane for many products. The Northern Ireland Retail Consortium claim a lot of independent retailers will struggle to meet the requirements for the ‘green lane’ and predict there will be ‘a lot of shelves in smaller stores that are not compliant,’ with the new labelling regime.

1382 Northern Ireland Border checks Oct 2023

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Jim Allister, leader of the Traditional Unionist Voice (TUV), a political party in Northern Ireland, has released a statement highly critical of the prime minister and the Windsor Framework. Mr Allister said: “Bad enough when a supposedly sovereign nation can’t control its own borders, but how much more abasing when it establishes an internal border at the behest and under the control of a foreign power. That is precisely what the Irish Sea Border is!”

1381 Northern Ireland Trade Oct 2023

Three years after the UK left the EU, plans have been submitted for a permanent Border Inspection Post at Larne in Northern Ireland. The application states: “The purpose of these facilities is to enable the delivery of Official Control Regulation (Red Lane) checks on goods moving on to the EU single market and to conduct any necessary Windsor Framework (Green Lane) checks on goods remaining in Northern Ireland.” The port handles livestock movements and the new facilities will enable post-Brexit biosecurity checks to be carried out.

1380 Immigration Asylum seekers Oct 2023

A short 15-minute video produced by *The News Agents* involving an undercover reporter near Calais has revealed that people smugglers appear to be operating with impunity in moving asylum seekers across the English Channel and one even claimed that Brexit had 'made his job easier.' It also showed that many asylum seekers who make the journey from France to the UK 'have not even heard' of the Rwanda plan

1379 Culture The Arts Oct 2023

The Liberal Democrat MP for Sutherland and Caithness, has called on the UK Government to reduce the red tape which has led to the cancellation of exhibitions and delays for art moving to and from Europe. Jamie Stone claims that since Brexit, several arts festivals have been cancelled due to the sharp decline in the number of European Union-based galleries able to participate in showcases across the UK.

1378 Immigration Increase Oct 2023

Immigration minister Robert Jenrick told a fringe meeting at the Conservative party conference in Manchester that Brexit has caused a “very large” spike in the number of legal migrants coming to the UK. Jenrick said the Government must do more to reduce the number of people coming to the UK legally, after net migration hit a record 606,000 last year. “I think it’s true to speak honestly with you that after leaving the European Union we ended up creating a system that was, if anything, more liberal than the one that we had beforehand,” he told delegates.

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1377 Borders Red tape Oct 2023

The Cabinet Office has confirmed that new post-Brexit border controls on animal and plant products imported from the EU will cost businesses an estimated £330mn a year in additional red tape charges alone. In a letter to Labour MP Stella Creasey, the government claimed the figure represented a 'saving' for business of £520mn from the original border plans. Shane Brennan, CEO of the Cold Chain Federation, said: "It is a shame that it has taken so long to just admit this candidly. What is not included in this original estimate is the cost of confusion, delayed deadlines, and ongoing uncertainty."

1376 Government Taxes Oct 2023

Within the next decade, British exporters face hundreds of millions of pounds in EU carbon border taxes, revenues that will be lost to the UK Treasury, after the government weakened a number of green initiatives. UK emissions prices have fallen to less than half the EU equivalent in recent months, having previously traded close to parity. As a result, British exporters to the EU will become liable for the EU tax when it comes into force in 2026. Marcus Ferdinand, chief analytics officer at carbon consultancy Veyt told the *FT*: "UK industry will still be paying for emissions on exports to the EU, but instead of taxes going to the Treasury, they will be heading to Brussels."

1375 Culture Musicians Sep 2023

Tim Brennan, director of the Carry on Touring campaign, has outlined the difficulties faced by bands wishing to tour in the EU after Brexit. Each technician on the tour has to apply to HMRC for a certificate proving they pay National Insurance in the UK. This is to avoid having the promoter hold back part of their wages in case a liability arises in the EU member state or states visited. The 'arduous' process to obtain a certificate using form CA3821 can take between 8 weeks and 6 months.

1374 Economy Border checks Sep 2023

According to a report in *The Times*, exporters have been warned that they face more changes in the next 15 months than at the start of 2021 when the new post-Brexit trading arrangements came into effect. The Institute of Export & International Trade has identified more than twenty separate measures within UK and European legislation that will affect exporters, importers, and their logistics providers. The measures include extra documentation before goods can be transported to the EU from March, the mandatory use by exporters of a new HMRC software system, as well as updates to the documentation and new checks on specific products.

1373 Northern Ireland Trade Sep 2023

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To help UK businesses with the cost of new food labeling requirements agreed as part of the Windsor Framework for food products shipped to Northern Ireland from Britain, the government is to offer retrospective grants for firms who can show additional labeling costs. Up to £50mn is to be made available from January to March next year and open to businesses signed up to the framework's trusted trader scheme, the Northern Ireland Retail Movement Scheme (NIRMS).

1372 Northern Ireland Regulation Sep 2023

Tesco has become the first UK supermarket to place "Not for EU" posters in their stores in Northern Ireland. The signs will appear alongside shelves containing products available in NI but which cannot be exported to Ireland as a result of the Windsor Framework. Other food retailers in NI will need to have their posters up by Sunday. The posters are part of a change to labeling rules intended to ease the movement of food products from Great Britain to the province.

1371 Government EU Relations Sep 2023

A fine of €32mn has been imposed on the UK by the European Court of Justice (ECJ) for allowing pleasure boats in Northern Ireland to use lower-tax red diesel in a case that lawyers say sets a precedent for future disputes. The penalty arose because the UK is still bound by some EU rules in the province and was higher than expected because the ECJ based the fine on the size of the UK economy rather than that of Northern Ireland, setting a precedent for how the court will approach other potential infractions.

1370 Citizens Rights Sep 2023

The UK's trade deal with India will not include legally enforceable commitments on employment rights or environmental standards, according to five people briefed on the text who have spoken to POLITICO. British businesses and unions now fear the deal will undercut UK workers' rights and efforts to combat climate change. Rosa Crawford, trade lead at the Trades Union Congress (TUC) said: "Suppression of trade unions, child labour and forced labour are all widespread in India." She added that the deal, "could lead to more good jobs being offshored to exploitative jobs in India."

1369 Agriculture Farming Sep 2023

Some farmers are angry about the Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI), one of the new post-Brexit subsidies that farmers are receiving in place of the payments made under the EU's Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). A livestock farmer from Chorley, Lancashire, told the *FT* that she was now paid 50% less than before the UK government started phasing out CAP payments in 2021. Helen Drinkall said: "It's left us scared to invest . . . we don't know what direction to take the business in. Our income is significantly dropping, but our costs, as in every industry, are rocketing."

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1368 Citizens Mail Sep 2023

Tim Bale, a professor of politics at Queen Mary University, London has had a £25 book that he sent to Ireland returned after nearly 5 months with a note from Royal Mail: “Your item is being returned as being non-compliant with customs regulations and cannot therefore be exported from the UK. As of 1st January 2021 all items exported from the UK with the exception of personal correspondence, require a fully completed customs declaration (i.e. CN22/23). It is your responsibility to make a full and accurate declaration when sending international items. Please refer to the RM website for more details www.royalmail.com/refusedbycustoms.”

1365 Northern Ireland Supply Chains Sep 2023

The government has published details of the customs declaration requirements for goods subject to sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) checks under the Northern Ireland Protocol. All goods shipped from GB to NI will require both an entry summary declaration for safety & security purposes plus an import declaration. Traders need to be authorised under the Northern Ireland Retail Movement Scheme (NIRMS) before completing pre-shipment or post-shipment declarations. DEFRA-authorised traders moving certain agri-food products will not require official certification, such as export health, phytosanitary or marketing standards certification, but movements must still be registered on the Trade Control and Expert System (TRACES) prior to the movement of the goods.

1364 Northern Ireland Jams Sep 2023

Ministers in the Northern Ireland Office are considering proposals which could see jam renamed as marmalade, bringing it into line with EU norms where ‘mermelada’ is commonly used to describe all types of jam. Marmalade would be known as 'citrus marmalade.' The minimum fruit content of jams and marmalades would be increased from 35% to 45%. DUP MP Sammy Wilson has described the plans as “nonsense.”

1363 Northern Ireland NHS Sep 2023

Research by The Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission (NIHRC) has identified “a range of significant concerns relating to access to healthcare after the UK’s withdrawal from the EU.” *Inter alia*, it calls for frontier workers (workers employed in a state where they are not resident) should be able to access healthcare in both their place of residence and their place of work. The NIHRC recommends that access to cross-border and all-island healthcare for EU and third-country nationals is clear, comprehensive, and enshrined in law.

1362 Economy Inward investment Sep 2023

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The Daily Telegraph tells its readers how they can “get rich from Brexit” by buying cheap stocks and shares in UK listed companies. The article says: “Even now, seven years after the Brexit vote, the **London stock market is lower as a result of our departure from the European Union.**” International investors they say, “have been shunning British assets ever since the vote, which inevitably means that share prices are lower than they would otherwise have been.”

1361 Economy Trade Sep 2023

A new policy paper from the Institute of Directors (IOD) argues for the government to adopt the so-called Chained Volume Measure (CVM), which removes the impact of inflation, for setting targets for UK exports. Using current values ‘does not inspire confidence’ according to the business lobby group. The paper says while the £691bn of exports achieved in 2022 was an improvement on the year before, it was still below the £700bn seen in 2019, in CVM terms. Around 10% of IOD members have stopped exporting and the main reasons are the **“new barriers to trading with the EU.”**

1360 Manufacturing Tariffs Sep 2023

Tariffs on electric vehicles agreed by Boris Johnson under the Trade and Cooperation Agreement signed at the end of 2020 could cost European manufacturers £3.75bn over the next three years, an industry body has claimed. They said customers would pay the price. Manufacturers on both sides of the Channel say they are not ready to meet so-called Rules of Origin that are due to come into force in January. The European Automobile Manufacturers Association (ACEA) is calling for a delay but the EU Internal Market Commissioner Thierry Breton said it would be wrong to re-open the Brexit deal to satisfy the motor industry. "If something has been negotiated, it shouldn't be changed," he told *The Guardian*.

1359 Food Trade Sep 2023

Rupert Ashby, CEO of the British Frozen Food Federation (BFFF), has told *New Food* magazine that while there are advantages to delaying implementation of the Border Target Operating Model (BTOM) until January next year there are also disadvantages. Import checks, Mr. Ashby said, will ensure the environment is “better protected and food is delivered that is safe to eat” but it will also introduce “an entire new layer of complexity, delays, and increased costs for our members and trade partners, upon whom we depend significantly for our food supply. Moreover, it may deter some EU exporters from servicing the UK market, favouring markets with fewer trade barriers.”

1358 Financial Services Consumer rights Sep 2023

A new report from the Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA) and International Center for Law and Economics (ICLE) argues that the government's new Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill (DMCC) – described by the government as using “the opportunity presented by Brexit” - could impose 'tangible harms' on UK consumers. The report claims the DMCC could mean new products will not be developed in the UK and that new features could be delayed or not introduced for British users.

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1357 Food Trade Sep 2023

The Food & Drink Federation has hailed an increase in the *value* of Britain's food exports in the first half of 2023. But analysis by *The Grocer* shows the increase is due to inflation and *volumes* are down significantly with SMEs said to have been hit by Brexit red tape. Compared to 2022, Whisky exports were down nearly 20% and Gin by 12%. Meat exports also suffered a fall with beef and pork both down by nearly a quarter. British Meat Processors Association (BMPA) technical policy manager Nan Jones said the volume of red meat exported has “never recovered to pre-Brexit levels”.

1356 Food Fishing Sep 2023

Trawler skipper Mark Addison, based in Peterhead, Scotland, has welcomed an increase in fishing quotas for the UK in the English Channel and North Sea waters but claims any advantages are offset by delays and extra costs of passports and paperwork. Mr. Addison said he was "sold a lie" over Brexit. Alistair Brown, operations director at Nolan Seafoods, told AFP: “Fishermen thought Brexit was going to be Utopia for processors. It's been a disaster, it only brought extra costs. Everything is strained because of costs, inflation in the end.”

1355 Borders Gibraltar Sep 2023

The chief minister of Gibraltar Fabian Picardo has said he is “sick to the back teeth of Brexit and its consequences”. Mr Picardo told The Sunday Telegraph: “the people of Britain did a massive disservice to the people of Gibraltar by voting to leave the EU”. Gibraltar is currently in talks with Spain and asked about potential sovereignty compromises, he said: “We’re not Brexiteers; we don’t accept that applying an EU rule somehow disengages our sovereignty as long as we have the right to determine whether to keep applying that rule going forward.”

1354 Citizens Shortages Sep 2023

According to *The New European*, there is a post-Brexit Gen Z brain drain. Generation Z are those born between 1997 and 2012, also known as 'zoomers'. A study last year showed around 4.5 million Britons were considering moving overseas in search of a better quality of life, more employment options and lower housing costs. 30% of adults between the ages of 18 and 24 and 17% of those from 25-34 questioned in the survey said they were hoping to leave in the next few years.

1353 Citizens Bus services Sep 2023

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A rural bus service in Wales has been forced to close after 14 years. Partly funded by EU grants, the Fflecsi Bwcabus service will end across West Wales on October 31. The Welsh Government confirmed that it would not be able to contribute to the scheme following the ending of the Rural Development Programme (RDP) Grant. The grant had been provided as part of EU funding aimed at supporting agricultural communities and ecosystems.

1352 Manufacturing Technology Sep 2023

Less Common Metals Ltd, Britain's only manufacturer of advanced rare earth metals used in electric cars, wind turbines and defence technologies is to prioritise expansion in the US and EU and putting the brakes on UK growth after Brexit created obstacles to EU exports. Director Albert Slot said, "We are basically trying to expand into the European theatre as in the US. The Brexit executed by the British didn't really help in LCM's industry, meaning that we have to have a foothold in Europe."

1351 Health Research Sep 2023

The group leader of the UK Dementia Research Institute at University College London (UCL), has told the *Sunday National* in Scotland that he was happy the UK had rejoined the Horizon programme but the delay had held back dementia research. Professor Bart De Strooper said, "A lot of damage has been done to trust in UK science and a lot of uncertainty and instability has been created over the last three years." He added, "We have also excluded ourselves from the whole post-doctoral Marie Curie Fellowship Programme and made it very difficult for Europeans to come and work in the UK. This has all harmed the international reputation of UK science."

1350 Culture Musicians Sep 2023

Research by the Best for Britain campaign group shows a 40% fall in the number of European bands and singers appearing at four major British music festivals, Glastonbury, Boardmasters, Latitude and Reading & Leeds since the UK left the bloc. CEO of the Independent Society of Musicians (ISM) Deborah Annetts said: "Collaboration is at the heart of music making, with European and British artists enriching each other's music scenes and inspiring emerging artists. Yet since Brexit increasing numbers of European artists are deciding that it is not worth the hassle to try and perform on UK stages."

1349 Economy Trade Sep 2023

There is growing tension between Britain's logistics businesses and port operators over government plans to charge a flat fee of up to £43 for each consignment of animal and plant products imported into the UK via Wales and the Channel, according to the *FT*. Transport groups are "strongly opposed" to the "exceptionally high" fee, warning that it would further drive up inflation, while port operators are demanding the government extend the charge to help recoup their investment in multi-million pound border facilities.

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1348 Northern Ireland Supply Chains Sep 2023

Issues surrounding the Windsor Framework have prompted warnings of fewer food options in Northern Ireland's supermarkets. The British Retail Consortium's (BRC) director of food, Andrew Opie, has told a House of Lords Committee that operational issues with the Windsor Framework must be resolved, quickly, "otherwise we would see an impact in terms of the choice consumers have in NI". Mr. Opie added that the framework had been agreed "without necessarily understanding the practical implications of what it meant for our supply chains".

1347 Environment Regulation Sep 2023

The country is failing to phase out harmful pesticides at the same rate as the EU, despite promises by ministers not to water down EU environmental laws. Pesticide Action Network (PAN), an environmental lobby group, says 30 chemicals considered by the UN to be highly hazardous pesticides have been **banned by the EU since Brexit** but are still permitted in the UK, a further 6 have been approved by the UK but not the EU.

1346 Fashion Trade Sep 2023

London is said to be 'fighting for its future' as a fashion capital with Brexit partly to blame, according to the *FT*. Designers complain of an increase in logistics and shipping costs, and challenges in selling to continental European stores, with the addition of a 12% tariff on most fashion goods exports to the EU plus VAT. Procurement of raw materials from the EU has also become more expensive, with some fabrics and yarns requiring the payment of up to 8% and 4% duty respectively.

1345 Manufacturing Trade Sep 2023

Lisa Johnson, owner of LJ Natural, a homemade organic skincare company in Cheshire, has had to stop selling her products to the EU because to do so, she needs to appoint a 'responsible person' inside the EU who would be legally responsible if anything goes wrong. Mrs Johnson said it would not make financial sense, adding: "It's the principle really, that now I can't even look to find customers outside of the UK, and I lost 15% of my customers even before the cost of living crisis began."

1344 Economy Funding Sep 2023

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Research by the thinktank UK in a Changing Europe has revealed that the Leeds-based UK Infrastructure Bank (UKIB) invested just £2.4bn in 2022, a third as much as the European Investment Bank (EIB) spent six years ago. Together with other similar new institutions in Scotland and Wales, in total they invested just 17% as much in infrastructure projects last year as the EIB did before it began winding down its links with the UK.

1343 Culture Cycling Sep 2023

Organisers of this year's Tour of Britain cycle race have blamed Brexit and funding challenges for the lack of riders. Only 96 started the race in Altrincham last week, and race director Mick Bennett told *Cycling Weekly*. Mr Bennet said that three weeks ago, "it took some teams that rode the world champs [in Glasgow] five hours to get their vehicles, technical teams through customs at Dover" adding that some teams had decided it wasn't worth coming to this week's race, "So they didn't, but that's purely and simply down to Brexit." The race finished on Sunday with a win by Wout van Aert from Belgium.

1342 Economy Trade Sep 2023

A survey by the British Chambers of Commerce of 733 small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) showed more than 80% were unaware of new reporting requirements under an EU green tax that takes effect next month, or obligations relating to the bloc's VAT regime that kick in from January 2025. The *FT* suggests these companies, including many exporters, are completely unprepared for an impending "avalanche" of new EU regulations and taxes.

1341 Agriculture Potatoes Sep 2023

A Welsh farmer has told BBC Wales that even after the government has made 15,000 extra visas available for seasonal workers she is still 'struggling massively' to recruit seasonal workers for this year's harvests. Tessa Elliot, whose family grows potatoes near Cresselly, Pembrokeshire says, "If we can't get pickers, potatoes aren't going to be on the table, simple as."

1340 Northern Ireland Travel Sep 2023

The two young sons of a Nigerian student living under a UK international student visa in Derry, Northern Ireland, who attend school in the area will need to apply for a visa from the Irish Government if they want to go on a day trip to Donegal with classmates. This is said to be the reality of an "invisible hard border" which limits travel between Northern Ireland and the Republic for many people. Adamma Antonia is studying at the Magee campus of Ulster University after arriving with her husband, Kenneth Odumukwu, and sons, Daniel and David aged 11 and 5, earlier this year.

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1339 Culture Musicians Sep 2023

Brexit has cut earnings for most British musicians touring Europe, according to a survey carried out by the industry body UK Music. The survey found that eight out of 10 UK musicians who tour on the continent say they have lost earnings thanks to Brexit. Onerous regulations include so-called "cabotage" rules which restrict UK lorries to just three stops while touring, as well as work permits and visas for some countries. Customs paper work and "carnets" are also required for instruments and equipment – a formality last seen decades ago before the foundation of the bloc.

1338 Manufacturing Technology Sep 2023

Sir Ian Chapman, CEO of the UK Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA) has said the PM's decision to spend £650m on nuclear fusion is an attempt to make up for the 'irreparable damage of Brexit'. He told a press conference: "We have not been a part of [Europe's fusion programme] for two years and nine months, and that whole time UK industry has not been eligible to win new contracts. Not only have they not won new contracts, but it has been such a long period of time, they've stopped bidding for work now and they've disengaged."

1337 Citizens Travel Sep 2023

British citizens resident in an EU country are said to have encountered 'difficulties' when transiting Schengen states post-Brexit while en route to their host member state if they lacked a valid document to prove that they are legally entitled to residence there. The EU Commission has now circulated a document to national authorities to "remind Member States of the applicable rules with regard to UK nationals that are beneficiaries of the Withdrawal Agreement."

1336 Citizens Rights Sep 2023

A Briton living in France has discovered that he cannot ride his 1200cc BMW motorcycle after exchanging a UK driving licence for a French one. France no longer exchanges the full 'A' category (large motorcycles) for foreign licences but only the lower A2 category covering less powerful bikes. 69-year-old Kevin White has learned he must hold the A2 licence for two years before being allowed to take a seven-hour course to obtain the full 'A' category. Mr White said: "I'm not buying a smaller bike to ride for two years before being able to ride the €18,000 bike I've already got."

1335 Manufacturing Trade Sep 2023

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Research by the UK Metal Council, made up of 12 trade associations drawn from across the metals industry, has revealed that a quarter of businesses have been forced to adjust supply chains after problems sourcing essential raw materials following Brexit. Phil Rawnsdon, MD of MRT Castings in Andover said that Brexit had led to increased cost and complexity as well as longer lead times for orders. Shipments to Ireland now take 3-5 days compared to less than 24 hours before Britain exited the bloc.

1334 Northern Ireland Online trading Sep 2023

It is being claimed that traders using online platforms like Amazon and Ebay are refusing to ship goods to Northern Ireland under the Windsor Framework. Strangford MP Jim Shannon (DUP) said he has had, “a number of constituents and consumers contacting me to highlight that many eBay or Amazon providers will not ship to Northern Ireland any longer – as they state they can’t afford the enhanced fees...”

1333 Manufacturing Red tape Sep 2023

A report by the Independent Commission on UK-EU Relations highlights the impact of Brexit on the UK's manufacturing sector, raising market access barriers regarding customs formalities, certification and paperwork. The effect has been to slow production and increased costs, significantly holding back the sector and harming its ability to be internationally competitive and productive. One manufacturer consulted has had to open 27 different bank accounts to deal with the different VAT requirements of each EU member state.

1330 Retail Cycling Sep 2023

In documents filed last month, the online cycling retailer Wiggle Chain Reaction Cycles (CRC) has posted a pre-tax loss of almost £100million in its latest company accounts, citing Brexit and the post-pandemic cycling slump as factors that hit the business. The directors point to a fall in international sales caused by Britain's exit from the EU, which became effective in January 2020. CFO Adrian Bruce, said: “International sales declined by 26%, driven mainly by the full-year impact of Brexit reducing sales into EU, where higher duty and fulfillment costs has necessitated higher pricing.”

1329 Citizens Homeowners Sep 2023

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Britons with second homes in France are facing an increase in taxes on properties that they can only enjoy for 90 days in any 180-day period. The residence tax, was formerly paid by all homeowners in France, but is now imposed only on those with second homes. Last year the tax was an average of €772 for a house and €941 for a flat. France's second local tax, called the property tax, applies to both main and second homes, and is also going up sharply. Paris council property tax will increase by 51.9% while Grenoble will see a 25 per cent rise.

1328 Citizens Travel Sep 2023

The Telegraph reports on recent ONS figures that show a 'surge' in the number of Britons holding Irish passports. The number has risen sixfold in a decade, boosted by a rush of people seeking dual nationality post-Brexit. There are now almost 160,000 people living in the UK who hold both British and Irish passports, according to the 2021 census, compared to just under 26,000 in 2011 when the last census was undertaken. The ONS said the increase could "indicate greater uptake of dual citizenship following the end of free movement when the UK left the EU".

1327 Environment Regulation Sep 2023

Dame Glenys Stacey, who heads the Office for Environmental Protection (OEP) has written to the Levelling Up Secretary Michael Gove and DEFRA Secretary Thérèse Coffey about their plans to drop EU-derived laws on so-called nutrient neutrality that prevented sewage from housebuilding adding to the pollution of waterways. Dame Stacey called the move a "regression" in standards. Set up to police environmental standards, it is not clear if the OEP has the power to block the proposed changes.

1326 Services Shortages Sep 2023

A study from the British Beer and Pub Association (BBPA) showed that UK pubs lost out on £22m in revenue over the August bank holiday weekend due to staff shortages which are said to be crippling the UK hospitality sector post-Brexit. On average, a lack of staff leads to an 8% decrease in revenues. A recent cross-industry survey conducted by the BBPA together with the British Institute of Innkeeping, Hospitality Ulster and UKHospitality, showed that 61% of hospitality businesses are currently experiencing staff shortages, with 42% reducing opening hours on weekends due to a lack of team members.

1325 Citizens Travel Sep 2023

The EU is warning that applications for the European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS), which comes into effect next year, could take up to 30 days to be approved. The system is designed to be used by visa-exempt third-country nationals travelling to any of 30 European countries. Most applications will be handled in minutes, but where additional documentation is requested this could extend to 14 days and where an interview is involved, up to 30 days.

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1324 Education Horizon Sep 2023

Researchers claim the delay in Britain's readmission to Horizon, the EU's top scientific funding programme, has caused a brain drain of talent and the loss of millions in research funding. Pietro Sormanni, 35, leader of the Sormanni Lab, a team of biomedical scientists at Cambridge, says post-Brexit era tuition fees and visas for European students are damaging the country's academic environment. "Even in a place like Cambridge I have witnessed a substantial drop in the quantity and quality of applications from students who want to come and do a PhD. Very few European students apply, so we end up selecting the best ones from a pool of applicants that is much smaller."

1323 Northern Ireland Trade Aug 2023

The government is to tighten rules defining 'qualifying goods' in Northern Ireland which will be allowed 'unfettered access' to the GB market. Food and animal feed products will need to be owned or processed in NI by an NI registered business in order to be considered qualifying from the end of January 2024. Hauliers will need to have access to "commercial evidence" if asked to confirm that their goods are Qualifying Northern Ireland Goods.

1322 Education Horizon Aug 2023

Cancer Research UK has called on the Government and EU to come to an agreement on the UK joining the EU's science research programme Horizon. CRUK say it's in the interests of cancer researchers and people affected by cancer after a poll showed 75% of experts preferred Horizon compared to 11% who favoured a UK-based alternative scheme. Dr Ian Walker, at CRUK said the delay has "damaged the UK's reputation as a hub for international collaborative research and investment in life sciences".

1321 Agriculture Farming Aug 2023

Farmers in England say they have been "left in the lurch" over delays to the Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) for 2023, a system of payments which replaces the EU's common agricultural policy. Industry sources have told *Farmer's Weekly* that IT problems mean the the scheme, which had been planned to begin in August, will now be pushed back, leaving farmers unable to decide where and how much to plant.

1320 Services Hospitality Aug 2023

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Hotels and restaurants in the Scottish highlands have been forced to recruit chefs from India to handle staff shortages blamed on Brexit. One business owner, Neil Morrison, said, “We’re bringing in a lot of chefs but it’s a lengthy and expensive process, £2000-£3000 for the visa licence per candidate. We started the process last year but it’s only in the last couple of months we’ve had the people come here.”

1319 Agriculture Farming Aug 2023

Farmers in England are questioning if we have reached a 'crisis point' with lower subsidies **after Brexit**, and free trade deals allowing cheap imports to undercut UK farmers, being key concerns. Liz Webster, of the campaign group Save British Farming says, “Removing subsidies and removing farm support has meant the English farmer has been the biggest victim of Brexit.” A cucumber grower, Tony Montalbano, explained that he is being undercut by cheaper imported vegetables from the Netherlands, “It is cheaper to import it rather than paying us.”

1318 Trade Automotive Aug 2023

The price of imported electric vehicles coming from the EU could rise by £5,000 without a delay to the introduction of new so-called “rules of origin” from January next year. The UK government has been pressing for the date to be pushed back. Brussels has insisted it will not reopen the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) under which the timetable was agreed, but has not ruled out a delay.

1317 Borders UK-EU Aug 2023

The UK government has confirmed a 3 month delay to the introduction of post-Brexit border checks which were due to begin on 31 October but will now commence on 31 January 2024. It is the fifth time the checks have been postponed. Shane Brennan, chief executive of the Cold Chain Federation, said the delay was sensible, adding: “These Brexit checks will fuel food price inflation whenever they are brought in and so the longer they are held off the better.” He He described the repeated postponement of the deadline as a blow to the UK government’s credibility.

1316 Agriculture Farming Aug 2023

Experts have warned that the lack of post Brexit import checks means invasive species are more likely to arrive in Britain. The EU has banned the import of soil in pot plants from the UK since Brexit, partly because invasive species such as the Asian hornet, which kills native bees, can travel undetected in soil. There have been 45 Asian hornets, including 29 nests, seen in the country since the species was first observed in 2016, and so far this year there have been 22 sightings in Britain.

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1315 Health NHS Aug 2023

A Scottish woman who lost her nose to an aggressive cancer has been denied funding for a new treatment in France because of Brexit. The procedure to have a new nose grown on her forearm and then transplanted on to her face costs £31,000 but NHS Borders says UK health boards can no longer fund treatment in the European Union.

1314 Citizens Rights Aug 2023

A British citizen has had to spend about £7,000 in a fight to be reunited with his Swedish wife after authorities in Sweden “banned” him from re-entering the country post-Brexit and told him to return to the UK – despite him not being domiciled here. Mark Collison (64) moved to Sweden, where his wife is from, in 2018. With the help of a lawyer, he was able to move back to Sweden after two months but says that legal fees, lost wages and expenses while living in London have cost around £7,000.

1313 Borders Gibraltar Aug 2023

The Gibraltar government has accused Spanish border police of increasing checks of passports and other ID documents, causing serious delays at the busy crossing. The stricter security measures were said to have been introduced “without warning” and Gibraltar has promised to tighten passport checks in a tit-for-tat response. The row follows more than two years of fraught negotiations between the UK and Spain that have failed to produce an agreement on the transit of goods and people in and out of Gibraltar post-Brexit.

1312 Manufacturing Steel Aug 2023

According to *Bloomberg*, Britain’s exports of steel to the EU risk being hit with a climate surcharge after the government made it cheaper for companies to emit carbon dioxide, potentially erecting another post-Brexit trade barrier with the bloc. Under the EU’s Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), fees will be added to imports of emissions-intensive goods such as steel and cement from countries deemed to have weaker carbon markets. That may include the UK after the government overhauled its emissions trading system.

1311 Northern Ireland Pets Aug 2023

A row has broken out over after three people were convicted at Lisburn magistrates court of smuggling a capybara (a giant South American rodent) from England to Northern Ireland. Barry Gibson, representing one of defendants, said that before Brexit and the change in the rules, the defendants would not have been guilty of any crime in transporting the animal from one part of the UK to another. “This is all as a result of Brexit and the regulations changing,” he claimed.

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1310 Services The Arts Aug 2023

The UK arts industry is said to be ‘feeling the Brexit bite’ and has asked ministers to reduce post-Brexit red tape that is leading to the cancellation of exhibitions and delays of over a month for pieces heading to Europe. Patrick McCrae, CEO and co-founder of Artiq, an art agency based in Clerkenwell, told *PoliticsHome*, “Red tape is slowing down import and export and adding more costs at customs. We need to make trade easier, not more difficult, given the international nature of the art market, if British businesses are to remain competitive on the global stage.”

1309 Northern Ireland Food Aug 2023

Asda has become the first UK supermarket to start “Not for EU” labelling on some of its food products intended for sale in Northern Ireland under the Windsor Framework. Although not officially required until the start of October and due to be rolled out across the rest of the UK by October 2024, the labelling will soon begin to appear on a range of GB food products in exchange for a reduction in official border controls. Businesses will also have to be registered as trusted traders to benefit from the reduced controls.

1308 Manufacturing Beer Aug 2023

Bone Machine Brewing Co of Hull is said to be one of more than 100 small brewers that have been forced to close in the past 18 months, hit by a combination of Brexit, the pandemic and the cost of living crisis and now threatened by changes to beer duty laws. Bone Machine co-founder, Kimi Karjalainen, said: “It just got too much, we were heavily geared for export. We’d be selling to Finland, Sweden, Norway, Ireland, Netherlands, Italy, Spain. We had Hungary in the pipeline. And it all disappeared with Brexit.”

1307 Fashion Trade Aug 2023

The couple behind Kim Kardashian’s £3bn lingerie and lounge wear company Skims, have moved to the USA to build the brand, partly in response to Brexit. The couple, Jens Grede who is originally from Sweden says Brexit made him feel differently about living in his adopted homeland of the UK: “I had built a big company and was a good taxpayer and citizen. The fact that it was felt that wasn’t worth anything – I took that personally.”

1306 Services Musicians Aug 2023

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A report by the Independent Society of Musicians (ISM) has warned that the red tape created by Boris Johnson's Brexit deal was still having "an enormously damaging" effect on British bands and singers. Almost half of UK musicians (47 per cent) say they have had less work in the Europe since the country's exit from the bloc, while more than a quarter (28 per cent) have had no work in the EU at all, with some performers forced to quit their profession.

1305 Financial Services The City Aug 2023

Sir Andrew Large, a former deputy governor of the Bank of England, writing in *The Telegraph*, says a strategy is needed to "stop the City's slow puncture" in which Brexit "has been a significant factor." Sir Andrew says, "Unfortunately, Brexit remains the elephant in the room which this government is reluctant to discuss, let alone address" and claims there is no hiding the satisfaction in Paris, Amsterdam, Frankfurt and Dublin as they benefit from business slipping away from London.

1304 Borders Red tape Aug 2023

Reports that the government is considering delaying for a fifth time the introduction of border checks on goods imported from the EU are causing confusion among British businesses. Tom Southall, of the Cold Chain Federation, told *The Independent*: "Although the reported 3-month delay to the first raft of import requirements on goods from the 31st of October is welcomed and would avoid the chance of disruption to supplies in the run-up to Christmas as well as cost rises for consumers, the Government's failure to either confirm or deny these reports is causing confusion to businesses both in the UK and EU."

1303 Citizens Creative industries Aug 2023

UK users of TikTok are being left with a version of the app that is "less safe" and "more toxic" than those available in Europe says campaigners. From 1 September, TikTok users in 30 countries in the European Economic Area will be able to opt out of receiving personalised content recommendations. Imran Ahmed, chief executive of the Center for Countering Digital Hate, said research showed TikTok's algorithm produced content harmful to users, including videos related to self-harm and eating disorders, and was designed to keep people hooked.

1302 Services Creative industries Aug 2023

Smyle, a UK-based specialist events agency, says when competing for events within the EU, its "costs are higher and margins smaller". The firm says additional tariffs on imports and exports have directly hit total costs compared with pre-Brexit times and new travel and working visa restrictions have added a layer of complication. Smyle has now opened an office in Amsterdam to process payments, pay suppliers and meet EU-wide regulatory requirements more efficiently.

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1301 Citizens Travel Aug 2023

A new report by the *Cour des Comptes*, France's public finance watchdog, estimated the initial registration of travellers into the EU's Entry/Exit system will "at least double the queuing time". Simon Calder, travel correspondent for *The Independent*, blames Brexit. "The queues seen since we demanded all British passports must be checked and stamped should not be a surprise for anyone – and when fingerprinting and facial biometrics become mandatory the process will become even tougher", Calder said.

1300 Economy Trade Aug 2023

A survey by The Department for Business and Trade of more than 3,000 UK companies revealed that three out five (58%) now think the new free trade deals will have no positive impact on their business up from 54% last year. In 2017, almost three quarters (73%) of companies said there was a lot of demand for UK goods and services – but the figures dropped to 55% in the latest survey. And 49% said there had been less demand for goods and services since Brexit, an increase from 39% in the previous survey.

1299 Immigration Asylum seekers Aug 2023

According to *The Times*, the EU has rejected Britain's attempts to create a new migrant returns agreement, which Prime Minister Rishi Sunak hoped would help to tackle the small boats crisis. An EU official told Britain's national security adviser earlier this year that the bloc was not open to a new readmission deal, according to official notes of the meeting seen by *The Times*. The paper claims any such agreement would require Britain to share Europe's burden of resettling hundreds of thousands of migrants entering the bloc through irregular means.

1298 Borders Red tape Aug 2023

The British Veterinary Association (BVA) has warned that delaying checks on food imports risks the safety and security of the UK's agricultural industry, food security and public health. BVA president Malcolm Morley says: "News that the Government may be once again delaying the introduction of crucial border checks on goods entering the UK is extremely frustrating and is putting the UK's biosecurity at serious risk of imported diseases like African Swine Fever."

1297 Food Fishing Aug 2023

The *Guardian* report that the trial of a system designed to cut red tape for fish exporters after Brexit is to end without an immediate replacement, causing dismay in the salmon industry. Tavish Scott, CEO of the trade body Salmon Scotland, said: "We have been informed of a further delay to the introduction of an end-to-end digitised export paperwork system, which leaves salmon companies with ongoing red tape costs which have already been racking up for more than two and a half years."

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1296 Northern Ireland Transport Aug 2023

A refrigerated transport company has been earmarked for closure due to the “negative implications” of Brexit. Morgan McLernon, which has more than 140 vehicles and employs 500 staff, is a subsidiary of English-based Culina Group. The MP for the area, Carla Lockhart (DUP), claims to have seen a letter from the company which says despite their best efforts, “this decision has become unavoidable because of the negative implications of Brexit in Northern Ireland.”

1295 Economy Trade Aug 2023

A government led survey shows that Brexit was the most cited cause of a decline in business by British exporters in 2022, according to *The Grocer*. 43% of exporters of goods and services said they had seen a decrease in trade, compared with 26% who said exports had increased. The Department for Business & Trade report says: “Throughout 2022, businesses continued to face significant challenges, including pre-existing concerns around the UK exit from the EU and Covid-19.”

1294 Services Publishing Aug 2023

In a long Twitter thread, Salt Publishing, a UK-based independent publisher, detail the “bureaucratic nightmare” involved in exporting books into the EU after Brexit. The company say their overseas customers and even their own authors cannot obtain books directly from them. In some cases prices have doubles and sales now need to go via expensive third-party exporters.

1293 Financial Services Banking Aug 2023

Barclays is considering moving its EU headquarters from Dublin to Paris, less than five years after it chose the Irish capital as its European hub following Brexit. In a statement the company said: “We have recognised that to be closer to the balance of operations of our business in Continental Europe, it may be appropriate to relocate our EU headquarters.” Barclays had assets of about €3 billion in Ireland in 2016 but this had swollen to €152.6 billion by the end of last year.

1292 Immigration Skills Aug 2023

It has been revealed that a scheme launched in 2021 aimed at bringing the “brightest and the best” to UK by making it easier for award winners in the sciences, humanities, engineering, the arts and digital technology to apply for work visas has succeeded in attracting just three applicants in two years. The government's post-Brexit Global Talent scheme allows exceptional leaders from abroad to work in the UK for up to 5 years at a time.

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1291 Economy General Aug 2023

The *Telegraph* report that an analysis by The Taxpayer's Alliance shows the number of civil servants employed by Whitehall has risen by 101, 440 since 2016, a 24.2% increase and the biggest growth in half a century – despite repeated pledges to cut bureaucracy – adding £6 billion to the Civil Service wage bill. The rise in has been attributed to Brexit and the pandemic, both of which led to a significantly increased workload in Whitehall.

1290 Manufacturing Perfumes Aug 2023

Sarah McCartney the owner of 4160 Tuesdays, an artisan perfume brand, says for two years after Brexit her business had suspended all exports to the European market, which previously accounted for 15% of sales, as costs mounted and paperwork took “five times as long.” Although exports have restarted, 4160 Tuesdays have been forced to put up their prices. The additional paperwork is adding “hours” to their working day, with the time it takes to fill in delivery forms up from 2 minutes to ten.

1289 Fashion Supply Chains Aug 2023

Gielle, a women’s fashion boutique on Swinegate in York closed its doors last week blaming the cost of living crisis, effects of Covid together with Brexit, extra duty costs and significant decrease in footfall in York.

1288 Trade Online trading Aug 2023

The Republic of Ireland’s postal service, An Post, reports a 68% drop in parcels coming from Great Britain since Brexit, caused by tougher EU rules aimed at reducing tax avoidance in e-commerce. An Post has worked with major British brands such as M&S and River Island to provide a simple and clear "duty paid" facility at the online checkout to pay all VAT and customs charges up front but difficulties were being experienced by small businesses or individuals unaware of the "new complex data and tax requirements" which have applied from July 2021.

1287 Economy The Arts Aug 2023

The *Telegraph* reports that the well-known London auction house of Sotheby has blamed Brexit red tape for a decline in the UK art market causing its profits to drop by almost 75pc. Sotheby’s said additional import and export taxes and duties plus, “The increased red tape resulting from Brexit is adversely affecting our ability to move property between the UK and the European Union and the retention and travel of our employees, further contributing to the UK ad market’s decline”

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1286 Retail Trade Aug 2023

The CEO of the British Independent Retailers Association (BIRA) has said that the additional post-Brexit costs due to red tape meant EU-facing retailers have had to “sacrifice” profit to stay in business. Andrew Goodacre claims that nearly all independent retailers who trade with Europe have seen profits reduced due to Brexit.

1285 Citizens Pubs Aug 2023

Pub landlords have warned they are being forced to choose between increasing their prices or taking a profit hit after the new post-Brexit regime of alcohol duties was introduced on 1 August. Most wines and spirits are rising in price as a result of duty increasing by 10.1 per cent in line with last September’s inflation figure, and the end of the alcohol duty freeze introduced in the 2020 autumn budget.

1284 Culture Publishing Aug 2023

The Publishers Association (PA) has forecast that potential changes to Intellectual Property rights will cause a loss of up to £2.2bn to the publishing industry, as well as being a disincentive for the UK’s export market. It also said that Britain could be flooded with copies of books tailored to other international audiences. The British Chambers of Commerce has called on the government to retain the existing regime.

1283 Services Hospitality Aug 2023

A shortage of chefs and catering staff has led to the closure of restaurants in the Houses of Parliament and the potential loss of millions of pounds in revenue. The UK hospitality industry has been hit by the pandemic when thousands of foreign workers left, and Brexit, which has made it harder for them to return.

1282 Manufacturing Regulation Aug 2023

William Bain of the British Chambers of Commerce says the government's recent decision to 'extend indefinitely' the use of the EU's CE mark will see UK companies having to go to Europe to get items tested and certified, adding cost to their processes. Alasdair Reay of HPI Verification Services, a UK 'notified body,' says the move is a potential death notice for UK certification business because there is now no commercial logic in maintaining UKCA accreditation. Companies will have to go to the EU to get goods certified, even if they are only for the UK market.

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1281 Northern Ireland Trade Jul 2023

Northern Ireland, with its dual access to the EU and the UK saw its share of exports to Europe rise to 64 per cent last year, up from 59 per cent in 2019, the highest of any UK region, compared to a decline in England and Wales. Richard Austin, head of manufacturing at BDO, the accountancy specialist that jointly conducted the research, said, “UK regions are the powerhouses of UK manufacturing, but the body-blows of the past few years are taking their toll. Manufacturers have warned that the shackles of red tape, supply chain pressures and rising costs are at risk of permanently undermining the competitiveness of UK goods.”

1280 Culture Exchanges Jul 2023

The Youth Hostels Association of England and Wales (YHA) has announced that it plans to sell-off of 20 of its 150 hostels, and identified a further 30 for closure in future. Insiders have suggested that Brexit has hugely reduced the number of school trips to the UK from Europe, impacting a crucial part of the YHA’s income stream.

1279 Security Policing Jul 2023

The Lords justice and home affairs committee has warned the home secretary they are “particularly concerned” the new illegal migration legislation along with new data laws could lead to the “termination and/or suspension” of the security cooperation elements of the Brexit trade deal. A criminal litigation partner at the law firm Kingsley Napley, Rebecca Niblock, said the suspension or termination of the justice chapter in the UK-EU trade deal would have significant consequences and could impede the UK’s capacity to fight cross-border crime.

1278 Culture Cycling Jul 2023

An organised London to Paris cycling event, officially partnered with the Tour de France in recent years, will run its current closed road format for a final time in 2024 on account of the ‘**ever-growing complications of Brexit.**’ The three-day event, is organised by a UK-based global cycling community business. Hotchillee, say the extensive customs arrangements necessitated by the UK’s departure from the EU’s customs union have led to a spiral of costs and logistical complications.

1277 Retail Sport Jul 2023

Progress JJ, a fast growing Manchester based supplier of specialised martial arts clothing Progress JJ has been forced to open a distribution hub in Spain to serve its customers in the European Union. Founder and chief executive, James Tighe, says Brexit has been a “nightmare.”

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1276 Food Inflation Jul 2023

A survey of its members by The Cold Chain Federation (CCF) has shown a potential disruption to Christmas food imports from the EU because of looming post-Brexit rule changes that continental firms are unaware of and unprepared for. The survey revealed that 78% of members believed the new rules will increase costs. Shane Brennan, CEO of the federation said, "These costs will be passed on to UK retailers, ultimately leading to higher prices for UK consumers and pushing inflation even higher."

1275 Financial Services Trade Jul 2023

Luxembourg has benefited from Brexit with more than 3,000 jobs being created in the Grand Duchy since Britain voted to leave the EU in 2016. Over 100 financial firms have either set up or expanded operations although not all were related to Brexit, according to the Luxembourg for Finance lobby. Luxembourg is bidding to grow its share of the financial services sector fleeing London after Britain's exit from the European Union.

1274 Northern Ireland Trade Jul 2023

A shipment of tuna from Mauritius, ordered by Henderson Food Services in Northern Ireland to avoid a post-Brexit 24% tariff had it been sourced from Great Britain, took nine months to arrive after a single error by an administrator in Mauritius who ticked the destination box marked 'Great Britain' instead of 'UK'. MD Cathal Geoghegan, said, "That's a live example of the bureaucracy of Brexit problems."

1273 Food Fishing Jul 2023

Jane Sandell, chief executive of UK Fisheries, the owner of the super-trawler, The Kirkella says "We are at 50% of the quota that we had prior to Brexit, and we are taking longer to catch it," As a result, and together with changes in access to Norwegian waters, the Kirkella will make just six trips this year, and will spend more time in port. It will also have to sail to more distant waters, resulting in higher operating costs.

1272 Citizens Travel Jul 2023

Under the The European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS), Britons over the age of 18 visiting the EU will not only need to pay a fee of £6 (€7) for a visa, but will also have to reveal details about their employment, address, previous trips and medical records. An application could be refused if the applicant is a convicted criminal, on a travel watchlist, or has travelled from areas which may pose a danger to public health.

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1271 Manufacturing Automotive Jul 2023

According to reports, Lotus, the Chinese owned, British based sports car maker shipped just 576 new cars last year compared to 1566 in 2021, meaning sales were down by a massive 63%. The company has **blamed Brexit** for supply chain issues that have delayed production of the new Emira model, coupled with the war in Ukraine, and the aftermath of COVID-19.

1270 Northern Ireland Trade Jul 2023

A House of Lords sub-committee on the Northern Ireland Protocol (NIP) has criticised the Windsor Framework. It challenged the prime minister's claim that the deal removes 'any sense' of an Irish Sea border, and notes that, "for some businesses, the processes under the Windsor Framework will be more burdensome than under the protocol as it has operated with grace periods and easements. While the green lane will benefit large retailers in particular, some retailers, and some other sectors, may have to use the red lane".

1269 Citizens Travel Jul 2023

According to figures from a recent analysis by the English Housing Survey, the proportion of English owners of second homes with properties in Europe has fallen again, with 60% of holiday homes located in the UK rather than outside, compared to 51% in 2013. After Brexit and the ending of free movement which prevents British citizens from spending more than 90 days in an EU country in any 180-day period, 60,000 people in England own second homes in France for example, down from 89,000 in 2008.

1268 Northern Ireland Vets Jul 2023

The British Veterinary Association has advised the Lords committee on Northern Ireland that it was "extremely concerned" about the availability of veterinary medicines in NI under the Windsor framework. Their concerns revolve around the requirement of manufacturers of medicines for farm animals and pets to get their medicines batch-tested in the EU before they can be put on sale in Northern Ireland. While welcoming a grace period until 2025, the BVA said unless a permanent solution was found, sales of medicines ranging from anaesthetics to vaccines for salmonella could be discontinued.

1267 Security Legal Jul 2023

The Justice and Home Affairs Select Committee has written to the Home Secretary with concerns about UK-EU security cooperation which they say has been "set back in certain significant respects." The Committee notes that the UK's loss of access to the Second Generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) represents a "great decline in

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operational capacity for policing across the country” and is also concerned about new arrangements for extraditions. Post Brexit, 13 EU Member States have stopped extraditing their own nationals to the UK.

1266 Citizens Travel Jul 2023

Chris Pellow, a British translator based in Madrid has been forced to take up Spanish citizenship. Mr Pellow said, “I got Spanish citizenship because if I am not an EU citizen, I cannot bid for contracts in other parts of Europe,” he told the *i* newspaper. Deborah Powell, a translator from Wyre Forest, Worcestershire who settled in Spain 33 years ago, said she did the same, fearing she would be unable to continue working for her European clients.

1265 Borders Transport Jul 2023

The CEO of the Port of Dover, Doug Bannister, has told the European Scrutiny Committee that the introduction of the EU’s planned Entry/Exit System (EES) from next summer could “affect the health of the nation”. Levelling up the country he suggested is “impossible to imagine” if the Channel links are not working well. John Keefe of Getlink, predicted that it could cause major complications.

1264 Culture Cycling Jul 2023

A LinkedIn post from the owner of UK-based cycling distributor FLi Distribution, which collapsed recently, says, "If you voted for Brexit, please realise this is 90% because of your decision back in 2016." Colin Williams told *Cycling weekly*, it has taken two years for the true impact of Brexit to emerge after a cycling sales boom. "Once we realised it simply wasn't possible to offer the service we wanted, there was no option other than to close," he added.

1263 Agriculture Trade Jul 2023

A study, carried out for the Scottish Government, examining free trade agreements (FTAs) with Australia, New Zealand and Canada, claims the agricultural sector in Scotland could see **farm incomes fall by up to 60%** with job losses also predicted. It concludes that the impact of the FTAs was “generally limited, but significant in some sectors” with the projected long-term output of the Scottish agri-food sector falling by between 1.9% and 2.1%.

1262 Financial Services Banking Jul 2023

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François Villeroy de Galhau, governor of the Bank of France, in an annual report on the country's balance of payments says financial firms that moved from London after Brexit contributed €1.5 billion to France's financial services surplus last year. He said: "Paris's post-Brexit success has been spectacular, it's recently been picking up and exceeds our expectations." Transactions with the rest of the world for financial services firms based in France reached a record €10.4 billion in 2022, twice the figure in 2016.

1261 Citizens Travel Jul 2023

Hundreds of Northern Ireland passengers due to fly to Belfast from the islands of Ibiza and Rhodes were stuck in the airport for hours on end after a technical fault developed requiring a spare part. In a statement, the airline TUI said the safety of customers and crew was its "utmost priority" and added that: "Unfortunately, the new part for the aircraft was delayed in customs which caused the unexpected further delay. The aircraft has now departed and customers are on their way home."

1260 Economy Survey Jul 2023

A survey by The Institute of Directors has found that 59% of its members that sell into Europe say trading with EU countries was still challenging, similar to the same poll last year. The biggest problems were restrictions on working in Europe and hiring from the EU to tackle UK skill shortages. New customs rules were cited by 55% of respondents from SMEs. This year 22 per cent of 874 companies polled said they no longer traded with the EU, up from 20 per cent in 2022.

1259 Economy Trade Jul 2023

CEO of the upmarket pyjama brand Desmond & Dempsey, says trade with Europe has become more difficult. Joel Jeffrey said: "Everything has become a headache. Even something as simple as sending samples over to Paris recently was a nightmare: half of them got sent back because the paperwork wasn't quite right. What makes it harder is that there seem to be different requirements for every individual country. It's not like one size fits all when it comes to shipping things."

1258 Northern Ireland Horticulture Jul 2023

Under the Windsor Framework, a vast list of common plants are banned from being shipped into Northern Ireland from Great Britain. This includes yew, honeysuckle, willow, hazel, cherry, dogwood, birch, chestnut, beech, fig, ash, witch-hazel, jasmine, walnut, rowan trees, poplar and many other species. One genus, prunus, contains 430 species, including every type of cherry tree, almonds, peaches, plums, apricots and nectarines. Chris Heaton-Harris, the NI secretary, has been accused by *The Belfast Telegraph* of giving misleading answers about the ban.

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1257 Education Horizon Jul 2023

The protracted negotiations and delay in making a decision to join the EU's flagship research programme, Horizon Europe with a budget of €95.5 billion (£83 billion) spread over seven years – from 2021 to 2027 is said to be “causing significant damage to UK science and research”. Under Horizon Europe's predecessor which ran from 2014 to 2020, Germany, and the UK, were the top two performers. But in the first two years of Horizon Europe, the UK fell to seventh place, having been overtaken – in participations – by Spain, Italy, France, the Netherlands and Belgium.

1255 Services Hospitality Jul 2023

Michel Roux, owner of the Michelin starred Le Gavroche restaurant, laments the loss of freedom of movement and the experience that young British chefs and waiters could gain by working in France or Italy. He also complains that an individual work permit for an EU chef to work in the UK costs £5,000 adding that, “I know for a fact that if freedom of movement was reinstated tomorrow, I could fill the 15 vacancies I need to reopen for lunch, probably within a week.”

1254 Economy Trade Jul 2023

Trade experts warn the rising volume of future EU regulations is leading to “Brexit 2.0” as the 27-nation bloc introduces rules that create fresh barriers to trade reports the *FT*. Fergus McReynolds, director of EU affairs at the manufacturers’ trade body Make UK is concerned about the widely differing approaches of individual EU member states to implementing regulations such as the bloc’s requirement to recycle plastic packaging . “Post-Brexit British firms have to comply with the domestic interpretation of EU directives of 27 different regulatory regimes,” said McReynolds.

1253 Economy Trade Jul 2023

Dr Adam Posen, head of the Washington based economic think-tank The Peterson Institute, and a former member of the Bank of England’s monetary policy committee, once said with Brexit the UK had ‘declared a trade war on itself’ and now believes “It’s actually getting worse... these self-harms.” Posen says the policy mistakes are going to have “longer-lasting effects and cause more reputational harm for the UK now than they would have a few years ago. They’re more costly.”

1252 Services Publishing Jul 2023

Dominic Williams, the chief revenue officer at Mail Metro Media, which includes The Mail, Mail on Sunday and Metro newspapers, has said that leaving the EU was “definitely having an effect on advertising spend, because of the UK economy.” Admitting his conclusion was ironic given the Mail’s pro-Brexit stance, he added: “We’ve had quite a tough time in the world. In the UK, we had Brexit, and then we had the pandemic, and then we had Ukraine and cost-of-living.”

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1251 Economy Inward investment Jul 2023

In a briefing note to clients, analysts at the American investment bank Morgan Stanley say British companies are the cheapest in the world due to a “very gloomy” sentiment towards the UK, *The Telegraph* reports. Already cheap UK assets had been discounted further in the face of investor reluctance. Brexit and recent political turmoil, including last September’s disastrous mini-Budget, are blamed for putting off international investors.

1250 Economy Survey Jul 2023

A study by the Cumbria Chamber of Commerce of local businesses, part of a national survey, cites staff costs and Brexit as major concerns. MD Suzanne Caldwell said: "These results continue to give cause for concern" and added that businesses in Cumbria are reporting that a lack of skilled workers in the the UK, particularly welders and engineers, has had a telling impact. They also report Brexit limiting European expansion, noting an ability to export ‘much more’ when the UK was an EU member.

1249 Services Publishing Jul 2023

A Twitter thread by Henningham Family Press, described as a micro-brewery for book lovers, lays bare the problems that Brexit has created for the book publishing world. From the additional costs and delays when importing specialist paper from Europe, to the bureaucracy, customs and VAT problems involved in shipping finished books to a dwindling EU customer base. HFP say “If it takes twice as long to do something you earn half as much. This is the brutal fact at the heart of Brexit.”

1248 Food Fishing Jul 2023

The International Business Times reports that there are “Gripes in Grimsby over Brexit fishing failure” amid claims that the "massive boost" to the local fishing industry promised by Boris Johnson hasn't materialised. Nathan Godley, who runs Premier Seafood says, “Brexit has made it harder to import fish from Europe. I was used to buying and selling by a click of a button... I don't want to be limited to buying and selling British products.”

1247 Culture Creative industries Jul 2023

After a US judge rejected the Federal Trade Commission’s attempt to block Microsoft’s \$75bn takeover of Activision Blizzard, the developer behind the Call of Duty video game, the UK's Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) is now the only regulator standing in the way of the merger. Stephen Bush at the FT asks if this is where the UK

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should be post-Brexit, and argues that having “a tougher regulator and a smaller market than the EU” is not a great offer for businesses and it doesn’t even make sense as an economic model.

1246 Citizens Travel Jul 2023

High net worth British nationals are paying hundreds of thousands of pounds to become EU citizens, according to research published by *The Telegraph*. The expat advice firm Henley & Partners saw a 344pc increase in applications for its EU programmes from UK citizens between 2020 and 2021 in the wake of Brexit. Latvia, Greece, Malta, Austria and Portugal are touting ‘golden’ visas and citizenships to an increasing number of British taxpayers looking to become domiciled abroad. The UK is forecast to lose a net 3,200 high net worth individuals in 2023, more than Russia.

1245 Manufacturing Chemicals Jul 2023

Lush, the ethical cosmetics company which campaigns on issues including climate change, has blamed Brexit for a 28% fall in its European sales in the year to June 2022 compared with a 10% fall recorded in the UK. Co-founder Mark Constantine, said, “Our popularity in Europe has certainly waned since Brexit and we need to rebuild the love for our UK owned brand across Europe.”

1244 Food Eggs Jul 2023

The British Egg Industry Council (BEIC), Compassion in World Farming and the RSPCA have warned that UK egg producers risk seeing value being stripped from their supply chains if lower-cost, lower-welfare egg products are imported into the UK tariff-free under the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP). The deal could see egg products imported from countries like Mexico, which almost exclusively relies on battery cages for egg production.

1243 Services Tourism Jul 2023

Celtic Routes, a unique tourism project connecting three Irish counties with three Welsh counterparts, is in danger of collapsing due to Brexit. Launched in 2019 to expand and promote links between Waterford, Wexford and Wicklow and Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire and Ceredigion in Wales, the project now faces a crisis in funding. Celtic Route's Project Officer warning that operations may have to cease as soon as the end of August unless new funds are found.

1242 Economy Trade Jul 2023

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Nine of the UK's 12 regions have seen exports to the EU slump since Brexit, with eight of them failing to see exports to the rest of the world increase to plug the gap, according to National World, using figures provided by the think tank UK in a Changing Europe. Stephen Hunsaker, a trade and economics researcher, says the UK is "not as appealing as a market to trade and grow business." Wales, Northern Ireland, the East and West Midlands, South East, South West, Yorkshire and the North East have all seen worldwide exports shrink between 2018 and 2021, with annual exports from the South East alone down by £11 billion.

1241 Economy Investment Jul 2023

UN data published last week shows foreign investment (FDI) in the UK has collapsed in the past two years, underscoring its diminishing allure as a global business destination since Brexit, according to *Bloomberg*. FDI inflows were negative in 2021, meaning foreign firms pulled more investment from the UK than they put in. Inflows rebounded in 2022. However, at just \$14.1 billion, they were less than a fifth of the average in the three years prior to the pandemic.

1240 Culture Musicians Jul 2023

Rock icon Elton John is said to be leading the fightback against red tape introduced after Brexit which is making it **too expensive** for rock and classical musicians to tour continent venues. The number of UK bands touring the EU this summer is down by 32 per cent, compared with 2017-19, according to the Best for Britain campaign group.

1239 Transport Driving Jul 2023

KB Events, a specialist haulier for groups and musicians touring the EU has been forced to set up an Irish subsidiary and re-register most of their 130 trucks at a cost of £750,000. Drivers also now need to pass the EU's Professional Competence test which take five days and has to be done in Ireland. To get all of his 200 UK drivers qualified has cost over £200,000. Stuart McPherson of KB says, "It's new costs, upon new costs, upon new costs."

1238 Agriculture Farming Jul 2023

The former Tory DEFRA secretary and UKIP candidate for the European parliament, George Eustice, has admitted Britain needs more EU workers. Speaking to *The Observer*, Eustice, was highly critical of the Home Office, saying its skills-based immigration rules were failing the country on many levels. "The flaws in our current so-called skills-based immigration system are becoming clearer by the day because we have got a policy that does not correspond to the needs of our economy," he said.

1237 Economy Trade Jul 2023

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New research from The Economy 2030 Inquiry, a three-year project by the think tank The Resolution Foundation, and the Centre for Economic Performance at the London School of Economics says the UK's approach to trade since Brexit lacks substantial objectives beyond signing as many free trade agreements (FTAs) as possible, and has now hit a dead end. Their latest report claims there is little scope for further trade liberalisation, given that deals with the US and China, which jointly account for 24% of UK trade, are not on the table.

1236 Education Horizon Jul 2023

The prime minister is said to be 'concerned' about the price of rejoining the EU's Horizon Europe scientific research programme as he considers a draft deal. A spokesman admitted the UK's exclusion from the programme had "an impact on the participation rates for UK scientists." There are fears the UK will become a net contributor to the programme. A Whitehall source told the PA news agency, "The EU have moved a little on the money but not nearly as much as the PM wants."

1235 Health Covid Jul 2023

Denis McMahon, permanent secretary for the Northern Irish executive, has told the Covid-19 inquiry that preparation for a no-deal Brexit took up large amounts of civil service focus and diverted it from emergency planning. "We had to cannibalise departments in order to move people out of areas of work and into preparations for an EU exit," McMahon told the inquiry. Preparing for a no-deal Brexit forced the NI government to "cannibalise" departments, he said.

1234 Northern Ireland Shortages Jul 2023

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council agreed a motion last week, seeking to extend UK work visas for EU citizens from six months to two years. A DUP councillor blamed Brexit for causing a Northern Ireland workforce shortage as he supported the motion to help seasonal industries like apple and mushroom growers. DUP councillor Glyn Hanna said: "It's Brexit that has caused this problem" and he suggested that fishing be added to the list of industries needing help.

1233 Northern Ireland Trade Jul 2023

The government has been warned that measures to ease trade under the Windsor Framework will not solve the problems of goods crossing the GB-NI customs border. Retailers and food suppliers including the meat and dairy trade associations and Marks & Spencer, have ruled out fully using the fast-track "green lane" customs system because of the complexity and cost involved. Insiders say the changes in the packaging of thousands of items, meaning alterations to production lines, and many products will not be ready in time for October, when the rules come in for meat and dairy.

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1232 Citizens Travel Jul 2023

As the summer holiday season gets under way, drivers at Dover face frustrating delays of up to two hours. Checks by French border guards are taking up to 90 minutes to process car passengers, and around two hours for those in lorries. In a message to waiting passengers, the port said: "Today [Friday 7 July] is already proving a popular travel day at Dover, and the port is busy processing strong volumes of tourist traffic. Teams from the port, Police Aux Frontieres and our ferry operators are working to get you through as swiftly as possible."

1231 Services Architects Jul 2023

A Somerset based firm of architects, Invisible Studio, is moving its operations outside of the UK as a response to Brexit. The practice, founded by British architect and television presenter Piers Taylor, said it is, "actively investing in a future outside of the UK" adding that, "Post-Brexit, we'd be happy never to work in the UK again." The revelation came following a survey by the design magazine Dezeen exploring the impact of Brexit on British architectural studios.

1230 Manufacturing Trade Jul 2023

Farrat, a manufacturer of anti-vibration systems for buildings and machinery based in Manchester is ramping up investment in Germany after experiencing customs delays and extra bureaucracy after Brexit. CEO Oliver Farreell said, "We are now channelling a lot of investment in setting up production facilities in Germany to remove the trading friction. Brexit is materially restricting our growth now." Farrat was one of 170 British firms investing in Germany in 2022.

1229 Manufacturing Automotive Jul 2023

The *Telegraph* report that Brexit tariffs on electric car parts threaten the future of Vauxhall's huge factory in Luton. Director Mark Noble, who runs the plant warned that the "crippling taxes applied to vehicles exported into mainland Europe pose a risk to the factory's competitiveness." He added that, "If we have a 10% tariff that makes our vans more expensive going into Europe. If we are not cost competitive then we jeopardise our long term future."

1228 Immigration Asylum seekers Jul 2023

Home Office figures show that 686 migrants made it across the Channel on Friday 7 July, a new daily record for 2023, bringing the total number of crossings so far to 12,119, just seven per cent below the cumulative total of 13,000 for this time last year. This is reported by *The Telegraph*. A record total of 45,755 migrants crossed the Channel in 2022.

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1227 Citizens Trade Jul 2023

Mobile phone maker OnePlus has announced its latest range but confirmed one model the Nord3 would not be available in the UK. On Friday 7 July all of the company's smart phones were out of stock, which OnePlus said, was a temporary measure related to "logistical challenges around customs leading to delays around order fulfilment." Asked if these challenges are related to Brexit the company declined to comment. The Nord3 phone is available in 16 EU countries plus other territories such as India.

1226 Agriculture Shortages Jul 2023

A government-commissioned review, led by the founder of G's, one of the UK's largest fruit and vegetable suppliers says ministers need urgently to commit to extending the existing seasonal worker visa scheme by the end of 2023. The report claims the "overly bureaucratic and slow administration of visa applications during periods of stress and conflict have had a substantial impact" on the labour supply. The seasonal worker visa allows 45,000 workers to come to the UK for up to six months to work, until the end of 2024.

1225 Food Fishing Jul 2023

Peter Aldous, the Conservative MP for Waveney in Suffolk, speaking in a parliamentary debate on the state of the UK fishing industry said that there had been "no significant improvement" since Britain left the EU. Mr Aldous blamed high fuel costs and labour shortages as well as "the poor terms for fishing that were negotiated" adding that, "In many respects, the situation has got worse."

1224 Agriculture Dairy Jul 2023

A dairy farmer in Darwen, Lancs has spoken out about Brexit's impact on the 'exodus' from the industry. Becki Fielding says after Brexit, "our government now have decided to get rid of the subsidies that came from the EU" while paying farmers to leave the land. She said, "This is **causing a sort of exodus**. Big farmers are getting bigger and the smaller farmers are disappearing."

1223 Health Covid Jul 2023

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Sir Frank Atherton, the Chief Medical Officer in Wales has told the Covid inquiry work on plans for a future pandemic "stalled" in the years before the country was hit by Covid, held up by preparations for a no-deal Brexit. He agreed when it was put to him that insufficient resources were committed and said, "The reason for that, for progress then to stall, was that resources were moved to other issues," referring to preparations for a no-deal Brexit.

1222 Culture The Arts Jul 2023

According to a report by the analysis firm ArtTactic, total art sales at London's high-end evening auction season in March fell 39 per cent between 2018 and 2023, citing industry worries about the position of London's art market post-Brexit. In a lobbying letter sent to the government last year by the organisers of the UK's three annual Affordable Art Fairs, a gallery owner in Madrid explained: "We must now have a UK tax number, hire a warehouse, shipping agent, works are constantly being stopped at customs."

1221 Economy Supply Chains Jul 2023

The *Loadstar* reports that British SMEs are still running into post-Brexit hurdles when exporting. One small trader said, "VAT charges at point of entry to the EU have crippled small businesses like mine. Our prices have doubled. I know a lot of people who just gave up selling abroad. I've had to discount on postage just to try and keep an EU customer base." Data provided by the FSB indicates that some 9% of SMEs have ceased international trading since 2018, with 45% of federation members claiming they felt abandoned by government.

1220 Culture Creative industries Jul 2023

Dance music distributor Unearthed Sounds is shutting down at the end of July citing Brexit among factors that prompted the decision. Owner Mat Harwood mentioned the strain on UK and European trade since Brexit — "I think anybody reading this will realise how it must have impacted a business that imports the vast majority of its stock from Europe, and also has many end users there".

1219 Borders Trade Jul 2023

The accountancy firm Deloitte has been awarded a £100 million contract to provide a digital gateway for businesses getting goods across UK borders as part of its strategy for **post-Brexit trade**. The contract will run for three years and will involve the design, building and maintaining "a market-leading digital platform," the so-called "Single Trade Window" (STW), which the government hopes will create a single gateway for all data from traders.

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1218 Food Trade Jul 2023

The British branch of French bakery chain Le Pain Quotidien has closed almost all of its branches in the UK. The company said that Brexit has made it “nearly impossible to continue serving the UK market.” Last week nine of its ten remaining outlets closed, According to MyLondon, this will result in the loss of 250 jobs.

1217 Manufacturing Automotive Jul 2023

The FT reports that the EU is insisting it will stand by plans to impose tariffs on electric vehicles shipped between the UK and EU from the beginning of next year after warning that the bloc was losing out in the global battle for battery investments. The UK industry has warned it will be unable to meet so-called Rules of Origin requirements by the end of 2023 and has been asking for the current arrangements to be extended to 2027 — specifically for batteries.

1216 Citizens Travel Jul 2023

Eurostar say they will not be running the Ski train this winter, even as a charter for Travelski. This is due to Brexit, increased border checks leading to reduced capacity at St Pancras and the risks posed by ETIAS (European Travel Information and Authorisation System) coming in during 2024. Eurostar has decided to concentrate on its core services instead.

1215 Culture Motor sport Jul 2023

During a meeting in Downing Street this week, seven British-based Formula One teams have asked the UK government to help ease post-Brexit border crossing and permit problems. The boss of Alpine, Otmar Szafnauer asked for help with the movement of people and added, "Car parts, every time you [go] back and forth, it is problematic. It's not efficient. It could be a lot better. It used to be a lot better before Brexit."

1214 Culture Film Jul 2023

A report in *National World* claims Brexit has cost the British film and TV industry millions in lost investment from EU-funded arts schemes. Despite an agreement signed with the EFTA states in 2021 allowing the temporary admission of filming equipment without import costs, Brexit has seen the loss of important funding. Britain no longer participates in Creative Europe, the EU's support programme for the cultural and audiovisual sectors, despite the British Film Institute's attempts to retain membership, meaning we are not involved in the 2021-2027 programme of investment.

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1213 Northern Ireland Survey Jul 2023

All-Ireland polling carried out by Amarách Research on attitudes to the EU shows two-thirds of people in Northern Ireland believe the province is **worse off as a result of Brexit**. A similar number (64%) who voted in the Brexit referendum believe the same. More than half (51%) of people in the Republic have a similar view. Just 14% of people in Northern Ireland believe it is doing better. Support for Ireland's membership of the EU remains overwhelming, with 88% in favour including 79% in Northern Ireland who are also supportive of Ireland remaining part of the EU.

1212 Northern Ireland Trade Jul 2023

A new report published this week by the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI) shows trade in goods between the Republic of Ireland (ROI) and Northern Ireland has "grown substantially" since Brexit, with the food and beverages sector accounting for a "considerably larger" share of cross-border trade. Based on 2021 data, the Republic of Ireland is now the destination for more than 50% of Northern Ireland's exports.

1209 Economy Trade Jun 2023

Analysis of trade data by the Labour party suggests UK meat and fish exports to the EU have slumped by almost half since Brexit. Meat exports to EU countries – as measured by weight – declined by 42 per cent from December 2020 to March 2023 with a 45 per cent slide in the net mass of fish, crustacean and mollusc exported to Europe over the same period. Labour is demanding a new veterinary deal with Brussels to ease the "mountain of red tape" faced by British exporters.

1208 Food Fishing Jun 2023

Preliminary economic estimates by industry body Seafish, indicate that Brexit has had a significant negative impact on the UK fishing industry. The number of active fishing vessels and full-time equivalent fishing-related jobs fell 6 percent in 2021-22 compared to 2019-20 while the number of registered fishing vessels (5,783) is down 10 percent from 2011, and 11,000 fishermen, a reduction of 1,700 over the same period. John Clark, a skipper who voted for Brexit, said that many fishermen now felt like "turkeys voting for Christmas."

1207 Economy Funding Jun 2023

A report published by the Scottish government to mark the seventh anniversary of the EU referendum says Brexit has led to an expected loss of £3bn a year to public revenues in Scotland. The report claims that leaving the EU is responsible for about a third of the "rampant" food price inflation currently being experienced across the UK and more than two fifths (44%) of Scottish businesses named Brexit as the main cause of trading difficulties they have with overseas customers.

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1206 Manufacturing Trade Jun 2023

A report by trade economists at The Resolution Foundation highlighted by the *FT* claims high-end UK manufacturing that feeds into EU supply chains is going to find itself being increasingly squeezed by the challenges of post-Brexit trade. The report said that UK global exports in the first three months of 2023 were still 17% below the levels before the EU-UK trade deal came into force three years ago, and warned that the UK's more advanced manufacturers would be supplanted by lower-productivity domestic manufacturing in the longer term.

1205 Borders Gibraltar Jun 2023

Fears are growing that Brexit will result in a hard border between Gibraltar and Spain, according to the *FT*. Forthcoming elections may see the Socialist-led coalition replaced by the nationalistic conservative People's party (PP). PP's potential coalition partner is the hard-right Vox party whose leader Santiago Abascal, recently said that any deal with the UK that did not recover Spanish sovereignty would be "a betrayal".

1204 Manufacturing Beer Jun 2023

The CEO of BrewDog a brewery and pub chain business based in Ellon, Scotland has told Bloomberg that Brexit "has been tragic for UK business." James Watt says "It's massively handicapped UK companies that do business in Europe with zero benefit." Watt claims that getting their products into bars in Europe is significantly more difficult and more expensive as a result of the "catastrophic decision" to leave the EU.

1203 Manufacturing Automotive Jun 2023

The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) say the failure to bolster the supply chains for electric cars, coupled with looming post-Brexit tariffs, could cost the UK's car industry over £100bn in growth. A potential 10-fold increase in the production of electric cars worth £106 billion is at stake, according to a new report released by the SMMT. Without more government support, the UK's automotive sector will become "uncompetitive" in the face of "fierce global competition," the report said.

1202 Manufacturing Automotive Jun 2023

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The chairman of Ford said UK car manufacturers believe their future lies mainly in Europe. Tim Slatter, speaking to the BBC on the eve of the International Automotive Summit in London, said: "It's really important that we maintain really good alignment to the European [regulatory environment] because that's where we build and sell most of our vehicles. Otherwise, what we're going to see is a lot of extra cost come into the cost of developing vehicles and producing vehicles and that can't be a good thing for customers."

1201 Services Film Jun 2023

Espirit Film & TV based in Stroud, Gloucestershire warns Brexit is causing "disruption" to the growth of the British industry and wants to see it "reversed". The owner of Espirit, which provided specialist equipment for Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny, says the UK's decision to leave the EU is a real "nuisance" and added, "It has caused actual financial loss, not only to us, but the entire industry."

1200 Agriculture Farming Jun 2023

A survey by Farmers Weekly shows three quarters of farmers think Brexit has had a negative impact on the UK economy. The poll of more than 900 people in the farming industry also found that 69% of them said leaving the EU had negatively impacted their own business. The magazine's survey suggests both animal and arable farmers took a very negative view of leaving the EU.

1199 Economy Inflation Jun 2023

The Fresh Produce Consortium (FPC) has written to the government arguing that the government's policy on post-Brexit imports checks and charges to be applied from October this year was an "outdated and highly inefficient border solution which fails to meet the needs of a modern progressive industry". The FPC said an extra £10m from import charges would have to be passed on to consumers, further fuelling food inflation.

1198 Financial Services Trade Jun 2023

Despite signing a memorandum of understanding on Tuesday, The Telegraph says Britain faces having to wait months for high-level talks to secure access to EU financial markets. However, lawyers have warned the UK not to expect major compromises. Etay Katz, a financial services lawyer at Ashurst, said: "Fundamentally, the EU is competing with the UK for financial business and thus we do not expect any meaningful concessions from the EU other than those dictated by self-interest or systemic considerations."

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1197 Economy Trade Jun 2023

Matthew Lesh, director of Public Policy and Communications at the Institute of Economic Affairs has admitted that even after Brexit, the UK is “adding more red tape.” Mr Lesh claims that according to official government estimates, that normally tend underestimate the actual regulatory costs, the regulatory burden on businesses since 2017 has actually “increased by an astonishing £22bn.”

1196 Culture The Arts Jun 2023

Two major summer art fairs in London have been cancelled this year, with organisers partly blaming Brexit. Masterpiece and Olympia have both been cancelled with concerns being raised about the threat Brexit poses to the UK’s status as a major global art market. Increasing amounts of red tape and the introduction of an import VAT rate of 5%, have made it considerably harder to move art between the UK and Europe. Sky News has been told that the number of EU-based galleries applying to participate this year had dropped by 86% compared to 2018.

1195 Manufacturing Semi-conductors Jun 2023

1194 Food Dairy Jun 2023

Arla Foods, the UK’s largest dairy co-operative has warned of further price rises unless the government “urgently” addresses farming labour shortages. The maker of Lurpak, Cravendale milk and Anchor butter, said that industry labour shortages were fuelling food price inflation and “could well lead to a crisis in milk production if it is not addressed as a matter of urgency.” A survey of Arla’s farmer owners found that 58 per cent are finding it harder to source staff compared to 2019, before the pandemic and Brexit.

1193 Citizens Travel Jun 2023

The UK’s largest independent ski tour operator has pulled out of much of its operation in Austria as a result of post-Brexit red tape, according to *City A.M. London based* Skiworld which runs chalets across the Alps – say that a drop in the number of UK staff it is able to employ overseas as a result of post-Brexit bureaucracy, has prompted it to stop operating the majority of its chalets in the country.

1192 Agriculture Farming Jun 2023

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The Scotsman reports that Scottish farmers and crofters face more environmental conditions in order to become eligible for post-Brexit subsidy payments from the government. The new conditions include requirements for all farmers and crofters to carry out soil testing, carbon and biodiversity audits, and follow an animal health and welfare declaration to qualify for any support payment from 2025 onwards.

1191 Manufacturing Pharma Jun 2023

The Oxford Vaccines group claim that pressures on the NHS, a lack of doctors and post-Brexit delays are hampering the UK's ability to develop cutting-edge drugs. A review has identified a multitude of factors that have led to a decline in clinical trials and have undermined the competitiveness of the UK clinical research environment. A key underlying problem is also the general shortage of critical medical and nursing staff compounded by a decline in European doctors coming to the UK.

1190 Economy Trade Jun 2023

Professor Jonathan Portes has evaluated the debate around the economic impact of Brexit between pro and anti Brexit economist for the think tank UK in a Changing Europe (UKICE) and concludes that in his "central view remains that the best estimate of the negative impact on Brexit on UK GDP [so far] is 2-3% of GDP" equivalent to £50 -£75 billion a year in lost output and £17- £25 billion in reduced tax revenue.

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1188 Citizens Travel Jun 2023

The CEO of a UK trade association for the tourism industry said revenue from foreign school trips has 'drastically reduced' post-Brexit. Figures from a survey by the Tourism Alliance and its partner members shows Britain has only recovered 61% of the school group market it had in 2019, while school group trips inside the EU have already recovered to well above pre-pandemic figures – 108 per cent, according to a survey.

1187 Food Fishing Jun 2023

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Fishermen in Peterhead who voted to leave the EU have said they were promised a “new dawn” before being “sold down the river”. Speaking to The Daily Record, veterans and industry chiefs have said their sector had been treated as the “poster boy” for Brexit then “sacrificed” in the trade deal Boris Johnson agreed with the EU. Skipper Peter Bruce said the reality of leaving Europe had shattered his trust in Brexiteer politicians.

1186 Economy Trade Jun 2023

Kemi Badenoch, the business secretary has been criticised by business groups for trying to “shift the blame” after she told British businesses that international trade “isn’t too tough”. Emma Rowland, a trade policy advisor at the Institute of Directors said UK exports had been “sluggish” since the pandemic and added, “It’s clear Brexit has had the largest influence over businesses’ exporting strategies, having created barriers to trade and also increased competition from EU-based firms.”

1185 Economy Trade Jun 2023

The think tank UK in a Changing Europe says the 30% increase in global trade volumes in goods between 2019 and 2022 has ‘largely bypassed the UK’. For the same three-year period, UK export growth was virtually zero, while services did marginally better, with an 11% increase in export value for 2021 compared to 2019. UKICE say their research shows UK exports to the EU fell by 22.1% and importing from the EU was 9.5% less than it would have been if the UK had not left the EU indicating that post-Brexit export challenges are persisting.

1184 Food Trade Jun 2023

Many UK businesses which import food products from the EU will have to pay a special “Brexit tax” that will further drive up prices, particularly in smaller shops such as delicatessens, under proposals set out by the government last week. The planned £43 charge per consignment, outlined in a consultation document issued by the DEFRA was described by a leading industry figure as “the sting in the tail of a post-Brexit food inspection regime” that was already fuelling inflation.

1183 Food Trade Jun 2023

Ireland’s Food Safety Authority (FSAI) has served a notice on Iceland Ireland for the immediate withdrawal of imported frozen food of animal origin. The notice applies to Metron Stores Ltd which operates as Iceland Foods, and relates to products imported into Ireland since 3 March this year. The authority said there was “inadequate evidence of traceability” of imported frozen food from the retailer.

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1182 Economy Increase Jun 2023

The former Bank of England governor Mark Carney has blamed Brexit for Britain's stubbornly high inflation and claims he had warned the public that leaving the EU would damage the economy. In an interview with *The Telegraph* he said: "a series of "negative supply shocks" had disrupted the economy and led to an unexpected increase in costs, adding that there was "no joy in saying: well, 'we told you so' because people are having to live with that reality." Mr Carney said the biggest shocks in decades could take years to unwind.

1181 Economy Trade Jun 2023

High net worth individuals are leaving the UK at double the rate of last year, new data shows, with Brexit, uncertainty over non-dom status and deterioration of the country's National Health Service since 2010 among the top reasons given by researchers for the exodus. Around 3,200 millionaires are forecast to emigrate from the UK, placing it third on the global scale of countries that are losing residents with investable wealth of at least \$1 million. Only China and India will lose more millionaires.

1180 Health Covid Jun 2023

Hugo Keith KC, the lead lawyer to the official Covid inquiry says work around a possible no-deal exit from the EU may have impacted the pandemic response planning. Mr Keith asked, "Did the attention therefore paid to the risks of a no-deal exit – Operation Yellowhammer as it was known – drain the resources and capacity that should have been continuing the fight against the next pandemic, that should have been utilised in preparing the United Kingdom for a civil emergency?"

1179 Culture The Arts Jun 2023

Art world insiders claim the impact of Brexit on London's art market has been 'calamitous.' At 5%, the UK's import VAT rate for works of art, antiques and collectors' items was the lowest in the EU, making the UK the obvious point of entry for art and antiquities coming into the customs union. But Matthew Travers, a director of Piano Nobile, says Brexit "threw a spanner in the works." France is now the most prudent entry point for goods going into the EU to avoid a mountain of paperwork, along with additional and often unpredictable costs.

1178 Manufacturing Automotive Jun 2023

An article in *Diesel and Eco Car* says the UK is on the outside looking in as the switchover timetable to EV is probably mainly going to be determined by what happens in big markets like the EU and the USA. Brexit is said to be only the latest development that may have gradually eroded the UK's attractiveness for the motor industry. Several

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low wage East European economies have attracted high levels of automotive investment, with VW investing in Skoda in the Czech Republic and Renault reviving Dacia in Romania. Slovakia now has one of the biggest motor industries in the world in relation to its population.

1177 Services Travel Jun 2023

The Association of British Travle Agents (ABTA) say the number of Britons a employed in the EU travel industry in frontline roles such as travel reps, ski guides or chalet hosts has fallen by more than two-thirds since Brexit. The cost of obtaining visas, work permits and other paperwork was blamed for a sharp reduction in opportunities that particularly hit young Britons hoping to work as “seasonaires” in Europe, the survey of 100 industry executives found.

1176 Food Mushrooms Jun 2023

Northern Ireland’s £64.5 million mushroom industry could disappear in the next few years due to the loss of free movement of workers post-Brexit, The Northern Ireland Mushroom Growers Association (NIMGA), has warned. The trade body which represents eight of the north’s 10 remaining mushroom farms, said local firms have a vacancy rate of almost 16 per cent and has called on the UK Government to add mushroom pickers to its shortage occupation list (SOL) to address the gap.

1175 Transport Logistics Jun 2023

Brexit is said to be behind the dramatic fall in the UK’s competitiveness in logistics, dropping from an average of sixth place to 19th – according to the World Bank’s 2023 Logistics Performance Index report. The fall in ranking from 2018 to 2023 is associated with Brexit-related changes that contributed to a decline in on-time shipments and efficient customs processes, as well as challenges in tracking shipments, says the report.

1174 Food Jams Jun 2023

The EU is revising its regulations on jams, jellies and marmalades, defining higher minimum quantities of fruit the products must contain to be considered as jam, which is set to raise costs for British producers exporting to Europe, the world’s largest market for jam. Rosie Jameson, of Rosie’s Preserving School, said, “Commercial-style producers would have to put 15 per cent more fruit in their recipes if they want to export and that would increase costs.” In the last financial year, the UK exported about 10,600 tonnes of jam valued at around £32 million.

1173 Food Inflation Jun 2023

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Ministers have again been warned that European food producers are “not ready” for UK import checks to start later this year, and their introduction will drive food price inflation. From 31 October, any EU business exporting meat or dairy to the UK will need to have an Export Health Certificate (EHC). Shane Brennan of The Cold Chain Federation said, “It’s going to be difficult getting a German vet in Saxony at 3pm on a Friday to sign off product to get it on the ferry so it can be in the UK the next morning. If just 10% of what you sell goes to the UK, chances are with the cost dynamics, your rational business decision in that scenario is to stop serving the UK.”

1172 Transport Eurostar Jun 2023

Residents of Ashford in Kent say the town has “lost its vibrancy”, investment has plummeted and the high street has declined ever since Eurostar stopped running services during the Covid-19 lockdown and have not returned. More than 23,000 people signed a petition calling for international service to be reinstated. A spokesperson from Eurostar said: “Services will not stop at Ebbsfleet or Ashford International stations in 2023, and we cannot make any commitment for another two to three years.”

1171 Economy Trade Jun 2023

Huma Therapeutics, a UK based global healthcare company which provides software to help doctors monitor and analyze patient data has criticised the UK’s lack of any ‘progress’ over the last 3-4 years. Founder Dan Vahdat said. “The hope was that with Brexit something should have changed, because the whole idea was that we were going to have more autonomy. But nothing has happened.” Huma are now looking at listing in New York and considering offers from France and Germany.

1170 Economy Survey Jun 2023

As business confidence in the UK has fallen for the third consecutive year, with the fallout from Brexit being cited as one of the main reasons. The Transatlantic Confidence Index, published by British-American Business (BAB) and Bain & Company, found that the US average business confidence rating for the UK dropped to 6.5 from 7.3 out of 10 in 2022. Of the 79 companies surveyed, three quarters said the repercussions of the UK’s exit from the European Union was one of their top three concerns. Other problems included the upcoming increase in corporate tax, stagnant economic growth and a rocky political landscape in the UK.

1167 Citizens Travel Jun 2023

The Daily Mail reports that EE customers now have to pay extra to use their mobile phones in 47 European holiday hotspots, including Spain, Greece and Italy. EE’s Pay-as-you-go customers are now charged 70p a minute to make a call, or 30p a text message when in continental Europe. For data the charge is £3 for 500MB. The Mail ruefully points out that “before Brexit, mobile phone providers were banned from charging British customers extra fees when they were in Europe. But these rules no longer apply.”

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1166 Security Fire safety Jun 2023

Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service chiefs have raised some new financial challenges at a recent council meeting. The cost of some life saving equipment has more than doubled with Brexit and the war in Ukraine blamed. A handheld hose branch that cost £300 now costs £800 and the price of firefighter gloves has risen from £42 to £97. Head of logistics and resources Mike Hammond agreed that Brexit had had an impact on costs and also on lead times.

1165 Food Cheese Jun 2023

Cheesemakers and dairy firms are among the hardest hit UK businesses by additional Brexit-related costs and bureaucracy. Andrew Kuyk, senior policy advisor at the Provision Trade Federation (PTF), said: "There is a whole raft of paperwork that did not exist before Brexit that in itself is adding to cost and complexity." Phillip Stansfield, MD of The Cornish Cheese Company, based in Launceston, Cornwall, talking of EU trade said: "It is difficult with all the bureaucracy and the paperwork to get our cheese where we used to."

1164 Citizens Rights Jun 2023

The Independent Monitoring Authority (IMA) for the UK-EU Citizens' Rights Agreements has found that the UK Home Office failed to issue certificates for application to the EU settlement scheme in a timely manner in a "significant number" of the 1.73mn cases that required the involvement of caseworkers. The IMA said one of the reasons for the delays was a shortage of caseworkers at the Home Office and said that these delays constituted a "failure to comply" with the post-Brexit withdrawal agreement.

1163 Charitable sector Trade Jun 2023

Boxes of Hope Cumbria, which sends shoeboxes filled with goodies to Romania at Christmas has been forced to end its campaign because of Brexit. Jonathan Robb, chair of the charity says it's no longer possible to send the boxes without paying VAT. Mr Robb said: "The cost implication of paying VAT on the perceived value of 10,000 shoe boxes could be up to £40,000, based on boxes being valued at £20 cost, and obviously this makes the campaign financially unviable."

1157 Transport Ferries Jun 2023

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Brittany Ferries is said to be suffering a post-Brexit slump in freight traffic and has yet to see passenger numbers recover to pre-Covid levels. Although passenger numbers between the UK and France and Spain are significantly up on 2022, they still lag behind 2019 which was the last normal year pre-Covid. But freight traffic has seen a decline of about a fifth in total freight volumes carried over the Channel.

1156 Economy Trade Jun 2023

UK in a Changing Europe's (UKICE) June 2023 Trade Tracker shows an increase in mergers and acquisitions since 2015. Deals in which foreign companies acquire UK businesses in 2021 were the highest since records began in 1987 with a 397% increase over 2015. UK companies investing abroad only increased by 108% over the same period. UKICE attribute this difference to the pound's weakness, which fell dramatically after the referendum and has never recovered to pre-referendum levels.

1155 Citizens Travel Jun 2023

The Daily Mirror is reminding holidaymakers heading for Europe this summer that after Brexit they should check they have travel insurance and an EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) or the new UK Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC). The paper also quotes the UK government website which advises, "An EHIC or GHIC is not a replacement for travel insurance. Make sure you have both before you travel." Each European healthcare system is different, some countries require payment and some do not accept EHIC or GHIC cards.

1154 Economy Regulation Jun 2023

The prime minister, so it is claimed, hopes to make the UK a leader in AI governance, setting global standards to boost Britain's emerging AI sector. However, after Brexit the UK is 'locked out' of key forums between the EU and US such as the Tech and Trade Council (TTC), where AI governance plans are negotiated on a bilateral basis. At a fourth meeting of the TTC last week, the EU, US and Canada have already agreed to develop an AI code of conduct between themselves. The voluntary agreement will be presented to other G7 countries, including Britain later this year.

1153 Economy Funding Jun 2023

The Wrexham Enterprise Hub will close after EU funding came to an end on 31 May. The hub was operated by Town Square Spaces (TownSq) on behalf of Business Wales and was backed by the EU Regional Development Fund. The Welsh Government says EU support has also ended for other enterprise hubs in Newtown, Carmarthen, Anglesey, and Caerphilly but these have secured alternative funding sources.

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1152 Transport Eurostar Jun 2023

The Eurostar network has been reduced from a pre-Brexit total of 13 year-round stations to just four: London, Lille, Paris and Brussels. The final Eurostar “Disneyland Express” will depart from St Pancras next week. Services to Rotterdam and Amsterdam will stop for almost a year due to construction work in the Dutch capital. Rotterdam Central is said to not be viable due to post-Brexit constraints on passenger numbers. Direct trains from London to Lyon, Avignon and Marseille have also been dropped.

1151 Economy Trade Jun 2023

Hannah Panting, Operations Manager for Suffolk Port Authority (SPA), says the lack of clarity around post-Brexit checks on imported food is putting them in a “difficult position”. SPA has been told by Defra they will have to check between 1% and 30% of EU food imports from October this year. But it is hard to prepare, Ms Panting says, without knowing the exact percentage. Checks at ports like Felixstowe in Suffolk have already been delayed by 18 months, because of government concerns about the potential burden on businesses.

1150 Citizens Travel Jun 2023

Connexion France readers have been spelling out their often stressful experience of the EU’s 90/180 day rule for visitors. The main issue was that time spent at an EU property can be severely limited especially for citizens with other commitments elsewhere in Europe, and the cost and delays in obtaining visas to overcome the rule. One said, “Before Brexit, we used to come over four times a year...[but new rules mean] we can only visit our home in France twice a year. Brittany Ferries must be missing us.” (see also 1149 above).

1149 Transport HGV Drivers Jun 2023

A British HGV driver has been fined and temporarily banned from the EU by Dutch authorities after exceeding the 90 day in any 180 day period rule. The case was reported by the Road Haulage Association and picked up by a Polish newspaper. His exclusion also means that he will be unable to go to any country of the EU even for a holiday.

1148 Retail Trade Jun 2023

Bloomberg report that Brexit has “killed” the UK’s au pair industry and comes as the government is desperate to find a way to make child care more affordable and encourage more women back into the workforce. Sandra Landau, the owner of Childcare International, an au pair agency, estimates that the lack of candidates since Brexit means her business has dropped by 95%. The agency no longer has any European au pairs at all.

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1147 Manufacturing Automotive Jun 2023

A new report from Policy Exchange, a centre-right think tank, argues that targeted government subsidies will not be enough to save the automotive sector, which is “falling behind European competitors in the transition to electric cars” and has been made a “less attractive investment location for non-British manufacturers” **by Brexit** according to *CityAM*. Policy Exchange warns against a subsidy race with the US and EU to save the UK automotive industry from problems.

1146 Education Horizon Jun 2023

Professor Mario Caccamo, CEO of a Cambridge-based crop-science organisation, says the UK’s reputation as a global centre for science research and higher education has been damaged by the absence of Horizon. International students, particularly those doing PhDs, have been deterred from coming to Cambridge as a result, he claims. Senior pro-vice-chancellor Andy Neely says Cambridge’s lost association with an EU science research programme is having negative impacts.

1145 Food Farming Jun 2023

Family farm in Nottinghamshire that has been producing soft fruits for 75 years say rising costs and difficulty in recruiting pickers has forced it to abandon growing strawberries. Sales director Suzanna Starkey said the family owned business had previously employed up to 140 pickers, mostly from the EU, “But with Brexit it became more difficult and they just did not feel welcome”.

1144 Financial Services Regulation Jun 2023

The former boss of the London Stock Exchange, Xavier Rolet, has warned that The City faces ‘perpetual decline’ without major reform. M. Rolet fears that London’s €660 trillion (£563 trillion) clearing market is at risk as Brussels seeks to build “strategic autonomy” to boost its own capital markets. The EU commissioner for financial services Mairead McGuinness, has given EU banks and money managers until June 2025 to shift their clearing from London to the bloc.

1143 Food Trade Jun 2023

The free trade deal with Australia came into force this week, as it emerges that Boris Johnson personally conceded measuring Australian beef imports by product weight and not by carcass weight equivalent (CWE). The measure enables Australian beef farmers to export more prime off-the-bone beef products, directly competing with the

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most profitable cuts sole by UK farmers. The difference between the two measurements is significant. Ten tons of prime-cut steak coming into the UK is equal to 13 tons when converted to CWE, filling quotas much faster.

1142 Retail Trade Jun 2023

Ann Summers, the retailer specialising in racy lingerie and adult toys, discontinued its direct selling business in Ireland last year because “higher operating costs” associated with Brexit made it “uneconomical”, according to the company’s recently filed 2020 accounts. Jacqueline Gold, the former CEO, said that the business faced “a number of challenges arising from the UK leaving the European Union” including the complexity and cost of shipping orders to Ireland.

1141 Economy Trade Jun 2023

the latest S&P Global/CIPS purchasing managers index (PMI) shows the UK’s manufacturing sector contracted for a 10th consecutive month in May, dragged down by steady falls in exports over the last 16 months. Exporters blamed factors including a loss of orders to the US and mainland Europe, and an increasing number of EU clients switching to more local sourcing to avoid the customs barriers, paperwork and delays involved in exporting goods from the UK.

1140 Retail Inflation Jun 2023

The *Retail Gazette* reports that the Frozen Food retailer Iceland has warned that new government regulations and Brexit red tape are piling up costs for British retailers. An Iceland spokeswoman told *The Times* that proposed post-Brexit border controls and restrictions on the promotion of foods high in fat, sugar and salt are “driving up costs” for businesses.

1139 Manufacturing Pharma Jun 2023

A survey of healthcare industry professionals indicated that sentiment towards Brexit had become more negative for over half of respondents since 2021. They remarked that various aspects of the UK’s healthcare sector have worsened post-Brexit, and over 70% of them thought that the UK would not remain an attractive destination for healthcare research and manufacturing after Brexit.

1138 Citizens Travel Jun 2023

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The *Telegraph* reports that cheap summer holidays are at risk from a shortfall in aircraft maintenance staff. Over a quarter of engineers are expected to retire over the next decade, according to the recruitment consultancy AeroProfessional. MD Sam Sprules said: “The shortfall in aircraft engineers is already impacting output and it’s only going to get worse for the foreseeable future.” Brexit means that aircraft engineer licences issued by the UK authorities are no longer valid in the EU and UK aviation businesses have very restricted access to engineers from Europe.

1137 Food Fishing Jun 2023

The government has added share fishermen, trawler skippers and deckhands on large fishing vessels to the UK’s shortage occupation list. The FT claim this is a tacit recognition that Brexit has not generated the boom in the sector that had been promised by Boris Johnson and other Leave campaigners. Mike Cohen, CEO of the National Federation of Fishermen’s Organisations said, “Promises were made that did not materialise.”

1136 Education Shortages Jun 2023

The UK government is offering foreign teachers £10,000 to work in English schools in an overseas recruitment drive to fill classroom vacancies. In an effort to boost numbers, ministers have started an overseas recruitment initiative under which the rules have changed to more easily recognise maths, science and language-teaching qualifications from Ghana, India, Singapore, Jamaica, Nigeria, South Africa and Zimbabwe.

1135 Manufacturing Technology Jun 2023

Chris Case, CTO of Oxford PV, a spin-off company from Oxford University with patented high-efficiency solar panel technology has told the *FT* that between continental Europe, the US and the UK, the latter was the “least attractive” location for the factory to manufacture the cells because of a lack of incentives. The company already has a pilot plant near Berlin. The US and EU have announced broad-ranging proposals to boost renewable energy technology in an effort to catch up with China. Case added, “the most attractive markets for listing are things like the Nasdaq and markets in Hong Kong but not so much the UK.”

1134 Economy Trade Jun 2023

An escalating battle over subsidies between the US and China is set to cause serious damage to the UK economy, according to a leaked internal government analysis seen by *The Times*. The analysis finds that the UK’s economy will suffer more than those of the US, EU and China in the event of a full-blown subsidies war. British manufacturers have calculated that the government would have to spend more than £100 billion to match American or European subsidies on items like semiconductor chips.

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1133 Food Potatoes Jun 2023

The increased cost of potatoes may see some fish and chip shops close, according to Andrew Crook, president of the National Federation of Fish Friers. Mark Taylor, the chair of the industry group GB Potatoes, said in 2022 growers had faced a “perfect storm” from Brexit, Covid and soaring energy costs. Although the UK is more than 90% self-sufficient in potatoes, the price of European processing potatoes, which are used to make many of the French fries eaten in the UK, is up 66% on a year ago at £365 a metric tonne, according to Mintec, the commodities data group.

1132 Agriculture Farming Jun 2023

A survey by agri-tech business Hectare, shows a majority of UK farmers – 67% – said they have no confidence about the future of food production in Britain. Their biggest concerns over the next 12 months, for livestock farmers (26%) and arable farmers (33%) is the the lack of clarity around new government support schemes to replace the ending of the EU’s BPS scheme. Andrew Huxham, co-founder of Hectare, said, “It’s been an uncertain few years for everyone involved. Undoubtedly, many are feeling vulnerable post Brexit now the Basic Payment Scheme is being phased out.”

1130 Manufacturing Fire safety May 2023

The leader of the UK Fire Industry Association has described the introduction of the post-Brexit UKCA quality mark as a farce that “makes absolutely zero sense”. Ian Moore, said replacing the EU’s CE mark with the UK Conformity Assessed (UKCA) mark “makes zero difference to increasing the quality of the products”. According to *The Times*, he also added, “It doesn’t add any value whatsoever; it’s just bureaucracy and will cost the fire industry millions of pounds.”

1129 Agriculture Farming May 2023

The NFU has written to the Farming Minister raising concerns about the availability of plant protection products from Europe after Brexit and calling for the system of parallel trade permits to be retained. The system, which allows PP products to be imported provided the UK regulator determines them to be identical in composition to a reference product already authorised in the UK, comes to an end on 30 June 2023. The NFU expect, and are “beginning to see” a loss of availability and choice of PPPs on the market with the risk of price increases.

1128 Manufacturing Trade May 2023

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The UK chemicals sector has warned that attempts to create an affordable post-Brexit regulatory regime for the industry were floundering and risked causing “irreparable damage” to British businesses according to a report in the FT. The UK quit the EU’s “Reach” chemical management system but has repeatedly delayed the introduction of its own arrangements after a government impact assessment discovered it would cost the industry £2bn to duplicate the safety data already held in Brussels.

1127 Economy Trade May 2023

A lucrative €458 million EU contract with BT to handle sensitive communications between the member states’ governments has been cancelled amid a dispute over potential access to EU secrets following Brexit. The EU commission confirmed that the 8-year contract with a Belgian-based subsidiary of BT has been totally cancelled. Rival operators Telefonica SA and Deutsche Telekom AG had complained about the way the contract had been awarded to a firm from outside the 27-nation bloc.

1126 Education Funding May 2023

The Vice-Chancellors of the universities of Swansea, Bangor and Cardiff, and the Pro Vice-Chancellor of Aberystwyth, have raised concerns about reduced funding following the UK’s exit from the EU. The leaders warn of ‘massive job losses and a brain drain of academic talent’ because the UK Government has reneged on its promise to fully replace EU funding. A committee of Welsh MPs heard that the local economy in university towns and cities across Wales will also suffer as a result of broken UK Government promises and because EU money is now coming to an end.

1125 Agriculture Shortages May 2023

Report, prepared for Lincolnshire CC’s Environment and Economy Committee has said the county’s agriculture sector faces significant labour shortages due to Brexit and the pandemic. The Scrutiny Panel report warns: “If the labour shortage is not resolved swiftly, shortages threaten to shrink the sector permanently with a chain reaction of wage rises and price increases reducing competitiveness, leading to food production being exported abroad and increased imports.”

1124 Retail Trade May 2023

Marks & Spencer reports that an increase in costs as a result of Brexit has created challenges for its Irish food business forcing it to source more products locally. In the retailer’s annual results, M&S said that it would focus on improving profitability in this division in Ireland following “EU border related headwinds”. In 2021, the retailer revealed that it had to cut 800 lines from its stores in Ireland, including items such as free-range chicken and orchids.

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1123 Food Inflation May 2023

Researchers at the London School of Economics (LSE) claim British households have paid £7bn since Brexit to cover the extra cost of trade barriers on food imports from the EU. A report estimates the impact of leaving the bloc on UK food prices pushed up bills by an average £250. The cost of food in the UK had rocketed by 25% since 2019, the researchers calculated, but if the post-Brexit trade restrictions were not in place then this increase would be only 17% – nearly a third lower, amounting to £6.95bn.

1122 Food Meat May 2023

East Yorkshire based sausage maker Cranswick were forced to recruit 400 butchers from the Philippines, after it struggled to find skilled workers. The company said it had faced a third year of “unprecedented disruption.” CEO Adam Couch said the move came at a significant cost but that it had safeguarded service levels when some in the sector had to cut back production due to the ongoing labour shortages.

1121 Manufacturing Automotive May 2023

The head of supply chain management at Aston Martin Lagonda, Martin Comer, has blamed Brexit for the current crisis in UK car manufacturing. Mr Comer, formerly with Volvo said, “The OEM I worked for at the time didn’t want to appear to speak out at a political choice for the British public... for me even before the referendum it was obvious this could pose an existential threat to the car industry in the UK due to the many versions of Brexit possible... The car industry should have made public clearly the facts and the risk to thousands of jobs.”

1120 Financial Services Trade May 2023

A draft memorandum of understanding (MoU) on financial services between the UK and EU was published last week. Michael Sholem, a partner at asset fund manager Macfarlane said it would be helpful for the industry to have a “formalised process” to air concerns and disputes but warned the joint regulatory forum will probably only meet on a “semi-annual basis” adding “This structure is clearly no substitute for the level of co-operation and integration that occurred when the UK was part of the EU.”

1119 Retail Horticulture May 2023

The Horticultural Trades Association has warned that plans to introduce new post-Brexit border checks will hit the gardening industry, pushing up costs and reducing choice for customers. HTA chair James Barnes said the government’s draft border plan would heap unwanted costs on to plant nurseries, most of which were small businesses. The HTA estimated that the new controls will add £42mn a year in red tape costs for businesses, for no economic gain.

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1118 Economy Trade May 2023

Germany recorded its highest level of foreign direct investment (FDI) last year, with a surge in UK companies setting up operations to keep a post-Brexit presence in the EU. FDI into Germany totalled €25.3bn last year, up 261% since 2021, according to official figures from Germany Trade & Invest (GTAI). A total of 170 FDI projects originated in the UK, up 21% on 2021. Robert Hermann, chief executive of GTAI, said, “For British companies, it’s particularly important to have a foothold in the EU after Brexit.”

1117 Financial Services Investment May 2023

Sir Nigel Wilson, the head of Legal & General, one of the UK’s largest investment companies says that Britain largely missed out on the technology boom of the early 2000s and is now at risk of being left behind once again. London is losing out to rival financial centres as a result of over-regulation and misguided political interventions. Just 6% of pension funds’ total assets were invested in UK stocks, down from 53% in 1997. As a result, British pension funds and insurance companies now own just 4pc of the London stock market, down from 39pc in 2000.

1116 Food Fruit May 2023

According to data released by HMRC, exports of fruit from the UK to the EU, including traditional English apples and pears, have more than halved since Brexit. The decline has been put down to post-Brexit trade barriers, including mandatory health certificates on fresh and chilled food and customs paperwork. In the year to 31 March 2021, the UK sold £248.5m worth of fruit to the EU. But sales figures dropped to £119m the next year, and have since remained at that level.

1115 Retail Regulation May 2023

Supermarkets face having to label food as “not for EU” in four different ways under Brexit plans being discussed by the Government, reports *The Telegraph*. Retailers are expecting to have to place labels denoting food cannot be sent to the EU on not only the individual packs of food, but also on cases carrying products and on supermarket shelves. One senior supermarket boss described it as “gold plating” the so-called Windsor framework.

1114 Food Rice May 2023

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Here are fears that the £1bn UK rice milling industry, which employs thousands of workers, is at risk of being wiped out by a part of the post-Brexit trade deal being discussed with India, ministers have been warned. The deal to remove tariffs on imports of processed rice, proposed by Boris Johnson on a visit to Delhi in 2022, would also open the UK market to products that exceed safe pesticide limits.

1113 Financial Services Banking May 2023

Horsten Beck, director of the Florence School of Banking and Finance, has told the European Parliament that the proposed UK-EU memorandum of understanding (MOU) for a regulatory forum will contain few changes and won't reopen the door for London's financial centre to the bloc. It is feared that the UK financial sector will be largely cut off from the EU market for years, according to *Reuters*.

1112 Food Cheese May 2023

The CEO of the Cold Chain Federation has warned that UK imports controls due to come into force in October this year will make it much harder to bring some goods into the UK. Shane Brennan told *The Telegraph*: "We're going to see EU-based cheese and meat suppliers finding on November 1 that they can't fulfil their Christmas orders. It's going to come as a massive shock to the system, and there will be paralysis as a result while everything has to reset."

1111 Economy Online trading May 2023

The EU have proposed reforms to its customs service which will impact online trading platforms like Amazon and Alibaba. The move will ensure goods sold online comply with all customs obligations and consumers will no longer face hidden charges or unexpected paperwork when the parcel arrives. The current exemption under which goods valued at less than €150 are excused customs duty, seen as heavily exploited by fraudsters, will be abolished.

1110 Manufacturing Technology May 2023

The UK government's £1bn package of support for the semiconductor industry has been described as "insignificant" compared to the funding announced by the US and the EU, which is closer to £40bn. The chair of the parliamentary business select committee, Darren Jones, welcomed the strategy but added, "the initial £250m is a very small amount of subsidy compared to other countries".

1109 Culture Libraries May 2023

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Hull City Council's Library department say money provided from the government's Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) is "significantly less than previous EU funding" obtained for their business and intellectual property service which will see a "considerable reduction in capacity." The service is part of the British Library's national network of Business & IP Centres, helping to transform ideas into successful businesses.

1108 Financial Services Banking May 2023

Barclays is planning to hire 200 new workers in Paris in the latest blow to the City of London in the wake of Brexit, *The Telegraph* reports. It currently employs around 300 people in the French capital, almost as many as its Dublin office. CEO Francesco Ceccato told *Bloomberg*: "The need to keep hiring traders on the continent is obvious. Europe needs to develop its capital markets to reduce reliance on banks, so we have an opportunity to grow." Barclays plan to move into a larger Paris office near the Arc de Triomphe next year.

1107 Financial Services Stock market May 2023

In March, Paris extended its lead over London as Europe's largest stock market as companies continued to flee Britain. The London market is \$250bn (£204bn) smaller than its French rival, according to data from Bloomberg and reported by *The Telegraph*, as fears grow that the London Stock Exchange (LSE) is losing its allure. Raoul Salomon, chief executive of Barclays France, told Bloomberg: "People do not see Paris as a short-term gig anymore. They bring their kids and buy country houses."

1106 Financial Services Derivatives May 2023

According to the *FT*, the US has cornered the majority of trades in the \$100 trillion euro swap market as the stand off between London and Brussels over financial services pushed traders to send more of their deals to New York. The US's market share hit 51%, EU venues held 35% of the market, their lowest since December 2020. The UK market slumped to just 14%. Before Brexit, Britain accounted for more than 70% of the market.

1105 Financial Services Banking May 2023

The *Telegraph* report that investment bankers Goldman Sachs moved to a new, 9,000-square metre Paris headquarters in 2022, with its headcount more than doubling in the country in recent years. The Wall Street trader first opened a Paris office in 2020 as a result of Brexit and moved up to \$60bn (£46bn) worth of assets out of the UK and into Germany.

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1104 Manufacturing Automotive May 2023

Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) has joined Vauxhall maker Stellantis in criticising the current requirements of the Brexit Trade and Co-operation Agreement (TCA) negotiated by Boris Johnson and the EU. Both firms are calling for a new timeline to delay the introduction of the so-called “rules of origin” covering where parts must be sourced from, which they say will make their vehicles uncompetitive. JLR employs around 30,000 people in the UK.

1103 Food Inflation May 2023

Foreign Secretary James Cleverly has confirmed that “Not for EU” labelling will apply to food products across the UK and will be phased in gradually from this autumn as part of the Windsor Framework deal to reduce checks on British products entering Northern Ireland. The Food and Drink Federation warned that the labelling requirement, as well as new regulations on recycling packaging, would push up the price of the weekly shop just as inflation is set to fall.

1102 Economy Trade May 2023

A new report by the European Central Bank suggests Brexit has caused a “significant decline” in EU-UK trade in both directions while aggravating existing labour shortages in the British economy. It said the decline ranged from 10% to 25% depending on the methodology. The reports says there has been a substantial reduction in the number of products exported from the UK to the EU, but the ECB adds, “The same is not found for exports of products from the EU to the United Kingdom.”

1101 Food Farming May 2023

A farm in East Lancashire has applied to turn a field into a secure dog walking paddock to combat a post-Brexit drop in income. Supporting documents with the application from the 82-year old Bradley Farming Partnership says: “The farm has, like many, relied upon Basic Payment Scheme for extra farm income, which has since Brexit started to reduce. By 2024 this income stream will have halved and by 2028 will have finished in its entirety.”

1100 Manufacturing Automotive May 2023

Stellantis, which owns Vauxhall, Peugeot, Citroen and Fiat, has called on the government to renegotiate part of the Brexit deal or risk losing parts of its EV car industry. The company says it can no longer meet Brexit trade rules on where parts are sourced. “If the cost of electric vehicle manufacturing in the UK becomes uncompetitive and unsustainable, operations will close,” Stellantis told MPs in a written submission.

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1099 Economy Regulation May 2023

In an editorial, *The Telegraph* says UK Regulators have been accused by tech bosses of excessive rule-making, driving businesses abroad. The pro-Brexit newspaper claims that “it has come to something when the sector’s bosses prefer the regulatory approach of Brussels to that of post-Brexit Britain”.

1098 Education Schools May 2023

The head of a primary school in Hackney which is earmarked for closure next summer claims the 150-year old establishment is closing because it has too few pupils. Jo Riley, head of the Randal Crener school warned that some families have fled London because they no longer feel “wanted or needed” since Brexit. She added that some of the most marginalised families in the area are feeling “pushed out, unwanted and unheard.”

1097 Economy Shortages May 2023

According to a recent survey by Finbri, a financial services company, 83% of UK business owners are either concerned or strongly concerned about the impact of labour shortages on their companies. Stephen Clark, Bridging Loan Broker at Finbri, said labour shortages have become an ongoing conversation among businesses since Brexit, and the issue is only likely to worsen in the short term, offering little to contribute to the UK economy’s rebound.

1096 Economy Horticulture May 2023

A horticultural business in Malton, North Yorkshire has had to pull out of the Chelsea Flower Show due to what it describes as “bureaucracy gone mad.” The company has been unable to import species from the EU due to post-Brexit rule changes in the CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species) regulations. Wack’s Wicked Plants now require import licences and are struggling to obtain plants.

1095 Food Trade May 2023

A report by Sky News says soaring food and non-alcoholic drink prices are driving record-high UK inflation. The UK government denies this is related to Brexit but the Food and Drink Federation say it has “made the situation worse for UK manufacturers.” NFU president Minetter Batters says that while the UK was still in the EU, it was the “preferred country to work in” for seasonal labour, but now we’re out and freedom of movement has ended, the lack of EU workers has been a ‘huge, huge issue’.

1094 Economy Shortages May 2023

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Industry leaders have hit back at Home Secretary Suella Braverman, accusing her of being disconnected from the realities facing sectors suffering labour shortages. Ms Braverman claimed that there is “no good reason” why more British people can’t be trained to take up jobs as butchers and fruit pickers. Nick Allen, CEO at the British Meat Processors Association (BMPA), said it would take “decades” for the meat industry to shift to no longer be reliant on staff recruited from abroad.

1093 Culture Athletics May 2023

The English triathlete Lucy Charles-Barclay has been forced to give up hopes of competing at IRONMAN 70.3 in Kraichgau Germany next week, after she was unable to obtain a visa. Posting on Instagram, she revealed that she had used 88 of the 90 days allowed in the Schengen area and told her followers, “So for now I will be training hard at home and my next race will most likely be UK based so watch this space.”

1092 Economy Trade May 2023

A funding dispute between the UK and Scottish government’s has stalled work on a new Border Control Post planned for Cairnryan in Galloway to check goods coming from the Republic of Ireland and wider EU via Northern Ireland. The BCP is politically sensitive because there is still a question of how officials at Cairnryan will be able to discriminate between goods from Northern Ireland which have been promised ‘unfettered access’ and the Republic of Ireland which may require inspection.

1091 Energy Trade May 2023

Energy UK, an industry body which represents power generators and traders, said UK households have paid the price for “inefficient trading” arrangements since 2021, with electricity no longer exchanged through the EU market coupling regime. Consumers paid as much as £1.1bn more in 2022 after losing access to EU internal markets. Higher carbon prices added £700mn while bills were also boosted by as much as £370m due to post-Brexit trading arrangements, which mean inter-connector power is bought and sold less efficiently.

1090 Economy Trade May 2023

Sir Rocco Forte, the wealthy hotelier, Brexiteer, Tory donor and supporter of both Johnson and Truss has become ‘disillusioned’ by the aftermath of Brexit and may decide to move to Italy. Sir Rocco is said to be “depressed” by the state of the UK “and the direction in which it’s going”. He doesn’t know how he’ll vote at the next election. “We’re in a throwback to the 1970s, which I remember very well,” he laments in an interview with *The Times*.

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1089 Food Farming May 2023

The NFU reported that in 2023 domestic salad production hit a 40-year low while egg production fell to its weakest level since 2013. UK agriculture is said to be ‘navigating the fallout from Brexit and the pandemic’ with many farmers throwing in the towel amid soaring costs and labour shortages. It comes as the government has called a ‘food summit’ to be held in Downing Street this week.

1088 Economy Investment May 2023

According to *The Times*, figures from the Investment Association show UK wealth management firms control more than £10 trillion in assets but just £1.6 trillion is invested in this country and only £40 bn in infrastructure. The proportion of share portfolios devoted to British firms has fallen from 37% to 23% in just a decade. The article says “Leaving the EU was always going to hit the economy” but fears are growing that the government post-Brexit is not doing enough to attract new investors.

1087 Economy Investment May 2023

According to figures from the accountants Ernst & Young, France has taken first place in the league of foreign direct investment in European countries, pipping the UK for the second year running. France received 1,259 projects, breaking the European record for the second time. Experts have partially blamed post-Brexit uncertainty for Britain seeing just 929 new projects.

1086 Construction Trade May 2023

Siteright Construction Supplies, a manufacturer in Dorset, has told the British Chambers of Commerce that importing parts from the European Union to fix broken machines has become a costly and “time-consuming nightmare.” In a survey of more than 1,168 businesses, the BCC found 77% said Brexit has not helped them increase sales or grow their businesses. More than half said they were finding it difficult to adapt to the new rules for trading goods.

1085 Manufacturing Jewellery May 2023

Little Star, a UK company that makes jewellery for children saw business ‘take off’ in Holland before Brexit and had plans to expand into France and Germany. But since Brexit, only two of its 30+ Dutch customers are prepared to handle the costs and paperwork to obtain stock from the company. Products that took two days to ship are now taking three weeks, while import duties and sales taxes have made it much harder to compete with European jewellers, according to Rob Walker, who co-founded the business with his wife in 2017.

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1084 Economy Funding May 2023

According to the LSE Blog, parts of the UK which benefited from the EU's Regional and Social Funds have sustained heavy financial and enabling losses. Wales, it claims was expecting to receive £1.4 billion in the 2020-25 EU Budget while the latest "round" of allocation from the UK's "Shared Prosperity Fund" brings the total post-Brexit Development funding for Wales up to £840 million – £560 million less. A further loss of £243 million because of the post-Brexit reduction in farm funding is also forecast.

1083 Citizens Religion May 2023

Pinchas Goldschmidt, president of the Conference of European Rabbis, has said that Brexit was primarily behind the organisation's planned relocation of its European headquarters to Munich, Germany. Goldschmidt told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency last week that "Germany is one of the only countries in Europe where the Jewish community is growing and the political climate is conducive to build Jewish life there," confirming that Brexit was a leading factor in the move.

1082 Manufacturing Funding May 2023

The vacuum cleaner entrepreneur Sir James Dyson has launched a scathing attack on the prime minister's pledge to make the UK a "science and technology superpower" after Brexit. The Brexit supporting billionaire has warned that government policies are deterring multibillion-pound companies like Dyson from investing in the UK in favour of countries that "encourage growth and innovation rather than deter them". He also says that Sunak has refused to meet him and other.

1081 Economy Legal May 2023

The Employment Lawyers Association has warned that the REUL bill, by "wiping the slate clean" of the precedents on which previous court judgments were founded, means that businesses and employers will no longer be able to predict their obligations under the law with certainty. Paul McFarlane, chair of the ELA said removing EU law principles from UK law has a potential knock-on impact on how primary acts of parliament may be interpreted in the future.

1080 Economy Regions May 2023

Southampton City Council have said the gridlocked traffic which impacted drivers and caused "mass disruption" as holidaymakers travelled to the city's cruise ship terminals was due to Border Force carrying out impromptu security checks. A spokesperson said: "Border Force are carrying out impromptu security checks on all passengers which is slowing everything down and causing delays and congestion on the roads."

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1079 Economy Trade May 2023

George Eustice, a former environment secretary, under Boris Johnson, has accused ministers and officials of giving “too much away in trade talks without getting much in return.” Last year he described Britain’s free trade deal with Australia – largely negotiated by Ms Truss – as a failure. Eustice claimed there was “a wider problem within the government and within the Conservative Party in general” over liberalising trade.

1078 Northern Ireland Supply Chains May 2023

Profits at an Ulster blind manufacturer plunged “due to Brexit hit and pandemic boost wearing off” according to the Belfast Telegraph. Fourds Ltd, trading as Bloc Blinds, say Brexit has presented “challenges” and a “more significant impact to Bloc with uncertainty to business trading” during the financial year ending April 2022. Fourds’ turnover fell 87% and profits by 99%.

1077 Citizens Rights May 2023

Passengers who had a flight to Florence with Spanish airline Vueling cancelled at the last minute have had difficulty obtaining compensation. Coby Benson, an airline compensation expert, told *The Guardian* that Vueling should have provided a full refund within seven days of the cancellation, adding, “Prior to Brexit, we were able to issue court proceedings against it with relative ease using the European small claims procedure. However, that is no longer an option.”

1076 Northern Ireland Trade May 2023

Richard Orr, who runs William Orr and Son Potato Growers in Co. Down, grows, packs and distributes potatoes across Northern Ireland but says, “Brexit in essence, has meant, we are now limited to sourcing all seeds from within Northern Ireland.” The additional paperwork required to import ware potatoes from GB using the Trader Support Service means the company has had to employ an extra member of staff “purely to deal with the extra admin.”

1075 Northern Ireland Trade May 2023

The co-owner of Cavanagh Free-Range Eggs in Newtownbutler, Co. Fermanagh, Eileen Hall says before Brexit, “We used to sell a lot of eggs over to the UK.” But they have now decided to concentrate on the NI market instead because “everything seemed to be a lot of hassle.” Mrs Hall said, “Getting parts delivered from the mainland UK is

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another problem for us. [Suppliers] won't deliver direct to Northern Ireland, so we have to order them and get them sent to our farm in Scotland, go over and fetch them and bring them back on the boat ourselves."

1074 Retail Trade May 2023

Forme, one of Winchester's longest-standing independent shops, is closing and moving to Italy. Brexit was one of the deciding factors. The family business, which sells Italian gift and homeware items, opened in Parchment Street 24 years ago but importing goods from Europe has become much more expensive and difficult with the number of companies that want to supply to England decreasing by about 80%.

1073 Citizens Rights May 2023

Spain is considering ending its so-called "golden visa" scheme, which has been used by Britons to obtain residency since Brexit. The scheme allows non-EU nationals a three-year residency if they buy property worth €500,000 (£436,000) or more or invest the same amount in businesses. The EU has warned its member states to end such schemes or make it harder for applicants to qualify, amid fears the programmes have been exploited by criminals to launder cash in villas or bogus companies.

1072 Immigration Increase May 2023

Immigration experts are predicting migration levels to the UK could soar to twice the numbers seen before Brexit, according to *The Telegraph*. The number entering the UK minus those leaving – could hit a record high of 675,000, double the pre-Brexit peak of 331,000 eight years ago and surpassing the previous record high of 504,000 set in the year to June 2022. The jump has been fuelled by a continued sharp increase in non-EU migrants entering the UK to work, study, escape conflict or oppression and join relatives. The number of EU citizens arriving has slumped since Brexit ended freedom of movement.

1071 Manufacturing Automotive May 2023

The CEO of the luxury-car maker Bentley, Adrian Hallmark, has warned the UK's failure to attract investments from electric vehicle start-ups or large battery makers was "concerning." He told the FT: "It's surprising, if not a bit concerning that no [electric vehicle] manufacturer or battery manufacturer has chosen the UK over any other location as an investment destination." China's BYD has previously said that it did not even consider a plant in the country because of its decision to leave the EU.

1070 Economy Survey May 2023

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A survey of members of the Institute of Directors on the impact of the government's plans to scrap up to 4,000 EU laws has revealed that their "preference is for regulatory stability in the current framework". Dr. Roger Barker, director of policy at the IOD said, "Rules and regulations across a range of business-relevant areas could be changed or removed without the normal processes of parliamentary scrutiny or stakeholder consultation. This gives rise to a level of regulatory uncertainty which is extremely unhelpful for business."

1069 Environment Funding May 2023

The conservationist group Trees for Life has claimed that Brexit has made the task of rewilding Scotland more difficult. Steve Micklewright said that the UK leaving the EU had presented problems in their efforts to rewild an area of the Highlands "the size of a small country". He said, ""We are one of the last beneficiaries of [European development funding] in Scotland. We won't have that any more. So if somebody else wants a rewilding centre, a really important source of European funding ... has gone."

1068 Food Trade May 2023

Milk, butter, meat, fish and vegetables may be labelled "not for EU" across the whole of the UK, and not just Northern Ireland, as agreed under Rishi Sunak's Windsor Framework which will begin coming into force in October. Sir Iain Duncan Smith has described the regulation as "ridiculous" while David Jones, former cabinet minister, said, "There is no good reason why food produced and sold in any part of the United Kingdom should be labelled 'not for EU', much less if it is sold in mainland Great Britain."

1067 Economy Regulation May 2023

The government has awarded a £4mn contract to a top London law firm for help delivering on a promised post Brexit "bonfire" of 4,000 EU-era laws. The business department has hired lawyers from Hogan Lovells, one of the largest firms in the UK amid reports that the government is likely to fall short of its plan to rid the statute books of EU law by the end of the year.

1066 Economy Tourism May 2023

The co-owner of a cafe in Stirling has expressed disappointment that her application for cash to pilot a project to help recruit staff in the local area has been declined. Sarah Heward, co-owner of The Real Food Café, missed out on funding for her tourism and hospitality training scheme. Mrs Heward expressed frustration that so little is being done to tackle the labour shortage caused by Brexit which is threatening the viability of one of Scotland's most economically important industries.

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1065 Economy Trade May 2023

A South Korean keyboard manufacturer has a notice on their website: “Important announcement, For orders from the UK, orders under \$200 will not be processed and it will be canceled due to Brexit.” Geon have been advised by their customs agent that there are many situations where customs clearance is delayed, so the amount excluding shipping could be more than \$200 and so they decline orders below that value.

1064 Economy Trade May 2023

A report by the House of Lords European Affairs committee has warned that the government needed to do more to address “well-documented labour shortages”. Post-Brexit visa rules need to be changed in order to help firms overcome worsening labour shortages. The complexity of visa regulations in the wake of Britain exiting the EU has proved a “significant barrier to mobility”

1063 Financial Services Funding May 2023

Cambridge-based software company ARM has chosen to list on the New York Stock Exchange rather than London. ARM hope to raise \$10billion with its initial public offering (IPO), an amount it believes would not be possible in Britain. The company’s co-founder Herman Hauser told the BBC: “The fact is that New York is a much deeper market than London, partially because of the the Brexit idiocy the image of the London Stock Exchange has suffered a lot in the international community.”

1062 Education Funding May 2023

An editorial in the world’s most prestigious scientific journal, Nature, argues that British scientists are right to reject the UK government’s proposed alternative to Horizon, the EU’s flagship €95 bn research funding scheme. The alternative plan, known as Pioneer, Nature say is ‘near-silent on maintaining the collaborations needed to meet crucial global goals on climate and sustainability and does not guarantee funding. The verdict of the leading UK research institutions is near-unanimous they claim: anything less than full membership of Horizon Europe will be an inferior outcome.

1061 Culture Broadcasting May 2023

Brexit has been overwhelmingly negative, according to the latest review of the country’s pro-AV market by AV Magazine. Potential upsides are ‘swamped by the experience today of red tape, uncertainty and loss of access to the EU single market.’ Ken Morrison, sales director at Sennheiser, says: “The benefit part is easy – there are

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none, travel is more expensive and more restricted, and international trade has become more challenging, leading to more vacant high street shops and empty offices. Combined with other factors such as rising fuel bills, it feels like the perfect storm.”

1060 Culture Football Apr 2023

Top-flight UK football clubs need to comply with a complex governing body endorsement (GBE) points-based system to recruit overseas players after Brexit. The FA is now proposing a new plan to allow clubs to employ more foreign players with “great potential” and who make a “significant contribution” to be signed in exchange for allowing UK born players more ‘playing minutes.’ Paul Barber, Brighton & Hove Albion’s chief executive, said that UK clubs were at a “big disadvantage” with European rivals.

1059 Services Hospitality Apr 2023

Brexit is said to be “killing the hospitality industry,” according to statistics compiled by *The Independent*. Almost 4,600 pubs, clubs, hotels and restaurants closed in the year to 31 March 2023 a six-fold increase over 2022. It is claimed the figures lay bare the devastating impact of staff shortages caused by Brexit, as well as the cost of living crisis. Luke Wasserman, the co-owner of Fenn, a restaurant in Hackney said: “Prior to Brexit, I believe things were very different. We had 10 good candidates per job before we left the EU; now we are lucky if anyone turns up.”

1058 Citizens Travel Apr 2023

Despite warnings, UK travellers trying to enter the Schengen zone are being turned away on a daily basis by airline staff at boarding gates – mostly because their UK passport is over ten years old. A teacher from Brighton, is one of the latest. Rosi Simpson was left “mortified and in tears” after easyJet staff refused to allow her to board a flight to Paris to see her son, who is studying there, because her UK passport had been issued 10 years and one day previously.”

1057 Manufacturing Trade Apr 2023

The MD of a Derbyshire-based playing card maker, Jeremy Shaw, says its export business has been almost completely wiped out by Brexit. The country’s leading producer of heritage playing cards has lost 85% of his company’s trade with EU customers – which accounted for 35% of its total turnover. Mr Shaw said, “The paperwork and the costs of getting packages over to the EU mean they think it is just not worth it. Brexit has been a complete and utter disaster.”

1056 Economy Regulation Apr 2023

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In a letter to Kemi Badenoch, the business secretary, 25 leading British safety bodies have warned that proceeding with plans to revoke or replace up to 4,000 Retained EU laws by the end of 2023, would inflict a serious blow to workplace standards. The group, which includes the TUC, the British Safety Council and the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, said the government's timetable created dangerous uncertainty. TUC general secretary Paul Nowak said the legislation was "reckless" and could be a disaster for workers' safety. "Ministers must step back from the brink and ditch this bill before it's too late," he added.

1055 Manufacturing Regulation Apr 2023

The President of US giant Microsoft, Brad Smith, has said the EU is a better place to start a business than Britain post-Brexit, as he launched a stinging attack on the UK's decision to block a \$69bn (£55bn) deal to takeover Activision Blizzard. Smith said people around the world were "shocked" by the Competition and Markets Authority's (CMA) ruling against the takeover of the Call of Duty developer, and suggested the decision would cause businesses to think twice about investing and growing their businesses in the UK.

1054 Health Regulation Apr 2023

Research by Imperial College Business School suggests fewer novel drugs were authorised by the the UK's Medicines Agency in 2021 – its first year of post Brexit independence – than by the EU. The MHRA issued 35 approvals in the UK, compared to 40 in Europe and 52 in the US. And Nearly 70% of new drugs authorised by UK authorities relied on the EU's approval process. The report also says there were encouraging results from early steps made to fast-track new drugs.

1053 Manufacturing Funding Apr 2023

The CEO of Unipart, John Neil has told the BBC he is considering moving investment to the US or Europe due to new subsidies offered there. The parts and logistics giant has 8,000 employees and Neil has asked his team to consider whether the company should be "pivoting more into those markets and possibly also into our European companies". It follows Joe Biden's Inflation Reduction Act and similar plans being formulated in Brussels. The UK government has made no announcement so far.

1052 Borders Travel Apr 2023

1051 Retail Travel Apr 2023

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Gerry Murphy, chairman of the luxury goods retailer Burberry, said the the scrapping of VAT refunds for tourists after Brexit was a “spectacular own goal” and had made Britain the “least attractive shopping destination in Europe.” Murphy said leaving the single market had had a “significant friction effect on trade.” He challenged Rishi Sunak at the Business Connect conference in London, which saw around 200 high-profile chief executives given the opportunity to question the prime minister.

1050 Economy Trade Apr 2023

Brexit has been blamed for the surge in UK chief executives quitting their jobs, according to research by management consultants Russel Reynolds, reported in *The Telegraph*. The number jumped by 111% in 2022, as bosses battle sluggish growth and a nightmare of EU red tape. This far exceeded the 39% increase among America’s S&P 500. The research found that 38 chief executives quit as the heads of Britain’s largest listed companies, up from just 18 in 2021.

1049 Health Trade Apr 2023

Writing in the *British Medical Journal*, academics at Newcastle University have claimed that the UK’s post-Brexit decision to join the CPTPP, one of the world’s largest free trade agreements could threaten public health. They call for an “health impact assessment” to be carried out before signing the deal, which they said could “lead to a weakening of food safety standards” and could compromise situations where the “precautionary principle” is used to make laws to protect public health – such as when it comes to regulation of alcohol and tobacco.

1048 Food Inflation Apr 2023

Member of a major British business group, speaking to *Politico* on condition of anonymity, said that post-Brexit red tape for EU imports coming in in October via the government’s Target Border Operating Model will mean “some producers on the EU side will find it is no longer possible to trade with the UK”, adding that “It will add to the costs, and probably inflation, but I think we need to go through this so we can work with the EU to find advantageous improvements”.

1047 Education Funding Apr 2023

Dundee and Angus College have suffered an estimated £1mn drop in funding since Brexit. In a new report Gregory Colgan, Dundee City Council’s CEO said, “Despite the allocations, the resources available for Dundee fall short of what would have been expected from the EU.” A spokesperson for the college said: “Reduction in European funding has been a concern for D&A College since Brexit, as it is for the local region.

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1046 Economy Trade Apr 2023

Milan is said to have become an Italian powerhouse with “newfound energy and confidence” partly driven by Brexit. A significant number of bankers, fund managers and other financial services workers have shifted from London to Milan with the pace of relocation an accelerating trend over the last couple of years. A banker who returned to Milan after ten years in London said: “You have the same financial community you had in London but in a place where there are tax incentives, and where the weather and quality of life are better.”

1045 Financial Services Banking Apr 2023

At the 2023 London Book Fair, not a single publisher contacted by the trade journal *Publishers Weekly* had a single positive thing to say about the impact of Brexit. Everything is more expensive including printing, warehousing and shipping, with endless forms and returned packages. Peter Gill, managing director at Graffeg, also claims: “Brexit triggered more than import export issues, it destroyed the prospect of working with European partners on development projects, where benefits and outcomes could be shared alike.”

1044 Culture Publishing Apr 2023

The latest ONS Trade statistics say in 2021, the first full year after Brexit, Britain fell in the global ranking of the top 30 exporting countries for both goods and services, from fifth place to seventh, slipping behind France and Holland. Using the chained volume measure to remove the effects of inflation, the ONS said UK trade (both exports and imports) has “remained relatively stable over the past year”.

1043 Transport Shortages Apr 2023

There has been a “huge” increase in the number of enquiries from UK haulage and warehousing firms desperately trying to **employ foreign workers**, according to law firm Aaron & Partners and reported by *MotorTransport*. Adam Haines, immigration and employment law partner, said: “There’s a growing skills shortage in the UK and with historically low levels of unemployment, many companies are turning to other countries to address these issues” adding that the problem could run to the “end of 2023 and beyond”.

1042 Education Trade Apr 2023

(EUK), the association representing the English Language Training (ELT) sector say 83% of the EU youth groups who enjoyed study holidays in Britain chose to go elsewhere in the summer of 2022 due to new post-Brexit passport and visa requirements. This compares to ELT competitors within the EU, Ireland and Malta, which lost just 30% of

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their equivalent trade after covid. EUK say unless the UK government reform the rules the £1.4bn sector may not recover until 2030. Some 25% of European study travel agent believe it will never fully recover.

1041 Manufacturing Technology Apr 2023

Herman Hauser, co-founder of Amadeus Capital Partners and ARM Holdings, has put the chances of Britain becoming the next Silicon Valley as the chancellor has suggested, at “zero.” He told the BBC’s Newsnight that in regard to semiconductors Britain will always remain a “minnow” and said the 2016 Brexit referendum vote was the “biggest loss of British sovereignty since 1066”.

1040 Food Fishing Apr 2023

Scarborough and Whitby MP Sir Robert Goodwill claims Whitby Seafoods and the port of Kilkeel in Co Down, that rely fishers from the Philippines to harvest langoustines could go out of business without special visa exemptions. “I am not crying wolf when I say this is really putting at risk the scampi industry,” Sir Robert told MPs. Post Brexit changes to the visa system in March mean overseas fishermen now need a skilled migration visa, with the Home Office refusing exemptions. DUP MP Carla Lockhart said “It is inexplicable that the Government are singling out the fishing industry for a separate, damaging policy.

1039 Services Tourism Apr 2023

Tom Jenkins, chief executive of ETOA, the European tourism association says the UK is also losing out on tourists from the rest of the world. “People are starting to drop the UK as a gateway to a European tour,” he said. “It’s not the only factor, but previously we had been the principal arrival point for people coming to Europe from America, from Japan, and anywhere else.” He added that, “This is really Brexit biting everyone on the backside”.

1038 Charitable sector Funding Apr 2023

Northern Ireland charities are poised to lose millions in EU money next year as a result of Brexit, leading to warnings that their survival is on the line. These NGOs claim the British government’s replacement fund will leave a hole in their finances, potentially exacerbating social inequalities.

1037 Retail Pharma Apr 2023

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England's pharmacies are said to be 'on the brink of collapse' – struggling with a shortage of staff and medical supplies – combined with increased patient demand and soaring costs, according to an industry survey shared with *Channel 4*. The problems are caused by a combination of factors including Brexit, the war in Ukraine and the aftermath of the pandemic.

1036 Economy Trade Apr 2023

In stark contrast to the UK, Ireland's Economic and Social Research Institute think tank predicts the country's economy will grow 5.5% this year, and a huge 6% next year. Meanwhile, Britain's Office for Budget Responsibility predict that the UK economy would shrink by 0.2% in 2023. Many economists argue that the 'major cause' is Brexit. Ireland's GDP per capita is now twice that of the UK.

1035 Economy Trade Apr 2023

The trade deficit widened in February as export volumes declined to more than 9% below the 2019 pre-pandemic average even after global trade increased by 23% in 2021 alone. The ONS estimates that the damage from Brexit is likely to have been even larger than the trade figures suggest because changes in its data collection methods have boosted present trade data relative to how the numbers would have been measured before 2022.

1034 Food Meat Apr 2023

Professor Chris Elliott, who headed the horsemeat scandal inquiry in 2013 warns the UK is isolated from intelligence over food supply chains in Europe, increasing the risk of new scandals. Elliott said that Brexit meant the UK no longer benefited from membership and intelligence briefings of the EU Agri-Food Fraud Network, which helps coordinate activities concerning cross-border food fraud.

1033 Economy Trade Apr 2023

Simon French, Head of Research at investment bank Panmure Gordon, said Brexit has been a "big contributing factor" in companies snubbing the City of London in favour of listing in New York. UK stock market valuations have slumped since the 2016 vote to leave the EU. Flutter Entertainment, which owns bookmaker Paddy Power, is reported to be consulting shareholders over a listing on the NYSE. They would follow Chip maker Arm and building materials firm CRH, which have a combined market value of around £80bn, in choosing the US over London.

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1032 Manufacturing Automotive Apr 2023

The Monaco based owner of Ineos Chemicals, Sir Jim Ratcliffe, has announced plans to build an electric version of its new Grenadier off-road vehicle in Austria. Billionaire Ratcliffe, a vocal Brexit backer, chose a French factory to build the the original Grenadier, meaning Britain has twice lost out on significant investment.

1031 Financial Services The City Apr 2023

Bloomberg report that two years after Brexit there has been a clear shift by financial firms across the Channel with several European Union cities sharing the spoils at the expense of London. Paris is said to be the bloc's new pre-eminent financial hub while Amsterdam, Frankfurt. Dublin, Milan, Madrid and Warsaw are playing important supporting roles. The City has effectively given up its mantle as the default location for companies to tap global pools of capital via stock and bond markets.

1030 Manufacturing General Apr 2023

Research by Birmingham Business School suggests that Midlands-based SMEs face extra costs, delays and disruption in getting supplies into the EU. Some EU customers have turned to EU-based suppliers, and in other cases, Midlands-based firms have opened or expanded operations in the EU. Importing firms are responding to Brexit in several ways, such as switching to non-EU sourcing. Smaller firms are said to really struggle with customs and rules of origin paperwork resulting in some companies ceasing to export or using expensive stockpiling at hubs inside the bloc.

1029 Financial Services Trade Apr 2023

The UK economy is yet to feel the worst impacts of Brexit, according to Kristine Braden, CEO of Citibank Europe. Speaking at a Bloomberg during panel discussion at the New Economy Gateway Europe conference, she said, "The messier part is yet to come," in terms of the impact on financial services. Citigroup Inc is still in the process of moving employees and is now entering a third phase, moving some of its products from the UK to other European countries. Her view was backed up by APCO Worldwide LLC adviser Declan Kelleher, who said cross-border trade frictions are likely to increase as the UK begins to implement new rules.

1028 Citizens Rights Apr 2023

Passengers on bus and coach trips to the continent which are delayed could lose their right to compensation under the controversial retained EU law (REUL) bill. Legislation specifically designed to offer redress for those on trips of longer than 250km (155 miles) has been omitted from a government list of more than 3,700 laws that could be scrapped. Rocio Concha, the director of policy and advocacy at the Which? consumer group, said: "It's clear that the government does not currently have a firm enough grip on the extent of legislation which is at risk of simply slipping off the statute books by mistake."

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1027 Culture Trade Apr 2023

Shipping books to the EU is now expensive and complex. Rail Books in the UK for example quote £30 for economy courier delivery (£55 express) for a book costing £4.50 in the UK. This is on a DDU basis (Incoterms – delivered, duty unpaid) which means the EU customer may also be charged import duty as well.

1026 Citizens Rights Apr 2023

Annabel Fenwick Elliott, a freelance journalist who is listed on Muckrack as a senior content editor at The Telegraph, has been left ‘crushed’ after she was unable to obtain a spouse visa for her German born fiancé to come and live in London with her and their son Jasper. Elliot, writing in The Times, says she was unable to meet the minimum earnings threshold of £22,400 after being on unpaid maternity leave last year.

1025 Economy Funding Apr 2023

Cornish food businesses have claimed lack of government support and labour shortages have left them “stunted” post-Brexit, according to *The Grocer*. The biggest challenges are linked to staffing and skills shortages post-Brexit, maintaining trade with the EU and accessing new markets outside Cornwall, a recent survey of about 50 Cornish businesses showed. Louise Ellis, co-founder of food and drink network Cornwall Gateway. “Our farms relied on European workers – we’re now watching them stockpile stuff on their fields. I’ve never seen so much wasted crops, ahead of Christmas you could smell rotten broccoli and brussels sprouts in the fields.”

1024 Culture Musicians Apr 2023

The New Musical Express (NME) are reporting figures in the UK music industry suggesting that first summer of post-pandemic touring has shown that the complications of Brexit are “strangling the next generation of UK talent in the cradle”. Artists and managers tell how the “nightmare” of new red tape saw artists suffering due to “Brexit f**k-ups and a lack of government control” – with White Lies one of the major acts forced to cancel dates in Europe due to their equipment being held up.

1023 Culture Musicians Apr 2023

A three-piece punk-rock band from Stuttgart, due to play seven venues in the UK last week, was turned away by the UK Border Force at Calais. Their passports were confiscated and Border Force officials demanded a “certificate of sponsorship” (COS) from each venue they were due to play. The band did not have the COS certificates and had planned to enter the UK under the “permitted paid engagement” (PPE) exemption, which is free.

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1022 Economy Inflation Apr 2023

Millions of British workers will be about £1,300 worse off a year due to Brexit according to John Springford, deputy director at the Centre for European Reform, told the Evening Standard. He highlighted the blow to people's income, compared with what it would likely have been if the UK had not quit the European Union, its biggest trading partner.

1021 Economy Trade Apr 2023

Using figures from the Office for National Statistics, the FT has shown that Britain's goods exports are lagging all other G7 economies, which trade experts say provides more evidence of the impact of Brexit. Quarterly figures published by the ONS in March showed that in the last three months of 2022, UK export volumes, excluding precious metals, were more than 9 per cent below the 2019 pre-pandemic average.

1020 Culture Musicians Apr 2023

Several key members of a Ukrainian state orchestra have been refused visas to play a series of concerts, which had been had been promoted on the UK government website as an example of British-Ukrainian relations. The Khmelnitsky Orchestra had been due to play: The Magical Music of Harry Potter, and The Music From the Lord of the Rings, The Hobbit and The Rings of Power. The show's promoter described it as a "catastrophe" that cost it more than €100,000 (£88,000).

1019 Manufacturing Lace Apr 2023

An Ilkeston Lace maker, Cluny Lace, say the 200 year old business may be forced to close after HMRC demanded 8% duty is paid on the company's own stock when it returns from a specialist dyer in France. MD Charles Mason told the BBC that soaring costs, Covid, the loss of export markets and new customs tariffs had left the company struggling. Six staff have been made redundant and the situation was "awful", he added.

1018 Economy Inflation Apr 2023

The soaring cost of food and insurance has been blamed on Brexit by Engin Kara, a professor in macroeconomics at Cardiff University. He blames "a supply and demand mismatch" that he says Brexit has made much harder to correct. Previously, if egg production in the UK is lower, more eggs can be easily imported from another EU

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country, stabilising prices. This is no longer true. And he is pessimistic about the future: “Simply put, prices will continue to increase until we are poor enough not to afford as much as we did before.”

1017 Borders UK-EU Apr 2023

New imports controls to be introduced in October are set to add millions to the costs of bringing in goods and produce from the EU, according to the FT. Using government figures, they claim the so-called 'light-touch' checks will add £420 million a year to the cost of imports. Although this is less than the £820 million originally forecast, it will still mean UK consumers will pay higher prices.

1016 Transport Travel Apr 2023

Belmond, the company that runs the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express (VSOE), has decided to drop the London-to-Folkestone leg of the route because it has become too difficult to cross the border to Calais. A spokesperson said, “We’re adjusting operations in 2024 ahead of enhanced passport and border controls. We want to avoid any risk of travel disruption for our guests – delays and missing train connections – and provide the highest level of service, as seamless and relaxed as possible.”

1014 Culture Creative industries Apr 2023

Brexit has done “terrible damage” to opera according to set designer Anthony McDonald and director Oliver Mears who have spoken to *The Stage* about the current state of opera in the UK. Mr McDonald said: “Brexit has done terrible damage because it has absolutely curtailed people’s careers, because this thing about only being allowed into Europe for so many days of a year means great singers are turning down roles abroad. This is also a tragedy.”

1013 Citizens Travel Apr 2023

Significant numbers of French and German tourists are beginning to avoid the UK because of post-Brexit restrictions on travelling with identity cards. The number of passenger vehicles transported by Le Shuttle through the Channel tunnel in the first two months of 2023 fell by 20% while Brittany Ferries saw a fall of 54% in arrivals in 2022 compared with 2019. Jersey’s government has announced a pilot project allowing French citizens to show their ID cards on day trips to the island.

1012 Food Wine Apr 2023

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The Daily Mail report that a ‘double whammy’ tax rise amounting to 20 per cent will push up the cost of Australian wine by at least 53p from August 1, according to the Wine and Spirit Trade Association. This, it says, will more than wipe out any benefit of removing import tariffs of between 6p and 9p a bottle when the free trade deal comes into force later this year.

1011 Culture Museums Apr 2023

The Art Newspaper points out that the National Gallery has lost more visitors in the past four years than any other museum or gallery in the global top 100. Whereas many of Paris’s museums are within 10 per cent of their 2019 figures, London’s are mostly 30 to 40 per cent below. One possible reason *The Times* says, is because post Brexit, any Chinese or Japanese tourist “doing Europe” now needs an extra visa to include Britain in their travels. Similarly, far fewer EU school parties come here because they can no longer enter on a group passport or ID cards.

1010 Citizens Travel Apr 2023

In what they described as a “Kafkaesque” nightmare, French schoolteachers organising a €450 four-day package trip to Stratford-upon-Avon, have told the *FT* that because three of the party of 40 children were non-EU nationals they are now required to obtain individual visas, with each application costing €120 and requiring a trip to Paris or the nearest regional visa office. Even so, three were rejected and the experience of dealing with the Home Office had been so bad the headteacher had cancelled all future trips to the UK until conditions improved.

1009 Citizens Travel Apr 2023

Bird hobbyists have warned that a rare canary species bred for centuries in Britain may become a thing of the past because of Brexit. Access to the birds, particularly in the Netherlands and Belgium where canary and budgie breeding is also popular, has been lethally impeded by new rules. Each bird now has to be tested and certified for five diseases before it can travel between the UK and the EU.

1008 Borders UK-EU Apr 2023

The UK’s new post-Brexit border plan, published last week, could see food companies paying many millions of pounds to help the government recover costs for its new Brexit border posts according to an article in *The Grocer*. From next year, UK importers will need to pay a new border inspection charge of up to £43 per consignment. This is in addition to the EU exporters’ costs for environmental health certificates (up to €700) and specialised shipping agents charges (€50 -€200).

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1007 Borders UK-EU Apr 2023

The Port of Dover has announced plans to avoid a repeat of last weeks disruption (see 980). The plans include reducing coach traffic at peak times and spreading travel across a 3-day period from 6 to 8 April and installing additional temporary border control infrastructure which is being trialled this week in readiness for the Easter weekend. Coach and car drivers are being advised not to arrive early to avoid unnecessary bottlenecks.

1006 Food Eggs Apr 2023

The British Egg Industry Council (BEIC) has reacted with disbelief that import tariffs on eggs and egg products are to be phased out following the government announcement that the UK is set to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP). BEIC chief executive Mark Williams said, "Government instead chose to prioritise economics over animal welfare." CPTPP member Mexico uses 99% caged birds, a practice banned in the UK since 2012 on cruelty grounds.

1005 Borders UK-EU Apr 2023

Goods imported from the EU will be subject to new red tape from October, after the UK government today released its new post-Brexit Target Border Operating Model. The Cold Chain Federation claims the 'light touch' proposals will not solve the real risks facing post-Brexit food supply chains and will exacerbate shortages and inflation. The plans, say the CCF, "will make it more expensive, slower, and more complicated to export products such as meat and dairy from the EU into the UK."

1004 Borders UK-EU Apr 2023

Coach operators have reacted angrily to the decision by Eurotunnel to limit the number of coaches that it conveys on its shuttle service between Dover and Calais. Eurotunnel say that limits will be in place for the peak summer period. Tracy Bayliss, Eurotunnel Business Manager said also that no online bookings will be taken for this summer explaining that the restrictions are necessary because of pressures on capacity and staff resource. Prices for those coach spaces that are available will increase, she added.

1003 Borders UK-EU Apr 2023

Coaches are experiencing 12 hour delays at Dover due to long border processing times and bad weather. P&O Ferries reported coach delays of three hours this morning – and people in cars said they too were stuck. Some coaches, including for school trips, had to wait at the port overnight and around 400 more were expected to arrive

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today. Travel writer Simon Calder, told the BBC that having an EU border at Dover meant things were “gumming up”, and that each individual passport must now be inspected and stamped.

1002 Culture Creative industries Apr 2023

The Unboxed science and arts festival, formerly known as the festival of Brexit, has cost taxpayers £116 million and reached a third of the original attendance target of 66 million. Just 2.7 million people went to a live event, with another 15.8 million engaging online. The National Audit Office said that the festival failed to reach “public awareness.”

1001 Financial Services The City Apr 2023

London remains Europe’s dominant financial hub says *The Telegraph* while failing to mention that New York overtook it as the world’s pre-eminent financial centre in 2018. Elsewhere, CityAM says The City of London Corporation has warned that the Square Mile’s competitive advantage is “at risk.”

1000 Citizens Polling Apr 2023

The Guardian report on a recent survey by King’s College showing that since Brexit, the number of people declaring confidence in parliament has slumped by 10 percentage points to 22% while there has been a seven percentage point rise in confidence in the Brussels-based bloc, to 39%. Former Brexit secretary David Davis has related it to the right-wing press at The Sun, Daily Telegraph, Times and Daily Mail no longer “kicking Brussels all the time” as they did in the run-up to the 2016 referendum.

999 Culture Broadcasting Apr 2023

Brussels is considering removing the UK from the list of countries that streaming giants can use to meet EU quotas for “European” TV shows, say *The Telegraph*. Under the EU’s Audiovisual Media Services Directive, on-demand platforms must carry at least 30 per cent European content in their catalogues but an EU Commission policy paper suggested that UK shows should not be classified as “European” because of Brexit when the rules are revised. This could impact services like Netflix.

998 Food Honey Mar 2023

The EU’s directorate general for health and food safety, covering 18 countries that are part of the EU food fraud network (not the UK after Brexit) has found 100% of honey samples from the UK were adulterated with cheap sugar syrup. Arturo Carrillo, the Mexico-based coordinator of the international Honey Authenticity Network, said: “The

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UK is flooded with very cheap adulterated honey imported from China. What is disappointing is that the British authorities have been very, very much reluctant to accept and address this tremendous problem.”

997 Education Funding Mar 2023

Back-to-work schemes across England previously funded by the EU are being **forced to close and lay off staff**, despite a last-minute change of heart by the government. The Department for Levelling Up (DLUHC) wrote to local authorities last week giving them the green light to spend their shared prosperity fund (SPF) allocations on job schemes, from April. Liz Tapner, the chief executive of the Lancashire social enterprise network Selnet, said: “I’m serving redundancy notices to 12 members of my team today, it’s so sad.”

996 Manufacturing Automotive Mar 2023

From February 2024, new models of “power driven vehicles” for the movement of passengers and goods on British roads will require separate GB type approval (this excludes Northern Ireland, where UK(NI) or EU type approvals must be used) adding a layer of extra post-Brexit complexity, time and cost for both UK and EU manufacturers. Trailers and semi-trailers will need separate GB approval from February 2025. EU makers without a GB based representative will need to appoint one.

995 Culture Broadcasting Mar 2023

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994 Education Shortages Mar 2023

Employment group Manpower said the number of employers reporting skills shortages has increased six-fold over the last decade – and more than doubled since pre-Brexit and the pandemic. Four in five businesses are said to be struggling to fill vacancies because of a lack of skilled workers – the highest number in 17 years, new research suggests.

993 Food Red tape Mar 2023

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A member of the Bank of England Monetary Policy Committee Catherine Mann, says that Brexit has helped fuel the highest food inflation in 45 years after causing an exodus of small EU exporters from the UK market. Mann claimed Brexit was an important driver of the accelerating food-price surge gripping UK households after tangling up EU firms in costly red tape. “It gets too expensive to get over the red tape and so forth, so that’s an important ingredient,” she said.

992 Manufacturing Regulation Mar 2023

Sir Patrick Vallance, the UK’s chief scientific adviser, has been reviewing regulation of new technologies for the chancellor has said UK companies do not want to diverge from EU rules. Vallance said that although there was a need to be “flexible” in the early stages of a new field, “as technology becomes mature, and it becomes more established companies actually want consistent regulation across different countries. They don’t want lots of different regulation.” He made it “very clear” to ministers that “convergence becomes important as technologies mature”.

991 Borders Gibraltar Mar 2023

The UK and Spain are at loggerheads over who should check the passports of people arriving at Gibraltar airport. To allow passport free travel between the enclave and Spain post-Brexit, Spanish authorities say it is they who must check all passports coming into Gibraltar. “There is no doubt. It is the only way. The passport checks have to be done by the Policía Nacional,” an official is quoted as saying.

990 Manufacturing Bicycles Mar 2023

A British maker of children’s bicycles, Frog Bikes has said mounting Brexit costs drove it into the red last year. The company’s annual accounts released on last week, show pre-tax losses of over half a million pounds for the year to the end of February 2022. In the report, Frog Bikes co-founders and directors Jerry and Shelley Lawson say the company had struggled with the “continuing friction” caused by the UK’s departure from the EU, which took effect in January 2020.

989 Food Fishing Mar 2023

Pembrokeshire fishers are facing a £199 fee to export their products to the EU. The fee is being introduced by the County Council for providing Export Health Certificates, mandatory for all companies in the UK exporting or moving live animal products to the EU post-Brexit. A spokesperson from Pembrokeshire CC said: “As a result of Brexit, fishery products exported to the European Union from the United Kingdom now require an EHC, as laid out in the Official Control Regulations 2017/625.”

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988 Borders UK-EU Mar 2023

Almost half a billion pounds of taxpayers' cash has been spent on sites for Brexit import checks that were never introduced after a government U-turn, according to the i newspaper. Seven Inland Border Facilities (IBFs) were built at a cost of £466 mn to inspect plant and animal goods from the EU, before ministers shelved the policy over a feared £1bn hit to trade that would trigger food shortages.

987 Services Hospitality Mar 2023

Bristol hotel and bar managers have condemned a government decision not to fast-track visas for EU workers. Official figures show hospitality vacancies have risen by 72% since Brexit. The owner of Espensen Spirits bar, Sam Espensen, says she is finding it difficult to staff big events. "We've had Italian chefs, we've had French bartenders, I had a wonderful Portuguese guy who would come and do weddings and events bars with me. All of them left **because of Brexit**, and none of them are coming back," she said.

986 Manufacturing General Mar 2023

According to a new report by the think tank UK in a Changing Europe looking at manufacturing in the Midlands, Brexit has imposed extra burdens on firms in terms of compliance costs, supply chain disruption and additional inventory costs, labour shortages, regulatory issues and funding for R&D. In some cases, such firms have either ceased exporting or now stockpile at hubs in EU member states. Manufacturers also face barriers to repatriating activity, especially in the context of deep fractures and gaps in the domestic supply chain.

985 Culture Creative industries Mar 2023

Survey carried out by the website wallpaper.com shows Brexit is 'hampering creativity' in the UK design industry with leading design companies sinking in a "quagmire of extra administration and paperwork." Faye Toogood, who runs her own brand of clothing, furniture and object says, "The number one issue at the moment for us is operations and logistics. My bill for that has tripled. Post-Brexit, moving any goods or any samples around in Europe costs so much more, and the price of red tape is prohibitively high."

984 Manufacturing Automotive Mar 2023

Jan-Henrik Lafrentz, the chief financial officer of Bentley Cars, has said Brexit continues to act as a drag on its business with extra admin costs amounting to around EUR5-7m a year. But, Lanfrentz says, "It's not about the money, things like people moves inside the company [across brands and countries] can take a lot more time to organise compared with before; up to six months. These things have an impact in the long run and it's a big change from before. What we need is stability."

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983 Manufacturing Technology Mar 2023

The CEO of Comtek Network Systems UK Ltd, a global provider of hardware for the Telecoms, Datacoms, and Network service industry, says that Brexit has caused **“fundamental deep-rooted damage to British exports”**. Askar Sheibani, says ONS figures for the last quarter of 2022 shows, the UK imported about £33bn more than it exported to the EU, the worst performance for the UK export trade balance since records began in 1997. The UK’s trade balance with the rest of the world also hit a **“record low”** of £11.4billion during a period when trade among the world’s advanced economies increased by 4% above its 2018 level.

982 Economy Investment Mar 2023

The OBR economic forecast published alongside the budget, says (page 48) business investment growth in the UK **“stalled in the years after the EU referendum.”** On the eve of the pandemic it was 16.2 per cent below the OBR’s pre-referendum expectations and more recently, the pandemic and the increase in global energy prices have also weighed on investment. But in the face of these global shocks, UK business investment (outside housing) has **“continued to underperform relative to other G7 countries.”**

981 Manufacturing Automotive Mar 2023

The world’s largest seller of electric and hybrid cars has ruled out building its first European car factory in the UK because of Brexit. China’s BYD has set out plans to become one of top three EV brands in Europe. But its European president Michael Shu said the UK did not even make the top 10 possible locations for its first European plant, with a shortlist of sites in Germany, France, Spain, Poland and Hungary. He told the *FT*, **“Without Brexit, maybe. But after Brexit, we don’t understand what happened. The UK doesn’t have a very good solution. Even on the long list we didn’t have the UK.”**

980 Services Hospitality Mar 2023

Highclere Castle in Hampshire, where the period drama *Downton Abbey* was filmed, is facing a serious staffing crunch as a result of the impact of Brexit on Britain’s labour market. The shortage of staff has forced owner Fiona Carnarvon to mothball the castle’s main business of hosting larger weddings on the site of the award-winning show. **“We have stopped being able to offer any weddings of any substantial size because of Brexit,”** Ms Carnarvon, a countess who owns Highclere with her husband, the eighth Earl of Carnarvon, said.

979 Borders UK-EU Mar 2023

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The UK government's giant Brexit border control site off the M20 at Sevington near Ashford in Kent is likely to cost taxpayers a staggering £70 million, it has emerged. Critics say the massive sums forked, "could have been better spent elsewhere". The controversial 230-acre site was built in order for checks on imports arriving in lorries from the EU. In January, the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) confirmed it has "no current operations" at Sevington "except a small presence" which "was temporarily available for holding pets during the Ukraine response".

978 Retail Inflation Mar 2023

The British Retail Consortium says costs and delays arising from new post-Brexit customs checks, particularly for food, has been bad news for UK-based retailers operating stores in or sending parcels to the EU. Andrew Opie, director of food and sustainability at the BRC says, "The truth is that it will be in the next few years that we are likely to see the impact of Brexit affecting retailers. Firstly, towards the end of the year, the government will begin to introduce UK border controls. By early 2024, all imports will be subject to full checks, including inspection at the ports. Although the government is working on a streamlined system, delays and costs will be inevitable."

977 Manufacturing Defence Mar 2023

Britain's defence industry is set to miss out on the EU's vast increase in spending on arms for Ukraine, under a leaked plan seen by *The Guardian*. A "massive order" for ammunition, ranging from small arms to 155mm artillery rounds, is being prepared in Brussels with France, Germany and Italy, the home of Europe's biggest arms manufacturers, likely to be the biggest beneficiaries. A diplomatic source said, "Essentially, this is a zero-sum game and the proposal will bolster [the] European defence industry at the costs of those outside the union."

976 Food Baby food Mar 2023

New EU rules slashing the amount of arsenic permitted in baby food by 80% have highlighted how Northern Ireland is caught between different rules set by Brussels and London, despite the Windsor Framework. NI consumers can still buy baby food with higher levels of arsenic if the ingredients or the finished product are imported from GB. Andy Meharg, a professor of plant and soil science at Queen's University Belfast said, "This is great news for babies, it's just not good news for British babies or Northern Irish babies."

975 Food Meat Mar 2023

Post-Brexit trade deals with Canada and Mexico will include imports of high-carbon beef and low-welfare pork, according to *The Guardian*. Animal welfare charities have raised concerns, including over hormone-fed meat. James West, a senior policy manager at Compassion in World Farming, said: "The majority of Mexican pigs are raised in

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intensive conditions and the use of sow stalls, which have been illegal in the UK since 1999, are permitted. Furthermore, ractopamine, a growth promoter used in pigs that is banned in the UK, is also allowed in Mexico.” Canada also permits the use of hormones in farming and has objected to the UK’s ban on hormone-fed beef.

974 Financial Services Stock market Mar 2023

Sir Nigel Wilson, chief executive of Legal & General, has told the *FT* about the “perpetual drift” of companies away from London’s stock market to the EU and the USA, arguing that a low-growth economy and political infighting have eroded the UK’s appeal. A string of departures from London has unnerved British policymakers and regulators and underlines the UK’s difficulty in attracting and retaining companies, despite the government’s attempts to reinvigorate the City after Brexit.

973 Food Shortages Mar 2023

The current shortages of salad vegetables has been blamed on Brexit by the founder of the organic farming cooperative Riverford. Guy Singh-Watson said, “The reason people don’t want to talk to or export to the UK is that we’re a customer of last resort because we’re such a pain in the arse to deal with because the paperwork associated with Brexit is expensive, time-consuming and it involves the loss of flexibility that most businesses if they can, will avoid.”

972 Manufacturing Survey Mar 2023

Survey of members by the trade body Make UK, says frayed relations with the EU are costing the British economy, as suppliers in the bloc grow more cautious about doing business with post-Brexit Britain. Almost a fifth of manufacturers said they had reduced the number of suppliers from the EU in the last 12 months. However, the report showed damage to the UK’s image and trading relationship was not limited to partners in the EU, with 35% of firms agreeing that suppliers from the rest of the world were also cautious about Britain.

971 Financial Services Banking Mar 2023

The US bank Citigroup said on Monday that it planned to double the number of staff in Paris by building a new trading floor in the French capital, part of a gradual shift by global lenders away from London. Fabio Lisanti, the head of the bank’s European trading business said, “We’ve been able to hire talent in Paris that we would never have been able to attract in London.”

970 Construction Shortages Feb 2023

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66 year-old building company in Jersey, Camerons Ltd, has ceased trading with its board of directors saying a “period of financial difficulty” had been caused by many factors, including Brexit and the Covid-19 pandemic. A statement provided by parent company the Garenne Group, said rising interest rates, supply chain issues, materials and labour shortages had also caused it to cease trading.

969 Education Adult learning Feb 2023

Bristol based social enterprise, Step and Stones, which teaches adults with learning disabilities to bake artisanal bread and has relied on a £20,000 grant from the European Social Fund (ESF), says some adults could miss out on vital job training when grant ends. Step and Stone co-founder Jane Chong, who has a 27-year-old son with Down’s syndrome said there was no clear mechanism to obtain replacement funding.

968 Food Farming Feb 2023

Farmer in the constituency of environment secretary Therese Coffey has blamed Brexit for the collapse of his company. Richard Parry, dubbed Britain’s ‘Turnip King’ says a combination of rising energy prices and labour shortages, partly caused by Brexit, made his turnip business financially unviable. Mr Parry said the number of turnips produced on his 120-hectare farm had dropped by two-thirds in the past 15 years.

967 Food Fishing Feb 2023

Mike Park, chief executive of the Scottish White Fish Producers’ Association, which initially supported Brexit now say the move has delivered little for Scotland’s fishing fleet. “Increases in catch quotas that we were promised have never materialised,” he said, “and the extra costs of sending products overseas have crippled many smaller businesses.” Scotland’s fishing and seafood industries is said to be still snarled in costly red tape, worker shortages and disappointing catch quotas.

966 Food Survey Feb 2023

Almost half of food and drink manufacturers in the UK claim their competitiveness with the EU has **fallen in the past year**. A survey by the Food and Drink Federation claims continued challenges with post-Brexit border checks and bureaucracy, as well as the saga over the Northern Ireland protocol, are among the key issues holding back trade. When specifically asked about competitiveness with EU markets in the past year, 47% of respondents said it had declined, compared to just 5% who said it had improved.

965 Transport Trade Feb 2023

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Brexit has seen a fivefold increase in freight traffic between Rosslare Europort in Ireland and EU ports at Cherbourg, Le Havre, Bilbao, Dunkirk and Zeebrugge, creating hundreds of new jobs. This more than offsets the slump in freight using the land bridge from Holyhead to Dover and Folkestone. In Cherbourg, Yannick Millet, the port's managing director said, "That's absolutely a Brexit effect, the land bridge via Britain is broken, and we're the beneficiaries." Freight to and from mainland Europe soared from just 36,000 units in 2019 to 137,000 in 2022.

964 Food Farming Feb 2023

The National Farmers Union have told ministers that Britain's farmers are being battered by a storm of rising costs, labour shortages, bird flu and post-Brexit changes to support payments. "Volatility, uncertainty and instability" are endangering UK farm businesses, according to the NFU, which is urging the government to support British food producers so they can keep supplying squeezed UK households and a growing global population.

963 Manufacturing Technology Feb 2023

Paragraf, a spin-off company from the Materials Science Department at Cambridge University, says it may have to move abroad, according to *The Telegraph*. Paragraf is the world's only manufacturer of 2D graphene chips for sensors but took six months to obtain a work visa for a German specialist, and nine months for an Indian. CEO Simon Thomas said, "These are highly skilled people. There are never enough visas, and it is expensive for us, and expensive for them. The Government is throttling how quickly we can grow."

962 Food Fishing Feb 2023

Appearing before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (EFRA) Committee last week, Fisheries minister Mark Spencer **refused to give the industry any assurance** that the UK will have an exclusive 12 mile limit when the Brexit fisheries deal is renegotiated in 2026. including access for foreign vessels within the UK 6-12 mile limit.

961 Food Farming Feb 2023

An associate professor of horticulture at University College Dublin, Owen Doyle, has said that UK farmers are finding it hard to stay in the industry: "There are growers in England who have not planted at all this year. They have made the decision to not grow a crop because they cannot make the figures add up," he said. The horticulture sector is facing the "Brexit bonuses" of low labour supply and high energy costs.

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960 Food Shortages Feb 2023

Shortages of salad crops, particularly tomatoes, have been reported with some supermarkets rationing supplies. The general secretary of the Murcia branch of ASAJA, Spain's biggest farming association, said he was puzzled by the media talk of weather-induced shortages. "Things are normal so far this season so I don't know if it's more a problem of UK logistics since the Brexit regulations came into effect." He acknowledged that frosts had affected some artichoke and lettuce crops but said they were not serious or widespread enough to have significantly reduced market supplies.

959 Culture Football Feb 2023

After Brexit, British soccer clubs found themselves unable to sign the best teenage players from abroad until they turn 18. FIFA's Article 19 rule had established a general ban on minors transferring internationally, but made an exemption for players over the age of 16 moving within the EU. This allows EU clubs to sign young talented Irish players before they become eligible to move to the UK.

958 Manufacturing Technology Feb 2023

The UK has fallen in a ranking of the world's best countries for entrepreneurship after scoring poorly for infrastructure, ease of entry for foreign workers and **red tape linked to Brexit**. The country is now ranked at 25 out of 51 countries, down from 18 last year, according to the annual Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM) research, led by Aston Business School. It is the second year of decline after the UK's highest ranking at 14 in 2020.

957 Culture Creative industries Feb 2023

The Telegraph, says TV dramas are being unexpectedly dropped thanks to soaring costs, skills shortages and an oversaturated market. Ed Waller, editorial director of trade journal C21 Media says: "Talent costs are going through the roof – there's a skills shortage behind the camera and European crews are reluctant to come to the UK post-Brexit. That means we just don't have enough people to film good drama."

956 Manufacturing Technology Feb 2023

As the EU commits €43 billion euros to Europe's semiconductor industry with the aim of producing 20% of the world's electronic chips by 2030, UK chip makers are crying out for financial support from the government. After Brexit, the UK will not benefit from EU funds and is unlikely to have the same resources. Pragmatic Semiconductor, a Cambridge, based startup that produces non-silicon chips, warned it may be forced to relocate overseas if the government doesn't issue a plan for the industry soon.

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955 Financial Services The City Feb 2023

Nicholas Lyons, the 694th Lord Mayor of the City of London, speaking to *The Irish Times*, has said; “[Brexit] hasn’t been as bad as people had expected in terms of job losses but it continues to be irritating. So far there hasn’t been any benefit to the services industry from Brexit and therefore there have only been disadvantages but there is an opportunity with some regulatory change for that to improve. Brexit was not something that we wanted, it hasn’t been devastatingly bad but it’s still been worse [than] had it not happened.”

954 Food Meat Feb 2023

The British Meat Processors Association claim unsafe meat is being allowed into the UK because of a lack of post-Brexit border checks. David Lindars, the association’s Technical Operations Director, said: “We are concerned about the potential spread of African Swine Fever.” ASF has been detected in parts of Europe, Asia and Africa in recent years. Post Brexit import checks are not due to be implemented by the UK government until the end of 2023.

953 Food Farming Feb 2023

The UK’s replacement scheme for the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) pays land managers for improving nature instead of providing subsidies to farmers to keep them in business. Last year saw the launch of the sustainable farming incentive (SFI). But, while subsidies were cut by an average of 22% for farmers last year, only 0.44% of the promised budget was spent on SFI, leaving farmers asking where the money is going. This year, the government planning to slash payments by 36%.

952 Economy Investment Feb 2023

According to Jonathan Haskel, a member of the Bank of England’s Monetary Policy Committee, Brexit has wiped out £29bn in business investment and exacerbated the slowdown in UK productivity. Mr Haskel said the lack of business investment growth since the 2016 referendum was equivalent to 1.3 per cent of UK gross domestic product, or about £1,000 per household. He added that penalty would probably rise to about 2.8 per cent of GDP at the end of the BoE’s forecast period in 2026.

951 Education Erasmus Feb 2023

The Turing scheme replacement for Britain’s participation in the EU’s Erasmus+ academic exchange scheme, has been ‘plagued’ with delays and red tape according to the *FT*. James Illingworth, the chair of the year abroad group at the University Council of Modern Languages, said, “Students are waiting very, very late to get funding, and are

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sometimes still waiting even after they have gone on a placement.” The onerous bureaucracy, payment delays have left young people on the programme stranded without money and excluded poorer students from travel altogether.

950 Education Horizon Feb 2023

The UK’s minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Michelle Donelan says Britain is ready to “go it alone with our own global-facing alternative” and snub the EU’s £85billion flagship research project Horizon, opting for an international deal with countries like the US, Japan and Switzerland instead. Britain had previously negotiated a contribution of £2.1bn a year to stay in the programme as part of the 2020 Trade and Cooperation Agreement. The EU has been accused of “dragging its feet” on Horizon in an effort to “blackmail” the UK over the Northern Ireland Protocol.

949 Financial Services Technology Feb 2023

A recent survey by researchers at Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) of companies in the Financial Technology sector has revealed that since 2018, almost 40% have opened offices outside the UK, the majority in the EU. Dr Franziska Sohns, Associate Professor of Economic Geography at ARU, said: “Our results indicate that the Brexit was a significant push factor for UK FinTech firms anticipating relocation to the EU and, to a lesser extent, also to the US.”

948 Culture Motor sport Feb 2023

The Motorcycle Union of Ireland has announced that all road racing and short circuit racing in Northern Ireland has been cancelled due to spiralling insurance costs. A statement from Motorcycling Ireland also highlighted Brexit, which Northern Ireland voted against in the 2016 referendum, as a major contributing factor to the bleak situation surrounding insurance costs.

947 Immigration Small boats Feb 2023

A report by Durham University has claimed that Johnson’s Brexit deal is the “primary factor” in the crisis of small boat crossings in the English Channel. Study author Professor Thom Brooks, said: “The government used to have a deal on returning migrants, but it ended with Brexit and no alternative was agreed. This made it far more difficult to return any new arrivals, and numbers have skyrocketed after this deal stopped.” The study found there were no recorded small boat crossings until 2018.

946 Manufacturing Regulation Feb 2023

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The EU's new Machinery Regulation, approved in January 2023, extensively revises the 2006 Machinery Directive which has been applicable in the UK since 2008. This is intended to provide a more consistent approach to safety standards across the EU. British manufacturers will now have to decide to whether to follow the more rigorous EU regime or maintain two different standards to allow access to both UK and EU markets.

945 Construction Skills Feb 2023

According to *The Times*, a new report estimates that the skills gap in the construction and repairs industry will reach 937,000 by 2032. The UK Trade Skills Index, by Capital Economics on behalf of Checktrade, suggests Britain faces an "urgent and alarming" shortage of skilled labourers. The issue has been exacerbated by the post-Brexit exodus of European workers and an ageing workforce, one third of whom are over 50 and will likely retire within the next ten years.

944 Citizens Rights Feb 2023

Brussels has requested clarification from London after tens of thousands of EU citizens living in the UK were denied the right to remain, leaving them potentially liable to repay welfare benefits. About 141,000 EU citizens suddenly had their online applications updated to a rejection last month by the Home Office. It comes at a sensitive time as the two sides near a deal to resolve a long-running dispute over their post-Brexit trading relationship.

943 Manufacturing Automotive Feb 2023

Confirming plans for a new electric version of the old Micra to be built at Renault's ElectriCity manufacturing complex in northern France, Nissan executives admitted high energy costs and an eroding automotive supply chain in Britain were making Nissan Sunderland uncompetitive. CEO Ashwani Gupta described the UK market as challenging and said the company needed "The support of government, because we do not have a big [automotive industry] in the UK."

942 Food Farming Feb 2023

According to *The Times*, a survey shows 40% of UK farmers are 'baffled' by Defra's post-Brexit vision for the future of farming, the highest level since records started three years ago. In 2019 it was 33 per cent. Farming is undergoing a huge transition from relying on EU-style subsidies to "green Brexit" ones based on improvements for nature, while at the same time being squeezed by higher fertiliser and fuel costs. Groups including the Country Land and Business Association have criticised DEFRA for uncertainty amid the switchover.

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941 Manufacturing Investment Feb 2023

Sir Pascal Soriot, CEO of AstraZeneca, says the drugs group had wanted to build a new “state-of-the-art” plant close to its existing sites in Macclesfield, but instead will make the investment in Ireland “because the [UK] tax rate was discouraging.” Tom Keith-Roach, AZ’s UK president, warned that Britain is losing out on investment from AstraZeneca to more competitive countries, saying the company had not made new research and development capital investments in the UK since 2021 and that its wider R&D spending in the country could also now be at risk

940 Culture Creative industries Feb 2023

Makers of Wallace & Grommit and Shaun the Sheep, Aardman Animations, warn they may be forced to move abroad. Managing Director Sean Clarke, said the company is struggling with everything from serious competition from other countries on tax relief to a dire skills shortage. Clarke blamed Brexit for making it harder to bring over European animators and for the loss of access to vital European media funding.

939 Economy Technology Feb 2023

Prof Paul Boyle, vice-chancellor of Swansea University and chair of the Universities Wales research and innovation network has told MPs that 1,000 skilled jobs risk being lost because of the withdrawal of EU structural funds. Calling for more UK government investment, Boyle said, “In an increasingly competitive global marketplace, we risk failing to exploit one of this country’s most enduring and internationally recognised strengths.”

938 Economy Regulation Feb 2023

The *Observer* claims to have seen letters from EU politicians suggesting plans to scrap all Retained EU laws on environmental protection and workers’ rights risk breaching “level playing field” provisions in the UK-EU post-Brexit trade and cooperation agreement (TCA). In retaliation, EU leaders in the Commission, the European parliament and the council of ministers are preparing what they call “unilateral rebalancing measures” that are said to include the option of imposing tariffs on UK goods entering the EU single market.

937 Education Funding Feb 2023

New figures show Cambridge University has seen its funding from a large European research programme plummet from £62m a year to nothing **since Brexit**. Latest statistics from the EU reveal Cambridge, which netted €483m (£433m) over the seven years of the last European research funding programme, Horizon 2020, has not

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received any funding in the first two years of the new Horizon Europe programme. Oxford University, which won €523m from the earlier programme, has only been awarded €2m to date from Horizon Europe.

936 Culture Golf Feb 2023

Donald Trump's Scottish golf resort Turnberry has claimed that Brexit is hitting its ability to find workers. SLC Turnberry, whose directors are two of Mr Trump's sons, said the staffing pool had shrunk, "with lack of access to European staff for businesses in general resulting in greater demand for the individuals previously available to the resort". It said Brexit had also affected its supply chains, meaning there were fewer drivers available, "reducing deliveries and the availability of certain product lines". SLC Turnberry lost over £4mn in its latest accounts.

935 Food Fishing Feb 2023

Mike Park, the chief executive of the Fraserburgh-based Scottish White Fish Producers' Association, says: "It is costing more and taking longer to get fish into the continent and there are a lot of paper trails required and red tape." Mr Parkes, who has spoken previously of the opportunities of Brexit also said, "We were the poster boys, we wanted out. But a lot have now reassessed their enthusiasm for Brexit because it has delivered nothing."

934 Economy General Feb 2023

Deputy governor for monetary policy at the Bank of England, Ben Broadbent says the impact of Brexit on the economy was coming through faster than first expected. He told reporters that "Brexit... has been something that has pulled on our potential output in our country and that's been our assessment for many years. We've not changed our estimate of the long-running effects, but we've brought some of them forward and we think they're probably coming in faster than we first expected."

933 Manufacturing Trade Feb 2023

A Shropshire business owner has told the BBC that Brexit has been a 'complete disaster.' Nic Laurens, who runs Severn Diamond Ltd, said Brexit had left his firm facing filling out 24 forms to export goods into the EU. In response, he has moved 90% of his company to the Republic of Ireland. Mr Laurens, a former Conservative councillor, said: "Brexit has [caused] barriers to trade and additional costs that you have to pass on to the consumer. We've had to completely rethink our business model."

932 Services Architects Feb 2023

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A survey has revealed that nine in ten architecture studios in the UK feel Brexit has had a negative impact on them. Figures from Dezeen research in a survey of 50 studios found that given the choice, 84% of would rejoin the EU if the option was available. Only one studio said it would not, with another 14% indicating they were unsure or do not have a position. Respondents included small studios with 15 or fewer people to larger practices with a hundred or more employees and mega-firms with a global presence.

931 Economy Freeports Feb 2023

An academic at the University of Essex who has carried out extensive research into freeports around the world says they will be a 'magnet' for organised crime and could make it easier for gangsters to import drugs and guns into the UK. Dr Anna Sergi claims that "Freeports have a high risk for criminal exploitation for two reasons – money laundering and illicit trade," The government's post-Brexit plans include freeports for Liverpool, Felixstowe, East Midlands Airport, Humber, Plymouth, Solent, Teesside and the Thames.

930 Economy Inward investment Feb 2023

The BBC suggest Britain could lose foreign investment as the EU ponder its response to the US Inflation Reduction Act which aims to subsidise companies that plan investment in America. Some in British industry fear an EU-US carve-up, not just over electric cars, but microchips and other critical technologies would raise fundamental strategic questions about Britain's future in the midst of it all.

929 Economy General Feb 2023

An analysis by Bloomberg Economics three years after Britain left the EU paints a dismal picture of the damage done so far. Brexit they say, is costing the UK economy £100bn a year (\$124bn) in lost output, with the effects spanning everything from business investment to the ability of companies to hire workers.

928 Education Student numbers Feb 2023

Figures from The Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) figures shows the number of EU students enrolling in British universities has more than halved since Brexit – with sharp declines in scholars from Italy, Germany and France. Brexit is seen as the primary deterrent, with home fees and student finance no longer available to EU students who do not already live in the UK with settled or pre-settled status.

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927 Culture Zoos Feb 2023

Zoos say that Breeding schemes for endangered animals such as rhinos and monkeys are being harmed by Brexit red tape. Measures and limitations that have come into place since Britain left the EU have for example slowed down a project to re-inhabit bison into the Kent countryside. Delays have also been felt at London Zoo where an endangered golden lion tamarin had a transfer delayed by 17 months, while a similar length of time passed before Colchester Zoo could receive a vulnerable pileated gibbon.

926 Economy Survey Feb 2023

Three years after Brexit and six years after the referendum, a survey by pollsters Deltapoll finds that few Brits can name any advantages to leaving the EU, three years after it happened. The data showed 'very strongly' that only a small proportion of British adults could actually name any specific benefits of Brexit – either to them personally (just 5%) or to the wider country more generally (10%).

925 Manufacturing Automotive Jan 2023

The number of new cars made in the UK fell sharply again last year, sinking to its lowest level since 1956, a 10% fall from 2021. Mike Hawes, chief executive of the trade body the SMMT, said the UK could be in the unenviable position of offering less support to crucial industries than we did before we left the EU. One of the benefits of Brexit was meant to be escaping EU state aid rules which limited the amount of support governments could give to favoured industries.

924 Economy Trade Jan 2023

Figures from the Department for International Trade (DIT) suggest the UK will be **15 years late** in reaching a £1trillion annual export target set by David Cameron. Chair of the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB), Tina McKenzie, blamed trade barriers, including red tape, and insufficient export support that have led to the continued suppression of exports. "Our research shows one in eight small exporters have temporarily or permanently stopped sales to the EU, with a further one in 10 considering doing so," Ms McKenzie added. OBR figures forecast UK exports will *fall* next year to just £707bn.

923 Manufacturing Bicycles Jan 2023

A British bicycle entrepreneur has blamed Brexit for damaging his business, leaving it with a £100,000 hole in revenues. Andrew Lang, founder of Cycloc, said the EU represented 50% of its business before Brexit left it nursing a 25% decline in overall sales. "It is very disappointing. I am a naturally optimistic person, but in a sense it is very difficult to be positive," Mr Lang said. He accused the government of failing to do enough to mitigate the impact of Brexit on British small exporters.

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922 Financial Services Banking Jan 2023

The *FT* say a report by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) released on Tuesday 24 January, warns that some banks, insurers and asset managers will “struggle” to meet a June deadline for implementation of new consumer protection rules. The report analysed how about 60 of the UK’s biggest financial services groups are gearing up for a coming regulatory shake-up. The new rules require about 60,000 firms in a broad range of categories covering most of the UK financial services to prioritise “good outcomes” for their clients rather than just chasing profits.

921 Borders UK-EU Jan 2023

Following Brexit, border checks requested by the UK government at London St Pancras International and the continental European stations have become much more time-consuming. This means the first wave of morning trains outbound from London and inbound from continental Europe are capped at 550 passengers – leaving 350 seats, or 39 per cent of capacity, empty. Thousands of seats now go unsold on Eurostar trains every day.

920 Construction Inflation Jan 2023

The UK Trade and Business Commission (UKTBC), an independent body of experts set up to track the impact of Brexit, claims that research shows the cost of materials and labour for construction have increased more steeply in the UK than the EU since the Brexit referendum. Analysis of data indicates that between 2015 and 2022 the cost of construction materials including cement, timber and steel increased by 60% in the UK and the cost of labour by 30%. In the EU the figures were 35% and 14% respectively.

919 Food Fishing Jan 2023

A Brixham fish merchant met Boris Johnson in August 2019, a month after he became PM and was told that Brexit would bring “huge benefits. Ian Perkes said Johnson promised that when the Brexit rules came in in January 2021, he could look forward to a very, very prosperous future. Three-and-a-half years later Mr Perkes’ revenue is 30 per cent down. After 45 years he is now having to contemplate giving up entirely on exports – which accounted for 85 per cent of his pre-Brexit sales – and axing up to a dozen of his 15 staff.

918 Manufacturing Automotive Jan 2023

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Former Conservative leader William Hague has said that Brexit is to blame for the collapse of the British electric car battery start-up company Britishvolt causing hundreds of job losses. Lord Hague said the failure of the company was “part of the damage” of the UK’s exit from the EU. Britishvolt made the majority of its 300 staff redundant on Wednesday after appointing administrators when it failed to raise enough funding.

917 Borders UK-EU Jan 2023

More than six months after completion, the Sevington inland border facility in Kent, built at a cost of £100m, remains unused behind a 12ft perimeter fence. The only imports being inspected are a few pets from Ukraine. The project has been labelled by local people as the great white elephant of Brexit.

916 Borders UK-EU Jan 2023

Various locations in Kent are set to receive a share of a multi-billion pound government fund with £45 million going to easing post-Brexit traffic at Dover. The money has been allocated for Dover to improve the flow of traffic from the UK to the EU – with more border control points and a new exit route to help the port operate more efficiently and reduce congestion on local roads.

915 Financial Services Inward investment Jan 2023

Britain is fast losing its reputation as a hub for wealthy investors and business people, as a further 1,400 high-net-worth individuals, defined as those with wealth in excess of \$1 million, left Britain in 2022, according to data from Henley & Partners, the citizenship advisory firm. The exodus continues a trend that began shortly after the Brexit vote in 2016, since when an estimated 12,000 millionaires have deserted the UK for pastures new. Among them will be dozens of well-paid bankers, who have been forced by employers to relocate around Europe in the wake of Brexit.

914 Financial Services Banking Jan 2023

Milan has become a popular landing spot for finance workers leaving London in the wake of Brexit, according to *Bloomberg*. The market for luxury flats is booming as bankers, fund managers and private equity investors flock to Italy’s financial capital. Thousands of foreigners and Italian nationals have relocated to the country since the government started granting generous tax breaks in 2017 to lure new arrivals.

913 Borders Gibraltar Jan 2023

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Gibraltarians are said to be living in “distress and anxiety” in a **Brexit-time warpas** Spain and the UK edge towards a deal over the future of the Rock after two years of talks. George Dyke, president of the Cross Frontier Group, which is composed of businesses and unions on both sides of the border, said people were anxious for a deal. Mr Dyke said, “Everyone is worried about whether they are going to be able to cope after a deal is done. The anxiety of not knowing what is going to happen just adds to our distress. It has been going on for two years now. For many people, their livelihoods depend on the outcome of this deal.”

912 Economy Shortages Jan 2023

According to the FT, research by the UK in a Changing Europe and the Centre for European Reform think-tanks shows the post-Brexit UK economy is facing a shortfall of more than 300,000 workers as a result of ending free movement of labour with the EU. The assessment indicates that the ending of FoM was constricting the UK economy and “contributing significantly” to labour shortages in lower-skilled sectors, including logistics, construction and hospitality.

911 Culture Exchanges Jan 2023

Workaway, a cultural exchange website which encourage exchanges between budget travellers and people learning languages has advised its members that it is “pausing a large portion” of UK host listings until further notice. The email went on to say that; “As regulations around travel and working visas have become much stricter post Brexit, especially for Europeans, it’s become unfeasible to continue listing exchanges in the UK.”

910 Economy Regulation Jan 2023

Figures calculated by Economics for the Environment Consultancy (Eftec) indicate that removing or watering down retained EU laws, as proposed by the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill, could cost the UK economy almost £83bn over 30 years in just four policy areas. Commissioned by the Wildlife and Countryside Link, the research investigated the economic implications of weakening or removing environmental retained EU laws covering chemical regulation, water pollution, air quality, and habitats.

909 Manufacturing Pharma Jan 2023

Paul Williams, senior director corporate of Teva UK, a global biopharmaceuticals company with an operation in Runcorn, has told a Lords committee that because the EU no longer accepts batch testing of medicines in the UK, products destined for Northern Ireland now have to be sent to Germany for testing before being shipped to the province. Mr Williams said, “until Brexit that factory would make products in Cheshire tested in Cheshire.”

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908 Economy Taxes Jan 2023

Potentially billions of pounds in tax have been lost because HMRC diverted a significant part of its workforce staff to focus on Brexit. Responding to ministerial questions, Treasury minister Victoria Atkins said 1,040 tax compliance officers, who would usually investigate tax dodging and non-compliance, were redeployed in 2021-22 to work on matters specifically relating to Brexit. The amount of tax revenue recovered through compliance work was £30.8 billion in 2021-22, down £6 billion from 2019-20, Ms Atkins said.

907 Manufacturing Inward investment Jan 2023

According to survey carried out by Make UK (formerly the Engineering Employers Federation) among its members: “The number of companies believing the UK to be a competitive location has halved from last year, down to 31 per cent from 63 per cent. Over four in ten companies, 43 per cent, believe the UK is now less attractive to foreign investors, while more than half of companies, 53 per cent, believe that political instability is damaging business confidence.”

906 Health Shortages Jan 2023

Norfolk dental surgery has put its recent struggles down to the impact of Brexit, the coronavirus pandemic and the government changing how NHS dentists are paid. Beech House, based in Dereham, said it had been trying to recruit an NHS dentist for the past two years “without success.” An email sent to patients said: “Many dentists that fell into the European bracket had to hand back their NHS provider number when we left the EU, taking a big chunk of qualified NHS dentists with it.

905 Charitable sector Trade Jan 2023

Charities based in Jersey say that Brexit has created an “absolute nightmare” of extra costs and added paperwork. Two aid workers fear this means they’ll have to scale back – or even stop – taking donations abroad. Leaving the EU means extra paperwork and checks for the goods a team takes by van across the Romanian border. Rose Pallot, founder of the charity Mustard Seed Jersey said: “I hope we can continue to send aid to Romania but at the moment we’re struggling with the logistics of it and the paperwork that is required.”

904 Services Hospitality Jan 2023

A European chalet business owner has spoken of how complicated it has become to recruit people from the UK to work in the Alps. Jana, from Montagne & Tradition in Les Gets, Haute-Savoie, says she has managed it this year but it has been expensive. She gave up completely in 2020-21 and has heard others locally saying they will now stick to recruiting EU citizens. Jana said it is easier to recruit from Australia and New Zealand, which have deals in place on seasonal work.

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903 Health Shortages Jan 2023

NHS trusts in England have increased recruitment from low-income “red list” countries to make up for the post-Brexit loss of EU staff, despite a code of practice to safeguard health services in those developing countries. A report by the Nuffield Trust think-tank also identified shortages in vital specialist areas since Brexit, including dentistry, cardiothoracic surgery and anaesthesiology. It found that Brexit is still causing issues with the supply of medicines in Northern Ireland despite a change in the arrangements put in place by the EU last April.

902 Citizens Rights Jan 2023

Eurostat data shows a total of 2,285 UK nationals were expelled between 1 January 2021, when British citizens lost their free movement rights, and September last year. Not all expulsions may have been related to residency rules, but Prof Michaela Benson of Lancaster University, who has co-led several research projects on post-Brexit migration, citizenship and identity said, “British citizens are now third-country nationals in the EU and those who are not covered by the withdrawal agreement are subject to domestic immigration laws.”

901 Services Hospitality Dec 2022

A London restaurateur has told *The New York Times* of the difficulties in recruiting kitchen staff and waiters for his three Italian restaurants after Brexit. Jordan Frieda, who worked briefly under the celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay, said: “It’s worse than Covid, worse than energy costs. It’s been the most traumatic event of my career in restaurants. It has been an absolutely devastating, transformative event.”

900 Manufacturing Pharma Dec 2022

York-based bio-tech start up, Aptamer Group, has said that their biggest challenge is recruiting the right calibre graduates. COO Alastair Fleming said: “Hiring is difficult, even bringing in basic scientists. Brexit has affected us as well. We normally expect more Europeans.” Britain’s departure from the EU has created more paperwork, and waiting times of about six months for a work visa.

899 Economy General Dec 2022

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Brexit has “**hobbled the UK economy**”, according to *CNN*. Britain remains the only member of the G7 — the group of advanced economies that also includes Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States — with an economy smaller than it was before the pandemic. Uncertainty has damaged business investment, which in the third quarter was 8% below pre-pandemic levels despite a UK-EU trade deal being in place for nearly two years.

898 Economy Shortages Dec 2022

New report from the Lords Economic Affairs Committee says Brexit and Covid have led to an exodus of 500,000 from the UK workforce putting the economy at risk. The committee warned that the labour outlook for the UK was “bleak” and said Brexit had also added to an acute shortage of workers in some industries – including hospitality, agriculture and care, according to the Lords’ economic affairs committee.

897 Borders UK-EU Dec 2022

Latest figures from the British Ports Association show that in the 12 months to the end of September volumes going through the top 50 ports were down by 24 million tonnes from the pre-pandemic period in 2018-19. More than two thirds of the ports reported declines on pre-Covid levels. The biggest loser was Dover, the country’s largest roll-on/roll-off terminal for lorry freight, with volumes down by 21 per cent. The association’s report states: “The recovery of RoRo freight volume after the pandemic has been slower and reflects in part the impact of Brexit on some supply chains.”

896 Charitable sector Funding Dec 2022

An analysis of government funding intended to replace EU support, shows delays have forced hundreds of voluntary organisations to shut up shop or scale back their operations, *The Guardian* has learned, as the consequences of Brexit continue to ripple out across the UK. Matthew Brown, director of operations at The Wales Council of Voluntary Action (WCVA), a national umbrella organisation involving many charities that relied on money from the EU social fund, said: “We’re all having to lay off staff because the UK SPF has not come in on time.”

895 Manufacturing Chemicals Dec 2022

Voyager, a Perth-based manufacturer of oils and soaps made with cannabidiol, has been forced to purchase a £1.5 million plant in Poland to serve European customers to avoid extended delivery times and the costs of customs charges after Brexit. Founder Nick Tulloch said: “Going forward our product can now be manufactured in Poland and distributed across the European Union’s single market.”

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894 Manufacturing Automotive Dec 2022

The government's fleet of armoured ministerial cars will be made by Audi in Germany because supply chain issues hampered by Brexit mean no British manufacturer is able to meet its requirements, according to *The Independent*. The Metropolitan Police had announced this summer it is ditching armoured Jaguar XJs for Audi A8s assembled in Baden-Württemberg. But it has now been revealed that the decision was made because no British car maker was "able to meet the requirements of the tender."

893 Economy General Dec 2022

Analysis by the Centre for European Reform (CER) suggests that Brexit is costing the UK government £40 bn a year in lost tax revenue. The study claims that Brexit had reduced Britain's GDP by 5.5% by the second quarter of 2022. In the three months to June, economic output was £33 billion lower than it would have been had the UK voted to stay in the EU, costing the government around £12 billion in lost tax revenues, or around £40 bn for the whole year.

892 Environment Rivers Dec 2022

Documents published by the environment agency on Thursday show the target date for cleaning up the majority of England's rivers, lakes and coastal waters suffering from a cocktail of agricultural and sewage pollution has been pushed back from 2027 to 2063. Until Brexit the UK government was signed up to the EU water framework directive, which required countries to make sure all their waters achieved "good" chemical and ecological status by 2027 at the latest.

891 Manufacturing Survey Dec 2022

A survey by the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) shows that more than half (56%) of BCC members surveyed who trade with the EU said they had experienced problems complying with new rules for exporting goods, while 45% reported issues trading in services. Overall, as many as 77% of firms trading under the deal said it had not helped them to increase sales or expand. DG Shevaun Haviland, said: "The longer the current problems go unchecked, the more EU traders go elsewhere, and the more damage is done."

890 Citizens Rights Dec 2022

The UK government's scheme to settle millions of EU citizens risks creating illegal migrants overnight and is unlawful, the High Court has ruled. The court said the scheme breached the UK's Brexit Withdrawal Agreement. The Independent Monitoring Authority (IMA), had argued that ministers were breaking the legal promises given to the EU and huge numbers of people could become illegal immigrants overnight if they didn't apply for the second stage on time.

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889 Citizens Travel Dec 2022

The number of visitors arriving at a UK port from France has more than halved after Brexit, according to Brittany Ferries. Portsmouth saw 338,000 arrivals in 2019 but only 155,000 in 2022. The firm said “Brexit-related friction” including a need for passports was a major factor. Sailings to and from Ireland, within the European Union, had seen business increase.

888 Health NHS Dec 2022

A study by the Nuffield Trust warns that Brexit is damaging the NHS and increasing pressure on overstretched services. The new report claims that Britain’s departure from the EU has worsened recruitment shortages while pushing up the price of some medicines and making some more difficult to obtain. Mark Dayan, Brexit programme lead at the Nuffield Trust, said, “the effects of Brexit appear to have added to the severe challenges and problems the NHS currently faces”.

887 Retail Trade Dec 2022

The number of businesses at Christmas markets in Britain has slumped by more than a fifth since Brexit, according to local authority figures obtained by Best for Britain and published in *The Independent*. UK capitals saw some of the steepest downturns. London’s West End reported the largest decline, collapsing from 247 businesses trading in 2019 to just 119 this year. Best for Britain said it was clear that post-Brexit red tape was a major “deterrent” to seasonal traders coming from EU countries.

886 Borders UK-EU Dec 2022

The chief executive of An Post in Ireland, in a letter to the FT, claims the UK Post Office is failing to implement required procedures for small items exported to the EU. David McRedmond says trade from Britain to Ireland sent through post channels has fallen by 52% in one year. An Post is having to return thousands of items to UK suppliers which fail customs checks. The impact is falling mainly on small businesses.

885 Services Travel Dec 2022

Mark Tanzer, chief executive of travel trade organisation ABTA, said plans to “sunset” thousands of EU laws retained after Brexit could “destabilise the travel industry.” The effect of removing consumer protections could be “profound,” he warned. “The dilution of denied boarding compensation is one area of potential consumer detriment, but more profound is the possible removal of consumer protections provided by the Package Travel Regulations (PTRs),” Mr Tanzer said.

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884 Food Farming Dec 2022

The deputy president of the National Farmers' Union (NFU), says that "uncertainty" over the details of the replacement of the EU subsidy scheme is "crippling businesses". Tom Bradshaw said, "If we get this wrong, what is going to happen to food production across the country? It will undermine the profitability of businesses, and their viability and ability to produce food. At a time of global challenge, we simply cannot afford that."

883 Citizens Rights Dec 2022

In Limbo, a grassroots project to give a voice to 3.6 mn EU citizens living in the UK, reports on a German citizen resident in Scotland who, returning from a 3-day trip to France, was denied boarding at Paris airport by Easyjet acting on instructions from the UK Home Office. After taking a bus to Calais to meet the UK immigration officials, he was first detained and fingerprinted before it was found to be a case of mistaken identity.

882 Economy Shortages Dec 2022

Employers are at 'real risk' of failing to attract skilled staff from overseas. A survey of more than 5,000 executives from 63 countries for the IMD's annual World Talent Ranking reveals that the UK has fallen to 28th place as favourable destination for international professionals, due to the fallout from Brexit and recent political turmoil, concerns about the quality of life and the state of the education system.

881 Economy Trade Dec 2022

The UK risks being 'squeezed' in a protectionist world according to the *FT*. President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act contains provisions to spend \$369 billion on subsidies and tax breaks promoting green technology. This will not be open to non US companies and is being seen as a move towards the US adopting policies protecting and promoting their own industries to the detriment of imports. The EU is also said to be examining the possibility loosening its own state aid rules allowing it to pump more money green industry leaving the UK to miss out.

880 Manufacturing Packaging Dec 2022

DS Smith, a UK based manufacturer of cardboard packaging, is to close a plant in Aylesford, Kent while increasing investment in the EU. The decision was "very regrettable", CEO Miles Roberts said, but the company had to "respond to the demand that's there". He added, that the group's international business could not continue

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to subsidise UK operations and that it would be “extremely helpful” for manufacturers if the government aligned regulations “wherever possible” with EU rules to ease trade.

879 Manufacturing Pharma Dec 2022

The Scottish Daily Record claims that the drug Lecanemab, said to be a new wonder pill which can slow down Alzheimer’s disease, could take several years to be approved for use in the UK. Dr Emma Law of the Scottish Dementia Clinical Research network warned: “Brexit will hold it back. It will first of all go to America with the FDA and then it will go to Europe. And only then it will come to the UK.” Existing trade deals between the EU and US could see the drug fast-tracked for use in the rest of Europe.

878 Manufacturing Automotive Dec 2022

According to the *FT*, UK Carmakers are warning that the prices of many electric vehicles made or sold in the UK and Europe could jump 10 per cent or more from 2024 after Brussels said it would not extend tariff exemptions agreed in the Brexit trade deal. The UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) temporarily exempted EVs from rules stating that products must be substantially made in Britain or the bloc to qualify for the EU’s zero tariff, zero quota regime because such a large proportion of EV batteries are imported from Asia.

877 Economy Investment Dec 2022

The Confederation of British Industry (CBI) has told the government that business investment has effectively stagnated since the Brexit vote in 2016. The trade organisation representing 190,000 businesses has called on ministers to “unlock” business investment through *inter alia* a more flexible immigration system and updating the national planning policy framework to ease restrictions around the use of land for development.

876 Food Meat Dec 2022

A Wishaw based butcher, Andrew Duff, claims it is now easier to export to Hong Kong than it is to Europe. Mr Duff said his EU business was now economically unviable. “When we did an entire costing I would have to put an extra £1000 onto the bill due to all the additional admin and red tape. When you’re a small SME and you’re not sending out 4-5 pallets, maybe one pallet of maybe 500kg of very specialist meat, putting £1000 onto that means it’s impossible,” he said.

875 Financial Services Clearing Dec 2022

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Under draft proposals issued by the EU Commission on Wednesday (7 Dec), financial firms will be required to clear a proportion of “systemic” derivatives via active accounts in EU clearing houses. The minimum requirement will be set by the EU regulator, the European Securities and Markets Authority, one year after the law is adopted. An EU official said the legislation meant it was “less likely” that the commission would extend a temporary deal that allows London’s clearing houses to continue serving customers in the bloc. See also 797, 502 and 267.

874 Manufacturing Regulation Dec 2022

Majority of 938 companies surveyed by the British Chambers of Commerce could not name a single EU law that they would change or remove to become more profitable, according to The New Statesman. Just 14 per cent specified an EU regulation they would remove; 58 per cent of firms had no preference over the amendment or removal of any EU regulation. Half said that deregulation is either a low priority or not a priority at all.

873 Food Inflation Dec 2022

Research by the Centre for Economic Performance (CEP) at the LSE studied trade flows and consumer prices for food products in the UK to identify the transfer of the cost of Brexit red tape to householders. It found that leaving the EU has “increased the price of food products by 3% a year, leading to a 6% increase over a two-year period.” The CEP found that Brexit-induced price rises added £5.84bn cost to the food market alone, equating to £210 per household.

872 Economy Shortages Dec 2022

The Bank of England’s chief economist says Brexit has contributed to a skills shortage that is driving the economy’s weak performance compared with other countries. Huw Pill, speaking to the Institute of Chartered Accountants, said that it was not yet clear whether the record numbers of migrants from non-EU countries were as productive as those from the EU who had been lost since Brexit. “Some of the skills shortages were being met by the inflow, on a relatively flexible basis, of [EU] workers and that has changed and disappeared,” Mr Pill said.

871 Relations EU Dec 2022

A report by the pro-Brexit group Campaign for an Independent Britain (CIB) claims the EU have initiated legal proceedings sixteen times since the UK exited the EU on 31 January 2020. The CIB are critical of the Withdrawal Agreement and say, “The simple fact is that the United Kingdom is still subject to EU law.” These form part of the 27 active ‘infringement cases’ which the EU Commission is pursuing against the United Kingdom, 11 of which started before we left.

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870 Health Shortages Nov 2022

According to an analysis by the Nuffield Trust health think-tank, Brexit has worsened the UK's acute shortage of doctors in key areas of care and led to more than 4,000 European doctors choosing not to work in the NHS. The disclosure in *The Guardian* shows the UK has 4,285 fewer European doctors than if the rising numbers coming before the Brexit vote in 2016 had been maintained. Official figures show the NHS in England alone has vacancies for 10,582 physicians.

869 Economy Survey Nov 2022

Six years on, Brexit is still proving the biggest headache for British businesses, according to a survey by Ivalua reported by *Bloomberg*. Brexit ranks even higher than Russia's war in Ukraine, Covid or rising energy costs. Almost a third of businesses said they had lost revenue as a result of the disruptions, estimating an average drop of around 18%, and around two thirds said they had either been fined or suffered reputational damage as a result of goods arriving late.

868 Economy Trade Nov 2022

Researchers, from the Centre for Business Prosperity at Aston University have found that more than 40 percent of British products previously exported to the EU have disappeared from European shelves since Brexit. They warned that new bureaucracy was putting off exporters on a grand scale and described their findings as "bleak." Small businesses were the least likely to be able to deal with the government's new red tape and to be most likely to simply give up selling abroad.

867 Citizens Rights Nov 2022

Large number of British nationals settled in Denmark under EU rules in 2020 may not have received a reminder from Danish authorities to update their residence status ahead of a Brexit deadline at the end of December 2021, meaning many missed the deadline and could face having to leave the country.

866 Food Farming Nov 2022

Vegetables are being left to rot in fields due to 'chronic' crop picker and driver shortages according to *The Daily Mail*. A recruitment company which specialises in hiring food service supervisory and management roles, said government restrictions on foreign workers are to blame and is urging UK officials to let in ten times more foreign workers to solve the crisis. Guy Moreton, CEO of MorePeople said: "We need five to ten times as many people as the Government is letting in at the moment."

865 Economy Regulation Nov 2022

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Letter to business secretary Grant Shapps signed by various trade bodies and the TUC has said sweeping away thousands of pieces of EU legislation and legal principles would “cause significant confusion and disruption for businesses, working people and those seeking to protect the environment”. The groups are concerned about the loss of “vital” worker, consumer and environmental rights, including those regarding holiday pay, safe working hours and protection from discrimination.

864 Food Meat Nov 2022

Hull based meat producer Cranswick, is flying 400 butchers more than 6,000 miles from the Philippines to avert a Christmas shutdown after an exodus of staff following Brexit. The company is spending £4 million to recruit the butchers to alleviate labour shortages. Last year, a staffing crisis hampered production and left Cranswick with 25 per cent fewer staff at its plants in Hull and Norfolk.

863 Economy Trade Nov 2022

Figures released by the Department for International Trade show that the free trade deal signed with Japan has resulted in a fall in exports since it came into force. Liz Truss signed the “historic” deal with Japan as trade secretary in October 2020, describing it as a “landmark moment for Britain”. In the year to June 2022 exports to Japan fell from £12.3bn to £11.9bn. Exports in goods fell 4.9% to £6.1bn and services fell 2% to £5.8bn.

862 Retail Trade Nov 2022

Greek deli, The Isle of Olive in Hackney, **said to be the best in London**, is to close after 11 years. The owners blame a multitude of reasons but say “certainly **Brexit is sitting right there at the top**”. With reams of paperwork and with many small artisan producers across Greece refusing to export to the UK, it became difficult to source unique products and sell at reasonable prices.

861 Food Fishing Nov 2022

UK Fisheries confirmed last week that its 40m stern trawler Farnella will cease operations at the end of the year, after 22 years. The company cite a lack of quota opportunity and a ‘complete lack of support’ from UK authorities. The vessel was designed to work in the distant waters around Iceland, Faroes, and Norway. With the loss of access after Brexit the vessel was forced closer to home but has now become uneconomic.

860 Transport Shortages Nov 2022

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The CEO of the company that owns Manchester, Stansted and East Midlands airports, said problems with recruitment were making the UK less competitive. Charlie Cornish, speaking at the Airlines 2022 conference in London, said: "There's no doubt that Brexit has damaged the UK economy, 99% of leading economists would tell you that. You just have to look at the rate of growth now, and that's significant."

859 Economy General Nov 2022

Former Brexit secretary David Davis has admitted that Brexit has failed to deliver any notable economic benefits, more than six years after the vote to leave the EU. Davis, a key figure in the campaign to leave the EU and heavily involved in the negotiations that followed blamed Covid for the absence of any gains from the upheaval. Asked if, amid growing calls for a change of course, he accepted that we haven't seen any economic benefit for having left the EU, Davis replied: "No major ones."

858 Economy Inflation Nov 2022

Following the chancellor's budget statement, the Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR) now say "rising prices [will] erode real wages and reduce living standards by 7 per cent in total over the two financial years to 2023-24 (wiping out the previous eight years' growth), despite over £100 billion of additional government support." Their trade forecast reflects the OBR's assumption that Brexit will reduce the UK's trade intensity by **15 per cent in the long run**.

857 Economy Inflation Nov 2022

Member of the Bank of England's monetary policy committee has told MPs that Brexit has **added 6 per cent to UK food prices**. Dr Swati Dhingra also said British workers had taken a 2 per cent real terms cut in their wages due to the UK's departure from the EU. Dr Dhingra appeared together with governor Andrew Bailey before the Treasury Select committee.

856 Economy Trade Nov 2022

Former DEFRA secretary George Eustice has told MPS that the trade deal recently signed with Australia is "not actually a very good trade deal for the UK." He claimed Britain went into the negotiation holding the strongest hand, the best cards but "overall the truth of the matter is that the UK gave away far too much for far too little in return." For example, the UK gave both Australia and New Zealand full liberalisation in beef and lamb, while Australia maintains an absolute export ban for British beef.

855 Food Cheese Nov 2022

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A British cheesemaker has been forced to sell his business to a larger rival to regain access to customers on the continent after Brexit saw a loss of £600,000 in EU sales. Simon Spurrell, MD of Macclesfield-based Cheshire Cheese Company, retains a stake in the business he sold to Joseph Heler Cheese, which has maintained a presence in the EU as a result of its larger operations and distribution hub in the Netherlands.

854 Food Fishing Nov 2022

The MP for Gordon, Richard Thompson (SNP) has highlighted a report from an all-party parliamentary group on the UK Fishing industry which found “unwelcome detrimental impacts on livelihoods” as a result of Brexit. The report said that Brexit left the fishing industry and the wider seafood sector “crying foul in the wake of unexpected and unwelcome detrimental impacts on livelihoods, business turnover, labour, exports and access to fishing areas and quota”.

853 Economy Trade Nov 2022

851 Citizens Rights Nov 2022

British man working in Denmark has been told to leave the country, his job and his fiancée after he was four days late submitting an application to stay there post-Brexit. The 47-year-old financial services administrator received his first removal order in May and was devastated to learn it was because he was four days late with new residency documentation that he **did not realise he needed post-Brexit**.

850 Northern Ireland Rights Nov 2022

Hundreds of people from Northern Ireland, including members of the Orange Order, have applied to give up their British citizenship over the last decade. From 2012, anyone applying to bring a foreign-born spouse to live in the UK had to prove they earned at least £18,600 (€21,230) a year. But, under EU regulations Irish citizens living in the North can bring in a spouse or relative without a minimum income requirement or a costly application process.

849 Financial Services Stock market Nov 2022

London’s stock exchange has lost its European crown to Paris as economic growth concerns weigh on UK assets. The French capital has taken the top spot after the combined market capitalisation of its major share exchanges, part of the pan-European Euronext project, overtook those of London. *Bloomberg*, who compiled the figures, say the market capitalisation gap has been narrowing from about \$1.5tn since the Brexit vote in 2016.

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848 Manufacturing Regulation Nov 2022

Business Secretary Grant Shapps has announced that UK companies will get an additional two years to apply for the new UKCA product safety marking. In an explicit recognition that using the UKCA mark will increase the burden on British firms, the government say that delaying its introduction “will cut costs for business” and remove potential disruption.

847 Economy General Nov 2022

Former member of the Bank of England’s monetary policy committee has told Bloomberg TV that leaving EU has “permanently damaged” the UK economy. Michael Saunders said: “It’s reduced the economy’s potential output significantly, eroded business investment”, adding: “If we hadn’t had Brexit, we probably wouldn’t be talking about an austerity budget this week.”

846 Citizens Rights Nov 2022

German biophysicist and his Indian neurophysicist wife living in the UK with settled status decided to have their first child in India in July. After quickly obtaining a birth certificate and German passport, they were forced to wait 12 weeks for a UK family entry permit to arrive and had to return to London, leaving the baby with her grandmother in Kolkata, a decision they described as “incredibly hard”.

845 Education Funding Nov 2022

Britain’s plan to become a post-Brexit “science and technology superpower” has suffered a significant setback after a fall in research and development investment of almost a fifth since 2014, according to a report. The Institute for Public Policy Research said the UK’s share of global investment in R&D projects – including in health and life sciences – had fallen sharply from 4.2% eight years ago to 3.4% in 2019 immediately before the Covid pandemic struck.

844 Northern Ireland Travel Nov 2022

The Home Office intends to begin rolling out a ‘Permission to Travel’ scheme from January 2023. UK Immigration Minister Robert Jenrick has confirmed non-Irish EU citizens will have to provide biometric data to enter the UK, including those entering Northern Ireland from Ireland. The move will be introduced under the controversial Nationality and Borders Act due to be put in place next year.

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843 Agriculture Fruit Nov 2022

Fruit pickers recruited from Nepal hired to pick fruit on British farms are being sent home only weeks after they arrived under the seasonal workers scheme. Less than two months after arriving, they were told they were no longer needed and instructed to book flights home leaving them thousands of pounds in debt after borrowing money to cover flights and fees to third-party job brokers. They also face steep airline charges to rearrange return journeys.

842 Manufacturing Automotive Nov 2022

Britain's electric car 'revolution' looks set to lose out to European rivals as Britishvolt, the electric car battery start-up, teeters on the brink of collapse after failing to raise funds. UK car production has halved with just one in ten cars purchased in Britain last year being made here, according to *The Telegraph*. The paper blames the decline partly on a "lack of investment caused by years of uncertainty about a Brexit deal".

841 Economy Shortages Nov 2022

The head of the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) has called for urgent action to bolster the economy, including allowing more overseas workers into Britain as employers struggle with a desperate lack of staff. Tony Danker, the CBI's director general, said the government needed to "tackle the real barriers we face right now".

840 Citizens Rights Nov 2022

Figures obtained by the Irish Times have revealed that the number of Britons applying for Irish passports has skyrocketed by over 1,200% since 2016. Ireland has issued one million passports, making up almost a fifth of its 5.1 million population. According to Dublin, more than 620,000 applicants were based in GB. So far this year 100,526 have been granted an Irish passport, with applications from Northern Ireland having now overtaken those submitted to London.

839 Services Hospitality Nov 2022

The price of a meal at the UK's best restaurants has more than doubled since Brexit from £100 a head to more than £200, according to Harden's Restaurant Guide. The latest edition claims Brexit poses an existential threat to the restaurant business, partly because of rising food prices, but mainly because of the extra cost of hiring staff. Peter Harden said: "Brexit has been absolutely disastrous for the trade."

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838 Economy Regulation Nov 2022

shevaun Haviland, director-general of the British Chambers of Commerce has said the government should cut post-Brexit paperwork for exporters and simplify tax rules via new agreements with the EU as a cost-free ways to help struggling British companies. Ms Haviland added that there was “no evidence” yet of a dividend for the UK from leaving the bloc.

837 Culture Football Nov 2022

According to research by football consultancy Analytics FC and law firm Fragomen and shared with City A.M. and due to be published this week, Brexit has drastically shrunk the pool of footballers available to English clubs without having any clear benefit to the prospects of home-grown talent in the Premier League.

836 Culture Funding Nov 2022

The chair of the Commission for Welsh-speaking Communities has said the “anglicisation” of Welsh speaking villages and towns caused by newcomers snapping up homes after Covid, together with the economic stress of Brexit and the cost-of-living crisis, is pushing the Welsh language to a “tipping point”. Simon Brooks warned that unless action is taken there is a danger that Welsh as a community language could soon be lost in some of its traditional heartlands.

835 Economy General Nov 2022

following the news that the UK economy shrank by 0.2% in the three months to September, the British Chambers of Commerce’s head of research says Europe remains a major export destination and Brexit has introduced barriers to trade that did not exist before 2021. He added: “Businesses need to see a long-term economic plan that invests in people, skills, and infrastructure and radically improves our trading relationships with key markets, not least across Europe.”

834 Food Regulation Nov 2022

In article in New Food Magazine raises concerns about food safety in the UK after reductions in funding for environmental health officers and the Food Standards Agency. With only a few exceptions, they say, firms in the UK food industry don’t want de-regulation or a ‘bonfire of red tape’. They see prevailing standards as indispensable to maintaining public trust in the safety and authenticity of their products and claim the instant UK ministers start cutting domestic food standards, “**access to the EU for UK food exports will cease**”.

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833 Economy Shortages Nov 2022

Lord Wolfson, CEO of the fashion retailer Next and keen Brexiter has said the UK's current immigration policy is crippling economic growth. The peer said: "We have got people queuing up to come to this country to pick crops that are rotting in fields, to work in warehouses that otherwise wouldn't be operable, and we're not letting them in. And we have to take a different approach to economically productive migration."

832 Education Horizon Nov 2022

The UK's Europe minister Leo Docherty has called on the EU to reopen British access to EU scientific programmes like Horizon. After meeting with EU representatives at the Parliamentary Partnership Assembly, he said: "We will all benefit from the UK's participation and it brings no conceivable disadvantage to the EU or its member states but the EU has politicised scientific cooperation by linking it with the Northern Ireland Protocol."

831 Economy Inflation Nov 2022

Mark Carney, the former governor of the Bank of England has suggested Brexit has added to the UK's economic woes by lowering the value of the pound and contributing to price rises. Mr Carney told the BBC the fall in the pound and shrinking economy after the UK left the EU had added to "inflationary pressure" and had "slowed the pace at which the economy can grow".

830 Security Defence Nov 2022

The House of Commons science and technology committee have said the government's failure to obtain guaranteed access to satellite navigation systems essential to defence and critical infrastructure risks endangering national security. The cross-party group of MPs criticised the government for not developing "resilient" alternative positioning, navigation and timing (PNT) systems after losing full access to the EU's Galileo, which the UK helped fund and build, because of Brexit.

829 Health NHS Nov 2022

Kemi Badenoch, the new trade secretary, has denied claims the NHS could be set to pay higher costs for drugs as a result of a UK-India trade deal. A leaked chapter of the free trade agreement (FTA) between UK and India contains provisions that suggests pharmaceutical companies would be able to extend their monopolies and keep prices artificially high for years beyond the original 20-year patent term, preventing the manufacture of lower-priced generic versions.

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828 Borders Jersey Nov 2022

A Jersey senator, Philip Ozouf, has claimed that French visitor numbers have dropped 'off a cliff edge' after Brexit as the reintroduction of passport requirements followed Britain's exit from the EU. Previously, tourists from France could enter Jersey using an ID card. Discussions are taking place between Jersey and France to find a solution.

827 Culture Sport Nov 2022

The chairman of Prodrive, Dave Richards, a builder and racer of rally cars says. "For the motorsport industry [Brexit's] been a disaster on a number of fronts, with the extra workload that's required." His comments came as he waited for his racing team to return from a rally in Spain. "They haven't got back yet because they're still sorting out all the paperwork to bring the cars back into the UK," he explained.

826 Citizens Travel Nov 2022

Brittany Ferries has seen a huge fall in the number of people travelling between Plymouth and France with **Brexit being blamed**. The cross Channel operator, which has its UK headquarters in Plymouth, is carrying more than 100,000 fewer people between Millbay and Roscoff compared with pre-pandemic. The company blame the post-Brexit imposition of passports for French passengers visiting the UK Brexit has also been blamed for a drop in freight traffic between the UK and Europe.

825 Health NHS Nov 2022

UK scientists have been told they can no longer take part in meetings organised by a key EU infectious diseases agency due to Brexit tensions, according to *The National* in Scotland. An infectious disease expert has been advised that his invitation to two meetings by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) has been cancelled. Martin McKee, professor of European public health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, said: "This is a recognition that Brexit has consequences, and the form of Brexit the UK has chosen has more severe consequences than were necessary."

824 Manufacturing Automotive Nov 2022

Britishvolt, the UK government-backed battery startup is close to entering administration with the potential loss of almost 300 jobs, after it was unable to find investors willing to fund its giant £3.8bn "gigafactory" in Blyth. Professor Chris Grey pointed out on Twitter that the decision may have important repercussions since from 2027 UK made electric vehicles sold in the EU will need to comply with stringent Rules of Origin, which may not be possible without Britishvolt.

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823 Food Meat Nov 2022

UK meat industry lobby groups are warning that a new post-Brexit regulation will have a “devastating effect” on producers and their ability to export to the EU, according to the *FT*. From December 13 the UK Department for Agriculture will require tens of thousands of farmers to obtain formal attestations from qualified vets about the health of their animals earmarked for slaughter and export. The new regulation is a significant shift from present rules which require farmers only to certify that vet visits have taken place.

822 Economy Trade Nov 2022

New export figures from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) for April to June 2022 show UK exports have collapsed to the EU Big Four of Germany, France, Italy and Spain. The international delivery service ParcelHero says exports to the vital markets of the USA and China slumped as well. David Jinks, says: ‘these latest results reveal Britain failed to successfully transition away from the EU to other lucrative overseas markets – one of the positive outcomes promised by Brexiteers. Looking at two vital export markets beyond the EU, the numbers also tumbled.’

821 Economy Trade Nov 2022

The *Herald* in Scotland reports that Scottish exports to the EU have slumped by over £2.2bn since Brexit. HMRC data, seen by the *Herald* show that the value of Scotland’s exports has slumped from £16.741bn in 2019, the year before the UK exited the EU to £14.528bn in 2021 – a drop of over 13% in two years, reversing a trend that had seen Scotland’s exports to EU countries rise by £420m between 2018 and 2019.

820 Citizens Rights Nov 2022

The British government has been accused of breaching the withdrawal agreement by requiring EU citizens to reapply for the right to live and work in the United Kingdom, an independent body set up to oversee citizens’ rights told a London court on Tuesday. The Independent Monitoring Authority (IMA) says the Home Office’s post-Brexit settlement scheme unlawfully requires up to 2.6 million EU citizens to make a second application after being allowed to remain in the UK or lose their rights of residence.

819 Financial Services Derivatives Nov 2022

London’s share of global foreign exchange and derivatives trading is falling and under threat for the first time since Brexit. According to new findings published exclusively by *City A.M.*, a study by the Bank of International Settlements (BIS) found that while London accounted for 43% of global FX trading in 2019, it now accounts for 38 per cent. Over-the-counter derivatives markets, saw its share slip to 46 per cent, down from 51 per cent three years ago with Singapore and New York gaining ground.

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818 Food Farming Nov 2022

According to *The Guardian*, farmers may miss out on thousands of pounds after government chaos over the post-Brexit nature-friendly farming schemes, developed to replace the EU's old subsidy system which paid according to how much land they managed, caused them not to apply. Long delays over implementing the schemes – first proposed by Michael Gove when he was environment secretary in 2018, but delayed many times since then – has fuelled anxiety that they might be diluted or dropped altogether.

817 Services Hospitality Nov 2022

Celebrity chef Jason Atherton says the Government has made recruitment a “bureaucratic nightmare” since Brexit. Mr Atherton has warned in *The Evening Standard* that he will have to start closing thriving restaurants in the new year because it has become impossible to recruit staff. The celebrity restaurateur said he has 350 unfilled vacancies — representing about a third of his workforce — and faces having to make “heartbreaking” decisions as a result of the unprecedented shortfall with January being “crunch time.”

816 Economy Trade Oct 2022

One in five small UK exporters are unable to trade with the EU because of barriers **created by Brexit**, according to **a survey** by the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC). The survey also revealed that businesses are in the dark about promised new trade deals with the rest of the world – despite ministers claiming that these are a priority. The group is calling for action to cut customs delays and reduce other barriers to trade, and to make it easier to recruit much-needed workers.

815 Retail Shortages Oct 2022

The boss of Seven Dials Market in London's West End says Brexit has “absolutely screwed” the food industry after it “ripped away” its labour source. Simon Mitchell, head of the street food market operator Kerb, told *CityAM* that companies are facing staff shortages “for every single shift, every single day.” He pointed to an exodus of overseas workers from the country following Brexit and said a domestic labour pool of enthusiastic British workers “does not exist”.

814 Economy Shortages Oct 2022

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The House of Lords Economic Affairs Committee have been told by industry chiefs that businesses ranging from retailers to restaurants to care homes are facing a “battle” to recruit staff against the backdrop of a shrinking workforce, with many workers having left the country or unable to work due to sickness. A “diminished labour pool” was the “key issue” for recruitment challenges, David Sheen, public affairs director of UKHospitality, said.

813 Manufacturing Regulation Oct 2022

British inventions are being marketed overseas because of new Brexit safety certification rules, according to *The Observer*. Trade bodies and entrepreneurs have blamed the decision to stop accepting the European Union’s CE mark and instead create a new UK Conformity Assessed (UKCA) mark. This creates extra layers of red tape and some products cannot yet be tested because the UK has no facilities. One entrepreneur had to set up a US company where the product will now be manufactured and sold. British companies were also setting up divisions in Japan.

812 Manufacturing Automotive Oct 2022

The MD of Lotus cars Matt Windle says European customers will get deliveries of the new Emira model first, before UK customers who will have to wait longer because of Brexit. “You have to go through a separate approval now, you have to get European approval and then you have to get UK approval, whereas before we had whole European legal approval,” Mr Windle said. The £60,000 Emira is an important vehicle for Lotus, designed to compete with Porsche’s 718 Cayman.

811 Economy Trade Oct 2022

The latest statistics on trade and investment between the UK and Australia supplied by the Department of International Trade, shows that for trade in goods only, exports to Australia decreased by 2.7% in the 12 months to August 2022 compared to the same period the previous year. UK imports of goods from Australia decreased by 41.9% over the same period. The total value of trade in 2021 was £14.4bn compared to a pre-pandemic total of £18bn in 2019.

810 Citizens Travel Oct 2022

After the UK left the EU in 2021, then Chancellor Rishi Sunak ended tax-free shopping but this was reintroduced as part of Kwasi Kwarteng’s mini-budget in September. It has now been announced it is being permanently scrapped and will not return. The perk permitted international visitors to claim a VAT refund on items bought in high street shops, at airports or at other departure points from the UK and exported in their own personal luggage.

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809 Economy Technology Oct 2022

A cross-party group of MPs have warned that the UK has become a “third-rank” power in space and now lags behind Italy after failing to develop an effective programme following Brexit. The defence select committee has described the lack of progress in developing a 21st-century satellite navigation system after Britain left the EU’s Galileo project as “unacceptable” and the government’s approach to security in space “lacks coherence, clarity and direction.”, said the committee.

808 Economy General Oct 2022

A 28 minute film produced by senior FT writers and British business people which examines how Brexit has impacted the UK economy has been viewed almost 2.4 million times in six days. The film looks at the political conspiracy of silence, and seeks to explain why there has not yet been a convincing case for a ‘Brexit dividend’.

807 Economy Trade Oct 2022

According to Ireland’s Economic and Social Research Institute, Brexit has resulted in a **“substantial negative impact”** for trade in both directions between the EU and the UK. Trade from UK to the EU dropped 16% while there was a 20% decline in trade from the EU to the UK, compared to a no-Brexit scenario, the ESRI said in a new working paper published Wednesday. The analysis looked at product-level data on goods trade flows for 2021, the first full year of the UK’s withdrawal from the bloc.

806 Transport Aviation Oct 2022

Key Aer Lingus route between Belfast City Airport and Heathrow in London has been axed. The Irish carrier wanted to maintain the arrangement, but after its relevant air operation certificate expires at the end of this month under the terms of the EU and UK’s post Brexit trade and cooperation agreement, the route will be cancelled. Eugene Gargan from the Fórsa trade union described the development as hugely disruptive, and said: “This is, unfortunately, another unforeseen and disastrous consequence of Brexit.”

805 Economy General Oct 2022

Analysis by the Labour party shows the Home Office squandered £8.6m as it ditched burgundy passports when the colour was switched to blue. This was part of a total of more than £4Bn wasted by government departments last year alone, including more than £1.6bn of taxpayers’ money written off by the Business department and £1bn in fraud and error from COVID grants.

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804 Manufacturing Bicycles Oct 2022

Volatile pricing and availability of materials, accompanied by widespread disruption to global supply chains are just a few of the challenges faced by many UK businesses post-Brexit. Those trading within the EU have suffered a massive upheaval due to the loss of access to the EU's present free trade agreements. Tim Goodall, MD of www.islabikes.co.uk told *CityAM* that pre-Brexit, EU sales of bikes accounted for over a quarter (26%) of their annual sales. Year-to-date figures for 2022 show they accounted for just 5%, an 80% decline.

803 Environment Farming Oct 2022

802 Economy Trade Oct 2022

An international delivery firm says August's £800m fall in EU trade adds to the UK's economic woes, highlighting the scale of the problems Brexit has caused UK manufacturers and retailers. Head of consumer research at ParcelHero, David Jinks, said: "Imagine the kind of export volumes the UK would now be achieving worldwide had Brexit negotiations not led to such disastrous new tariffs and red tape. Trade in this Brexit-less multiverse would be booming. Had our EU exports continued to increase at their pre-Brexit levels and our non-EU exports shown this month's rise, UK plc would be soaring."

801 Economy Data protection Oct 2022

The government has confirmed another delay to draft digital legislation saying the data reform bill introduced in recent months is now on hold while ministers take another look. Ministers have been flirting with reworking domestic data protection since the 2016 EU referendum but the delay means yet more post-Brexit uncertainty for British businesses. The government project reforms would yield savings for businesses of over £1BN over ten years.

800 Food Meat Oct 2022

Maggot-infested meat was among illegal products found during a snap inspection of 22 lorries at Dover in one 24-hour period this month. Officials discovered raw animal products loosely stored in carrier bags and tissue without temperature control, refrigeration or label identifiers. The items were to be sold at markets and independent stores in Britain. Details were revealed by Natalie Elphicke, the Conservative MP for Dover who said there are up to 10,000 vehicle movements across the Channel a day.

799 Economy General Oct 2022

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The UK's Brexit "divorce bill" stood at €41.8bn (£36.7bn) in 2021, according to *The Guardian* using data from the EU's court of auditors' annual report which revealed that the UK was expected to make €10.9bn in payments to the EU during 2022. The Brexit divorce bill was down from €47.5bn (£41.7bn) in 2020, reflecting payments already made by the British government.

798 Citizens Travel Oct 2022

Expats and frequent travellers who overstay the EU's 90-day rule face a clampdown, fines and possible bans from next year when a new biometric system begins in May, giving border officers an automatic readout of how many days Brits have spent in Europe. Up to now, many European border officers are currently being lenient, especially for people who make frequent short trips to the EU — and end up with many pages of stamps in their passports.

797 Economy Inflation Oct 2022

Mark Carney the former governor of the Bank of England, in an interview with the FT on the day of Kwasi Kwarteng's mini-budget, said following Covid and inflation, British average wages in the UK will probably not now get back to pre-2008 levels until 2025 at least. He also said, "In 2016 the British economy was 90 per cent the size of Germany's. Now it is less than 70 per cent. And that calculation was made before today." Other economists have challenged his figures.

796 Food Vets Oct 2022

The president of the British Veterinary Association (BVA), Malcolm Morley has warned that 'costly bureaucracy'; 'the threat of onerous regulation' and border checks of veterinary medicine as a result of Northern Ireland's unique place in both the UK and EU regulatory systems, risked an animal welfare crisis and threatens public health. Mr Morley told guests at a BVA dinner at Stormont said the potential shortage of animal medicines facing the profession in Northern Ireland was the result of post-Brexit regulation.

795 Financial Services Technology Oct 2022

The financial technology company Revolut has announced that it plans to shift more than one million trading customers from London to Lithuania in order to market its products to European clients. The so-called fintech business has blamed Brexit according to *The Telegraph*. The company did not disclose how many customers will be affected, but it is understood it will shift over one million accounts to its Lithuanian arm.

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794 Economy Trade Oct 2022

Mark Drakeford, the Welsh first minister has told the *Irish Times* that traffic through Welsh ports is down by 30% since Brexit. He said Wales was getting only a “fraction” of the regional development money it would have received before the UK left the EU and that traffic through the ports of Holyhead and Fishguard ports was just 70% of what it was pre-Brexit. “It has a very significant impact and we are looking at ways in which the new barriers to trade can be eroded so that the land bridge can be made as effective as it was previously”, he said.

793 Northern Ireland Funding Oct 2022

The ESF Peer Group which provides employment support programmes in Northern Ireland says up to 1,700 jobs are at risk over the failure to replace EU funds that were **lost after Brexit**. The consortium of community groups said it was previously funded by the European Social Fund (ESF) but that money has not been fully replaced by the UK’s levelling up fund.

792 Economy Trade Oct 2022

Liz Truss’s flagship trade deal with India is on the “verge of collapse” after Indian ministers reacted furiously to comments by Home Secretary Suella Braverman criticising migrants from their country. Last week Braverman expressed “concerns” about the trade deal because it would increase migration to the UK and Indians represented the largest group of visa overstayers. A source in Delhi said Indian government ministers and officials were “shocked and disappointed” by the “disrespectful” remarks.

791 Economy Regulation Oct 2022

House of Commons committee investigation has found that UK regulators are struggling to cope with the post-Brexit trading environment because of “poor preparation and planning.” Almost two years after the UK quit the EU, there are still shortages of vets, toxicologists, lawyers and economists to deal with the UK’s new status as a “third country”, the public accounts committee report, *Regulating After EU Exit*, has discovered.

790 Borders UK-EU Oct 2022

Doug Bannister, the head of the Port of Dover, has told a select committee that he is concerned about new checks due to come into force when entering the EU after next May: “We do not have a solution that’s going to work in a very busy ferry terminal. Bannister says it could take a car of four people ten minutes to get through the new biometric checks at Dover. New technology is going to be trialled in Calais in the next couple of weeks.

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789 Economy Data protection Oct 2022

Letter from Robin Röhm, CEO and co-founder of Apheris, published by *CityAM* says that UK plans to replace GDPR with its own “business and consumer-friendly British data protection system” is bad news and will only increase complexity for companies in Britain and the EU hoping to collaborate by sharing data across geographical boundaries. He says yet another set of rules for the UK is a step in the wrong direction.

788 Manufacturing Shortages Oct 2022

Walker’s Shortbread in Aberlour, Scotland has declared that staff recruitment remains “very difficult” and trading with the EU has become more costly since Brexit, even as it reported a “strong response” to the pandemic. Director Jim Walker said: “This summer and last summer, we were really about 200 people short, both years. Our existing workforce have done their best to work longer hours and [at] weekends. We have put on night shifts where necessary. But it has been very difficult.”

787 Education Funding Oct 2022

786 Security Defence Oct 2022

Britain’s position as the world’s most important aerospace and defence market after the US had already been **weakened by Brexit** caused by additional bureaucracy and the UK being excluded from important pan-EU research programmes. The *FT* report that new figures from industry trade body ADS show Britain’s civil and military aerospace activities turned over £22.4bn in 2021 — 37% lower than before the coronavirus crisis. In contrast, although hit by the pandemic, data from Germany’s trade body show the sector, which for decades trailed the UK, has consolidated its recent lead with revenues of €31.4bn or £27.8bn in 2021.

785 Food Farming Oct 2022

Farmers are said to be deserting the Conservatives. A worker shortage, the absence of a post-Brexit subsidy system and slim profit margins are fuelling a rural revolt, says *The Times*. At an NFU debate at the Conservative conference, many in the audience were worried about spiralling diesel bills; what subsidy system will replace the CAP; productivity plummets due to a **lack of seasonal workers**; crops rot in the field and overseas markets have disappeared.

784 Agriculture Trade Oct 2022

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According to the *FT*, farmers and environmental groups are demanding guarantees from the government that it will maintain a “level playing field” for food and animal welfare standards in future post-Brexit trade deals. A coalition of more than 10 lobby groups have called for the PM to avoid a repeat of recent trade deals with Australia and New Zealand, which they said could undercut UK farmers and put consumers at risk.

783 Citizens Travel Sep 2022

The CEO of Eurostar has written to the chair of the Transport Select Committee to explain that passenger capacity at St Pancras has been cut from 2200 passengers per hour to 1500 because of extra passport checks required after Brexit, a fall of 30%. Jacques Damas, said, “It is only the fact that Eurostar has capacity-limited trains and significantly reduced its timetable from 2019 levels, that we are not seeing daily queues in the centre of London similar to those experienced in the Channel ports. This situation has obvious commercial consequences and is not sustainable in the mid-to-long term.”

782 Borders UK-EU Sep 2022

The port of Dover has warned that the new EU entry-exit system (EES), which is due to start in May 2023, will require all non-EU nationals to register their fingerprints and be photographed before entering the bloc. This could add up to 10 minutes for a family of five in a vehicle on their first trip after EES is introduced, compared with about 45 to 90 seconds for border checks today and multiplying delays at the Channel ports.

781 Culture Creative industries Sep 2022

Report by UK Music, a body representing the British music industry, which is almost a third smaller than before the pandemic, is calling for a package of support including tax relief, a VAT cut for struggling venues and a streamlining of restrictions affecting workers and touring between Europe and the UK. The report complains of rampant inflation, soaring costs and Brexit red tape which threaten to derail its fragile recovery.

780 Citizens Driving Sep 2022

British expats living in Spain are furious over the delay in reaching a deal to end the ban on UK driving licences in Spain. A protest has been organised in Madrid next week. Britons who failed to convert their UK driving licences to Spanish ones by the December 2020 deadline, have found themselves banned from driving on Spanish roads since May. Talks are ongoing but no date has been set for a resolution.

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779 Economy Trade Sep 2022

New prime minister Liz Truss has admitted a trade deal with the United States is unlikely to happen for many years to come. She told reporters on a flight to New York for a meeting of the UN General Assembly: "There [aren't] currently any negotiations taking place with the U.S. and I don't have an expectation that those are going to start in the short to medium term."

778 Northern Ireland Farming Sep 2022

Sinn Féin MLA Declan McAleer has called for direct dialogue between the EU institutions and local representatives in Northern Ireland to resolve problems caused by Brexit on the province's agricultural sector. Speaking at a round table event in the EU Parliament Mr McAleer said: "The Tory-imposed Brexit is having a hugely negative impact on farms, small businesses and wider society here in the north."

777 Education Exchanges Sep 2022

The European University Institute (EUI) is an international organisation dedicated to social sciences and humanities founded in 1972 by the six original members of the then EEC. The UK government has now confirmed that an interim agreement allowing the UK to continue membership of the EUI comes to an end on 31 December 2022.

776 Manufacturing Automotive Sep 2022

Ford has admitted that Brexit has not helped the production of its electric E-Transit Custom. Hans Schep, general manager Ford Pro Europe, said: "Brexit is not making our life easier." Schep said the Rules of Origin laws determining in which country a product was made, had increased red tape and caused delays in moving components between European markets. There could be different requirements covering Turkey, where Ford will build the E-Transit Custom and those in the UK, he added.

775 Borders UK-EU Sep 2022

Twenty customs support officers recruited to deal with new border checks in Hull as part of a wider recruitment drive by the authority as it prepared for the post-Brexit changes, which were subsequently shelved by the government, have now been made redundant, it has been revealed. The government has delayed implementing new checks until the end of next year when it has pledged to introduce a new system of controls.

774 Transport Bus services Sep 2022

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An Oxford bus company has warned of disruption to its services due to a lack of drivers which it blames on Brexit and Covid-19. Luke Marion, Oxford Bus Company and Thames Travel interim MD, apologised and said, “here is a national shortage of bus drivers, caused by multiple factors including Brexit, retirements during Covid-19 and drivers leaving the industry to logistics jobs.”

773 Economy Trade Sep 2022

As the government pushes for a pro-growth strategy, data from HMRC show the number of UK businesses exporting goods to the EU fell by 33 per cent in 2021 from 27,321 to 18,357. Michelle Dale, a senior manager at accountancy firm UHY Hacker Young, told *City A.M* that the fall was due to the extra red tape UK businesses must now comply with when exporting to the EU. “Businesses are not getting enough support from the Government to navigate the post-Brexit trading minefield”, she said.

772 Culture The Arts Sep 2022

King & McGaw, a £10mn business based in Newhaven, which sells fine art prints online has all but stopped exporting to the EU because Brexit-related costs and bureaucracy. CEO Gyr King says, “If you can’t ship your goods into the biggest market on your doorstep, you have got to be shooting yourself in the foot”.

771 Economy Trade Sep 2022

According to the FT, the latest trade figures from the ONS show that the UK’s trade in goods and services’ deficit, excluding precious metals, widened by £1.2bn to £27bn in the three months to July compared with the previous quarter, a near-record. Exports are likely to continue to struggle as external demand from key trading partners softens and Brexit trade frictions remain. Gabriella Dickens, economist at Pantheon Macroeconomics, forecast that the trade deficit “will reach enormous proportions over the coming months” due to higher gas prices.

770 Borders UK-EU Sep 2022

Group of Welsh cyclists travelling from Wales to Portugal to raise money for a prostate cancer charity have been forced to pay a tariff of €10,000 in Santander to release their bikes for the fundraising effort. Newly-appointed Leader of the House of Commons and former Trade minister Penny Mordaunt, criticised the Spanish authorities said the charge was “outrageous” and vowed to “do all I can to help to resolve and get compensation for the group”.

769 Financial Services Insurance Sep 2022

The Davis Downside Dossier

British couple in France have been told by Aviva that their life insurance policy is no longer valid because the firm can no longer operate in France due to Brexit. Kathleen Allen, took out the insurance on her husband's life in 1991 while living in the UK. Her £44 per month premiums should have entitled her to £14,270 in the event of her husband's death. Instead, Aviva has offered her a £600 surrender value.

768 Energy Electricity Sep 2022

According to an analysis of wholesale electricity market prices, the loss of the integrated **EU Internal Energy market** added as much as £250mn to wholesale electricity costs in 2021 and is expected to add up to £440mn by the end of this year. This adds roughly 0.7 per cent to the overall wholesale electricity cost, according to the consultancy Baringa, reported by the *FT*.

767 Borders UK-EU Sep 2022

Kent County Council has called on the government to provide more cash to create better roads to support new customs controls for goods moving to and from the EU. Simon Jones, KCC's corporate director for transport, said the changes would help the county "buy some time" to resolve long-term travel problems in and out of the Port of Dover and Eurotunnel, adding: "This will help us manage the current situation a little better and hopefully relieve some of the local road issues, which we see all too frequently."

766 Manufacturing Automotive Sep 2022

Britain's bid to get Amazon backed US company Rivian to begin manufacturing electric vehicles in the UK has stalled over the government's plan to diverge from EU data protection laws. In a recent filing, the firm said Britain's GDPR reforms posed a barrier to its proposed investment in a major plant in Britain. "Evolving and changing definitions of personal data and personal information within the EU, the United Kingdom may limit or inhibit our ability to operate or expand our business."

765 Energy Electricity Sep 2022

Drax which produces 11 per cent of the UK's renewable energy and is described as critical national infrastructure, said in its 2020 accounts filed last October that Brexit may create uncertainty and "extra costs in regulatory reporting or divergence in compliance requirements." It also said Brexit introduced risks to their ability to influence EU policy on sustainability and may "make the company's operations more complex and costly."

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764 Food Shortages Sep 2022

Britain's cucumber capital in the Lea Valley north of London has seen over a third of growers give up and apply for planning permission for housing, warehouses and small factories, hit by by Brexit, labour shortages and rising energy costs, according to the Lea Valley Growers Association (LVGA). Lee Stiles, the LVGA secretary said, "The largest hub in the UK's glasshouse sector could face extinction within the next two years, to be concreted over by houses and industry."

763 Borders UK-EU Sep 2022

Frustrated passengers queueing for hours to reach Dover have described fights breaking out in front of children following allegations of queue jumping at Calais. Passenger Nicholas Mohan told *KentOnline* he was delayed for seven hours when making the crossing on Friday. He said: "Ultimately it is the humble traveller and their families who continue to suffer." See also 730 below.

762 Relations EU Sep 2022

The Charles Peguy centre in London's Brunswick Place, described as a magnet for the French in London, has become a casualty of Brexit. After six decades of assisting French people trying to find their feet in a new country, the centre has been forced to shut. The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic played a small part but the principal cause is said to be the hard Brexit Britain chose as its departure route from the EU.

761 Culture Football Sep 2022

New post-Brexit immigration rules are being blamed for preventing Fulham signing the Dutch player Justin Kluivert from Italian club Roma even after an £8m transfer fee had been agreed. Kluivert failed to meet the criteria to move to the Premier League due to his lack of recent appearances for Roma and Fulham cannot appeal the decision.

759 Citizens Travel Aug 2022

Channel Tunnel train operator Eurostar has blamed difficult economic circumstances plus **the logistical implications of Brexit** for cutting the direct 'Disneyland Express' from the UK to Disneyland, near Paris. The route will cease on 6 June 2023. Eurostar said it was concentrating on the core cities it serves in France, Belgium and the Netherlands. The EU's new Entry Exit System (EES) for travellers from outside the EU is expected to be operational at the end of May 2023.

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758 Services Technology Aug 2022

Broadband installers and their subcontractors are frustrated with the process of bringing workers into the UK. It can take companies nine months to hire skilled people. Home secretary Priti Patel has acknowledged that the process “inevitably involves more friction” but said that “taking back control of our immigration system is a key benefit of leaving the EU”. Including relocation, the total cost of hiring a worker from abroad is estimated to be £11,000 compared to £1,500 for a domestic worker over a five-year period.

757 Immigration EU Aug 2022

The number of EU citizens migrating to the UK for work has collapsed while the number of people from non-EU countries gaining work visas has surged, according to the FT. In the year to June a record 1.1 million visas were granted of which 331,233 were work-related, a rise of 72% since 2019. Out of workers in the category previously known as “skilled worker”, 46% or 102,981 were from India, up 80% on 2019. Only 12% of skilled worker came from the European Economic Area.

756 Manufacturing Trade Aug 2022

A small brewery in Kent has seen a 95% fall in export sales since the UK left the EU. The Old Dairy Brewery in Tenterden says extra paperwork, customs checks and transport rules are to blame. A body which represents beer exporters says export costs are now so high, small breweries cannot even afford to send samples to trade fairs.

755 Citizens Rights Aug 2022

According to *Bloomberg*, UK citizens living in Europe are coming to terms with the annoyances and obstacles of life in a post-Brexit world. Costly residence permits, a weak pound and travel hassles are just some of the problems emerging as expat Brits adjust to being foreigners in their adopted EU countries. Some have been forced to return to the UK while others are going so far as to renounce their citizenship.

754 Manufacturing Steel Aug 2022

Some steel exports from Great Britain to Northern Ireland face a 25% tariff because of the Northern Ireland protocol. The EU has changed some of its rules in regard to steel imports for reasons related to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine which has resulted in sales of steel products to Northern Ireland being subjected to tariffs.

753 Citizens Rights Aug 2022

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A letter from Trade Secretary Ann Marie Trevelyan leaked to *The Independent* says human rights would be **kept out of trade talks**. She believes that “free trade agreements are not generally the most effective or targeted tool to advance human rights issues”. This is being contrasted with assurances from Liz Truss in October 2020, that the UK’s “values-driven” trade policy would be used to “spread our fundamental values”, such as human rights, around the world.

752 Financial Services Stock market Aug 2022

The chair of the London Stock Exchange has warned that without a post-Brexit shake-up of City rules, London will lose its status as a global financial hub. In a submission to the Financial Conduct Authority, Michael Findlay said the City would drift towards “regional market” status if it did not cut red tape around listings. He said officials must strip back excessive stock market rules.

751 Borders UK-EU Aug 2022

Thousands of frustrated holidaymakers have been stuck in six-hour queues at Calais trying to get to Dover because of ‘delays caused by British Border Control’, according to the *Daily Mail*. One fed-up passenger claimed: ‘The cause of all the delays was all down to UK Border Control. There were only four booths open for all the thousands of travellers trying to get through.’ A UK Government spokesperson said: “Border Force continue to work closely with operators, French counterparts and relevant government agencies to minimise disruption in advance of the busy bank holiday weekend.”

750 Citizens Travel Aug 2022

Citing financial factors and the post-Brexit border situation, the company confirmed services carrying passengers between London St Pancras and Europe via the Channel Tunnel would not stop at the two Kent stations, Ashford and Ebbsfleet, during 2023 and may not do so again until 2025. With the EU’s entry/exit system due to be in place by the end of May 2023 expected to add “further complexity” Eurostar said it would not be able to “make any commitment for another two to three years”.

749 Food Wine Aug 2022

Denbies Wine Estate in Surrey has been dealt a heavy blow by Brexit. They rely on the French and German wine industries to supply and service their equipment in the UK but due to Brexit red tape, some businesses on the Continent will no longer deal with the company. Others — partly reflecting the higher costs of doing business with Britain — have put their prices up so much that new equipment to help the enterprise to grow is unaffordable.

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748 Agriculture Potatoes Aug 2022

A Farm in Scotland has lost annual sales of 20,000 tonnes of seed potatoes which are no longer permitted in the EU following Brexit. Andrew Skea from Auchterhouse told *The National*, “We used to sell 40 high-value varieties, but we have lost our exports completely – half of our sales,” he said. “We had a domestic market of 500 million people. That’s been cut to 50m. The UK market alone just isn’t enough to keep some varieties going. It took me 20 years to grow the business to have enough to sell to meet the demand.” See also 30 and 406 below.

747 Culture Creative industries Aug 2022

Historical battle re-enactment societies say customs red tape could prevent them taking part in events overseas. The UK’s leading Napoleonic re-enactment society has said post-Brexit customs rules fail to account for their antique firearms, leaving them at risk of having their weapons confiscated. Before Brexit, re-enactors could obtain a free European licence alongside their shotgun licence, which is used for old-fashioned long arms, allowing them to travel freely with their weapons. However, there is no provisions under post-Brexit customs systems.

746 Education Funding Aug 2022

A professor of microbiology at Imperial College London, José R Penadés, has lost a €2.5m EU research grant to study how disease-causing bacteria evade treatment by antibiotics. The grant was awarded in March but has now been cancelled because the UK was unable to negotiate an agreement to remain in the Horizon Europe funding programme. Professor Penadés, director of the UK’s MRC Centre for Molecular Bacteriology and Infection, says others have made the difficult decision to leave the country and take up work in Europe and he fears for the future of UK science.

745 Education Farming Aug 2022

Before Brexit, the UK was a net importer of academics. In 2019, science and engineering trade union Prospect found two-thirds of its EU members were thinking of leaving the UK. Earlier this year Martin Smith, head of policy at the Wellcome Trust, warned of a ‘real prospect that bright young scientists will decide it will be best for their careers if they leave the UK’ following Brexit. According to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the UK had a net loss of around 1300 scientists in 2020, a level of brain drain comparable to Brazil, with only India seeing a larger outflow.

744 Culture Football Aug 2022

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New UK immigration rules means that Viborg FF, West Ham's opponents in a Europa Conference League play-off will be unable to travel to the UK with two African players. The Danish club said in a statement that they have "tried everything, and have been in close contact with DBU (Danish football association), UEFA, the two embassies and another foreign club which has been in a similar situation. But unfortunately it has proved to be impossible, as there is a processing time of several weeks and the match was only finally scheduled a week ago."

743 Economy Trade Aug 2022

In an official release, the Department of International Trade says in the four quarters to the end of Q1 2022, total trade in goods and services (exports plus imports) between the UK and Japan decreased by 4.5% or £1.1 billion compared to the four quarters to the end of Q1 2021. Total UK exports to Japan decreased 6.0% and total UK imports decreased by 3.0%. This is under the new free trade agreement signed by Liz Truss in November 2020. See also 710 below.

742 Services Hospitality Aug 2022

The UK hospitality industry has lost nearly 200,000 international workers since the end of 2019, according to an industry survey, as the effects of Brexit and the coronavirus pandemic squeeze the jobs market. According to data from recruit agency Caterer.com the number of EU citizens working in hospitality businesses at 172,000, is down around 41 per cent compared to a pre-pandemic total of nearly 293,000. The research, reported in the *FT*, is based on a survey of 250 senior hospitality hiring managers conducted in July.

741 Immigration Increase Aug 2022

Neil O'Brien, Conservative MP for Harborough in Leicestershire has admitted that immigration has increased since Britain voted to leave the EU. This is despite pledges of "taking back control" and cutting migration to the tens of thousands, and comes amid widespread labour shortages in many sectors of the economy. Mr O'Brien accused the government of "liberalising non-EU migration" since Brexit by ending caps on visas, lowering qualification requirements and removing minimum earning requirements for skilled migrants.

740 Economy Shortages Aug 2022

A report by Oxford academics claims Brexit has exacerbated labour shortages with industries most reliant on freedom of movement hit hard. They found no evidence that employers had responded by raising wages. EU citizens in employment were down 6% compared with the same month in 2020, while non-EU migrants in employment had increased 9%. Madeleine Sumption, director of Oxford's Migration Observatory cautioned that the response was not necessarily to increase the number of visas available to lower-skilled workers born abroad. She said, "Low-wage work visa schemes are notoriously difficult to police and often open workers up to exploitation and abuse".

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739 Agriculture Shortages Aug 2022

Indonesian workers on a Kent farm to fill post-brexit shortages are “at risk of debt bondage” according to *The Guardian*. To secure work in Britain Indonesian labourers said they faced thousands of pounds in exorbitant extra fees from brokers. One worker described how he staked his family home in Bali as surety on the debt and fears losing it. “Now I’m working hard only to pay back that money”, he said. “I cannot sleep sometimes. I have a family who need my support to eat and meanwhile, I think about the debt.”

738 Food Fishing Aug 2022

Scotland’s salmon industry is facing “acute” labour shortages due to Brexit despite average salaries of £36,000, business leaders have warned. Salmon Scotland say salmon businesses are running 20% short on staff and have warned candidates in the Tory leadership contest, Rishi Sunak and Liz Truss, that without change there was a threat to the industry’s business competitiveness. See also 698 below.

737 Transport Aviation Aug 2022

As of 1 January 2023, the UK will cease to recognise EASA (European Aviation Safety Agency issued licences and certificates for the operation of UK (G-registered) aircraft. Eligible pilots can acquire a UK licence whilst still holding their EASA licence but BALPA (British Airline Pilots Association) say they will need to begin the application process as soon as possible. Aircraft Maintenance Engineers previously licensed by UK authorities under EASA part 66 who need to work in Europe will also need to reapply for their licence to an EU member state.

736 Culture Zoos Aug 2022

Breeding programmes designed to save endangered species are being threatened by Brexit. Zoos warn they are being prevented from transferring animals such as rhinos and giraffes by post-Brexit red tape. Before 31 December 2020, an average of about 1,400 transfers between the UK and other EU countries were made each year. But in 2021 there were just 56, and so far this year there have been 84, according to the British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums (BIAZA).

735 Economy Trade Aug 2022

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ONS statistics for June show the UK's trade deficit widened by £2.0bn to £27.9bn in Q2 (Apr to June) 2022 compared with the previous quarter; this is the largest quarterly deficit in current prices since records began in January 1997. Total exports of goods fell by £2.7bn (8.0%) in June 2022, driven by a £2bn (11.9%) decrease in exports to non-EU countries, while exports to EU countries decreased by £0.7bn (3.9%).

734 Financial Services Banking Aug 2022

Over British banks have joined Barclays (see 675 below) in advising UK residents in the European Economic Area that their accounts will be closed unless their permanent address is in the UK. Halifax and Lloyd's, have now told UK citizens living in the EU that they will no longer be able to have and use their account in member states, primarily in Spain, France and Germany.

733 Services Hospitality Aug 2022

Councillor Colin Davie, Lincolnshire's economy chief said the benefits of Brexit have not yet been realised as the county faces a major workforce shortage and the UK a "worse than a storm" financial future. He said: "I've got businesses on the coast who can't recruit staff to work in their restaurants or bars and the owners and managers are doing the work themselves. They can't do it forever and if they can't get staff they'll end up closing – that's what we're gonna see in the autumn if we're not careful."

732 Citizens Travel Aug 2022

The boss of clothing chain Superdry, Julian Dunkerton, has warned that travellers will prefer to go shopping in Europe because Britain no longer offers tax-free purchases. He said high-spending international tourists would stop coming to Britain and go to France instead. "The other aspect that people haven't realised is that we as Brits can go to France and if we're buying any high-ticket item, get a tax-free deal on that product", he added

731 Economy Trade Aug 2022

An analysis by the University of Sussex's Trade Policy Observatory of the first year of operation of the new UK-Japan Free Trade deal shows that during 2021, "In all cases but one, Japanese exports and imports of both goods and services with the UK performed worse than the equivalent flows with the EU or the Rest of the World." Services exports fell 9.2% compared to 2020 while services imports fell 24%.

730 Manufacturing Trade Aug 2022

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A meringue manufacturing firm from Shropshire says it no longer exports to the EU due to issues created by Brexit. Flower and White employ 30 staff in Telford and produce a million items a day. They have exported to 12 countries in the EU but thousands of pounds worth of stock has ended up left at ports due to confusion over rules for exporting food items, owner Leanne Crowther said. For the business, Brexit had been “a disaster”, she added.

729 Health Shortages Aug 2022

The British Dental Association has said NHS dentistry is at a “tipping point” after a decade of under-investment. Shawn Charlwood, chair of the General Dental Practice Committee at the BDA, told the BBC’s Today programme on Radio 4 that “running up to Brexit and after the Brexit decision” we saw “thousands” of European dentists going home to the EU and they have not returned. This follows a survey of nearly 7,000 NHS practices by the BBC showing 90% are not accepting new adult patients for treatment under the NHS.

728 Agriculture Meat Aug 2022

British breeders are unable to export their pedigree cattle, sheep and pigs to the EU because no private company in France is prepared to invest the millions of euros needed to build a border control post where vets can check the animals before they enter the single market. Now the National Farmers’ Union (NFU) is planning to ask farmers if they will help fund the facility themselves. Some breeders are relocating to the EU. See also 695 below.

727 Citizens Rights Aug 2022

British nationals living in Portugal are unable to access healthcare, change jobs, or travel in and out of the country because they have not received post-Brexit residency cards. The UK is urging Portugal to implement the withdrawal agreement fully and protect the rights of the 34,500 British residents. People have been detained at airports, forced to pay for healthcare and risked losing their jobs due to the delays in getting a biometric card which proves their legal status.

726 Economy Data protection Aug 2022

Report published by the Conservative European Forum warns that the potential loss of data flows if the government proceeds with a new UK-only rulebook on data security could cut Britain off from the free exchange of information within Europe. Amber Rudd, a former home secretary, cautioned against allowing UK agencies to be locked out of EU-wide security arrangements and said, “In the interests of security, both for the UK and the EU, we should seek to maintain the free flow of data.”

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725 Manufacturing Inward investment Aug 2022

The FT report that Make UK (formerly the Engineering Employers Federation) are seeing signs that in capital-intensive sectors like engineering and electronics some UK subsidiaries of international companies are struggling to convince their parents to invest in the UK. Fhaheen Khan, senior economist at Make UK, said “Anecdotally we are seeing global conglomerates that have bases in many countries diverting R&D funding to other international bases.”

724 Northern Ireland Community Aug 2022

Brexit is being blamed for a perceived deterioration in community relations in Northern Ireland.. Figures from the Executive Office show a “significant” decline in those thinking relations between Protestants and Catholics are improving. The Good Relations Indicator report for 2019, the most up-to-date figures published by the Stormont department, shows that the number of adults who think relations between the two communities have improved over the past five years has declined by almost 20 percentage points over the past three years.

723 Manufacturing Chemicals Aug 2022

In the EU, a group of eight chemicals linked to cancer will be restricted from use in synthetic football pitches and playgrounds from August. They will not be banned in the UK. In March, a cosmetics and household products ingredient called liliat was banned in the EU because it can affect reproduction and fertility. But a similar ban does not come into force here until the end of 2022. The EU is bringing forward new proposals that could see 5,000-7,000 chemicals banned by 2030, including flame retardants, PVC plastics, and chemicals used in plastic bottles and non-stick coatings on cookware. See also 660 below.

722 Immigration Small boats Aug 2022

Despite the government’s stated aim of cutting the number of migrants crossing the English channel by sending asylum seeker to Rwanda, nearly 700 migrants crossed on Monday, a new daily record for this year. Some 696 people were detected making the the journey from France in small boats. According to official figures, more than 17,000 migrants have arrived in the UK after crossing the Channel in dinghies so far in 2022. At the equivalent point in 2021, the cumulative total was just under 9,500.

721 Economy Trade Aug 2022

Research from DHL Express has revealed that almost three quarters of SMEs who export or plan to export in the future (72%) agree that Brexit has increased the costs of doing business. Over a third (38%) who already export or plan to, remaining concerned about a lack of awareness among customers about the additional import costs

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payable. Ian Wilson, CEO at DHL Express UK, said: “this latest piece of research makes clear that businesses are still facing a number of challenges and are in need of support to help them navigate the changes.”

720 Financial Services Increase Aug 2022

The Irish subsidiary of UK insurance group Royal London, set up in 2018 to serve the Irish market, is “monitoring” for any divergence between EU and UK industry regulations as a result of Brexit that may impact its business model. The firm is watching for any change in how the two blocs manage the insurance industry as so-called regulatory divergence “could result in the loss of some element of efficiency” in its operating model, according to accounts for Royal London Insurance DAC for 2021 filed with the Companies Registration Office in Dublin.

719 Food Fishing Aug 2022

Scotland’s salmon industry has called for urgent action to tackle Brexit-related delays at Dover, with concerns over fresh fish being left to “rot in lorries.” Fresh salmon from Scotland usually arrives in France the following morning, but in recent weeks there have been delays of up to 48 hours due to queues on the UK side of the Channel. Delays in recent weeks has meant at least one day when no fresh salmon reached France at all, according to Salmon Scotland.

718 Financial Services The City Aug 2022

The UK government is to pay business bodies to broker deals in foreign countries to allow City workers to more easily work overseas post-Brexit. The new Recognition Arrangements Grants Programme will see payments of up to £75,000 given to professional bodies and regulators, for industries such as accounting and legal services, to pursue mutual recognition of professional qualifications deals. The UK lost its wide-ranging access to EU financial markets post-Brexit, with barriers also erected for City firms wanting to send workers to the continent.

717 Food Shortages Aug 2022

The *FT* are reporting that the British £8 billion/year packaged sandwich industry is being ‘derailed’ by Brexit, Covid and inflation. In 2017, EU nationals accounted for more than one-third of the food industry workforce. The UK’s points-based immigration regime has now halted the free flow of low-paid labour, while the Covid pandemic prompted an estimated 1.3m overseas workers to return home. Ingredient shortages caused by supply chain disruptions have added to the industry’s woes.

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716 Agriculture Vets Aug 2022

Dorset farm has had to suspend more than £150,000 of orders and may be forced to abandon any future activity in Europe because of **post-Brexit changes** at sea ports. Wessex Lowlines has spent a decade breeding world-leading cattle, but say the failure to set up a Border Control Post (BCP) to provide crucial veterinary services and processing of livestock entering Europe means all orders for breeding herds in Europe have been suspended.

715 Education Student numbers Aug 2022

Applications from EU students who want to study in Irish universities have more than trebled since the 2016 Brexit referendum. Figures from the Irish Universities Central Applications Office show a huge jump applications from other EU countries. From 1,934 in 2017 the numbers have increased to 6,383 this year.

714 Culture Creative industries Aug 2022

The organiser of the British rock and heavy metal music festival Bloodstock has criticised the increasing post Brexit costs and paperwork for British bands wanting to travel across the Channel and EU bands wanting to come and play in the UK. Adam Gregory said, "There was no real big blockades that we could say would stop a festival from being successful. Then Brexit came along, and literally every barrier in the world went up overnight."

713 Economy Impact Aug 2022

The Institute of Director's Economic Confidence Index, which measures business leaders' view of UK economic prospects, shows in July that 69 per cent of bosses were either very or quite pessimistic about UK economy. Only 15 per cent were optimistic. UK businesses are slashing investment plans as soaring prices, Brexit trading difficulties and political uncertainty all leave bosses pessimistic about the economic outlook.

712 Environment Regulation Aug 2022

According to the Ends Report, DEFRA has amended its website to show that it would report on only seven biodiversity indicators. Among those that the department will not assess this year are: surface water status; threatened habitats; farmland, woodland and wetland species; seabirds; protected species distribution; marine pollution and invasive species. Surface water quality is known to be in a poor condition in England with no rivers meeting overall standards of good health in the last Environment Agency assessment.

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711 Citizens Travel Aug 2022

The Guardian reports that the British passport has fallen from joint first place to sixth on the Henley passport index – a global ranking of countries in terms of the travel freedom their passports enjoy. In 2015, the UK was ranked joint-first, alongside Germany, but has dropped down the listings each year since. Passports at the top of the index allow the holder to visit almost 200 countries without securing a visa in advance. Those lower down, face more hurdles, bureaucracy and suspicion with demands for extra paperwork and are often refused entry.

710 Economy Trade Jul 2022

Hundreds of British companies are cutting economic ties with China en masse and new alliances will be needed in post-Brexit Europe to offset souring trading links with Beijing, warns Tony Danker, the CBI director-general in the *FT*. Danker said companies were restructuring their supply chains in anticipation of hardening anti-China political sentiment. “We need new strategic alliances in the world,” he said, adding that companies needed to build “resilience . . . In Washington this is all they are talking about.”

709 Economy Inflation Jul 2022

A snapshot survey by Guardian Money examined prices of popular items at pan-European retailers including Ikea, Apple, JD Sports, and H&M, as well as Zara and Decathlon and found in some cases prices were up to 50 per cent higher in the UK than in Spain. Decathlon largely blamed Brexit for the price differentials. It said: “The UK’s exit from the EU has made it more expensive to import stock.” The French sports goods retailer had to expand the size of their supply team in order to deal with the additional administration, costs and duties associated with Brexit.

708 Food Regulation Jul 2022

A report by the ResPublica think tank claims that UK farming is at risk if Britain pursues a ‘soft’ approach in trade deals with countries with ‘less qualms’ about quality. Director Phillip Blond said, “The clear and present danger here is that the high standards the UK sets for itself will be undermined once meat and other animal products start being shipped en masse from abroad.”

707 Economy Funding Jul 2022

An analysis by The eastern Daily Press shows that Norfolk and Suffolk are together receiving about 20 per cent less per year than when the UK was as an EU member, even without taking account of inflation. Between 2014 and 2020, the region received about £11.3m each year in European structural funds to boost innovation, businesses,

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skills and employment along with projects to improve social inclusion. Under the UK Shared Prosperity Fund however, the counties are only receiving about £9m annually from April 2022 until April 2025.

706 Construction Housing Jul 2022

Glasgow has partly blamed Brexit for missing its affordable housing targets last year. The city fell 564 short of the intended number of completed homes as the construction industry faced “extremely challenging” circumstances. Only 879 homes (61 per cent of the 1443 target) were finished. The UK’s acrimonious exit from the EU, coronavirus and the war in Ukraine were given as reasons for the failures, with construction costs soaring and materials in short supply.

705 Citizens Rights Jul 2022

The Western Morning News has outlined four ways in which the ending of freedom of movement has had negative consequences for mixed EU-U.K. families. These include cases where a persons residency rights now depend entirely on their spouses status, family members having to negotiate with each other considering compromises and trade-offs, when choosing where to live and work after Brexit. See also 679 below.

704 Financial Services The City Jul 2022

TheCityUK, a trade body representing UK-based financial and related professional services, has warned that the UK’s services sectors are being hamstrung by political neglect and a lack of attention in trade policy. Nicola Watkinson, MD, International Trade and Investment at industry group, said it was “a little bizarre” that the UK services industry still had to fight for visibility and inclusion in trade policy despite making up some 80 per cent of economic output.”

703 Education Funding Jul 2022

A Cambridge research centre for bird intelligence, the Comparative Cognition Lab, facing closure due to Brexit, has had to be saved by a campaign to raise £500,000 from public donations. Together with support from the university, the facility’s immediate future is secure. The lab had previously been funded by grants from the EU and was due to continue under Horizon Europe, a key EU research funding programme but the UK’s participation has been delayed due to the ongoing row over the Northern Ireland protocol.

702 Economy Trade Jul 2022

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Survey of 2,600 exporters by The British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) found a quarter had suffered a fall in exports and another 46% reported no increase despite booming export markets. William Bain, the BCC's head of trade policy, said that since last summer UK exports to the EU and the rest of the world have stalled while many other leading exporting countries have enjoyed a boom. "The combination of supply chain disruption, soaring prices, and the impact of Brexit red tape and compliance costs has had chilling effects on exports, especially for smaller firms already scarred by the pandemic", he said.

701 Economy General Jul 2022

The Conservative mayor for the West Midlands, Andy Street, has said that Brexit is bad for business. Speaking on Radio 4's PM programme, Street said that there had been "some consequences" on business in his region as a result of Brexit and added, "if you look at this region, our deterioration in the export performance is definitely partly to do with that [Brexit]".

700 Citizens Rights Jul 2022

Research by a group exploring the long-term impacts of Brexit on migration between the EU and UK reveals high levels of anxiety among "mixed status" families — where one partner is British and the other European. A British woman currently in France for example told researchers that her "husband and daughter cannot return to UK and live there with me". It found that six years after the EU referendum, strong negative feelings remained over questions relating to entitlements, and the loss of freedom to move from one country to another in future.

699 Citizens Travel Jul 2022

The *Daily Mail* is reporting that since Britain became a third country Spanish border authorities are requesting proof that tourists can spend at least €100 per-day and have a minimum of €900 available. Spanish officials can also ask tourists to prove they have an onward ticket and accommodation booked for their stay. If tourists are unable to prove they can support themselves financially, they could be denied entry. After Brexit, the UK is also able to impose **similar obligations** on EU tourists arriving here as a standard visitor.

698 Manufacturing Chemicals Jul 2022

According to the *FT*, the UK chemicals sector faces a post Brexit red tape hit which is twice the initial industry estimates. A government impact assessment seen by the paper, has put the central estimate of the cost of registering chemicals on a new UK database, often duplicating existing EU registrations, at £2bn. It comes as both

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leadership candidates pledge to cut EU red tape. The DEFRA assessment implied a £91,000 bill for each substance registered under UK Reach and that 22,400 'distinct substances' would fall within the scope of the new regime.

697 Relations EU Jul 2022

The EU have launched four new infringement procedures against Britain for non compliance with significant parts of the Northern Ireland Protocol. These are in addition to the infringement procedures launched on 15 June 2022. They include failing to comply with customs requirements on the movement of goods from NI – GB, failing to notify the transposition of EU legislation laying down general EU rules on excise duties on alcohol and alcoholic beverages and failing to implement EU rules on VAT for e-commerce.

696 Financial Services Banking Jul 2022

Barclays have asked customers in the European Economic Area (EEA) to close their accounts because they "can no longer provide [banking services], because we have an address for you, or for someone associated with your account, in the EEA." It is not known how many such accounts are affected.

695 Economy General Jul 2022

The Brexit divorce bill negotiated by Boris Johnson has increased by nearly £10bn compared to the official estimate when the UK left the EU. The Treasury says the increase is "primarily due to the most recent valuation of the UK's obligation under Article 142 for EU pensions". When Britain left the EU in January 2020 the Office for Budget Responsibility put the figure at £32.9bn, meaning the cost of the financial settlement has soared by nearly £10bn.

694 Borders UK-EU Jul 2022

The Port of Dover has declared a "critical incident" due to five-hour queues leading to the ferry terminal. CEO Doug Bannister said the port had been "badly let down" by the French border controls which he said were "insufficiently resourced" in France and working slower than normal, causing traffic to queue for miles. Travellers, some with young children, say they have barely moved for hours as they approach the port.

693 Financial Services Banking Jul 2022

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According to the German newspaper, *Handelsblatt*, in order to absorb the consequences of Brexit, NatWest will open a subsidiary in Germany, especially for its British business customers. NatWest Europe GmbH, based in Frankfurt, is to become fully operational by the end of the year. Customers from the continent will continue to be served by the Dutch NatWest subsidiary. The aim of the German subsidiary is also to serve European business customers who invest in the UK.

692 Education Horizon Jul 2022

A group representing Britain's top universities has written to the EU Commission warning that science and research are "too important" to be used as part of the negotiations over the Northern Ireland protocol. The Russell Group said that loss of UK association to Horizon Europe, a major EU research programme, could damage climate change and public health research.

691 Financial Services Regulation Jul 2022

UK insurance companies have warned that a proposed post-Brexit overhaul of the rules governing the sector would increase capital requirements for some providers, according to the *FT*. Ministers hoped the overhaul of the EU's Solvency II regime would free up tens of billions of pounds for UK infrastructure. However, in reply to a consultation the Association of British Insurers said that for life insurers, proposals by the Bank of England's Prudential Regulation Authority would not reduce the amount of capital life insurers would have to hold, and would actually force them to hold more, meaning less investment in productive assets. See also 668 below.

690 Culture Creative industries Jul 2022

Research by the campaign group Best for Britain shows that on average, the number of British musicians scheduled to tour Europe this summer has fallen by 45% compared to the pre-Brexit years 2017-19. Industry leaders have warned that the UK Government's Brexit deal makes doing business much harder for touring musicians who are often asked to fill last-minute vacancies in a festival line up. They claim that the end of FoM has effectively disqualified emerging UK artists from these opportunities.

689 Financial Services Regulation Jul 2022

Overnment plans to deregulate the City of London in a post-Brexit 'Big Bang' will face stiff opposition from the Bank of England, which is seeking to **defend high standards** and its regulatory autonomy, according to the *FT*. Sunak set out his approach in a "Brexit manifesto", talking of a "Big Bang 2.0" that would stimulate growth and "will reap long-term rewards". BoE governor Andrew Bailey is said to regard it as meddling by ministers and could increase risk. One senior government official involved in drawing up the new regime said, "Bailey isn't too happy."

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688 Economy Inward investment Jul 2022

While remaining relatively positive, US investors operating in the UK are slightly less confident than they were a year ago according to a recent survey. US companies say, “continuing challenges surrounding the UK-EU economic collaboration are the main issue affecting foreign direct investment confidence levels.” The predominant reason for the dip is the “progressive impact of the UK-EU split” which respondents cited as one of the most unattractive aspects of doing business in the UK.

687 Manufacturing Trade Jul 2022

Report by the trade body Make UK claims Brexit-supporting regions in the UK are becoming increasingly dependent on the EU for their manufacturing exports. The research, based on quarterly manufacturing outlook data measuring performance in output, orders, employment and investment intentions, also found the EU remains the “overwhelmingly dominant” destination for UK manufacturing exports. Analysis by the business advisory firm BDO of 2021 data shows that 49% of British exports go to the 27-nation bloc.

686 Northern Ireland Trade Jul 2022

In a further embarrassment for the UK government and supporters of the NI Protocol Bill, trade between Northern Ireland and the Republic continues to “soar.” According to the Irish Central Statistics Office (CSO), imports from Northern Ireland for January to May 2022 increased by €357 million to €1.9 billion euro when compared with the same period of 2021. At the same time, exports to Northern Ireland from the Republic increased by €586 million euro to €1.974 billion.

685 Health NHS Jul 2022

The UK fell behind the EU last year in the number of so-called novel medicines approved for use. An audit conducted by Imperial College London found that only 35 so-called novel medicines were approved for use in the UK in 2021 compared with 40 in the EU and 52 in the US. Industry experts said the smaller size of the UK market, which accounts for just 2.4% of global healthcare spending, compared with 22% for the EU, makes it less economical for some international drug companies to complete paperwork for just the UK.

684 Economy Data protection Jul 2022

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New report from the National Audit Office (NAO) looked at how three UK regulators (the HSE, FSA and CMA) are managing the transition away from the EU. The NAO say all the regulators identified loss of data and information-sharing arrangements with EU counterparts as having a negative impact on their ability to assess risks or carry out their work. They are seeking to mitigate the loss in a number of different ways, for example, using other international systems, publicly available data or setting up data-sharing arrangements on a case-by-case basis where possible.

683 Culture Creative industries Jul 2022

Fergus Linehan, the outgoing director of the Edinburgh International festival has called for the UK's visa and exports rules to be greatly simplified to allow musicians and artists to travel overseas far more smoothly. Mr Lineham said, the UK's post-Brexit visa rules had been a "disaster" for the arts and for artists by stifling collaboration and making it harder for British artists to tour abroad. He has urged the UK government to introduce visa-free travel for artists and solve the huge logistical problems affecting companies importing touring equipment into the UK.

682 Food Farming Jul 2022

Armers are blaming Brexit and Covid for recruitment problems and warning that a chronic shortage of workers is hitting milk production and further fuelling food price inflation. Eight in 10 farmers looking for workers said they had received very few or zero applications from people with the right experience or qualifications, in response to a survey by Arla Foods, the UK's largest dairy co-operative. They are calling for urgent action to stop the situation getting worse.

681 Environment Chemicals Jul 2022

Nvironmental groups say the decision not to match new EU restrictions on a number of potentially hazardous chemicals opens up the prospect of a "chasm" emerging between Brussels and the UK, leaving Britain with weaker regulations on chemicals that are potentially harmful to human health and the environment. Research by Chem Trust, an environmental charity, found that since Brexit the UK has matched only two out of five EU restrictions on chemicals that could be hazardous, with a further 20 EU restrictions in the pipeline.

680 Borders UK-EU Jul 2022

Ports across the country are threatening the government with legal action unless compensation is paid to cover the millions of pounds they've spent building new border control posts (BCPs). The posts, originally due to begin operating this month, were designed to carry out post-Brexit physical checks on imports of plant and animal products from the EU. Portsmouth, the UK's second busiest cross-Channel port, has spent £25 million on a BCP but the state-of-the-art new facility is standing empty. See also 655 below.

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679 Immigration Small boats Jul 2022

The Royal Navy is threatening to “walk away” from Priti Patel’s plan to stem the number of boats carrying asylum seekers across the Channel. Defence chiefs are said to be fed up with the ‘rapidly imploding’ plan of using the military to control small boats in the Channel. MoD figures shows crossings have close to doubled since the military was given “primacy” over the issue from mid-April compared with the first three months of this year.

678 Culture Pigeons Jul 2022

Cross-Channel pigeon racing is at risk as post-Brexit red tape threatens to drive thousands out of the sport, the head of its governing body has said. EU regulations after Brexit say any bird entering continental Europe must be treated as if it is being imported. In practice, this means a layer of paperwork, veterinary checks and expenses that are prohibitive to many fanciers. Ian Evans, the CEO of the Royal Pigeon Racing Association, told the Guardian. “It really is very significant. This historic pastime is at threat. (see also 134 below)

677 Economy Trade Jul 2022

The International Trade Committee have raised concerns that British products will lose out under the UK – Australia trade deal, the first full deal signed since Brexit. The government is said to have failed to secure protection for the names of certain food and drink exports, such as Melton Mowbray pork pies, Scotch whisky and Welsh lamb. Under the terms agreed Australia producers will be free to copy these products. The MPs also expressed disappointment that tariff-free Australian food will not be required to meet core UK food production standards, for example regarding pesticide use which could lead to unfair competition.

676 Borders UK-EU Jul 2022

The British Ports Association (BPA), has calculated that at least £450m of taxpayers’ money has been spent on post-Brexit border control facilities, some of which may no longer be required after the government announced it is working on a new operating model for imports – due to be published in the autumn and coming into effect at the end of 2023. Brexit opportunities minister, Jacob Rees-Mogg, said at the end of April that all checks and paperwork at the border would be digitised.

675 Manufacturing Regulation Jul 2022

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Britain is said to be falling behind global best practice in road safety. The government has not confirmed it will adopt new life-saving regulations for cars and commercial vehicles now being implemented across the EU. The General Safety Regulation (GSR) are new EU standards covering the phased introduction of intelligent speed assistance, autonomous emergency braking (AEB), better crash test standards, and improved truck visibility to reduce blind spots.

674 Food Farming Jul 2022

UK farmers are warning of 'catastrophic food waste' because of post-Brexit labour shortages according to the *FT*. A survey of British Berry Growers' (BBG) members found that annual waste solely attributed to a lack of access to pickers almost doubled from 2020 to 2021, going from £18.7m to £36.5m. Nick Marston, chair of BBG, predicted the total would "double again this year". One grower reportedly had not been able to harvest two million iceberg lettuces because there were not enough people to pick them. "In May, we have had some catastrophic food waste across crops like tomatoes, cucumbers, iceberg lettuces, salad and asparagus", Ali Capper, executive chair of British Apples and Pears said.

673 Borders UK-EU Jul 2022

The postponing of new checks on EU imports has been criticised by businesses for creating confusion and leaving UK borders vulnerable to unsafe produce. Nova Fairbanks, from the Norfolk Chambers of Commerce, said uncertainty over import rules hits businesses. Tom Bradshaw, an Essex farmer and deputy president of the NFU, warned unsafe meat could be being imported. The British Veterinary Association (BVA) was worried about an outbreak of African swine fever among continental pigs and said not having full checks on livestock was dangerous. See also 638 below.

672 Education Horizon Jul 2022

At least 115 UK-based researchers are losing or giving up their prestigious grants from the European Research Council after a 29 June deadline passed without the EU approving the UK's association with the Horizon Europe R&D programme. Another 19 UK-based researchers will be transferred to a host institution in the EU or Associated Countries after the researchers decided to move. The EU are refusing to confirm UK membership of Horizon due to the ongoing row over the Northern Ireland protocol.

671 Education Horizon Jul 2022

The UK science minister is locked in a struggle with the Treasury over post-Brexit research funding as fears grow of a "brain drain" if Britain fails to forge new global science collaborations after being shut out of the EU's €95bn Horizon project. Allies of George Freeman say he fears that Treasury "penny-pinching" could undercut his attempt to devise a Plan B based on global collaboration in September but has yet to secure cabinet approval or Treasury agreement on precise funding arrangements.

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670 Citizens Survey Jul 2022

New polling by Ipsos UK in partnership with the EU:UK Forum shows that the proportion of Britons who think Brexit has made their daily life worse has risen from three in ten in June 2021 to 45% now. Seven in ten of those who voted Remain feel this is the case, up from half last year – and the proportion of Leave voters who say the same has doubled over the same period, from 10 to 22%. Those who say that Brexit has made their daily lives better has also risen, from 10% in June 2021 to 17% now.

669 Economy General Jul 2022

The governor of the Bank of England recently told a European Central Bank forum that “the UK economy is probably weakening rather earlier and somewhat more than others.” The BBC’s economics editor Faisal Islam says if Andrew Bailey’s forecasts of UK underperformance turn out to be true, then this would be consistent with predictions by economists that Brexit would make the trade off between controlling inflation and growth more difficult, both because of trade barriers and labour shortages.

668 Citizens Travel Jul 2022

Travellers to the EU who carry a laptop for work purposes will require an ATA carnet to temporarily export their computer and avoid import charges according to advice from the government. A carnet from the London Chambers of Commerce costs £300 + VAT (members £180). To avoid this cost business travellers can, for some goods, use a ‘duplicate list’ which is more complicated than exporting using an ATA Carnet and requires a list on company stationery plus a completed form C&E1246 with an EORI Number and a customs declaration. See also 375 below.

667 Food Farming Jul 2022

Food and farming industry leaders have blasted the government’s post-Brexit farm labour policy, which they claim is adding to the cost-of-living crisis and failing to ensure food security. This came at a public evidence session of the UK Trade and Business Commission on Thursday 30 June. Phil Hambling of the NFU criticised the UK government for “strangling labour policy and limiting capacity”. He added that, “The way we have treated labour policy since coming out of the EU has been absolutely crippling for the entire food industry.”

666 Citizens Rights Jul 2022

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The Home Office is being taken to court by the Independent Monitoring Authority for the Citizens' Rights Agreements (IMA). The High Court has confirmed that it has been granted permission to proceed with a judicial review claim against the department. The IMA believes the Home Office's position that citizens who fail to apply for settled status before the expiry of their pre-settled status automatically lose their rights is unlawful.

665 Relations WTO Jul 2022

Report in *Politico* suggests post-Brexit Britain has fallen into a figurative "second-tier" of less influential countries which includes Japan, South Korea and Canada after the UK was excluded from a WTO (World Trade Organisation) meeting between the EU, USA, India and South Africa over proposals for a waiver on Covid-19 vaccine IP rights. The episode was said to encapsulate the UK's new WTO status: able to set out its own position, but no longer in the room when power players work out draft agreements. "In that specific case, that's something that is clear about what Brexit meant for the UK within the WTO," said a Geneva-based trade diplomat.

664 Health Shortages Jun 2022

The NHS is facing a shortage of laundry supplies that could have a "knock-on effect" on bed numbers, an industry leader has warned, with staff at one trust recently told to "only change linen if essential". David Stevens, chief executive of TSA, told *The Independent* that "As an industry, we're struggling. Post-Covid and post-Brexit we've lost access to a large labour market, for both the healthcare and hospitality laundry industries".

663 Economy General Jun 2022

Shevaun Haviland, director-general of the BCC (British Chamber of Commerce) told audience members at the BCC's annual global conference that the government has "until the Autumn budget to reset, rethink and get their house in order". Rising material costs, supply chain issues and worker shortages are creating a "perfect storm", she said. Haviland spoke to Chancellor Rishi Sunak at the BCC conference, saying firms were also facing "a lot of challenges" in exporting to the EU following Brexit.

662 Economy Trade Jun 2022

He *FT* report that UK's trade performance in Q1 2022 has fallen to its worst level since quarterly balance of payments data was first published in 1955. Data shows the UK's current account deficit was 8.3% of GDP, a deterioration from an average of 2.6% across all the quarters of 2021. They say the weak performance of UK exports and a surge in imports will add to pressure on the government over the damaging economic effects of Brexit as the official figures corroborate recent academic studies showing the impact of new border controls imposed in 2021.

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661 Food Farming Jun 2022

DEFRA is being urged to undertake a “root-and-branch” review of red tape amid accusations of an increasing level of bureaucracy since Brexit. Delegates at an NFU Council meeting on Tuesday 28 June vented their anger and frustration with the amount of costly paperwork and “box-ticking” involved in compliance. Richard Betton, a Durham hill farmer said many farmers had voted for Brexit because they wanted to see a reduction in regulation but the extra burden of bureaucracy has been getting worse for farmers, and it was “grinding us all down”.

660 Economy Funding Jun 2022

Sheffield Council says South Yorkshire is missing out on £103m EU funding a year because of Brexit. Officials said the area will get £22m funding a year from the government’s shared prosperity fund in three years’ time to replace an estimated £125m in EU funding known as the European Structural and Investment Programme, since the area was recognised as being in the highest need.

659 Food Regulation Jun 2022

A new report from The Food Standards Agency (FSA) and Food Standards Scotland (FSS) has highlighted challenges facing the UK’s food safety system. The agencies identified two main concerns. First the fall in the number of inspections of food businesses as a consequence of the cost pressures faced by local authorities. Second is the delay in establishing full UK imports controls for high-risk food and feed from the EU, which has reduced the ability to prevent the entry of unsafe products into the UK market.

658 Citizens Regulation Jun 2022

The EU has launched a personal pension product that can be ‘carried’ across borders. Anyone who is resident in the EU, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein will be able to sign up to a Pan European Personal Pension product (PEPP). Savers will have the possibility to choose a provider from another EU country. People moving within the bloc will also be able to ‘carry’ the PEPP with them. British citizens who live in the EU can sign up to a PEPP, while UK citizens or EU citizens in the UK will not be eligible.

657 Economy Inflation Jun 2022

According to analysts at top US banks, Britain will be stuck with searing inflation for years because of Brexit. Bloomberg report that Citigroup Inc, Bank of America and Standard Bank all see the UK as an outlier in the developed world because of the economic damage wrought by leaving the EU. As price pressures start to fade elsewhere,

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they say UK inflation will remain higher than it otherwise would be because of immigration controls and supply chain disruption. This comes as ONS figures on Wednesday show prices in April rose at their fastest rate for 40 years with food costs, particularly for bread, cereal and meat, all climbing.

656 Transport Aviation Jun 2022

According to *The Times*, British Airways, EasyJet and Tui have all “wet leased” EU-registered aircraft as they struggle with chronic staff shortages. Wet leasing allows carriers to avoid post-Brexit rules which require EU staff working on UK-registered planes to have a British visa. British Airways has borrowed four aircraft from its Spanish sister Iberia and four from Finnair, despite having its own planes in storage.

655 Economy Trade Jun 2022

A report by The Resolution Foundation suggests Brexit has contributed to a broader loss in UK competitiveness across several of its most important markets. In 2021, the UK lost market share in goods in the US, Canada and Japan. They also say that Brexit is better thought of as a broad-based reduction in workers’ pay and productivity and that a less-open UK will mean a poorer and less productive one by the end of the decade, with real wages expected to fall by 1.8%, a loss of £470 per worker a year.

654 Transport Aviation Jun 2022

The CEO of the airline Easyjet, has announced plans to cut 7% of its 160,000 flights scheduled between July and September due to operational issues including staff shortages in ground handling and at airports as well as air traffic control delays. Johan Lundgren, said the company had, “turned down 8,000 applicants from the EU,” which equates to 40% of all people applying for jobs at the airline, **because of Brexit**, which had also contributed to the smaller pool of potential workers. “I’m not blaming... but of course it has an impact. It’s just smaller, it’s just maths,” he added.

653 Services Technology Jun 2022

BT’s semi-autonomous network access arm Openreach, has blamed the “tortuous” post-Brexit process which must be followed to hire European workers for slowing down his company’s fibre rollout program. According to the *Financial Times*, CEO Clive Selley said that Portugal and Spain alone have thousands of skilled workers that he would take “tomorrow,” if he could. Openreach has committed to connecting 25 million of the UK’s 32 million homes to fibre by the end of 2026: To date, 7.6 million homes have been reached, the *FT* reported.

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652 Economy General Jun 2022

Professor of macroeconomics at University College London, Morten Ravn, has calculated that since Q3 2016 the Brexit vote has cost each person in Britain £4,250. This is when compared to the average of the 19 member states in the eurozone, adjusted for purchasing power parity (PPP) using OECD data and fixed in constant 2015 prices. This means the average household in the UK has lost around £10,000 since the 2016 referendum.

651 Food Inflation Jun 2022

The Institute of Grocery Distribution (IGD) have warned of price rises this summer due to soaring costs. Prices will rise at a rate of 15% as households pay more for staples such as bread, meat, dairy and fruit and vegetables, the IGD claim. The UK gets about 40% of its food from outside the country, so it is exposed to global food price rises and since Brexit, EU producers are less likely to prioritise UK customers, it said.

650 Economy Inflation Jun 2022

The Bank of England monetary policy committee are forecasting that CPI inflation will reach 11% by October. The committee now expect GDP to fall by 0.3% in the second quarter as a whole, even weaker than anticipated last month. They do not explicitly blame Brexit but say “not all of the excess inflation can be attributed to global events” and point to ‘core’ inflation at 8% being higher in the UK than in the euro area (3.8%) and in the United States (6.4%). Recruitment difficulties are expected to persist due to “structural shortages of labour and skills.”

649 Northern Ireland General Jun 2022

Politico report that David Davis believes Ireland’s ‘Brexit scars’ could take a decade to heal. Davis has claimed that both sides in the 2016 referendum campaign underestimated the impact of Brexit on Ireland. “I don’t think people saw all the outcomes there,” Davis said, adding: “It’s going to take a decade to get right, I think ... Maybe I’m wrong about a decade, but it’s going to take years.” He claims he was “shut out” and that “No. 10 was running a parallel policy. They’re all Remainers — you’d expect it.”

646 Food Regulation Jun 2022

Animal welfare campaigners, food policy experts and farmers claim the government is watering down post-Brexit trade deal standards in its recently released food strategy. In an earlier version leaked to *the Guardian*, the government had committed to making it easier for countries to import goods if they have high animal welfare standards. But the final version is stripped of this and merely commits to “considering” animal welfare and the environment when it comes to free trade agreements.

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645 Economy Sterling Jun 2022

The pound faces an 'existential crisis' an analyst at Bank of America has warned, saying that the British currency is facing struggles similar to those in emerging markets. Kamal Sharma, a strategist at the bank, said, "We sense something is changing in the UK with the BoE increasingly hard to decipher and less transparent; a failure to discuss and acknowledge that Brexit has been a significant headwind to the supply side and sense that the BoE is losing control over its mandate."

644 Transport Aviation Jun 2022

As a result of Brexit the UK lost access last summer to the EU EGNOS satellites and ground stations including the Safety-of-Life (SoL) service that enables aircraft to make high-precision landings. Inmarsat announced on June 8 that it has begun beaming a test navigation signal from an 'outdated satellite' launched in 1998 to assist Britain in replacing those lost capabilities. After testing the system is expected to become operational in 2024.

643 Economy General Jun 2022

Research by The Centre for European Reform (CER) shows the UK economy at the end of 2021 was already 5.2 per cent smaller than if we had remained in the EU. Deputy director John Springford compared the UK with a notional *doppelgänger* consisting of 22 similar economies and puts the 5.2% reduction in GDP at £31 billion. However, the OBR's Fiscal Outlook for March 2022 says the UK's nominal GDP for 2021 was £2,318 billion, making 5.2% equal to around £120 billion. The reason for the discrepancy is not clear to Yorkshire Bylines.

642 Economy Investment Jun 2022

Stockbroker Panmure Gordon's research (see 621 below) shows business investment in the UK has stalled since Brexit and is about £58 billion a year lower than would have been the case had the UK remained in the single market and customs union. Some has been diverted to shareholder, but some is lost economic output that may never be recovered as company boards have faced prolonged Brexit-induced uncertainties to their trading outlook. They say Brexit has made the chancellor's job of encouraging greater investment harder.

641 Food Fishing Jun 2022

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Coquet Island Shellfish Company had a £50,000 consignment of produce rejected by French authorities because a form signed 43 times by a UK official did not include a printed name. Owner Tom Newton said border control workers in France had turned the shipment away and “we had to pay the transport company and bring in a team of 75 people the next day to reprocess and repack it. Every morning when we send out our goods we’re on tenterhooks wondering whether they’re going to get to where they need to be.”

640 Economy Stock market Jun 2022

Research by stockbrokers Panmure Gordon shows UK public companies are trading at a discount of about £500 billion since the “scarring impact” of the Brexit vote six years ago. Compared to the rest of the world, the valuation of companies on the FTSE all-share index since 2016 has settled at a 20 per cent discount on an adjusted basis, the largest divergence since the early 1990s. The discount rises to 37 per cent on an unadjusted basis.

639 Citizens Banking Jun 2022

Overseas holders of premium bonds and income bonds with National Savings and Investments have been advised they will need to close their NS&I account unless they have a UK bank or building society account. This follows some UK banks and building societies advising customers living in certain EU countries that they are no longer permitted to hold their UK based accounts.

638 Economy Regulation Jun 2022

The government has launched a consultation about more choice being given to businesses and consumers over the units of measurement they use for trade. You can respond [HERE](#). However, Conservative peer and chairman of the supermarket chain Asda, Lord Rose, says returning to pounds and ounces would only please “a small minority who hark for the past”. He has described the plans as “complete and utter nonsense”.

637 Retail Wine Jun 2022

Daniel Lambert (Wines), a wine importer based in Bridgend, Wales, reports that the post-Brexit retail price of a bottle of wine from the EU has increased by £1.50. This is due to higher transport costs, increased paperwork and the cost of a full-time staff member to deal with it, plus the cost of holding extra stocks to counter extended shipping times which have increased from an average of 10 days to 26 days. See also 579 below.

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636 Food Trade Jun 2022

UK food and drink exports to the European Union are down 17% in the first quarter of 2022, compared to pre-pandemic levels, *Bloomberg* report. The fall is attributed to Brexit trade rules and supply chain issues which continue to hit demand. Although shipments of items such as fish, bakery ingredients and gin to Canada and India helped drive exports to non-EU countries above pre-pandemic levels, it was not enough to offset the lower EU demand. Overall food and drink exports hit £5.3 billion (\$6.7 billion) in the first quarter, down 7% on pre-pandemic levels, according to a report from the Food & Drink Federation.

635 Citizens Travel Jun 2022

Thousands of holidaymakers have seen their travel plans disrupted this week after flight cancellations and delays at airports with experts blaming understaffing. The CEO of holiday airline Jet2, Steve Heapy, partly blamed Brexit. He told the BBC: "Brexit has taken hundreds of thousands, if not millions of people out of the employment market and that undoubtedly is having an impact."

634 Food Farming Jun 2022

Brexit has led to a decline in crops and fewer home-grown products on the shelves of Britain's supermarkets. Farmers in Kent told a visiting group of MPs that it has become easier to import some fruits than harvest them because of strict limits on the seasonal workers from the EU. Stephen Taylor, MD of Winterwood in Maidstone, said "The flow of people coming from Europe to work for the summer has declined every year since Brexit, particularly the last two summers, and as a direct result we are now growing less and importing more."

633 Northern Ireland Trade Jun 2022

The economy in NI is outpacing growth in the rest of post-Brexit UK according to the ONS. Figures show Northern Ireland's GDP grew 1.4 percent in the July-September quarter of 2021, compared with gains of 0.9 percent and 0.6 percent in Scotland and England, respectively. Economic activity in Wales shrank 0.3 percent over the same quarter. London recorded growth of 2.3% while only two of England's eight other regions eked out any gains. The Northeast, including Newcastle and Sunderland, fared worst, with a 1.2 percent slump.

632 Food Trade May 2022

The Irish Times reports that Brexit has disrupted the supply of kosher food, food which complies with Jewish dietary law, to Ireland from Britain. One supermarket operator, Jim Treacy of Churchtown, south Dublin, estimates that he lost between €200,000 and €300,000 a year in sales when post-Brexit checks required on British food

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imports put an end to his kosher food line. Border controls arising from Brexit changed everything and ended the flow of chilled deli meats that were popular with Jewish customers in Dublin.

631 Food Trade May 2022

Brexit has contributed to a reduction in the export of food and live animals from Great Britain to Ireland valued at about €1.2 billion in 2021, according to a recently published report from the Irish Maritime Development Office (IMDO). Britain was the only major Irish trade partner to record a decline in export value in 2021, representing a 36% fall when compared to the previous year. The difference was made up by a corresponding increase in Irish imports from Canada, The Netherlands and Spain.

630 Borders UK-EU May 2022

Ports across the UK have introduced so-called 'customs clearance fees' that range from £17 to £25 per entry, in an attempt to recoup lost revenues in border control posts as a result of delays to phytosanitary procedures. Southampton and DP World have introduced a levy of £11 per removal, which one source described as an "insurance against cost of examinations." The source told the logistics website *The Loadstar* : "One client is paying eight to 12 times on a single container – having 30 a month, they're paying £6,000 a month without ever having an examination."

628 Manufacturing General May 2022

British manufacturing is said to be still in recovery mode from Brexit. According to *Investment Monitor*, UK manufacturers, after almost two and a half years, are still trying to come to terms with the additional costs and bureaucracy that are impacting their competitiveness. The industry is still awaiting government guidance on crucial business practices such as import controls, marking regulations (product testing) and how EU innovation funding will realistically be replaced.

627 Citizens Rights May 2022

UK visitors face 'horrendous' Brexit queues at Spanish holiday airports blamed on delays caused by extra checks needed and a shortage of police officers at passport control. Tour operators are calling for extra police officers to be on duty at Palma de Mallorca Airport, especially on Saturdays, the busiest day from arrivals from Britain. Post Brexit, each passenger must have their passport inspected manually and date stamped by police on arrival and departure.

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626 Retail General May 2022

The high street retailer plans to shut 32 more stores in the next three years, and expects profits to flatline in 2022-23. A decision to fully exit Russia, after temporarily pausing deliveries in the light of the war in Ukraine, will cost it £31m, while new EU tariffs and border costs relating to Brexit had cost £29.6m in profits and £15m in lost trade.

625 Culture Creative industries May 2022

Legendary lead singer of The Rolling Stones, Mick Jagger, says Brexit has been a “nightmare” for the music touring industry, with musicians now facing even more red tape when travelling into the UK. Jagger is reported to have told *The Sunday Times*; “There are a lot of supply chain problems. A lot of shortages, a lot of problems because of Brexit. Brexit has not been a success for the British touring industry.” Since leaving the EU, artists entering the UK must obtain visas and work permits, which make it increasingly difficult for indie musicians to perform and tour across the country.

624 Economy Regulation May 2022

The number of UK trademark disputes has soared to record highs due to a surge of trademark applications following Brexit according to *CityAM* using data from intellectual property (IP) law firm Mathys & Squire. Lawyer Harry Rowe, said: “Now that the UK is no longer covered in an EU trade mark, trade mark owners must file two separate applications in order to achieve the same protection. There is now twice as much ground to cover for businesses seeking to protect their investment in their brands.”

623 Borders UK-EU May 2022

Kent County Council has awarded a £180,000 six month contract to RE:ACT Disaster Response, a charity specialising in earthquakes aid and helping war refugees, to care for suffering lorry drivers stuck for hours and days in post-Brexit queues en-route to Dover. With up to 50 days of gridlock now forecast every year on motorways leading to the port, the charity will provide ‘humanitarian assistance’ including access to toilets, food and drink.

622 Education Funding May 2022

A Cambridge University astrophysicist has been forced to hand over his coordinating role after the row over Northern Ireland protocol put science in the firing line. Nicholas Walton, a research fellow at the Institute of Astronomy, studying the Milky Way and hoping to play a major part in the European Space Agency’s (ESA) next big project, reluctantly passed his leadership role in the €2.8m pan-European Marie Curie Network research project to a colleague in the Netherlands on Friday. The EU say UK scientists cannot hold leadership roles until the UK’s membership of the £80bn Horizon Europe (HE) funding network has been ratified.

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621 Food Shortages May 2022

The *Daily Mail* report that shoppers could struggle to obtain fruit and vegetables this summer due to a shortage of seasonal crop pickers. Quoting a report in *The Grocer* magazine, the Mail says some UK areas are currently missing as much as 75 per cent of their seasonal workforce, raising fears produce will be left to rot in the ground. The impacts of Brexit, with a large number of seasonal crop pickers traditionally coming from the EU, Russia's invasion of Ukraine and delays in issuing temporary visas have been blamed.

620 Food Inflation May 2022

The former CEO of Sainsburys, Justin King, has blamed Brexit for starting the rise in food prices. "Well in excess of 40% of our food comes from Europe, so it started with Brexit, Covid exacerbated the problems and of course the war in Ukraine and the particular impact it is having on certain commodities will be long lasting and significant," he said. It comes as the governor of the Bank of England has also warned this week of "apocalyptic" food prices.

619 Food Regulation May 2022

The Food Standards Agency has said the loss of access to data sharing arrangements with the EU after Brexit has negatively impacted their ability to carry out their work. The UK's food safety watchdog said it has been forced to use other international systems, publicly available information and case-by-case arrangements to make up the difference.

618 Economy Shortages May 2022

The National Audit Office has published a report indicating that UK regulatory bodies are finding it difficult to recruit staff and expand activities as necessary after Brexit. The Competition and Market Authority faces challenges in recruiting increasing numbers of staff with expertise in toxicology for example. The Health & Safety Executive (HSE) expects it will be a further four years before it reaches the full capacity and there is a risk regulatory decisions could be delayed. The HSE has already extended approvals for biocidal active substances due to expire in 2021-22 to at least 2023.

617 Economy General May 2022

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The UK economy is estimated to have lost £47bn because of Brexit red tape as businesses drown in cross-border tax complexities, claims *City AM*. Just under a third of survey respondents currently exporting to the EU are planning to exit at least one market, and 3 in 5 businesses say fears about tax compliance has caused them to reverse plans to sell goods in the EU. The research predicts that the investment loss due to cross-border tax complexity is expected to result in a further £16.1bn of value lost to the UK by 2026.

616 Retail Regulation May 2022

Marks & Spencer CEO Archie Norman has said Brexit red tape is far worse for British exports to the EU than to Northern Ireland, with some documentation having to be completed in Latin and in a particular typeface. Norman said that exports from Britain to Northern Ireland were currently able to avoid the quagmire thanks to a temporary grace period but he warned that it requires 700 pages of documentation to send a “wagon” to the Republic of Ireland, which it takes eight hours to complete.

615 Northern Ireland Farming May 2022

Because of the Irish Sea border created by the NI protocol, Ulster farmers are unable to bring animals to England, Scotland and Wales to exhibit and sell, since they cannot bring them back easily. Before returning they must first remain in GB for six months. Mr Harry Parker, the chairman of the British Limousin Cattle Society said there are 500 or so members in Northern Ireland, and that this problem has been causing them and other cattle breeders headaches for roughly the last 18 months or so. He described the situation as “appalling”.

614 Manufacturing Publishing May 2022

A Scottish publisher has blamed Brexit after his business was hit with spiralling costs and dwindling sales. Glasgow-based Vagabond Voices is chiefly involved in translating European novels into English. Owner Allan Cameron, who specialises in Italian translations, told *The Sunday National* that Brexit had caused delivery times to double in some cases while printing costs have increased – both issues he pins on the UK’s exit of the European Union. As well as a “substantial” increase in costs, he’s also seeing his EU sales plummet – a key market for the company.

613 Food Meat May 2022

Arming and veterinary groups have warned that delays to applying checks on EU food imports are “an accident waiting to happen” according to the FT. Industry insiders claim the Food Standards Agency has warned pig farmers about illegal shipments of pork from Romania which is battling an outbreak of African Swine Fever in its animals. The British Veterinary Association has described the delay as “deeply misguided” and urged ministers to “abandon” their plans or risk causing “significant damage” to the country’s food and farming industries.

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612 Culture Creative industries May 2022

He government has announced that specialist hauliers serving Britain's musical touring sector will be now able to use 'Dual registration', a system allowing hauliers to drive the same vehicle in Great Britain and the EU. Hauliers will however need to have an "established base" in the EU and will be able to transfer vehicle operator licences without the need to change vehicles, have their journeys limited or pay VED in Great Britain. The announcement was described as a "major boost."

611 Economy Trade May 2022

According to *CityAM*, Brexit means there is £173m a week less to spend on the NHS, according to calculations based on recent ONS and UK Government data. David Jinks, head of consumer research at international transport firm ParcelHero, which carried out the research, said, "Even if we subtract the true £11bn cost of EU membership for 2018, from the £20bn drop in EU export earnings, UK plc is still £9bn poorer than it was in 2018." He added that, "In January 2021 alone, the value of goods exported to the European Union fell from £14.3bn in the previous month to £7.8bn."

610 Citizens Rights May 2022

A survey, of 1,328 British nationals living across the continent, showed that Brexit, and the UK's handling of the Covid pandemic, strongly affected 80 per cent of respondents' feelings towards Britain, with responses including "deep shame", "disappointment", "embarrassed to be British", "shambolic", and "like watching a house on fire". Just over 30% still felt emotionally attached to the UK, compared with 75% who said they felt a very or extreme emotional attachment to the EU, and 59% who felt the same in relation to their country of residence.

609 Food Inflation May 2022

Brexit pressures are largely to blame for the soaring price of chicken, the British Poultry Council (BPC) has said – rejecting Boris Johnson's claim it is down to global energy prices. The BPC blamed post-Brexit non-tariff barriers and skill shortages for the sharp rise in production costs. Citing "ongoing Brexit pressures", the industry trade body said: "Combined with trade barriers, shipping delays for machinery plus a skills shortage (vets and lorry drivers), this all adds a cost that has to be recovered through the marketplace."

608 Culture Trade May 2022

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A British dealer, Steve Shovlar, says, his firm is now “in ruins” thanks to Brexit. Mr Shovlar mainly deals in Old Master paintings priced between £100 and £1,500—not enormous sums, but enough for his small business to be worth £1m. However, since the UK left the EU on 31 January 2020, his income has dropped by 60% with EU trade involving multiple invoices and customs declarations now “virtually impossible.” Shipping delays of around four to six weeks are not uncommon.

607 Citizens Driving May 2022

From 1 May tens of thousands of British expats will be unable to use their UK driving licence on roads in Spain after the UK and Spanish governments failed to reach an agreement about DVLA-issued licences by the April 30 deadline. Tourists are exempt from the new policy which will only impact Britons resident in Spain. Every other European nation has come to a post-Brexit agreement about UK drivers.

606 Citizens Travel May 2022

Holidaymakers in some European resorts are expected to face an unexpected shortage this summer. Brexit employment rules mean many bars and restaurants will be short of staff because of restrictions on workers from the UK. For decades, thousands of British youngsters have jetted overseas for a summer working in the bars of popular holiday resorts in Spain and Greece, but this has now been blocked because of the UK’s exit from the European Union.

605 Economy Trade Apr 2022

Research by the Petersen Institute for International Economics (PIIE) shows that Brexit has reduced UK trade openness, foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows, and immigration growth. New border frictions and higher transport costs pose new barriers to trade, and FDI inflows are unlikely to return to levels reached in the 1990s and 2000s.

604 Economy Inflation Apr 2022

A former Bank of England policy maker, Adam Posen, has attributed most of Britain’s inflation problem to Brexit. The economist who heads the Peterson Institute for International Economics (PIIE) said that 80% of the reason why the International Monetary Fund (IMF) expects Britain’s inflation to remain elevated for longer than other G7 peers is the impact of leaving the EU.

603 Economy Inflation Apr 2022

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Brexit has caused a 6 per cent increase in Britain's food prices, according to new evidence from the London School of Economics. Nikhil Datta, a researcher, found that greater trade barriers on imports from the EU has had a "clear and robust" impact on food prices, as families struggle to cope with the cost of living crisis. Grocery bills have risen most sharply for food products more reliant on imports from the EU, the study by the LSE Centre for Economic Performance revealed.

602 Education Funding Apr 2022

British universities are facing a brain drain as the row over the Northern Ireland protocol threatens £250m in research funding from the EU, according to *The Guardian*. The European Research Council (ERC) has written to 98 scientists and academics who were recently approved for €172m (£145m) in grants telling them that if the UK's associate membership of the €80bn Horizon Europe programme is not ratified they will not be eligible to draw down the money.

601 Citizens Trade Apr 2022

A family has lost a £3,000 holiday after the mother was told her passport, which expired in February 2023 was not valid for travel to Portugal and some other European countries. Although the passport had more than the required three months before the expiry date, Nina Gurd was told the expiry date was irrelevant, she explained to the BBC. Bournemouth Airport staff said it needed to be within ten years of the issue date and Gurd's passport was originally issued on 29 May 2012, but had been renewed early and another nine months added, giving it a new expiry date of 28 February 2023.

600 Economy Trade Apr 2022

Boris Johnson has indicated that import controls on EU goods due to take effect in July will be delayed for a fourth time after experts warned of a "collapse" in trade if the checks are implemented. The PM appeared to suggest the checks can be put off indefinitely until technological solutions are found. It cements an inbuilt advantage for EU exporters. The EU was able to implement checks on UK exports immediately Brexit came into effect in January 2021 while 'grace periods' for imports from the continent, have been repeatedly extended.

599 Relations Trade Apr 2022

In March, the EU published a review of the working of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement after its first year of operation in 2021. It noted a "marked decline" in trade in goods. EU imports from the UK falling 24.8% compared to 2019 and EU exports to the UK falling by 11.4%. It warned of future 'challenges' for EU exporters when UK customs and SPS requirements on imports are implemented later this year due to the "complexity of the IT system put in place by the United Kingdom."

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598 Manufacturing Trade Apr 2022

The Institute of Directors (IOD) has published survey data showing that 42 per cent of businesses that trade internationally are now exporting less to the EU compared to the last five years, with 28% importing less from the EU. Emma Rowland, Policy Advisor at the Institute of Directors, said, "Over the past year, UK businesses have lost EU clients and experienced a loss in revenue. EU firms have pulled out of the UK market due to increased trade frictions." One of the primary challenges businesses face is the administrative and cost-related burden of new customs arrangements.

597 Manufacturing Wine Apr 2022

A wine merchant has claimed importers are being forced to pay up to £150 per consignment for customs paper work associated with excise goods in transit from the EU to a bonded warehouse in the UK. Daniel Lambert, of Daniel Lambert (Wines) in Bridgend says hauliers are increasingly using independent brokers for the duplicated documents required for bonded stock and they are charging up to £150. On a pallet of wine this adds 48p per bottle to the retail price.

596 Borders Gibraltar Apr 2022

According to *City AM*, Spanish authorities are refusing entry to British nationals trying to enter the country from Gibraltar. Numerous British citizens were said to be unable to enter Spain this week as authorities at the border demanded to see hotel reservations and evidence of onward travel. Those who were unable to do so were refused entry into Spain. It comes as Spain steps up controls on travellers from non-EU countries trying to enter the bloc via or from Gibraltar.

595 Northern Ireland Tourism Apr 2022

The Northern Ireland tourism industry has warned £160m of visitor spend and half a million tourists could be impacted by plans for a US-style visa waiver document for journeys across the border. Under new post-Brexit legislation being considered, non-Irish EU citizens living in or visiting the Republic would require an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) to cross the border into Northern Ireland. Dr Joanne Stuart from the NI Tourism Alliance said there had been "no consultation at all with the industry" on the plans and said the single-entry system "would just be unworkable and completely impractical".

594 Economy Trade Apr 2022

The *FT* report the influx of British-based companies to Holland has swelled as they struggle with the disruption of a customs border across the North Sea. More than 90 investors have built or rented distribution space since 2017, half of them in 2021, according to government agency Invest in Holland. Martin Bysh, CEO of Huboo, a logistics

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provider, said it had to act after clients deserted as Brexit negotiations went to the wire in December 2020. “We lost about 10 per cent of our revenue, which was clients leaving the UK for Europe,” he said. “It was a chaotic landscape.”

593 Services Travel Apr 2022

A report by the Tourism Alliance says language schools for foreign students are being “devastated” by a combination of post-Brexit red tape and the impact of the pandemic, threatening the future of a £3.2bn industry. The TA said even though covid travel restrictions had been lifted, ministers had imposed unnecessary barriers on children from France, Germany and other EU nations, prompting a collapse in school group bookings and an estimated 80% drop in revenue across the industry, threatening 40,000 jobs.

592 Services Trade Apr 2022

Figures from the ONS show financial services exports to the EU for Q1-Q3 2021 fell by 38% compared to the same period in 2018 while the same exports to the rest of the world were flat. Professional services exports to the EU fell 12% when sales of similar services to the rest of the world rose by 40%.

591 Transport Hauliers Apr 2022

Road hauliers warn they cannot persuade enough EU drivers to come to the UK, and businesses face losing customers if they cannot provide reliable delivery services. The drivers are put off by the prospect of waiting to pass through Dover or Folkestone. The Cold Chain Federation, said the UK had developed a “post-Brexit perception problem” typified by the recent traffic jams while Nick Allen, CEO of the British Meat Processors Association, said: “Hauliers are reporting that they are struggling to get drivers willing to go to the UK if they are going to get delays getting home again and with the international shortage of drivers, they are able to be selective about what jobs they take.”

590 Health Regulation Apr 2022

Sources in the health care sector have told *PoliticsHome* that a senior official at the Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has said regulatory changes as a result of Brexit could cost MHRA between £20-30 million, leaving the regulator with a funding ‘black hole’. Before Brexit, the MHRA had earned a significant amount from the European Medicines Agency for work assessing new drugs but as a result of the changes they would have to adapt to a “new setup” post-Brexit.

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589 Manufacturing Trade Apr 2022

A survey of more than 2,700 exporters by the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) found the number of firms reporting an increase in overseas sales unchanged at 29 per cent during the first quarter of this year, while those reporting a decrease rose by one percentage point to 25%. William Bain, head of trade policy at the BCC, said this performance compares poorly to that of Germany, where exports inside and outside the European single market are ahead by double-digit margins.

588 Economy Funding Apr 2022

According to *The Independent*, almost £2bn has been slashed from promised development spending in poorer areas of the UK. The government had pledged to match lost EU funding which would have required at least £4.5bn over the next three years but the budget reveals just £2.6bn has been allocated and reallocates the fund to improving “functional numeracy skills”, to boost job prospects. The move has provoked anger in many ‘Red Wall’ areas of England and in Scotland and Wales – which were big recipients of EU structural funds before Brexit.

587 Food Farming Apr 2022

500 tonnes of beetroot is being left to rot due to a collapse in demand, caused by Brexit, a farmer tells the BBC. Will Woodhall grows beetroot and spring onions alongside cereals at his farm in Penkridge, Staffordshire and expects to lose up to £90,000 after border rules introduced in January has seen firms in the EU look elsewhere, particularly for perishable goods. Mr Woodhall said he expected to turn the crop into compost instead. The government has said traders need to take advantage of new trade deals it is negotiating across the world.

586 Food Meat Apr 2022

A meat haulier based in Lockerbie, Eardley International, who takes fresh meat from the UK into Europe, told the BBC they were experiencing delays of 20 to 25 hours to cross the Channel costing the business up to £800 per lorry. Director Graham Eardley explained, “Our products have a very short shelf life, if we load lamb in the UK on a Monday, we’d expect to deliver that product to Germany on a Tuesday. Now we are seeing delays of 20 to 25 hours to cross the Channel, and the quality and the sale value of that product falls by every hour it is delayed.”

585 Manufacturing Trade Apr 2022

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The number of UK businesses exporting goods to the EU fell 33 per cent to 18,357 in 2021, from 27,321 in 2020, according to new data from HMRC published on 8 April, say *City AM*. Michelle Dale, a senior manager at accountancy firm UHY Hacker Young, pointed out the fall is due to the extra red tape UK businesses must now comply with when exporting to the EU.

584 Economy Funding Apr 2022

The Financial Times has learned that the Shared Prosperity Fund due to be announced Wednesday, which will replace EU structural funding, will fall short of pre-Brexit promises that nations and regions would not be worse off. Johnson's 2019 election manifesto promised that post-Brexit replacement funding would "at a minimum match the size" of EU funds in "each nation" of the UK. Documents show that England is set to receive almost 50 per cent less than originally pledged, getting £1.56bn by 2024-25 instead of £3bn. The Welsh Government have already said that they are due to lose £1bn by 2024-25.

583 Food Shortages Apr 2022

In a devastating new report, MPs on the Commons Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee concluded labour shortages, caused by Brexit and accentuated by the pandemic, have badly affected businesses across the food and farming sector. They say that if not resolved swiftly, the shortages threaten to shrink the sector permanently with a chain reaction of wage rises and price increases reducing competitiveness, leading to food production being exported abroad and increased imports.

582 Food Farming Apr 2022

According to *Farmer's Weekly*, the decision by the EU at the end of last week to provide a €500m (£424m) emergency fund to directly subsidise farmers and the fertiliser industry is set to undercut UK food production. While many farmers agree that a move away from subsidies is the right idea in principle, unless the UK government follows the EU's lead, it is now more likely than ever that production will be constrained here, unable to compete with food imported from the EU.

581 Economy Falklands Mar 2022

The Falklands government is complaining that Brexit has destroyed its overseas fish and meat exports. A spokesman is quoted saying, "While we continue to export fishery products to the EU, mainly squid, these exports are now less profitable". The EU levies 6 to 18% tariffs on fishery products. It looks even more difficult for meat exports where the EU tariff is an average of 42% "The very high tariffs on our meat exports have resulted in the loss of the market as it is simply no longer profitable to export to the EU given the volumes we export".

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580 Economy Trade Mar 2022

In the latest OBR Fiscal Outlook for March 2022, by the fourth quarter of 2021 total advanced economy trade volumes had rebounded to 3% above their pre-pandemic levels while UK exports remain around 12% below. The OBR say (page 63) that the UK therefore appears to have become a less trade intensive economy, with trade as a share of GDP falling 12% since 2019, two and a half times more than in any other G7 country. While Brexit is not mentioned specifically, it is difficult to see any other explanation for the uniquely precipitous fall in British trade.

579 Culture Cycling Mar 2022

An article in The New European outlines the difficulties professional cyclists now encounter in gaining experience on the European tour after the end of freedom of movement. They are now limited to spending just 90 days in any 180 period on the continent. Last year, household names of the cycling world called for a robust solution to be in place by 2022. Unless an agreement is reached, they warned, “many riders [will] lose the opportunity to gain such critical experience”. There is said to be little confidence within the sport that Nadine Dorries, the new culture secretary, will successfully deliver a solution.

578 Citizens Banking Mar 2022

Crédit Agricole, a French bank, has introduced a €5 charge for withdrawals made with UK-issued credit and debit cards and in addition, the bank recently started to impose a new €18 flat fee on any bank transfers coming from Britain. It is expected that other European banks will introduce similar fees, according to various European media, including the magazine The Connexion.

577 Northern Ireland Travel Mar 2022

Non-Irish EU citizens crossing the land Border in Ireland will be required to apply online for pre-travel clearance – known as Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) – before entering the Northern Ireland. This comes as part of the Nationalities and Borders Bill. A human rights group, the Committee on the Administration of Justice (CAJ) condemned the move, which it said was “unworkable and risks a hard border for many non-British and non-Irish citizens in Border communities who have been able to freely cross the Border to date”

576 Financial Services Stock market Mar 2022

CVC Capital Partners, Europe’s largest private equity group, is planning to shun London and take its multi-billion-euro initial public offering to Amsterdam’s Euronext exchange, telling potential investors that it is aiming to set a € 25bn target for its next private equity fund. The choice of Amsterdam over London, by a company that has its

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roots in the UK would be a blow to the London Stock Exchange. Britain has struggled to attract large and successful listings in the wake of its departure from the EU, which ended regulatory equivalence for financial services.

575 Economy Trade Mar 2022

Contrary to reports, Brexit does not appear to have directly contributed to the fire and rehire policy at P&O Ferries. UK employment laws have not materially changed since leaving the EU. However, Sky News are reporting that Brexit has reduced UK-EU trade and traffic volumes are down, forcing P&O to re-examine its costs. The loss of the UK Landbridge to Irish traffic and the 32 new direct ferry services (see 318 below) between Ireland and the EU, operated by P&O's competitors must also have had an effect on the company's profitability.

574 Borders UK-EU Mar 2022

Two hour delays at Dover are now said to be the 'new normal' with lorry drivers reportedly furious, according to the Daily Express which campaigned for Brexit. Rod McKenzie, of the The Road Haulage Association, said: "when we left the European Union, we said goodbye to free-flowing trade between the relevant countries. It is inevitably the case, therefore, that there will be border checks and border delays." Roads at Dover have suffered from significant clogging since January with Highways England reporting queues of up to six miles (10 km).

573 Economy Trade Mar 2022

MPs on the Public Accounts Committee have told the government that free trade agreements negotiated since Brexit may not provide any "actual economic benefits." Tory MP Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, who deputy chairs the committee, said the department for international trade was "really struggling to point to tangible wins for British business, consumers or our own agriculture sector" from its programme of negotiations.

572 Manufacturing Technology Mar 2022

The US Giant Intel have announced the first phase of plans to invest as much as 80 billion euros in the EU over the next decade along the entire semiconductor value chain – from research and development (R&D) to manufacturing. The plans cover an initial 17 billion euros for a semiconductor mega-site in Germany, a new R&D and design hub in France, and investment in R&D, manufacturing and foundry services in Ireland, Italy, Poland and Spain. The UK was not mentioned. It is not known if Brexit played a part.

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571 Economy Trade Mar 2022

Latest ONS figures for January 2022 show total goods imports increased by £4.7 billion (11 per cent), because of a £4.7 billion rise in imports from EU countries while non-EU imports remained flat. Total exports of goods, decreased by £2.5 billion (8.7 per cent) driven by a £3.0 billion decrease in exports to EU countries while exports to non-EU countries increased by £0.6 billion. The total UK trade deficit in goods and services widened by £8.6 billion to £21.3 billion in the three months to January 2022.

570 Security Legal Mar 2022

The director of legal services at the Crown Prosecution Service has said Brexit has made tackling fraud “**more difficult.**” Mr Gregor McGill told a parliamentary justice committee that leaving the EU had created problems for police pursuing fraudsters overseas. The committee heard that about 25 per cent of fraud cases involved only defendants from the UK, with the number of cases involving “foreign” defendants rising “considerably more”.

569 Fashion Trade Mar 2022

Growing numbers of UK fashion brands and retailers have started to cut ties with EU wholesale stockists as bureaucracy, complex customs procedures, VAT and tariffs, coupled with wider cost pressures make trading with the EU unviable. In February, Joules issued a profit warning, citing increased freight costs and Brexit-related import duties that came into effect on 1 January 2021. To tackle these issues, the retailer is “significantly” reducing its stockist base of more than 1,700 accounts worldwide – by terminating arrangements with some small and medium-sized stockists and EU sales agents from autumn 2022.

568 Manufacturing Regulation Mar 2022

UK women are to lose out over new EU crash-test rules designed to improve the safety of cars to take account of gender differences. Women are 50 per cent more likely to be seriously injured than men if involved in a crash. A rule requiring new models to include frontal impact protection “which does not disadvantage women and older people,” will be enforced from July 6 in the EU and Northern Ireland but there are no plans at present for GB to adopt it even though the Department for Transport (DfT) and British experts were involved in drawing it up as part of a package of 15 safety measures.

567 Economy Trade Mar 2022

SMEs (Small and medium sized enterprises) employ 16.3 million people in the UK; the ones that export are 21 per cent more productive than other UK businesses, yet still export less than their European counterparts, by as much as half compared to Germany and Denmark, or even a third of Slovenia’s efforts. Brexit and the pandemic have

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compounded the problem according to City AM. The last two years have been one of the most challenging periods on record with the value and quantity of UK SME goods exports falling, despite a brief rebound which followed an initial massive £5.6bn fall after the UK's departure from the single market.

566 Economy Inward investment Mar 2022

Survey by Rudlin Consulting shows Brexit continues to be a top concern of Japanese companies in the UK, but less concerning than in 2020. Nearly 50% of Japanese firms in the UK see Brexit as having had a negative impact, rising to two thirds if looking at manufacturers alone. Nearly half of Japanese manufacturers in the UK were experiencing issues with exporting to the EU from the UK and around 35 per cent were experiencing problems with importing from the EU to the UK.

565 Economy Trade Mar 2022

A report by the UK Trade and Business Commission says British businesses are suffering because of new barriers to trade with the EU in all parts of the UK and that new trade deals have not made up for the costs imposed by these new barriers and may even exacerbate problems. Small firms and freelance workers are encountering particularly severe problems while NI businesses face specific difficulties. They conclude the government doesn't appear yet to fully understand the scale, range and complexity of the issues involved.

564 Manufacturing Chemicals Mar 2022

In February 2021, Brussels announced a ban on 10 pesticides on imported fruit and vegetables and the UK was expected in to follow suit. But now DEFRA says no decision has yet been made on whether Britain will follow the EU or continue to permit the chemicals on food. The pesticides have been banned by domestic farmers in both the UK or EU for some years, but were still allowed for imports from outside the bloc subject to "maximum residue levels" checked by border staff.

563 Charitable sector Trade Mar 2022

Charity workers who are trying to send aid to people in Ukraine say their donations are spending days stuck at the Port of Dover due to complex post-Brexit checks. A Polish centre in Lewisham south London, said it had up to 5 tonnes of donations delayed due to confusion over paperwork. Three lorries were stuck at Dover for two days last week, with drivers initially sent away by border officials asking for additional paperwork despite being told the goods were for humanitarian purposes, not commercial use.

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562 Economy Trade Mar 2022

The House of Commons library has published details of the FTA signed with Australia last December. The government confirms it will increase GDP by just 0.08% in the long term, compared with the 4% decrease caused by Brexit. It also concedes the agreement may have an adverse effect on three sectors: agriculture, forestry and fishing; semi-processed foods; and manufacture of other transport equipment. The impact assessment notes all these estimates are subject to considerable uncertainty.

561 Economy Trade Mar 2022

Sir Desmond Swayne, MP for New Forest West and supporter of the Leave Means Leave group, speaking in the Commons during a discussion about international trade, has described the fact that UK exporters now have to fill in forms to ship goods to the EU as “monstrous”. Mike Freer, a junior minister at the Department for International Trade said the government planned to improve border systems by 2025. This will not however, remove customs and veterinary checks on goods, which are required by EU law.

560 Food Farming Mar 2022

New data from the Farming Opinion Tracker shows that 68 per cent of people who responded said they are “not at all confident” that the government’s new policies will lead to a successful future for farming in the country. The National Farming Union (NFU) said farmers have been left in an “**untenable**” position, with “very little detail” available about how the schemes will impact them and their businesses. NFU president Minette Batters called the government’s post-Brexit farming policies “completely contradictory” earlier this week.

559 Economy Trade Mar 2022

According to the *FT*, Britain’s leading business organisations report that members are tired and frustrated by the lived experience of Brexit. Mike Cherry, chair of the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) says: “Small firms were promised that one upside of leaving the EU would be reduced red tape. They live in hope of delivery.” Other business groups like the British Chambers of Commerce, Make UK, the Construction Leadership Council and the Chemical Industries Association are also cited complaining that any benefits of Brexit are yet to be felt.

558 Borders UK-EU Mar 2022

So called ‘dwell-times’ at UK ports have doubled since last spring as Brexit red tape slows customs processes and global supply chains seize up. Shippers spent an average of more than seven days discharging at British ports last month. Data from the supply chain visibility platform FourKites shows UK port of discharge dwell times have risen

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strongly from a low of 3.6 day last April, while remaining steady across the rest of Europe. The figures also found a sharp decrease in the percentage of Europe-bound shipments passing through the UK.

557 Borders Trade Feb 2022

The *FT* report that ClearBorder, a training consultancy, has surveyed 150 mostly small companies and found that only a third of respondents were “very or somewhat confident” in the government’s ability to improve import and export procedures. A majority of companies are now holding more inventory, which consumes more working capital, and 38 per cent said they had established a subsidiary in the EU to make the process smoother.

556 Economy Trade Feb 2022

Figures from accountancy firm UHY Hacker show customs duties paid by UK businesses **jumped 64 per cent to a record £4.5bn** in the year to 31 January 2022. The figures show that the last five months to 31 January 2022 are the five highest individual months on record for customs duties paid, with over £2.1bn paid in that period alone. Post-Brexit ‘Rules of Origin’ requirements mean anything sold in the UK by EU businesses must wholly or largely originate in the EU to be exempt from customs duties when it enters the UK.

555 Food Vets Feb 2022

The food and drink industry is demanding “urgent action” from the government to address a severe shortage of vets to process UK Export Health Certificates after Brexit. According to the *FT*, industry groups have warned that a sharp decline in EU vets registering to work in the UK since Brexit, coupled with an immense increase in paperwork for exporters, was creating an “unsustainable” staffing squeeze.

554 Food Farming Feb 2022

NFU Sugar has criticised the government’s decision to extend for another 3 years its 260,000 tonne tariff-free import quota for raw cane sugar produced in ways that would be illegal in the UK. Michael Sly, chair of NFU Sugar, warns the extension, coupled with the complete liberalisation of sugar in the UK-Australia trade deal, could lead to the permanent decline of the UK sugar beet industry. Sugar imports from Brazil alone have increased 217 per cent year-on-year – a clear example of a country taking advantage of this quota to increase its sales to the UK.

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553 Northern Ireland Trade Feb 2022

According to Ireland's Central Statistics Office (CSO), UK exports to Ireland fell by 13 per cent in 2021 while those from Northern Ireland have surged by 65 per cent. And while exports from Ireland to Great Britain grew by 17 per cent, imports fell by 13 per cent, from €17.7bn to €15.4bn. This is being attributed to the NI protocol which allows goods to move across the Irish border without the customs checks, which are now required out on shipments from Great Britain at Northern Irish ports instead.

552 Economy Survey Feb 2022

Seven in ten UK firms say the government's Brexit trade deal with the EU has been bad for business and held back growth, with a majority reporting it has pushed up costs and increased paperwork. A majority of the 1,000 companies polled by the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) also said the deal had put Britain at a competitive disadvantage. Just one in eight firms think the hard Brexit deal secured by Boris Johnson has had a positive impact on them, the BCC found.

551 Transport Hauliers Feb 2022

Freight specialists are warning importers that they need to get ready for the changeover from the old CHIEF import/export IT system to the new Customs Declaration Service (CDS). There are doubts about HMRC's capacity to migrate 5,000 importers to CDS within the deadline, now just six months away. They suggest the complexity of CDS will put some strain on supply chains as importers get accustomed to the need for more information – CHIEF calls for 54 data elements, in contrast to the 80 needed by CDS.

550 Food Farming Feb 2022

Farmers have been warned that Canada is pushing for hormone-treated beef to be made available across the UK once Britain joins the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP). According to the National Farmers Union, the deal would "severely undermine British farmers" and lower the quality of meat sold across the UK.

549 Culture Creative industries Feb 2022

British bands wishing to tour Europe now need to list every instrument and piece of equipment individually and have them cleared by customs with no possibility to add further items without additional extra customs clearance. John Read, a musician with the British band "Project Blackbird" says that the band's European tour last summer was a bureaucratic nightmare. Moreover, because of restriction on cabotage British trucks cannot be loaded or unloaded in more than two locations within the EU.

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548 Economy Trade Feb 2022

Figures released by the ONS this week showed UK exports to the EU fell by £20 billion in 2021, a 12 per cent fall compared with 2018. Clothing (60 per cent), vegetables (40 per cent) and cars (25 per cent) saw the biggest falls. Over the same period, exports to the rest of the world excluding the EU dropped by a much smaller £10bn, or about 6 per cent. UK goods imported from the EU were down almost 17 per cent (£45bn), compared with 2018. In comparison, imports from the rest of the world increased by almost 13 per cent (28bn).

547 Energy Electricity Feb 2022

The French energy regulator CRE has rejected an investment request for a 1,400MW undersea electrical interconnector cable citing doubts related to Brexit uncertainties. The project was granted the European Project of Common Interest (PCI) status in 2017 under the EU's TEN-E Regulations governing PCI projects. However, since the end of the Brexit transition period on 31 December 2020, the TEN-E Regulation no longer applies in the UK. Therefore, both the energy regulators considered that it was no longer possible to take coordinated decisions on the request.

546 Borders UK-EU Feb 2022

One of the UK's leading logistics trade bodies has said that Channel ports such as Dover could "grind to a halt" for both traders and travellers this summer as the result of post-Brexit border controls. The warnings follow the publication on Wednesday of a highly critical House of Commons report (see 525 below) that accused the government of "over-promising" and failing to hit its own deadlines. Logistics UK, the trade body, said EU biometric border controls due to be introduced this year would create long delays unless EU and UK authorities worked together to resolve urgent issues with the new system.

545 Economy Trade Feb 2022

David Smith, the economics editor of The Sunday Times, commenting on the Bank of England's forecast of 1.25 per cent growth in 2023, followed by just 1 per cent growth in 2024, significantly lower than the eurozone, says we are living with, "the adverse fiscal consequences of leaving the EU [which has] left us with a budget hole that has had to be filled with higher taxes. We now have a high-tax economy strangled by red tape and hampered by trade restrictions."

544 Borders UK-EU Feb 2022

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In an article titled: HGV Hell, *The Daily Express* reports that lorry drivers have been told to “get used to queues of three or four hours at Dover as new Brexit checks are implemented.” The report said that the new checks, which came into force at the start of the year, are causing disruption in Dover, as well as in Calais with long queues of lorries regularly seen lining up along the A20 in Kent. The lorries are forced to line up, it said, due to the Dover Traffic Assessment Project (TAP) being implemented, which is a protocol designed to stop the town from being clogged with traffic.

543 Economy Trade Feb 2022

A new report from the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), has said it “was clear” that leaving the EU was having an impact on UK trade volumes and warned things could worsen this year as new import controls come in. PAC chair Meg Hillier said, “the only detectable impact so far is increased costs, paperwork and border delays.” The PAC also said it was concerned about what will happen when passenger traffic across the UK border returns to normal levels as the pandemic subsides.

542 Food Meat Feb 2022

The British Meat Processors Association (BMPA) told POLITICO that their members are already paying out an additional £60 million a year to fill out the documents known as Export Health Certificates (EHC) needed to ship all animal products to the EU. Nick Allen, CEO of the BMPA said, “That’s before you look at the extra staff that we need to do it, it’s a massive extra cost to the industry.” Businesses have also taken on new IT systems to fill the paperwork, port charges and customs agents’ fees. The BMPA is warning that this will mean rising costs for imports from the bloc when similar checks will be required on imports starting in July.

541 Citizens Rights Feb 2022

With many languages spoken in the EU, formal, public documents such as birth, death and marriage certificates may need translation to be used in another member state or region. Before Brexit there was a cheap, simple EU procedure for this covered by Regulation (EU) 2016/1191. As of 1 January this was no longer available. UK citizens will need to obtain expensive bespoke translations done privately, without knowing if this will satisfy the requirements of the receiving country.

540 Citizens Rights Feb 2022

The department of transport is consulting on a plan to overhaul passengers rights after delayed flights within the UK which could lead to “small amounts of compensation that often won’t be worth claiming”. Currently, someone on an internal flight from Edinburgh to London is entitled to £220 once their flight has been delayed three hours, unless there are extraordinary circumstances such as bad weather. New rules could see compensation reduced to as little as 25% of the ticket price.

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539 Food Inflation Feb 2022

Retail experts say the surge in food prices will not be resolved quickly, with the full impact of Brexit yet to be seen. Figures last week show the price of food items rose by 2.7% in January, the highest rate in nine years. Retailers say while some are short term others are not. Ewan MacDonald-Russell, head of policy at the Scottish Retail Consortium, said one issue was labour shortages in areas such as HGV drivers, distribution and farming. A surge in global commodity prices is being reflected in shopping baskets – sugar prices were up by 33% year-on-year in December, cereals increased by 20%, while meat and dairy rose by 17%.

538 Economy Trade Feb 2022

The latest purchasing managers' index for manufacturing is upbeat but remains below that of the eurozone. Chris Williamson, chief business economist at IHS Markit, which compiles the index, says: "UK goods export growth has lagged that of the eurozone to a striking degree over the past year, with the last five months even seeing the UK battling with falling/stalled exports, underperforming all European peers."

537 Borders UK-EU Feb 2022

Long queues of lorries on approach roads to Dover are being blamed on French customs demanding an ink (wet) signature on documents from an official veterinarian for imports of food and animal feed from the UK. While electronic certification would have been possible using an EU computer system, the UK turned down an offer from Brussels to use the platform and built its own system instead. William Bain, the head of trade policy at the BCC, said, "Like many of the problems this looks to be down to a differing interpretation of how the trade arrangements work after leaving the EU."

536 Borders UK-EU Feb 2022

The Dover Traffic Access Protocol (TAP) has been deployed again this morning (1 February) as the port continues to experience high volumes of HGVs. Kent Highways said TAP had been applied on the A20 at Aycliffe. The move was made to prevent port-bound traffic from disrupting the local road network and the A20 through Dover town. The Port of Dover said last week "Customers are asked to prepare accordingly and allow plenty of time for their journey during a period when several ferries being away on refit and external highway works have impacted operational capacity alongside more burdensome border control processes."

535 Economy Trade Feb 2022

The British Chambers of Commerce say 60 per cent of UK exporters it surveyed in November 2021 reported difficulties in trading with the EU, an increase from 49 per cent in January 2021. William Bain, of the BCC, said freeing up the flow of goods and services into the EU is essential, adding: "No-one is expecting goods to flow as freely across

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the channel now as they did prior to Brexit. But the way the trade agreement is being interpreted in 27 different EU countries is a major headache for UK business, especially smaller firms without the cash reserves to set up new EU based arrangements.”

534 Economy Trade Feb 2022

Figures from the German ifo Institute show the UK’s share of EU27 goods exports fell from 6.2 percent in 2019 to 5.2 percent in 2021, while its share of EU27 goods imports fell from 3.9 percent to 2.6 percent over the same period. “Some of the negative impact of Brexit on economic performance and trade already took place before the UK left the EU in 2020,” says Lisandra Flach, Director of the ifo Center for International Economics. The UK’s share of EU27 goods exports fell from 7.1 percent in 2015 to 6.2 percent in 2019. Its share of EU27 imports fell from 4.4 percent to 3.9 percent over the same period. More trade was then diverted away from the United Kingdom as the pandemic progressed, added the institute.

533 Food Meat Jan 2022

The NFU president, Minette Batters, and the National Pig Association chairman, Rob Mutimer, have written a joint letter to DEFRA secretary, George Eustice, calling for an urgent summit to address labour and supply-chain concerns. The national pig herd has lost one tenth of all sows over the last six months, farmers’ associations have revealed, after breeders were forced into a massive cull caused by a shortage of labour in abattoirs. They say measures introduced to support the industry have so far delivered “minimal benefit” to pig producers.

532 Manufacturing Defence Jan 2022

UK arms manufacturers have been hit by long delays in attempts to export weapons overseas because of Brexit red tape, a leading trade body has told MPs. The Engineering and Machinery Alliance (EMA) said some firms are “waiting for up to six months” for government licences to export into the EU – despite the target time for approval being two weeks. Jack Semple, director of policy at the alliance, told MPs on the international trade committee that the industry blames the Export Control Joint Unit (ECJU) for failing to anticipate time-consuming Brexit red tape.

531 Manufacturing Pharma Jan 2022

The UK risks falling behind in the drive to reduce the use of farm antibiotics after an EU ban came into force today (28 January) on the routine administration of antibiotics to groups of healthy animals. European farmers will only be permitted to use antibiotics as a preventive measure in exceptional cases when there is a high risk of infectious disease, and then only with individual animals. The UK government has said it will set out proposed regulatory changes as part of a public consultation during 2022.

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530 Financial Services Banking Jan 2022

EU banks could soon be able to lend more cheaply to British corporate entities than UK based rivals according to the *FT*. The EU's banks are getting a helping hand because of the bloc's decision to break with some of the final parts of Basel III, the globally agreed capital rules, allowing them to use less capital when making loans to corporates without a credit rating, reducing their lending costs. One senior executive at a large UK bank said, "There's a risk . . . that BNP can lend to a load of higher quality UK corporates at cheaper rates than UK banks . . . Open markets only work if everybody is playing by global rules."

529 Food Poultry Jan 2022

Avara Foods, a poultry supplier responsible for 20 per cent of UK production has seen a fall in profits for the year ending May 2021 and have also announced the closure of their duck business. According to their annual report Brexit involved a "significant investment" in administration costs to manage the transition and enable it to continue to export fresh product to the EU. The company's ongoing additional admin and logistics costs relating to Brexit are £2.5 million a year.

528 Economy Funding Jan 2022

A new analysis from the Northern Powerhouse Partnership (NPP), PACE at Teesside University and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF) shows the north is 'set to lose out on £300m' as regional economic funding drops after Brexit. The European Regional Development Fund, European Social Fund and Local Growth Fund saw an annual £2.1bn spent in England, their post-Brexit replacements of the Shared Prosperity Fund and Levelling Up Fund will be worth just over £1.4bn.

527 Construction Shortages Jan 2022

Construction businesses in Northern Ireland are facing higher prices for some screws and bolts due to a trade dispute between the EU and China. The EU is due to start applying import duties of almost 90 per cent on some Chinese products as an "anti-dumping" measure. This is when the EU determine a foreign company is exporting a product at a price lower than it normally charges on its home market. The NI Protocol means the EU's anti-dumping measures still apply in Northern Ireland.

526 Borders UK-EU Jan 2022

The United Kingdom has told *ITV* that the queues of lorries outside Dover are a "direct consequence" of the introduction of additional border procedures at the beginning of the year. Hauliers now have to use the Goods Vehicle Movement System (GVMS), a new IT portal, to obtain customs clearance at ports which the UK estimates is adding

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around 10 minutes to boarding times for every vehicle, causing severe delays. Adrian Jones, Unite's national officer for road transport, said: "The fact the GVMS system has been in place for nearly a month is especially alarming because it suggests this is not initial teething problems but the new normal. Drivers fear the problems are only going to get worse, not better, as tourism returns to normal and trade picks up. Delays are only going to get longer."

525 Borders UK-EU Jan 2022

Ian Davies, boss of Stena Line's UK ports has said Holyhead and Fishguard saw a 30% drop in traffic in 2021 because of the new post-Brexit trading relationship with the European Union rather than the pandemic. Freight volumes across the Irish sea were roughly the same but Irish hauliers were shunning the so-called land bridge and opting instead for the slower and more expensive direct sea routes to avoid new post-brexit checks and paperwork.

524 Food Wine Jan 2022

Australian wine producers are complaining that any benefits from a post-Brexit trade deal will be more than wiped out by proposed changes to UK taxes on alcohol. Industry lobby group Australian Grape and Wine estimates that the tax hikes will cost an additional £70m, adding 40p to the price of every £5 bottle of the country's drink bought by British consumers. This compares to a forecast £26m gain from the trade deal.

523 Food Wine Jan 2022

The Wine and Spirit Trade Association (WSTA) is urging its members to oppose the government's alcohol duty reforms which are being introduced after Brexit. They say the chancellor's plans will increase duty overall by some £250m a year with spirits paying the highest rates. The WSTA claim it is not "economically rational to differentiate duty rates on the strength of product as sold."

522 Services Legal Jan 2022

The Chartered Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys (CITMA), in written evidence to a House of Lords committee last year, have estimated that the financial impact of UK attorneys losing the right to represent clients at the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) is likely to be between £789 million & £1.7 billion per year. Currently, UK practitioners no longer have a right of representation at the EU Intellectual Property Office which is limited to those within the EEA although EEA practitioners will continue to have a right to represent their clients at the UK IPO.

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521 Borders UK-EU Jan 2022

The boss of the Port of Dover is calling for urgent talks over plans for biometric checks at the port. CEO Doug Bannister, said the proposed biometric checks were “unsafe” adding, “As currently designed, the biometric checks work well at an airport or a rail terminal, but they’re not designed for a busy roll-on, roll-off ferry terminal”. Transport select committee chair Huw Merriman echoed those concerns and described potential delays as a “disaster” for Kent. Merriman said, “That per-vehicle movement will end up causing a 17-mile delay back into Kent and that would be a disaster for the local economy and a disaster for trade as well”.

520 Financial Services Banking Jan 2022

Brussels is planning to extend its temporary permit allowing European banks and fund managers to use UK clearing houses until June 2025. But, Mairead McGuinness, European commissioner for financial services, told a meeting of Ecofin, the EU’s Economic and Financial Affairs Council, on Tuesday that the commission would shortly begin consultations which will “feed into a strategy on clearing to reduce in the medium term our over-reliance on UK [clearing houses],” Many are unhappy about the financial stability risks to the bloc from €83trillion of open Euro derivatives contracts being cleared in a market that is not in its direct oversight.

519 Immigration Small boats Jan 2022

Amid criticism of plans for the armed forces to take over Channel operations to limit migration, it has emerged that over the past two weeks, 773 people have reached the UK by boat – which is **more than the total for the first two months of last year**. The total number of migrants who made the crossing in 2021 was treble that of 2020. Defence minister James Heapey told MPs intercepted asylum seekers could not be returned to France without French permission, which has not been given.

518 Financial Services Banking Jan 2022

Brexit has **boosted Ireland’s international banking** sector, increasing their balance sheets and moving the sector up the international and EU rankings. A new report, Supporting Ireland’s Success – The Contribution of International Banking, published by Banking & Payments Federation Ireland (BPF) and its affiliate the Federation of International Banks in Ireland (FIBI) found Brexit was a key driver of change in the sector here, with the expansion of the banks in the aftermath of the vote to leave the EU adding €200 billion to their balance sheets between 2015 and July 2021.

517 Economy Trade Jan 2022

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The latest numbers from Irish Central Statistics Office (CSO) show that the value of goods imported from Britain [fell by almost £2.75bn](#) from January to November last year. The drop in imports comes as cross-border trade continues to rise. Exports from NI to the Republic jumped by more than 64 per cent while exports from Ireland to NI also rose by more than 50 per cent.

516 Economy Survey Jan 2022

Nearly one in three businesses fear their company will close before the end of this year, primarily as the [long-term effects of Brexit start to bite](#), according to data shared with *City AM*. 37 per cent, don't think their business will survive until the end of 2027, as more than half (54 per cent) of UK business owners indicated they found 2021 to be a more challenging year than 2020. Brexit continues to be a real obstacle, with 73 per cent of those taking part in a nationwide-survey by One World Express saying their business has seen zero benefit from the UK's departure from the EU.

515 Borders UK-EU Jan 2022

The Daily Express report that HGV drivers are having to queue for up to eight hours waiting to get through customs checks at Calais "[red tape chaos](#)" affect deliveries. It comes as new rules came into force this month with experts blaming the problem on government IT systems. Jon Swallow from logistics company Jordan Freight told The Independent: "We've been told by HMRC that they are just too busy to deal with it. These delays are very frustrating and costly for companies."

514 Economy Survey Jan 2022

Survey by Make UK (formerly the Engineering Employers Federation) of 228 companies found two thirds believed that Brexit had **moderately or significantly hampered** their business, with over a half of companies (56%) fearing a further impact this year from customs delays due to import checks and changes in product labelling.

513 Manufacturing Shortages Jan 2022

Experts have told City AM that UK firms **lack the skills** and expertise to handle the increase in customs declarations. Their warning is underpinned by the Institute of Export & International Trade, saying it reported a 379% increase in enquiries to its technical helpline last week. The changes are predicted to increase custom declarations by a factor of five – a worrying rise from 55m to 270m, according to trade consortium Digital Trader Service.

512 Economy Trade Jan 2022

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UK businesses are paying **10 per cent more than their EU counterparts** to trade their emissions following Brexit as a result of the government's refusal to link the UK carbon market to the EU's. Post Brexit, prices have hiked because the UK carbon market is significantly smaller than the EU one and doesn't have enough liquidity in its emission trading scheme to cover all industrial sectors. "UK companies are paying substantially more than they are in the EU. The big problem for the UK market is liquidity, and the fact that it is new," says Tom Lord, head of trading at carbon risk management company Redshaw Advisors.

511 Food Farming Jan 2022

The "blind optimism" shown by government ministers in plans for the future of England's farms could result in many small and tenant farmers being forced out of business, a parliamentary report has warned. The end result of encouraging farmers to free up land for environmental purposes – such as woodland – is likely to be that England ends up **importing more of its food**, often from countries with worse environmental standards than Britain, said the report from the cross-party Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee.

510 Food Wine Jan 2022

A shake-up of alcohol duties touted by Boris Johnson as one of the key benefits of Brexit has sparked fury among the UK's wine trade, who warn it will force up prices for consumers, sow confusion in shops and create "**unworkable" levels of new red tape**. The Wine and Spirit Trade Association (WSTA) told The Independent there were fears that some of the UK's 1,000 independent wine merchants could fold under the burden of extra bureaucracy and expense.

509 Economy Investment Jan 2022

The British Chambers of Commerce have **surveyed almost 5,500 firms**, revealing that they are running low on cash and have ditched investment plans to stay afloat into the new year. Suren Thiru, the BCC's head of economics, said sales growth stalled as firms struggled with the "mounting headwinds" of inflation, a scarcity of skilled workers, and problems sourcing products from overseas. The persistent weakness in cash flow is troubling because it leaves businesses more exposed to the economic impact of Omicron, rising inflation and potential further restrictions," he said.

508 Retail Shortages Jan 2022

Shoppers are reporting supply problems that have led to empty supermarket shelves around the UK for the second time in six months. Fresh fruit and veg and cold goods are particularly in short supply. Many people are blaming Brexit but others say it is down to soaring numbers of workers self-isolating because of Covid. **Long queues of lorries formed in Calais** on Thursday as new import controls on goods from the EU began to bite after they came into effect on 1 January.

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507 Economy Trade Jan 2022

The Irish Revenue's annual report has confirmed the massive increase in red tape now involved in trade with Britain with **€215m of customs duty** collected on imports from Britain last year, even before the full impact of Brexit comes into force. That's equal to nearly half the €526m total of customs duty collected on goods from all other non-EU markets combined last year and helps explain why goods imports into Ireland from the UK as a whole have plummeted by 45pc in the past year, while imports from Northern Ireland doubled.

506 Education Student numbers Jan 2022

According to reports on visas from the Home Office, the number of EU students from Poland and Romania **fell below 700** in the year 2021 up to October. UCAS statistics show that there were only around 1,100 undergraduate students from the two countries enrolled in UK universities in 2021, compared to almost 6,000 in 2020. In 2019 there were more than 8,500 undergraduate and postgraduate students from Poland and Romania according to the HE Statistics Agency.

505 Financial Services Stock market Jan 2022

The UK stock market has **underperformed other leading equity markets** for six years, according to *The Times*, reflecting persistently weak corporate earnings growth compared to other major economies and global investor wariness of all British assets. As a result, UK stocks trade on a multiple of just 14 times expected 2022 earnings, compared to an average multiple of 16 times for eurozone stocks and 21 times for US stocks. Euro Stoxx index of leading European shares was up 22.5 per cent, its second-best performance since 2009, driven by a 29.2 per cent rise in France's CAC 40 index and a 23 per cent rise in the FTSE MIB index of Italian shares. The FTSE 100 ended up 14.3 per cent.

504 Food Farming Jan 2022

British farmers have criticised Asda's decision to backtrack on its promise to sell only British beef. The retailer said the U-turn was the result of higher beef prices, and it would now **sell both Irish and British-produced beef** in its stores. The move comes just over a year after the supermarket chain, under its new owners the Issa brothers, made a pledge to source 100 per cent British beef. Neil Shand, the chief executive of industry body the National Beef Association (NBA), said he was "very disappointed that Asda wasn't able to continue its commitment beyond two months."

503 Food Trade Jan 2022

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David Hill, MD of Cocoda, an exporting broker for the chocolate, biscuit and confectionery sectors says “The past two years have been hideous for two major reasons: Brexit and COVID.” Hill suggests the problems created by Brexit have been exacerbated by the pandemic and although there is some cross over, the main difference is that COVID-related challenges should evaporate with the virus, whereas **Brexit-induced issues are more prolonged**. In the first nine months of 2021, overall sales of UK food and drink were down £2.7bn compared to pre-COVID levels, mainly because of a sharp drop in sales to the EU. Germany, Italy and Spain were the worst-hit markets.

502 Culture Creative industries Jan 2022

Just one of the 27 EU member states has agreed a deal to rescue post-Brexit music tours. Despite the prime minister’s pledge made under pressure nine months ago – **only Spain has signed an agreement** since, leaving artists drowning in expensive “mountains of red tape”. The Incorporated Society of Musicians is now urging Liz Truss, the Foreign Secretary and new Brexit minister, to reject the hardline approach of her predecessor, David Frost, which failed to make “progress”.

501 Financial Services Stock market Jan 2022

Amsterdam ended 2021 as Europe’s top share trading venue, **holding its lead over London** despite efforts by the British financial centre to make its equity markets more attractive after Brexit. Figures from Cboe Global Markets show that average daily trading in Amsterdam last month totalled 8.97 billion euros (\$10.15 billion), ahead of London’s 8.32 billion euros.

500 Economy Technology Jan 2022

Nearly 50,000 internet domain names belonging to UK businesses and citizens have been **taken down this week** following the revocation of their .eu domain names. Impacted sites include the pro-Brexit site Leave.eu, which now displays: “This site can’t be reached.” UK based owners of .eu domains needed to show their eligibility for an EU domain, by either being citizens or residents of the EU, or be an organisation established within the bloc.

499 Financial Services The City Jan 2022

The City of London’s policy chief said on Wednesday that COVID-19 may be **masking some of the impact of leaving the EU**. Britain’s financial sector lost most of its access to the EU, its single biggest export customer, a year ago. Catherine McGuinness, policy chief for the ‘Square Mile’ financial district told Reuters, “We are certainly not at a new normal. We need to put Brexit behind us. What really matters now is maintaining our competitive edge in future,” adding, “It’s not a given that people will want to come to London.”

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498 Citizens Rights Jan 2022

The Daily Express report that British expats who want to live in Spain without working will now have to **prove they have over £23,000** in their bank accounts and apply for a visa. After Brexit, UK citizens too who want to live on sunny Spanish shores will be able to apply for non-lucrative visas for five years before obtaining permanent residency but will have to prove they can sustain themselves in Spain without a job for the first year of residence.

497 Economy Trade Jan 2022

UK traders are falling foul of a new IT system policing goods crossing the English Channel, as companies grapple with a **fresh wave of post-Brexit red tape**. “We’ve got a whole bunch of lorries that aren’t clearing because something isn’t working, and it’s not incompetence on our part,” said Steve Cock, director of customs consultancy at The Customs House who has had freight waiting to enter Britain since New Year’s Day. “It’s going to cheese off a lot of people and have a lot of additional charges for vehicles that aren’t getting to the U.K.” Japanese car maker Honda is among companies that have seen cargoes hit so far.

496 Food Shortages Jan 2022

In the run up to Christmas EU workers looking to come to the UK to work in the poultry industry could apply for a Seasonal Worker visa. These **visas ran out** on 31 December 31 2021, resulting in companies like Traditional Norfolk Poultry facing a scarcity of labour. MD Mark Gorton revealed that “Covid is just making it worse”. He revealed that 5-10pc of his workforce is off due to Covid and that it is making it “difficult” to maintain efficient production lines.

495 Food Fruit Jan 2022

Oranges grown in Spain for sale in UK supermarkets are imported by G’s Fresh in Ely. The company brings in 400 lorry-loads of produce a week but the new post-Brexit rules are making the process more difficult. The forms for each shipment taking as long as **four hours to complete**. Kuldip Kular of G’s said: “If it goes wrong, that could easily be delayed by one or two days which then has an impact on availability on the shelves here and also on the freshness of the product.”

494 Economy Inflation Jan 2022

A survey of almost 100 economists by the *FT* suggests the UK will trail other developed countries in its economic recovery from the pandemic in 2022, held back by political uncertainty and the lingering **after-effects of Brexit**. A majority said that UK living standards would worsen in the year ahead, with poorer households hit hardest by soaring inflation and higher taxes.

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493 Manufacturing Inflation Jan 2022

According to the Federation of Small Businesses, up to 440,000 firms may be forced out of business by a late payment crisis. Their survey of 1200 companies reveals a sector facing battles on almost every front, including new customs checks on imports from the EU and a looming energy cost crisis. “Today, it’s a **fresh wave of admin** for importers and exporters – in three months’ time it will be a hike to the jobs tax, that is national insurance contributions, a rise in dividend taxation, business rates bills and an increase in the national living wage. On top of that, operating costs are surging.”

492 Food Trade Jan 2022

Joe Ross, owner of the popular Staggeringly Good brewery in Portsmouth, which was thriving with sales to the EU before Brexit, has been hit hard with a **drop of 70 per cent in exports** – with many former customers now buying from America via air freight which is cheaper than shipping across the Channel. Before Brexit, shipping would cost £180 but has now rocketed to £600, while paperwork for transactions have been described as a ‘bureaucratic nightmare’.

491 Financial Services Inward investment Jan 2022

Global law firm Mayer Brown reports that – “the number of UK businesses acquired by US private equity houses has jumped 75 per cent this year.” MB said the relatively depressed valuations of UK companies versus their European peers has made them particularly good value for US-based PE funds. With slower economic growth and **broader Brexit uncertainty** in the UK, sterling has fallen sharply against both the dollar and the Euro, which has made deals more attractive for overseas buyers.

490 Food Wine Jan 2022

EU winemakers have been preparing for new border bureaucracy in 2022. Audrey Dokie, a manager at the Louis Moreau estate in Burgundy, exports Chablis around the world, but the UK is its biggest market. “We do know that next year it’s going to get **much more difficult** in terms of the extra details that will be required on each label.” Louis Moreau are a very experienced exporter but Dokie adds, “For much smaller winemakers it might be harder.”

489 Manufacturing Steel Jan 2022

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A British manufacturer of cast iron is **moving some of its production** to a factory in Spain in order to avoid the 25 per cent tariff due on UK production and payable from 1 January. United Cast Bar Limited (UCB), in Chesterfield also have a Spanish plant and MD James Brand says, “60 per cent of the products we can make here we can also make in Spain, and our customers don’t want that extra 25 per cent cost.”

488 Food Fishing Jan 2022

A Scottish business owner has told how a year of the “nightmare” of Brexit has left his firm **struggling to survive**. Jamie McMillan, MD of Loch Fyne Seafarms, lost 60 per cent of his market after crippling costs forced him to stop selling premium shellfish to Europe. Staff numbers have been reduced from 22 to 13. “Our worst fears over Brexit have become just a nightmare. It was even worse than what we could ever imagine it to be,” he told the *Sunday National*.

487 Economy Trade Jan 2022

Many British businesses may “**give up importing**” as a result of new strict rules that have come into force on 1 January, a former senior civil servant in charge of Brexit planning has warned. Philip Rycroft, who was permanent secretary at the Department for Exiting the European Union (DExEU) between 2017 and 2019, said with the introduction of new barriers to trade with the bloc, Rycroft said businesses may decide it “is simply not worth the hassle”

486 Food Inflation Jan 2022

The **Decadent Decaf Coffee company**, in an email to clients seen by *Yorkshire Bylines* has announced a pause to all deliveries to the EU due to “the additional paperwork burden required as well as higher costs + failed deliveries due to inconsistent customs policies.” They added that for a small business there was too much “work, hassle and risk.”

485 Borders UK-EU Jan 2022

Residents of villages in Kent say since the 66-acre Sevington Inland Border Facility (IBF) opened almost a year ago, countless HGV drivers have been losing their way in Mersham and Sevington, **blocking roads and tearing up verges**. A year after Brexit, truckers are still getting confused because of a lack of proper signs and outdated information.

484 Food Trade Jan 2022

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Britain's small businesses should expect trade with the EU to be “**permanently damaged**” from 1 January, according to a supply chain trade body, after new customs checks take effect that it says will make imports from the bloc “more expensive, less flexible and much slower”. Shane Brennan CEO of the Cold Chain Federation said speciality food imports could face the same 70 per cent decline that affected exports of food by small businesses this year after Britain quit the EU single market and customs union.

483 Food Whisky Jan 2022

2021 has been a **difficult year** for the Scotch Whisky industry. As well as dealing with difficulties in shipping, each EU country can now ask for different information to be printed on labels and for different paperwork to get goods through customs. Graeme Littlejohn, director of strategy and communications at the Scotch Whisky Association, said: “Before [Brexit] it was just the EU we needed to comply with, but now every market is free to pick and choose what they want on the label, which means we are having to produce different labels for different markets.”

482 Food Shortages Jan 2022

Food supplies face **further disruption** from today (1 January) due to a “medieval” government IT system that is still not yet ready to process post-Brexit paperwork, *The Independent* claims. Problems primarily affect shipments of fruit, vegetables and plants, with importers also experiencing difficulty logging details of animal products. It comes at the worst time for the UK, which imports half of all of its food during the winter months, mostly from the EU.

481 Borders UK-EU Jan 2022

Christophe Mathieu, CEO of Brittany ferries – which operates in Portsmouth – said there is a ‘**lack of a level playing field**’ as some ports are receiving more public-sector funding than others. He said: ‘All of the government’s focus has been on Dover, ensuring that the facilities there work well, and funding those facilities potentially to the detriment economically and operationally of ports like Portsmouth.’ He explained the private sector has had to partially fund similar facilities at smaller ports such as Portsmouth.

480 Citizens Rights Jan 2022

Woman who planned to spend New Year’s Eve on Tenerife now faces **losing nearly £2,000** after being forced to cancel the holiday at the last minute after she was turned away from the flight. Aya Shillingford, 36, said she was “devastated” after staff escorted her from her Jet2 flight to Tenerife on Thursday morning after finding her passport had been issued over ten years ago – meaning she could not travel to the EU under new post-Brexit guidelines.

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479 Financial Services The City Dec 2021

Many European financial services firms are apparently **not interested** in continuing to be authorised in the City. Only half of EU firms that were given a temporary license to operate in the UK immediately after Brexit have applied for full authorisation, a Freedom of Information request has revealed. The City watchdog, the FCA, set up a temporary license regime in the months before Brexit, in order to give EU-based firms the opportunity to continue trading in the City but only 39 out of 72 firms that were expected to apply actually did so.

478 Food Trade Dec 2021

The British Frozen Food Federation (BFFF) has warned that new border controls on plant and animal products imported from the EU may see **delays in ports** when new customs rules come into force in the New Year. BFFF chief Richard Harrow has said that “Whilst the new UK rules will be introduced in stages, we are concerned that not enough planning has been done to ensure the new requirements are understood by everyone in the food supply chain.”

477 Education Trade Dec 2021

Remote video working is helping to offset a sharp **fall in demand** for Brits teaching English in mainland Europe in the wake of Brexit, a key industry player has revealed. However, Jennifer MacKenzie, co-founder of Teaching English as a Foreign Language, said it also means UK citizens are now competing with a saturated market of teachers from the likes of Canada and Australia.

476 Manufacturing Steel Dec 2021

The UK steel industry is braced for an **immediate slump** in trade from New Year’s Day when EU rivals will gain a 25 per cent price advantage selling to the giant US market. The EU and the US reached an agreement to remove tariffs on a quota of steel and aluminium imported from the bloc into the US from 1 January, but tariffs will remain on all UK steel and aluminium exports amid reports that the US is holding back over the UK’s threats to unilaterally change post-Brexit trading rules governing Northern Ireland.

475 Food Cheese Dec 2021

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A British cheesemaker has described the post-Brexit EU trade deal as the “biggest disaster that any government has ever negotiated in the history of trade negotiations”. Simon Spurrell, the co-founder of the Cheshire Cheese Company, said personal advice from a government minister to pursue non-EU markets to compensate for his losses had proved to be “an expensive joke”. The company has **lost its entire wholesale and retail business** in the bloc over the past year.

474 Culture Golf Dec 2021

Donald Trump’s Scottish golf resorts have been hit by **Brexit staff shortages**. Accounts signed by director Eric Trump, say: “Brexit has also impacted our business as supply chains have been impacted by availability of drivers and staff, reducing deliveries and availability of certain product lines.” The filing also says prices have increased due to import duty charges and wage inflation as retail and logistics sectors increase wages to attract staff.

473 Citizens Rights Dec 2021

British disability blue badges are **no longer being recognised** in major holiday destinations across Europe thanks to Brexit, the government has admitted. Automatic recognition for Britain’s 2.4 million blue badge holders – a perk of EU membership – stopped across Europe on 31 December 2020 when the EU transition period ended and although ministers promised to negotiate individual deals with EU countries to recognise British badges, a year on they have still failed to do so for the most popular destinations including France, Italy, Spain, Greece and Portugal.

472 Economy Survey Dec 2021

The first year of Brexit has left **most voters dissatisfied**. More than six out of 10 believe Brexit has either gone badly or worse than they expected. Overall, just 14% of all voters said Brexit had gone better than expected. The Opinium survey – coming a week after the minister in charge of Brexit, Lord Frost, resigned from Boris Johnson’s government – also found that 42% of people who voted Leave in 2016 had a negative view of how Brexit had turned out so far.

471 Health Social care Dec 2021

On Christmas Eve the government announced that care workers are to be added to the shortage occupation list, after figures showed more than **40,000 social care staff** had left the sector in the past six months. The scheme is designed to help migrants get work visas to fill jobs where there are shortages. It follows warnings the sector faced “severe and increasing” problems with hiring and keeping staff after Brexit. Social care workers, care assistants and home care workers are to become eligible for a health and care visa for a 12-month period.

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470 Food Shortages Dec 2021

Again on Christmas Eve the government extended the seasonal farm work visa scheme until 2024 following farmers' complaints about **post-Brexit labour shortages**. The industry has previously warned of the impact of Brexit on food security and previously accused the Government of failing to listen to its concerns. The Home Office has previously been reluctant to increase the number of visas allocated to seasonal workers.

469 Food Fishing Dec 2021

June Mummery, told *The Daily Express* that Boris Johnson has "**betrayed the fishing industry** and coastal communities." The former Brexit Party MEP continued: "I thought we would take back control. We would rebuild our coastal communities." Ms Mummery, who campaigned with the pro-Brexit group Fishing for Leave went on to add how she does not see any positives going into next year and said the UK still has "four more years of this. I do not see any positives going into 2022."

468 Food Wine Dec 2021

The Wine and Spirit Trade Association has released a joint statement to warn UK Transport Secretary Grant Shapps that the country **will run short of wines and spirits this month** due to a lack of HGV drivers. The letter was signed by 48 members including major players Moët Hennessy, Pernod Ricard, the Wine Society and wholesaler Matthew Clark, urging the government to extend the temporary visa programme. Henry Butler of Butlers Wine Cellar in Brighton said, "A pallet of Champagne used to cost about £165 to ship from France but this year it cost £265. The only difference was a line at the bottom of the invoice saying 'Brexit admin fee.'"

467 Borders EU Dec 2021

When lorries rolled off the Stena Horizon ferry on Cherbourg last Wednesday, the port recorded its 100,000th trailer from Ireland in 2021 – a figure three times higher than 2019 and 2020. As is well documented, the huge rise is a result of **post-Brexit freight patterns**. According to France Blue, all of the main operators on routes between Ireland and Cherbourg, Stena Line, Irish Ferries and Brittany Ferries, have seen their freight volumes on these routes triple in response to the post-Brexit demand.

466 Economy Inflation Dec 2021

Simon Sutcliffe, a partner at tax and advisory firm Blick Rothenberg, believes delays in implementing the full impact of the post-Brexit customs laws – known as Rules of Origin – have "softened the impact" of the UK's exit from the European Union, and that "things will get worse" when they are finally brought in from January 2022. "The longer and more costly process would lead to **higher costs for the consumer** as things become more time-critical and agents have to work harder to clear goods on arrival, and not relying on that six-month breathing space. This means that customs agents will raise their prices which will be passed on" he said.

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465 Economy Survey Dec 2021

New data released from a survey of 981 businesses by the British Chambers of Commerce has demonstrated the impact of the UK-EU trade deal (TCA). The figures show rises in the proportion of **firms reporting difficulties** with the various changes brought about to UK-EU trade compared to when the BCC last asked the same questions in January. Of UK exporters, for buying and selling goods, 60 per cent faced difficulties; for buying and selling services, 30 per cent; for moving people, 24 per cent; and for transferring data, 11 per cent.

464 Manufacturing Automotive Dec 2021

UK car production in November hit its lowest level since 1984, falling 28 per cent as Covid continued to affect supply chains, a motoring industry group has said. The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) call the figures “incredibly worrying”, blaming a continuing shortage of semiconductors. The start of full **Brexit customs controls could also hit firms**, it said. SMMT boss Mike Hawes added the industry was as prepared as it could be for the start of full EU customs checks from 1 January, but warned any delays arising “from ill-prepared freight or systems will place further stress on businesses”.

463 Economy Trade Dec 2021

Faisal Islam, the BBC’s economics editor, has reviewed UK-EU trade after **one year of Brexit** with small business owners. He concludes that “the UK economy appears to be less open or less global than it was before.” The owners he spoke to reflected on different aspects of the reality of one year of trading outside the Single Market and Customs Union. It’s clearly been challenging: “Frustrating. Scary. Huge drop in sales. Rendered uncompetitive in Europe.”

462 Food Trade Dec 2021

Some of Scotland’s most important exports have seen costly reductions in sales to other countries, research has revealed. Analysis conducted by the Food and Drink Federation (FDF) showed that Scotland’s whisky and salmon exports were down by 11% and 6.4% respectively since 2019. The SNP said the figures showed the “**harsh reality of Brexit**” as they accused Boris Johnson of “inflicting damage on Scotland against its will”.

461 Education Horizon Dec 2021

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Sir Jeremy Farrar, director of the Wellcome Trust has urged the government not to abandon talks about UK participation in the EU's Horizon Europe, a €100bn research programme. He told *BBC News* that being cut out of EU research would “**greatly disadvantage**” British science. Agreement in principle was reached, but UK involvement is now a bargaining chip in talks over Northern Ireland. In response the Science Minister, George Freeman, has said the UK is ready to set up its own scheme.

460 Manufacturing Shortages Dec 2021

Newly revised-down figures for third quarter GDP shows the UK's industrial sector struggled under the **twin pressures of Brexit** and global raw material shortages according to *The Guardian*. Trade figures show an 8.8 per cent fall in goods exports from July to the end of September, at a time when global trade was booming as coronavirus restrictions had eased. The ONS said business investment fell by 2.5 per cent in the third quarter meaning investment across businesses large and small remains 11.7 per cent below that in the fourth quarter of 2019.

459 Transport Hauliers Dec 2021

The government scheme to bring 4,700 HGV drivers over on a temporary three-month visa has attracted approximately **200 drivers in total** and is now closed to new applicants, according to Home Office migration minister Kevin Foster. Appearing before the House of Commons Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee last week Foster told MPs that “around 200 visas” had been issued.

458 Food Fishing Dec 2021

UK Fisheries, owners of the UK's biggest trawler The Kirkella, have described a new government deal with Norway to win back fishing rights following Brexit as “too little, too late” and say they are “absolutely devastated for the crew” as the new quotas offered **just one week's work**. The Kirkella has been laid up at its base in Hull since December 2020. The self-employed, 30-strong crew were paid per trip and have been “sold down the road”, according to first mate Charlie Waddy.

457 Economy Trade Dec 2021

The post-Brexit trade deal signed with Australia last week will see British agriculture, forestry and fishing **take a £94m hit**, the government's own impact assessment (IA) shows. There is also an expected £225m hit to the semi-processed food sector, which includes tinned products, as part of a “reallocation of resources within the economy”. The IA refers to Australia as a “large, competitive producer of agricultural products”, making clear the “potential for the deal to result in lower output for some agricultural sectors [in the UK] as a result”.

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456 Food Farming Dec 2021

Farmers' Union of Wales President Glyn Roberts says Brexit has **restricted access** to their main farming export markets on the Continent in ways which are only just beginning to be felt. Meanwhile, UK Government cuts to Welsh rural funding – in direct contradiction to promises made repeatedly by those who advocated Brexit – have added to the pressures on Welsh agriculture, the rural economy and Welsh Government, he said. The FUW have made no secret about how they regard the prospect of liberal trade deals with countries such as New Zealand and Australia and have regularly raised concerns.

455 Economy Funding Dec 2021

According to Northern Ireland Finance Minister Conor Murphy, the power sharing executive is more than **£100 million short** as a direct result of Brexit. Only around a fifth of the £70m expected to replace European Union Structural Funds is being received and cash allocated by the Executive to the Department for the Economy to maintain European Social Fund and Regional Development Fund programmes will not prove possible again.

454 Retail Shortages Dec 2021

James Cook, Chief News Correspondent for The Nine programme on BBC Scotland **catalogues the impact of Brexit** on a number of Scottish food and restaurant businesses. The issues include Labour and product shortages, struggles to obtain stocks, higher customs charges and lower profits. Anna Christopherson, a restaurant owner in Edinburgh saw her chain, Boda Bars, struggling to pay rent and bills. "It's been horrendous," she said, "Brexit has been massive, we're going to see that for the rest of our lives, I think."

453 Economy Regulation Dec 2021

In a blow to government plans to develop a UK standards regime, a survey of 1,000 businesses by the British Chambers of Commerce shows just 8 per cent of UK exporters want to drop the European CE marking system on 1 January 2023, according to the *FT*. Some 59 per cent of BCC members that rely on the quality assurance marks to place products on the market said that they **favoured a return to recognising the CE mark** and "are not persuaded by the case for ditching CE marking in Great Britain."

452 Economy Trade Dec 2021

Brexit has driven a **sharp decline** in trade between Ireland and Britain this year but the drop has been largely offset by an increase in cross-border trade, according to fresh analysis by the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI) and the Irish Department of Finance. Over 40 per cent of Ireland's imports from the United Kingdom overall came from Northern Ireland in the first half of 2021 — up from just 6 per cent in 2015 while imports from Britain represented just 7.2 per cent of total Irish imports in the

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first half of 2021, down from 23 per cent in 2015. Irish exports to GB have fallen from nearly 11 per cent of overall Irish exports in 2015 to just over 6 per cent total in the first six months of the year.

451 Agriculture Flowers Dec 2021

Millions of daffodil stems will be **left to rot** in the fields this spring, as Cornish growers face a critical labour shortage that they fear could spell the end of the entire industry. Some expect up to 75% of their crop will be left unpicked. Last season around 275 million stems were left in the ground and this coming season looks set to be even more challenging. James Hosking, of Fentongollan Farm, near Truro said, "If we can't recruit more pickers, there won't be a daffodil industry left. The situation is very grim."

450 Retail Trade Dec 2021

French market traders operating the Norman Market in St Helier, Jersey are running an 'everything-must-go' clearance of their food – because Brexit restrictions mean they **cannot take it home**. Christine Bonhomme, director of Maison de Normandie, the organisation that helped bring the market to the Island, said the issue had sprung from a change in administrative procedures after Brexit came into force earlier this year.

449 Economy Trade Dec 2021

The Trade Justice Movement has criticised the government's free trade agreement (FTA) with Australia, a country they say which is well-known for its lack of action on climate change. A 2021 report put it last of 193 UN member countries on sustainable development. TJM say the FTA **impact assessment** acknowledges that increasing bilateral trade will lead to a 31-40 per cent increase in annual greenhouse gas emissions associated with transport of UK-Australia trade and "is likely to increase beef exports to the UK, one of the **drivers of deforestation** in Australia."

448 Northern Ireland UK-EU Dec 2021

News that the UK government has dropped its demands for removal of the role of the ECJ from the Northern Ireland has elicited a furious response from Lord Dodds, the former deputy leader of the Democratic Unionist Party. He issued a **veiled threat** of "action" unless the UK restores the option of pulling the plug on the Northern Ireland protocol by using the article 16 process.

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447 Citizens Rights Dec 2021

The Independent Monitoring Authority (IMA) has **launched a lawsuit** against the Home Office for breaching the terms of the withdrawal agreement (WA). The IMA claim EU citizens will lose their rights to live in the UK if they don't convert their pre-settled status to settled status within five years of being granted status. The pressure group, The3million, warned the IMA in **February** that the UK's settlement scheme for EU citizens was incompatible with the terms of the WA.

446 Manufacturing Chemicals Dec 2021

Environmental groups are warning that the government's proposed post-Brexit chemicals regime to replace the EU REACH system puts **UK safety standards at risk**, according to the *FT*. The groups say that the UK will rely in part on voluntary submissions from industry which could allow dangerous chemicals to "fall through the cracks", creating a "major weakening" of the UK's safety regime compared to EU membership, and risk the UK being a "dumping ground" for hazardous substances.

445 Food Trade Dec 2021

The Food and Drink Exporters Association have reported **exports down** 4.1% in the nine months to the end of September – a loss of £2.7bn – driven largely by a fall in EU exports of 13.9% compared to 2020 and 23.7% compared to 2019. Exports to Ireland, Germany, Italy and Spain were particularly badly hit, continuing the trend seen over the last four years. Exports to Ireland, the UK's biggest overseas market, fell 21.2% compared to 2020 and 25.1% compared to 2019 – a loss of nearly £0.75bn in sales.

444 Citizens Driving Dec 2021

Drivers of light vans wishing to enter the EU, EEA or Switzerland after May 2022 will need to have a "goods vehicle operator licence." The licence will **cost van drivers up to £1,100**, a significant burden for solo operators, industry leaders said. Drivers will also have to pay £257 in an application fee and a further £401 for the licence. Another £401 "continuation fee" will be payable every five years to retain the licence, according to gov.uk.

443 Agriculture Farming Dec 2021

Neil Parish, Tory chair of the Commons environment committee, has warned **Brexit is "destroying" British agriculture**, and he condemned immigration minister Kevin Foster for ignoring a recommendation to make it easier to bring in EU butchers and other workers – leading to a huge shortage. Parish warned that planting of vegetables was down 25% and poultry production by 12.5%, since Brexit. He said, "I thought Brexit was about encouraging production in this country, not discouraging it. This is down to labour shortages".

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442 Immigration Small boats Dec 2021

The UK's withdrawal from the Dublin System and the EU's common European asylum system means that the UK can **no longer return applicants to EU member states**, adding another "layer of desirability" to the UK as a destination for asylum seekers according to the think tank UK in Changing Europe. As of November 2021, the UK has seen a 20% increase of asylum applications (**in comparison to 2020**), with the Channel crossings becoming the main route, as three times more people crossed the Channel in small boats.

441 Borders EU Dec 2021

The *Daily Express* report that Ireland has opened a new goods terminal in Dunkirk as a gateway to Europe. Eamonn O'Reilly, CEO at the Dublin Port Company, told the *FT* that because of the **customs red tape** introduced when Brexit put a customs border down the Irish Sea, trade is increasingly going direct to the EU. Dublin Port's trade is down to 50 per cent with the UK compared to two thirds before Brexit. Mr O'Reilly added: "I think it's permanent . . . It's turning back the clock. History suggests to me that [this trade] won't come back."

440 Economy Trade Dec 2021

The Centre for European Reform's latest "cost of Brexit" trackers says in October 2021 UK goods trade was 15.7 per cent, or £12.6 billion, **lower than it would have been** if the UK had stayed in the EU's single market and customs union. This is worse than September's 11.2 per cent (see 397 below) because trade grew more rapidly in October in 'doppelgänger UK'.

439 Economy Survey Dec 2021

Nearly a third of British importers of EU goods are "not at all prepared" for **full post-Brexit customs checks** that begin on 1 January, according to a survey by the Institute of Directors (IoD). Three in ten firms said they were not at all prepared for the change, with 37% of small businesses and nearly a quarter of large ones saying they were not ready. From New Year's Day a six-month grace periods will end and companies importing goods will need to make immediate customs declarations to HMRC and pay any tariffs due.

438 Economy Investment Dec 2021

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Figures from the ONS in *The Financial Times* have revealed that business investment in the U.K. “**fell off a cliff**” in mid-2016 immediately after the Brexit vote and has failed to recover since. It is down 10 per cent on the second quarter of 2016, while over the same period, business investment grew by 8 per cent in the eurozone and by nearly 20 per cent in the US.

437 Economy Trade Dec 2021

The British Chambers of Commerce, have said that the recent uplift in trade with the EU following a difficult start to 2021 is not being sustained. In October it **tipped back into reverse**. William Bain, Head of Trade Policy at the BCC, said: “This is a warning sign. Although the data is a one-month snapshot it feeds into a detectable trend of a levelling off of the recent improvement in UK-EU trade in goods following a very difficult start to 2021.” ONS figures show goods imports from the EU fell by 3.6 per cent in October and goods exports to the EU fell by 2.7 per cent.

436 Security Technology Dec 2021

Professor Sir Martin Sweeting founder and executive chairman of Surrey Satellite Technology Ltd (SSTL), a corporate spin-off from the University of Surrey, has told the Science and Technology Select Committee that Britain’s withdrawal from the EU means UK suppliers like SSTL will not **be allowed to bid for future upgrades**. Satellites 27-28 were launched last month, the first using Galileo’s own Control Centre, thanks to a hugely demanding upgrade from an industrial consortium led by GMV in Spain. See also 44 below.

435 Education Horizon Dec 2021

The EU is **blocking the UK** from its flagship Horizon research programme because it does not “trust” the British Government after threats to tear up the NI protocol. Non-EU countries Georgia, Israel, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia were all granted associate membership of Horizon on 7 December. An EU spokesman told The Telegraph: “The UK’s association to Horizon Europe and other EU programmes will be finalised in due course. This requires a level of trust that the attached conditions will be complied with.”

434 Citizens Travel Dec 2021

Under the Nationality and Borders Bill, non-Irish EU citizens living in the Republic will have to apply online to obtain **pre-travel clearance** from the UK in order to cross the Border under proposed new immigration laws. These EU and EEA citizens will be required to apply for a US-style visa waiver known as an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) before entering the UK, including when crossing the land Border into Northern Ireland.

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433 Economy Trade Dec 2021

Member of the Bank of England monetary policy committee has produced a chart showing that Britain's trade flows (imports plus exports as a share of GDP) have fallen by "far more than in any other G7 country" since 2009. Michael Saunders said Britain has become "less globalised with the effects of the pandemic **exacerbated by Brexit.**"

432 Economy Trade Dec 2021

The National Audit Office has published a report on the government's trade negotiations so far. It concludes the range of projected long-term economic benefits for secured and proposed free trade agreements with Japan, Australia, New Zealand and the US, **is between 0 and 0.16 per cent of GDP**, equivalent to £0–£3.4 billion. This compares with the Office for Budget Responsibility forecasting a 4 per cent fall in GDP (£85billion) due to leaving the single market.

431 Economy Survey Dec 2021

A survey by the French Chamber of Great Britain has found delays to cross-Channel trade are still worsening almost a year after Brexit checks came in. The report highlights rising costs and key staff shortages. No less than 79 per cent of firms trading with France **reported hold-ups** in the 3 months to September, 6 per cent more than in Q2. Some 82 per cent of firms say logistic costs have risen for imports and 43 per cent for exports.

430 Economy Shortages Dec 2021

UK construction **workforce lost 175,000** last year a study by the Construction Industry Training Board has found. Some blame Brexit, but UK nationals appear to be leaving the UK industry at the same rate as foreign-born workers. Federation of Master Builders CEO Brian Berry, calling for more home-grown talent, said: "The fall in the number of construction migrant workers over the last three years is not surprising and helps to explain why many small construction companies have had to turn down jobs because of the lack of available workers."

429 Manufacturing Steel Dec 2021

The Welsh LibDems have accused the government of a "**rigid and inflexible Brexit ideology**" that is placing Welsh steel jobs at risk. Welsh steel output has fallen by 20 per cent since 2015 and exports to the EU have plunged by a third. The ongoing row over triggering article 16 of the NI protocol means the US is refusing to lift tariffs, placing steel jobs in Wales at further risk.

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428 Security Legal Dec 2021

The British and Irish governments have jointly published the findings of an Independent Reporting Commission, formed five years ago as part of wider efforts to sustain the power-sharing administration. The report says Paramilitary gangs pose “a clear and present danger” to commit violence fed by **post-Brexit tensions**.

427 Manufacturing Technology Dec 2021

The future of the UK drone industry, one of Britain’s prime opportunities for growth, and many other UK-based manufacturing exporters, will be severely threatened once the UK’s eligibility for the EU’s **CE accreditation regime expires** at the end of December 2022. Robert Garbett, CEO of Drone Major Group Limited, has warned of the need to speed up post-Brexit accreditation and establish a clear pathway to United Kingdom Certified Assessed (UKCA) accreditation ahead of the fast-approaching deadline.

426 Food Meat Dec 2021

At least 16,000 healthy pigs have been culled and incinerated in the UK since the summer due to a shortage of capacity in abattoirs. Pig farmers are facing a perfect storm of issues preventing them from getting a growing backlog of pigs off their farms and into processing facilities. These include a lack of butchers linked to the government’s **post-Brexit migration policies** and China’s refusal to lift covid-related embargos on pork exports. See also 391 and 282 below.

425 Environment Farming Dec 2021

The UK’s three largest nature charities say the government’s scheme to replace the CAP and pay farmers for managing land more sustainably, restoring nature and tackling climate change is a **huge disappointment**. Craig Bennett, CEO of The Wildlife Trusts, said the plan “shows a shocking lack of ambition which does very little to address the climate and nature crises” and “nature-friendly farmers look set to lose out too.”

424 Food Potatoes Dec 2021

Seed potato farmers continue to face a post-Brexit struggle. As a third country, producers in the UK now require separate technical listings to export to the EU. Richard Thomson MP for Gordon said Europe was the industry’s “largest and most lucrative market” but that Brexit and the UK Government’s determination not to agree continued alignment on food standards, “is putting this **trade at grave peril**.” See also Downside 30 below.

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423 Borders UK-EU Dec 2021

HMRC are reminding traders to **prepare for more customs changes** that come into effect on 1 January 2022. Importers will, *inter alia*, need to make import customs declarations for each consignment and exporters will need to state their goods comply with rules of origin to avoid tariffs. If unable to provide supporting evidence the EU customer will be liable to pay the full (non-preferential) rate of Customs Duty and HMRC may also charge the exporter a penalty.

422 Retail Trade Dec 2021

109-year-old kitchen retailing business is to **permanently close** as a result of Covid lockdowns and Brexit supply issues. Ken Thompson, owner of Bussens & Parkin in Mildenhall in Suffolk, says supply delays and Brexit bureaucracy have left him with no choice but to put his store into involuntary insolvency. He said business had reached a point where it was making no profit.

421 Borders UK-EU Dec 2021

The ferry company Stena Line says that trade is down 30 per cent at its Welsh ports and that it was apparent “Brexit is **not just a short-term issue**”. The firm is now preparing for checks to be introduced at the UK side but said it was committed to the ports in Wales. Ian Davies, Head of UK Ports at Stena, said the next priority was helping customers deal with the new checks from January 1 on the UK side of the border with the EU as these have so far been delayed by UK Government.

420 Borders Ireland Dec 2021

Brexit and an increase in online shopping have seen an “explosion” in the Irish state’s customs duty haul, almost doubling it to €458 million so far this year. The Irish Public Accounts Committee (PAC) was told the authorities are dealing with up to 700,000 customs entries a day, and that it expects an **overall 30-fold increase** on the 1.8 million entries it used to handle annually prior to Brexit

419 Financial Services Banking Dec 2021

The boss of HSBC has warned banks and their clients of rising costs if Brexit fragments European financial markets. Noel Quinn, CEO of HSBC, said there is a real “risk of fragmentation increasing costs” in the banking sector. Several global banks are planning to **shift their workforce** to EU cities to avoid greater friction stemming from Brexit. HSBC is planning on moving about 1,000 investment bankers from London to its Paris office.

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418 Manufacturing Steel Dec 2021

The USA is delaying a deal to remove Trump-era tariffs on UK steel and aluminum exports due to concerns over post-Brexit trade rules affecting Northern Ireland, *the FT* report. A US Commerce Department official was quoted as saying that talks with the UK on easing metals tariffs **could not proceed because of concerns** about British threats to trigger Article 16, the report said. Tariffs on EU exports were cut some time ago, see 331 below.

417 Food Trade Dec 2021

The Food and Drink Federation's newly-released H1 Trade Snapshot shows that UK food exports to the EU **fell by 20 per cent** in the first half of 2021 compared to last year, and by 27 per cent compared to 2019. Sales to Ireland were down almost a third and to Germany by nearly half. The report also looks at imports from the EU, which were down 11% from 2020.

416 Economy Trade Nov 2021

Figures from the Irish Maritime Development Office (IMDO) shows freight volumes from Dublin to Liverpool and Holyhead **down 19 per cent** in the first three-quarters of 2021 compared with 2020 and between Rosslare and Fishguard it was down by 30 per cent. Meanwhile Irish traffic direct to EU ports increased by 52 per cent in Q2 and Q3 compared to the whole of 2019.

415 Economy Trade Nov 2021

New analysis by the **Centre for European Reform** shows Britain's goods trade was 11.2 per cent, or £8.5 billion, lower in September than it would have been if the UK had stayed in the EU's single market and customs union. The figures are in line with the CER's 'cost of Brexit' model which for many months has found that UK goods trade is consistently between 11 and 16 per cent lower as a result of Brexit.

414 Economy Shortages Nov 2021

Since the Brexit vote, the number of EU workers coming to Corby, Northants has **reduced to a trickle** and businesses are feeling the pinch when it comes to filling jobs. Warehouses are offering higher rates of pay and better conditions but one manager says, "paying order pickers £28,000 a year is completely unsustainable in the long term. Ultimately the cost will be passed on to the customer at some point."

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413 Economy Investment Nov 2021

The 20 per cent fall in sterling following the Brexit vote has made British companies cheaper than their EU counterparts and an attractive proposition for US takeovers. According to the ONS the first six months of 2021 saw American businesses acquiring UK firms worth around £34 billion. This is said to represent one of the **biggest selloffs in UK corporate history**.

412 Borders Ireland Nov 2021

Rosslare Europort had one of the busiest days in its history in November- **thanks to Brexit**. Irish importers are bringing in fewer goods from the UK and are trading more directly to and from the continent. So far this year, the volume of cargo travelling through the port has ballooned by 55%. Continental freight volumes, which have skyrocketed by 378%, are said to be driving the overall numbers.

411 Citizens Trade Nov 2021

People sending gifts to the EU are warned that problems ranging from delays and **unexpected charges** to items going missing may be encountered since this will be the first year that new rules relating to VAT and customs charges will apply. Gifts under €45 (£38) that are being sent to Europe remain free of VAT or charges.

410 Environment Trade Nov 2021

Lord Deben, the former Tory cabinet minister who chairs the Climate Change Committee, said that the proposed free trade agreements with Australia and New Zealand were “entirely unacceptable for climate change purposes”. He warned they would **undermine attempts to tackle global warming** and were unfair to UK farmers we were asking to meet higher standards.

409 Food Farming Nov 2021

Sky News are reporting that due to labour shortages in the meat processing industry thousands of healthy pigs are being killed every week simply to make space on farms, amounting to the largest culling of healthy pigs in the history of British farming. The cull is down to a combination of changing immigration rules **related to Brexit** and many workers choosing to go home during the pandemic and not returning, leaving the sector 15-20 per cent down on the staff it needs. See also entry 282 below.

408 Financial Services Accountants Nov 2021

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Survey by cloud accounting provider Free Agent has found that half of UK SME's believe **Brexit has had a negative impact** on the UK's society as a whole while 64 per cent believe that it has negatively influenced the UK economy. Over half had experienced shrinking customer bases, while 43 per cent were impacted by supply chain issues and found it harder to get cost effective supplies or produce for their business.

407 Construction Inflation Nov 2021

Brexit and the pandemic have been blamed for the **soaring cost** of a new pedestrian bridge in Glasgow linking Partick and Govan. The cost of the bridge was originally tabled as £17.5million but has risen by 68 per cent to £29.5million. A Glasgow Council spokesman said all construction projects were facing substantial cost increases as a result of Brexit and the pandemic, after steel prices doubled in the past six months.

406 Economy Shortages Nov 2021

More EU nationals left the UK last year than arrived for the first time in three decades as a **net 94,000 departed**, piling further pressure on Britain's labour crisis according to *The Telegraph*. Net migration plunged to just 34,000 in 2020, down from 271,000 the previous year, as pandemic travel restrictions curbed movement and new post-Brexit immigration rules came into force.

405 Food Regulation Nov 2021

The Cornish pasty could **lose its special protected status** after the UK failed to agree protection for the geographical indicators with Norway and Liechtenstein for products such as Cornish pasties and clotted cream. They are among British foodstuffs that had previously been given protection under EU rules, meaning they have to be produced using ingredients from their geographic origin and made to a certain recipe.

404 Retail Pubs Nov 2021

Pub group Mitchells & Butlers has warned its performance in the current year will "inevitably" be impacted by higher energy prices, rising wage costs and supply chain issues following Brexit. In a statement, it said, "Brexit remains an important event for the market and has **created risks for the sector**, principally around the supply and cost of products and workforce shortages."

403 Borders UK-EU Nov 2021

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The Scottish Parliament's Economy Committee have been told the logistics industry expressed "dismay" about new customs controls at the UK border which will begin in the new year. Robert Windsor, of the British International Freight Association, said: "My view and the association's view is these are **more significant impacts** on the UK as a whole than what we saw on January 1 this year."

402 Retail Shortages Nov 2021

The CEO of the German discount chain Lidl's UK arm has said while problems with availability of products in stores had eased in the past 10 to 12 weeks "daily hard work" was still required to ensure there were no gaps on shelves. Christian Härtnagel said the company was constantly having to seek new ways to work around problems, as a combination of the pandemic, Brexit and trade disruption **continued to affect businesses**.

401 Borders UK-EU Nov 2021

The new European Entry/Exit System (EES) coming in 2022 will use biometrics at the border to record people entering and leaving. Millions of passengers in trains and cars, on ferries and travelling through the Tunnel will be **required by EU law to submit fingerprints**. Sally Hamwee, Chair of the Justice and Home Affairs Committee in the House of Lords fears the UK will not be ready in time.

400 Economy Funding Nov 2021

Business groups and local councils are protesting at a hidden £1.65bn post-Brexit cut to development funding in the North. South Yorkshire is poised to lose £900m and Tees Valley and Durham £750m over six years, **because the UK has left the EU**, the groups have told Michael Gove.

399 Borders UK-EU Nov 2021

New EU rules monitoring entry to the Schengen Area would force lorry drivers and tourists to leave their vehicles for ID checks, leading to huge queues and **traffic chaos at Dover**. Kent MPs warned there was a danger of "large scale traffic disruption in Kent ... on a continual basis". The disruption would be as bad as if France closed the border, they said, criticising the EU plans as being more suited to airports than seaports.

398 Services Hospitality Nov 2021

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Some Scottish hotels are having to close the Highland tourist season early **due to lack of staff**. If the effects of Brexit are not mitigated by seasonal visas, next summer could be even worse, say workers. The Brexit drain on hospitality workers is particularly affecting larger hotels in remote locations where -seasonal workers live on site and get room and board as part of their package.

397 Education Funding Nov 2021

The *New Scientist* claims **not a single scientist** has applied to a UK government visa scheme for Nobel prize laureates and other award winners since its launch six months ago. The fast-track visa route was launched in May for award-winners in the fields of science, engineering, the humanities and medicine. The scheme has come under criticism from scientists and has been described as “a joke”.

396 Construction Regulation Nov 2021

The construction industry is warning of **post Brexit disruption** due to a lack of approved bodies able to certify that products meet the new UKCA (UK Conformity Assessed) safety standard which came into force in January 2021. The UKCA marking is the new UK product marking that covers most goods which previously required CE marking. CE marks will still be recognised up to 1 January 2023.

395 Services Travel Nov 2021

A combination of the pandemic and Brexit has tipped the travel service trade into **an £18bn loss** according to the latest ONS figures. Travel services exports fell nearly 67 per cent (£6.9bn) in comparison to the second quarter in 2019 while import of travel services plunged over 80 per cent (£11.9bn). Service exports to the bloc were more than 20 per cent lower than with non-EU countries.

394 Immigration Small boats Nov 2021

The BBC are suggesting that concerns in No 10 about **record numbers of migrants** crossing the Channel are driven by the politics of Brexit. Ministers want to illustrate how Brexit has restored sovereignty and independence to the UK. Mark Easton says controlling borders requires international co-operation but with few bilateral deals in place, and outside the EU, Brexit has made the situation more complicated, not less.

393 Borders UK-EU Nov 2021

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Spanish **customs charged** a holidaymaker 21 per cent duty (£340) on the value of three e-bikes imported temporarily into Spain. Anyone taking reasonably high-value goods from the UK to the EU is required to declare them and pay any tariffs due. Payment can be avoided by paying for a customs carnet although this would have cost £300 plus VAT.

392 Citizens Homeowners Nov 2021

For the first time, **Germans have overtaken Britons** for snapping up property on the Spanish Costas. The latest data from the Spanish College of Registrars shows that Germans bought 10.4 per cent of all properties purchased by foreigners in Spain during the third quarter of 2021, compared with 9.9 per cent for Britons.

391 Services Travel Nov 2021

A travel industry survey suggests **Brexit red tape** has caused a “severe” slump in the number of young people in Britain able to take advantage of seasonal work in the EU. The number of hospitality staff going to France for the winter season has dropped by 75 per cent, falling from 8,000 to 2,000 according to *Seasonal Businesses in Travel*.

390 Borders UK-EU Nov 2021

An Post, the state-owned provider of postal services in Ireland has hit out at the British post office over delays being caused to packages coming into Ireland. The CEO said it was “maddening” that Britain’s Post Office will not implement new customs rules meaning thousands of parcels are **getting stuck for weeks** in An Post postal depots, causing huge frustration for consumers

389 Economy Trade Nov 2021

Report by the National Audit Office has found the UK government was not properly prepared for a pandemic like Covid-19. It The report says the Cabinet Office allocated 56 of its 94 full-time emergency planning members of staff to prepare for **potential disruptions from a no-deal Brexit**, “limiting its ability” to plan for other crises.

388 Financial Services Aviation Nov 2021

Ryanair have confirmed they intend to delist from the London Stock Exchange due to high costs and the low number of trades being made and will just be listed on the Euronext Dublin exchange as of 18 December. The company said “The **migration away from the LSE** is consistent with a general trend for trading in shares of EU corporates post-Brexit.”

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387 Citizens Travel Nov 2021

The Telegraph are reporting that European holidays will be more expensive from the end of 2022. The European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS) is due to be rolled out next year. The visa-waiver scheme means all third country nationals, including those from the UK, must fill in a form and **pay a €7 ETIAS fee** before travel into the Schengen area.

386 Food Trade Nov 2021

In March next year, a transition period related to 'composite food products' comes to an end and UK exporters of pies and suchlike to the EU will be **required to comply with EU rules**. This will mean any ingredient of animal origin – including meat, milk and eggs – “must come from EU-approved establishments”, Emily Rees of Trade Strategies has told MPs.

385 Food Fishing Nov 2021

A row has broken out with Denmark. The UK is accused of **breaching the post-Brexit fisheries deal** over plans to ban bottom trawling at the Dogger Bank conservation zone in the North Sea, a move hailed by environmentalists hopeful of seeing a resurgence of halibut, sharks and skate in the zone. Denmark's fisheries minister, Rasmus Prehn, said such plans were not in line with the post-Brexit deal.

384 Economy Survey Nov 2021

Brexit continues to be a major concern for British businesses, according to Aviva's latest Risk Insight Report 2021. The survey of 1,251 businesses found that a quarter believe **Brexit is one of the largest risks they face** while fully 78 per cent said Brexit is the risk they are most worried about.

383 Financial Services Credit cards Nov 2021

Amazon will stop accepting payments made using Visa credit cards issued in Britain from 19 January next year. UK customers buying products will still be able to use Visa debit cards, Mastercard and Amex credit cards as well as Visa credit cards issued outside Britain. MoneySavingExpert founder Martin Lewis said that the move was “because Visa is increasing transaction rates now the **EU cap no longer applies post Brexit.**”

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382 Economy Trade Nov 2021

Latest figures from the Irish Central Statistics Office (CSO) figures show Brexit is continuing to impact Irish-British trade. Imports from Britain have **plunged 21 per cent** in the first 9 months. Goods exports from the Republic to Britain for the first nine months of 2021 is up 23 per cent and stands at €10.6 billion. Trade with Northern Ireland has surged with exports up 48 per cent and imports up 60 per cent.

381 Culture Creative industries Nov 2021

Independent artists and labels say Brexit has had an “outrageous” impact in shipping music and merchandise to and from Europe with many UK acts and labels now finding it “**kind of untenable to ship records to Europe.**” This is reported in *The New Musical Express* (NME).

380 Economy Trade Nov 2021

According to the latest UK Trade Policy Observatory (TPO) analysis, the terms of the EU-UK post Brexit trade deal caused an estimated combined **hit to the UK economy** of around £44 billion with £32.5 billion lost in potential imports to the UK and £11 billion in exports to the EU, from January to July 2021.

379 Economy Tariffs Nov 2021

Although ostensibly the 2020 UK-EU trade deal eliminated tariffs on originating goods, the difficulty in meeting Rules of Origin which prove goods were made in the UK means exports to the EU worth between £7.89 billion and £10.56 billion **incurred tariffs** in the first seven months of the new trading conditions according to Sussex University’s Trade Policy Observatory.

378 Citizens Exchanges Nov 2021

The *FT* claims that post-Brexit immigration rules has led to a **collapse in EU school trips** to UK. Classes are no longer permitted to use a group passport, increasing the cost and paperwork involved in travelling. In the EU many pupils have only an ID card which is no longer accepted in the UK and any non-EU pupils also require a full visa.

377 Culture Equine Nov 2021

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The equine business is being killed by Brexit claims Olympic gold medal-winning rider Nick Skelton. He says, “It’s been catastrophic as far as the movement of horses to and from Europe is concerned”. Skelton used to train 60 European horse in Warwickshire but has now had to move the operation to Holland, because of the **hassle and expense** of moving horses across the Channel.

376 Agriculture Flowers Nov 2021

The Royal Horticultural Society has told EU subscribers that they will no longer be able to send their magazine *The Gardener* to Europe owing to a change in the VAT rules that came into effect on 1 July 2021 as a **result of the UK no longer being part of the EU**. The RHS cannot continue to post to EU members in a way that meets VAT rules, resulting in some subscribers receiving an additional bill from their local or national postal service.

375 Economy Trade Nov 2021

More than one in ten small and medium-sized exporters (SMEs) have **lost trade** with the EU since Brexit, a survey by the Institute of Directors for Channel 4’s Dispatches shows. A quarter of SMEs that trade with the EU are now considering moving some of their European operations outside Britain while 16 per cent said they had already decided to move some or all into the single market due to Brexit

374 Economy Trade Nov 2021

Brexit has resulted in two regions of Belgium receiving a boost in inward investment. Flanders welcomed €2.4 billion and 2,755 new jobs, while 81 companies relocated since the UK withdrew from the EU. Wallonia received almost €358 million in investments, 539 new jobs and around 20 companies. This is reported in *The Brussels Times*

373 Transport Trade Nov 2021

DHL is to establish a new airline in Austria with 18 Boeing 757 freighters transferred from DHL’s UK division. UK carriers have had to **restructure operations** since Brexit because they no longer have the intra-EU freedoms granted to EU airlines. The new airline, DHL Air Austria, based in Vienna will employ 176 pilots and 50 ground staff to handle scheduling, training and flight planning.

372 Immigration Small boats Nov 2021

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Refugees in northern France say **Brexit has made it easier** for them to reach the UK in small boats, after record numbers of people crossed the Channel in one day. When part of the EU, under a mechanism known as Dublin the UK could ask other EU countries to take back people they could prove had passed through safe European countries before reaching the UK. [Ed: some people may see this as an upside]

371 Economy Trade Nov 2021

Business experts from Loughborough University have told the House of Lords European Affairs Committee that Brexit started to affect UK trade as early as the 2015 General Election. A new report says Brexit had already **reduced exports to the EU** countries by 25 per cent by 2018, compared to what we would otherwise have expected. This is a much larger effect than the 15 per cent suggested by the OBR as the long term impact.

370 Retail Shortages Nov 2021

Marks & Spencer has said it will increasingly use locally sourced food products to **mitigate the impact of Brexit** on its Irish operations. The supermarket chain said ongoing EU border issues, largely relating to its business in the Republic, has cost it around £13 million in the six months to October 2 2021. Food products arriving into the Republic from Britain have faced new checks in the post-Brexit era.

369 Economy Shortages Nov 2021

The National Institute of Economic & Social Research (NIESR) say short-run supply problems will persist, **exacerbated by Brexit**. The NIESR say our exit from the EU has acted to reduce the pool of labour, contributed to lower levels of firm investment than might otherwise have been the case, and led to some contraction in the size of our traded sector.

368 Borders Trade Nov 2021

The Irish revenue has reminded consumers in Ireland to check whether the advertised price of goods includes all tax and duty costs due before making a decision to buy in the run up to Xmas. The Head of Revenue's South East Frontier Management Branch, said: "customs formalities and, in certain circumstances, **additional charges now apply to goods** bought from the UK."

367 Economy Technology Nov 2021

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According to The New York Times, Estonia has experienced an influx of British technology businesses, contributing to a big jump in tax revenues and reinforcing the country's reputation as a hub of innovation. **Over 4,000 British firms helped to swell Estonian tax revenues** by 60 percent compared to 2020, according to comments by prime minister, Kaja Kallas, in an interview with the British business newspaper City AM

366 Financial Services Banking Nov 2021

The European Central Bank is increasing pressure on financial institutions to **transfer UK staff and assets** to the Continent after many put off moves because of Covid. The ECB has said that as covid recedes, banks need to relocate key individuals, those involved in continental business or risk people associated with such work, to the EU. The ECB is insisting banks based in Britain moving the legal location of EU trades while people and capital remain in London cannot continue.

365 Financial Services Stock market Nov 2021

Pan-European exchange Euronext says it will clear all trades on its newly acquired Italian platform by 2024, helping the EU **cut reliance on the London stock exchange** for core financial activities after Brexit. Setting out Euronext's strategic priorities to 2024, its CEO Stephane Boujnah said the group, which operates seven stock markets across Europe, would build on its acquisition of the Milan exchange earlier this year.

364 Economy Trade Nov 2021

According to the Zimbabwe Herald, the UK's investment of more than £1 billion "to smooth the passage of goods over its new post-Brexit border" has **failed to prevent** a 15 per cent slump in trade with the EU. The Herald points out this £1 billion is about a third of the amount Boris Johnson intends to spend on new hospitals over the next three years. The Welsh Government said, "the figures are indisputable...Wales now has less say over less money"

363 Economy Funding Nov 2021

The Welsh Government has accused Westminster of **shortchanging Wales** with the announcement that Wales is to get £46 million of funding in a pilot for the Community Renewal Fund for projects in Wales compared to the £375 million in structural funds that Wales received from the EU every year.

362 Economy Trade Nov 2021

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All of the new post-Brexit trade deals put together will have an economic benefit of just £3 to £7 per person over the next 15 years, according to the government's own figures. Official estimates from the Office for Budget Responsibility point to a **Brexit loss of over £1,250 per person** over the coming years, over 178 times the most optimistic prediction for the benefits from the trade deals.

361 Education Erasmus Nov 2021

Scotland has received around **£14 million less** under the UK Government's post-Brexit student exchange programme compared to the EU's Erasmus+ scheme. Newly published figures show around £8.3m has been awarded in Scotland this academic year under the Turing Scheme, a replacement for the EU Erasmus programme. The total given in Scotland for successful applications under Erasmus in 2020 was around £22.6m (€26.4m).

360 Economy Funding Nov 2021

Cornwall may only get a **maximum of £3million** from the Government to directly replace the £100m it could have been eligible for if the UK had remained in the EU, it has been claimed. Prior to Brexit, Cornwall had qualified for funding from the European Union due to it being recognised as one of the poorest regions in Europe.

359 Northern Ireland Shortages Nov 2021

Businesses in Northern Ireland are **struggling to recruit enough staff** and a failure to tackle the issue could see some industries leave, Manufacturing NI has warned. Since the referendum in 2016 18,000 migrants have left the province and despite a growing population, it appears there are not enough people to fill the available jobs.

358 Economy Trade Nov 2021

A report by the National Audit Office says Britain's international traders completed a total of **48 million customs declarations** (UK-EU and UK- RoW) between January and August 2021, compared to 44 million for the whole of 2020. Traders will need to complete additional declarations as full import controls are phased in between October 2021 and July 2022. Certifying officers have also signed off 140,000 Export Health Certificates (EHCs) for the movement of goods from the UK to the EU.

357 Financial Services Stock market Nov 2021

Worries about political and exchange-rate risk have **dragged down the valuations** of LSE listed companies and share-trading has plummeted since 2007. The number of listed companies has dropped by two-fifths. The entire FTSE 100 index is now worth about the same as Microsoft. Flotations in the first nine months of 2021 have been

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half Hong Kong's, two fifths of Shanghai's and an eighth of New York's. They're less even than Shenzhen's, a place that was a building site at the time of the Big Bang in 1986, with Brexit partly to blame according to *The Times*.

356 Economy Inflation Nov 2021

Lord Heseltine, the former Conservative Deputy Prime Minister, says Boris Johnson's failed Brexit deal has caused a **cost of living crisis**. The peer blames Johnson for fuel shortages, NHS backlogs and Christmas turkey shortages. He warns that Britain faces harsh months of lower living standards.

355 Retail Shortages Nov 2021

Three in four UK high-street firms have been hit by **Brexit related supply issues**. New research suggests the government's hard Brexit has been felt by three-quarters of UK high-street firms. A survey of 1000 business found lost orders or delayed deliveries had affected the vast majority of firms.

354 Food Fishing Nov 2021

Fishmongers buying fish from the continent have noticed **prices rising since Brexit** came into force. Prices for sardines, red mullet and octopus have all increased according to one London fishmonger. Mack Naboulsi, owner of Pure Fisheries in Chapel Market said fish stocks have also become more scarce, adding, "There are even some fish I can't get anymore."

353 Economy Trade Nov 2021

A new report by the National Audit Office says total trade in goods between the UK and EU was **down by 15 per cent** (£17.0 billion) in Q2 when compared with the equivalent quarter in 2018 (which the ONS uses as a comparator year), whereas UK trade with the rest of the world was up by 1.0 per cent (£1.0 billion) pointing clearly to the effect of Brexit.

352 Food Meat Nov 2021

UK meat producers are sending carcasses to the EU for butchering before re-importing them as they continue to **combat a labour shortage**. The British Meat Processors Association (BMPA) say producers are sending beef to the Republic of Ireland amid local shortages of butchers while pork producers are set to begin sending pigs to the Netherlands for butchering and packing.

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351 Food Fishing Nov 2021

Scottish seafood processing firm, which supplies fish to the Queen, says it **is losing business** because of labour shortages blamed on Brexit. Christopher Leigh, CEO of Aberdeen based John Ross Jr, claims the current workforce crisis “cannot be overcome without intervention from government”. Since Brexit, the firm has struggled to attract the staff required to fulfil international orders, with many EU nationals choosing to return to mainland Europe.

350 Financial Services Stock market Nov 2021

Ryanair Holdings Plc is poised to drop its London Stock Exchange listing, becoming the first major company to **blame its departure on Brexit**. The Irish discount airline said Monday that it is weighing a delisting due to compliance headaches caused by Britain’s exit from the European Union. A growing number of companies are disappearing from the London stock market for a variety of reasons.

349 Manufacturing Steel Nov 2021

British steel makers have been excluded from an agreement between the EU and the USA to end a trade war that saw punitive tariffs applied to EU steel exports, putting British steelmakers at a **competitive disadvantage**. The US is the second-largest market for British-made steel. European rivals will now be able to ship their products to the US without paying import taxes.

348 Food Farming Oct 2021

A third of Scotland’s largest brassica crop worth more than £1 million has been left to rot in the field because Brexit ended access for seasonal pickers. Costs will rise next year and production will shrink as a result, farmers predict. And Scotland’s iconic food producers are facing “**catastrophic failure**” to protect their status in UK Government trade deals.

347 Construction Shortages Oct 2021

Industry experts say the government’s goal of building 300,000 homes a year **cannot be achieved** without easing immigrant visas and promoting extensive training in the country. Brexit has revealed how much Britain’s construction sector relied on its immigrant labour. Jerry Swain, of the Unite Union, said: “The industry has relied on foreign workers. It takes at least two years to make a decent brickworker or carpenter, so the pools available are currently limited.”

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346 Environment Aviation Oct 2021

The government's decision to slash tax on domestic flights was driven by a desire to make Brexit look successful, the chair of the Climate Change Committee Lord Deben, has claimed. He told Sky News's Trevor Phillips that Chancellor Rishi Sunak's Budget measure, which has been **criticised by climate campaigners** and the Labour Party, was motivated by Brexit.

345 Economy Funding Oct 2021

Almost £2bn has been **slashed from promised development spending** in poorer areas of the UK, despite Boris Johnson's vow to "level up" the country. The government had pledged to match lost EU funding – to "tackle inequality and deprivation" – which would have required at least £4.5bn over the next three years but the budget has revealed just £2.6bn has been allocated.

344 Food Farming Oct 2021

Armers in Cumbria are being warned that over the next three years 50 percent of farms could see their **profit wiped out**. While most may break even, many will be running at a loss once the subsidies are cut as the Basic Payment Scheme is phased out between 2021 and 2028, meaning farmers could lose between 50-70 percent of their subsidy by 2024.

343 Environment Emissions Oct 2021

Shift in trade links away from the EU to more distant partners like Australia, China and the US could almost **double Britain's greenhouse gas emissions** from shipping, according to new analysis by Friends of the Earth released on the eve of the UN Cop26 gathering hosted by Boris Johnson in Glasgow.

342 Economy Shortages Oct 2021

Brexit has **worsened UK's shortages**, according to the Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR), the government's own independent financial watchdog. Shortages across various industries have been "exacerbated" by new immigration rules for EU citizens and trade barriers with the bloc.

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341 Food Trade Oct 2021

Survey by The Food and Drink Federation shows GB food manufacturers have **significantly reduced sales** to Northern Ireland as a result of the Protocol. The FDF surveyed 83 members between 4 and 19 October and found in large businesses, those with more than 250 employees, sales volumes to Northern Ireland were down by an average of 10 per cent this year.

340 Economy Trade Oct 2021

New figures from the Irish Department of Agriculture shows there has been a **20-fold increase** in the number of consignments of food and plant products and live animals being processed by health inspectors at Irish ports since Brexit. Inspectors are processing about 1,700 consignments a week compared with less than 100 a week last year under new border controls covering sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) checks on goods being imported from Britain.

339 Food Meat Oct 2021

Major UK meat processors were reportedly **flying in staff from Ireland** to man processing lines to cope with demand. This follows a combination of Brexit and Covid-19 which has sparked an exodus of eastern European workers from abattoirs, damaging the industry and leading to shortages.

338 Economy Legal Oct 2021

UK businesses are now having to pay 'security bonds' of £50,000 or more to courts in the European Union in order to litigate there, legal experts have told City AM. The bonds could make it **more difficult and costly** for UK businesses to defend their intellectual property in European countries, according to law firm Mathys & Squire.

337 Education Horizon Oct 2021

Sir Bill Cash, chair of the European scrutiny committee, has said UK scientists are being "**frozen out**" of the £80bn EU research programme Horizon Europe because of the ongoing dispute over the Northern Ireland protocol. Britain's associate membership of Horizon has still not been ratified by the EU.

336 Borders UK-EU Oct 2021

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The BBC report comments from the Irish foreign minister that Welsh ports are being “**bypassed by Irish ferries.**” Irish hauliers are no longer using the UK land bridge to Europe but are increasingly using the 44 ferry services (up from fewer than 12 in 2020) to deliver goods into and out of the EU.

335 Environment Recycling Oct 2021

US trainer maker Nike has shelved its UK recycling scheme due to **higher costs arising from Brexit.** The Reuse-a-Shoe scheme saw old trainers shipped to Belgium for recycling into rubber for use in track surfaces, gym flooring and new footwear. Brexit and EU export tariffs and increased haulage rates mean the scheme is no longer economically viable to run.

334 Environment Rivers Oct 2021

The government has given polluters the green light to **dump untreated sewage** into Britain’s rivers and coastal waters as Brexit and Covid disrupt normal water treatment. The Environment Agency said in September companies struggling to get hold of the required chemicals would be allowed to “discharge effluent without meeting the conditions” of their permits, which normally require water to be treated by a multi-step process.

333 Health Social care Oct 2021

Disabled people are struggling to hire carers to help with vital daily tasks due to low pay and Brexit, the Observer claims. According to a report published earlier this month, an estimated 70,000 live-in carers and personal assistants are normally employed but recruitment into the sector has **fallen dramatically** after 1 July this year when the settled status regime was fully implemented.

332 Food Farming Oct 2021

British farmers are being forced to **slash production** next year because of a massive shortfall in workers that has caused an “unprecedented” amount of food to be thrown into landfill in 2021. The crunch is set to come when imports of produce from the EU are under increased strain due to the introduction of border controls and checks which have been repeatedly postponed after Brexit.

331 Retail Fruit Oct 2021

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Supermarkets are using **cardboard cut-outs** of fruit and vegetables to fill gaps on shelves because supply problems combined with a shift towards smaller product ranges mean many stores are now too big, a process said to have “only been accelerated by Brexit and the pandemic which have led to staff shortages and difficulties in shipping goods.”

330 Food Fishing Oct 2021

The forthcoming trade deal with New Zealand will “slash tariffs” on New Zealand mussels, described as “**another slap in the face**” to an industry devastated by the loss of its major EU market after Brexit. David Jarrad of the Shellfish Association of Great Britain said it was “another nail in the lid of a coffin that is already closing.”

329 Food Trade Oct 2021

The food and drink federation report a fall in Britain’s exports to the EU of 15.9 per cent in the first half of this year when compared to the same period in 2020, and 27.4 per cent compared to 2019. Exports to the Republic of Ireland, our biggest export market, fell significantly with a loss of 22 percent compared to 2020, and 27 per cent compared to pre-COVID data – a loss of more than £0.5bn.

328 Financial Services The City Oct 2021

Fifteen years ago, a fifth of all companies globally that went public via a placing, chose London. Now London’s share of Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) on a global basis has **plummeted to 4 per cent**. The reasons are varied, but the main factors include Brexit-induced political and currency risk.

327 Education Teaching Oct 2021

It’s easier post-Brexit for Irish people to get a job teaching English in the EU according to TEFL (teaching English as a foreign language). They say European demand for teachers from the Republic of Ireland has “**increased dramatically**” amid the fallout from the UK’s departure from the EU.

326 Food Meat Oct 2021

The recent decision to further postpone import controls on meat imported from the EU “has handed the EU a nice Brexit dividend”, says the British Meat Producers Association. UK exporters, since January this year, have had to shoulder a paperwork burden that has doubled the end-to-end costs of exporting, **adding £40m** to trade with the EU, say the BMPA.

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325 Food Farming Oct 2021

A Warwickshire farmer has told Coventry Live he has been forced to dump acres of crops over the past month because of an unprecedented **shortage of pickers** due to visa restrictions since Brexit – citing a lack of skilled British pickers to meet the demand in the field. He said, “We are not going to grow labour intensive crops next year, we’re going to cut back as much as we can. We’re scrapping courgettes, cherry tomatoes and chillies, we can’t grow these crops because it’s not profitable anymore.”

324 Food Vets Oct 2021

Veterinary services provider Eville & Jones say Wales was the worst region in the UK to be affected by the **slump in the number of vets** available to carry out key roles after Brexit. The UK produces only about 900 veterinary graduates each year compared to a requirement for 2,000 new posts to be filled annually.

323 Economy Trade Oct 2021

The Irish Statistics Office say exports to GB in the first eight months of 2021 increased by €1,603 million (+21%) compared to the same period last year, while **imports from GB decreased by €3,179 million** (-30%). Imports from Northern Ireland rose by €947 million (+61%) to €2,500 million and exports to Northern Ireland increase by €707 million (+47%).

321 Manufacturing Packaging Oct 2021

The Packaging Federation have said it is now too late to avert temporary **shortages of cardboard and aluminium cans** this autumn. CEO Dick Searle, who has worked in the sector for 55 years, said alongside Brexit and pandemic disruption, businesses are facing a “perfect storm” of problems. “Brexit would have been difficult but Covid and Brexit together has made it much more difficult,” he said.

320 Economy Survey Oct 2021

Chambers of commerce across West and North Yorkshire say their quarterly economic survey shows the pace of recovery slowing in the region. Additional bureaucracy, border delays and transportation costs continue to **cause problems** for one in two manufacturers exporting to the EU.

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319 Borders EU Oct 2021

A new Irish ferry terminal has been inaugurated at the French ferry port of Dunkirk. The number of Ireland-France sea routes has increased to 44, from 12 before Brexit, as Irish importers and exporters **side step the UK landbridge**. The new terminal has already handled nearly 50,000 freight units (trucks and unaccompanied containers) moving from Rosslare and back since Brexit took effect on 1 January.

318 Education Student numbers Oct 2021

UCAS data published in August has found the number of EU students who were placed on 2021/22 courses has **plunged 56 per cent** compared with the previous session. A post-Brexit collapse in EU student recruitment could threaten courses at world-famous institutions such as the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, it was claimed.

317 Manufacturing Automotive Oct 2021

Volatile energy prices and the cost of complying with EU regulations post-Brexit are blunting the industry's competitive advantage, the sector's trade body has said. The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) say costs, measured in time and resources, had increased as a result of leaving the EU, with 60 per cent saying the **extra expense for trading with the bloc** was a "much more significant rise than other export destinations".

316 Economy Inflation Oct 2021

The latest Royal Bank of Scotland purchasing managers index (PMI) suggest companies are having to pass on the **rising costs** of materials, pay, logistics, Covid and Brexit. Costs were reported to be rising at their quickest rate since 2008 and RBS said firms raised average charges "to a degree unseen" in two decades.

315 Economy Trade Oct 2021

Details published by HM Revenue & Customs show that, from the period ending June 2021, **Scottish exports decreased by 14 per cent** compared to the previous year – the highest in the UK. The SNP say Boris Johnson must answer for the "catastrophic economic vandalism" created by Brexit.

314 Culture Creative industries Oct 2021

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British opera singer Dame Sarah Connolly has warned that Britain will **lose its placing** among the world's leading musical nations if younger performers and instrumentalists are not easily able to work abroad again. She says, "Without some kind of situation where British musicians can spend a significant amount of time in Europe, establishing their careers, I am very concerned that [we will lose] what we have at the moment."

313 Culture Creative industries Oct 2021

The television producer behind HBO's Game of Thrones has blamed Brexit complications as the reason why a new German science-fiction drama is **not being filmed in Northern Ireland**. Frank Doelger said, "All of the rules and regulations about equipment going back and forth, transport from Northern Ireland, became something much more complicated."

312 Food Shortages Oct 2021

New data from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) suggest 17 per cent of adults claimed to have been **unable to buy essential food items** in the last fortnight because they were not available, representing up to eight million people. Almost a quarter said the same for non-essential food items.

311 Financial Services Banking Oct 2021

British banks face IBAN payment issues across EU as **GB payments begin to be refused**. IBAN is an EU system for identifying bank accounts across national borders. Many users report discrimination being a major problem as a number of companies across Europe began to refuse Euro account bank details "if they contained the country code 'GB'" according to a report in City AM.

310 Food Dairy Oct 2021

Some British dairy farmers have been **forced to destroy** tens of thousands of litres of milk due to rising costs, labour shortages and an acute deficit of truck drivers which has strained supply chains to breaking point, farmers said. A post-Brexit shortage of workers exacerbated by the global strains of the COVID crisis has sown chaos through supply chains according to *Reuters*.

309 Services Travel Oct 2021

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Cruise ship workers are **leaving the industry in droves** due to crippling post-Brexit visa rules, a veteran of the industry has claimed. Jean Williams tells *The Mirror* says her life is being 'destroyed' and the livelihoods of many of her friends 'sacrificed' thanks to new employment rules which mean many cruise firms are refusing to hire British workers.

308 Manufacturing Biscuits Oct 2021

Walker's Shortbread in Scotland is facing a **labour shortage crisis** due to Brexit. The well-known 123-year-old brand famous for its tartan souvenir tins, faces a shortfall of 200 workers following the pandemic and Brexit. Joint MD Jim Walker said: "We were hoping to make a good recovery this year, but we are now in a situation where we are very short of staff."

307 Economy Investment Oct 2021

The boss of Intel says they are **no longer considering building a factory in the UK** because of Brexit. CEO Pat Gelsinger told the BBC that before the UK left the EU, the country "would have been a site that we would have considered" but "Post-Brexit... we're looking at EU countries and getting support from the EU".

306 Retail Trade Oct 2021

Tesco is **turning to Spanish farmers** to supply British consumers with their Christmas food, increasing the number of rail containers of fresh produce from the country from 65,000 to 90,000 by the end of the year. Tesco CEO, Ken Murphy, said on Wednesday that the supermarket had ordered ten percent more turkeys this year to mitigate any problems.

305 Food Farming Oct 2021

Farmers are having to pay **up to £30 an hour for picking vegetables** as the shortage of workers raises the prospect of Britain having to import more fresh produce next year. The British Growers Association says that seasonal agricultural workers can now earn £1,000 a week, the equivalent of more than £50,000 a year pro rata. Jack Ward, CEO of the association said: "It's been a complete nightmare, there's intense competition for labour with all sorts of other industries and lots of reports of people poaching labour off farms to work in the hospitality industry."

304 Agriculture Flowers Oct 2021

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Daffodil growers have been forced to let nearly **300 million plants rot** in the ground this year due to a lack of pickers caused by Brexit and the pandemic. Farmers warning that unless critical labour shortages are solved before next year's harvest, many will stop growing the bulbs. Cornwall, which supplies nine out of ten daffodils grown in the UK has been particularly badly hit.

303 Citizens Travel Oct 2021

British expats are leaving Spain "in droves" as **more stringent immigration rules** apply after Brexit, *The Daily Express* report. UK citizens can now only visit Spain without a visa for up to three months for tourism and business purposes. Earlier this month, Britons who have been rejected for residency in Spain were given just 15 days to leave the country, and told they risk being classified as illegal.

302 Food Turkeys Oct 2021

Christmas turkeys are to be **imported from France and Poland** to make up for the shortfall in UK production after farmers reared 1 million fewer birds due to labour shortages. In the past UK farmers were able to meet 100 per cent of domestic demand but now supermarkets have been forced to buy from the EU.

301 Economy Inflation Oct 2021

A sharp **slowdown in growth** in Britain's manufacturing industry caused by shortages has prompted Rob Dobson, director at IHS Markit, a producer of a closely watched economic survey, to warn "the UK [is] descending towards a bout of 'stagflation'." This is a combination of the low growth and high inflation Britain suffered in the 1970s.

300 Transport Bus services Oct 2021

Stagecoach East Midlands says it is "working round the clock" to **tackle staff shortages** that are causing Lincolnshire bus services in Skegness and Lincoln to be temporarily cancelled or altered, as the impact of Brexit continues to affect business.

299 Food Processing Oct 2021

An acute shortage of butchers and slaughterers in the meat processing industry, exacerbated by COVID-19 and Britain's post-Brexit immigration policy means hundreds of thousands of pigs **may have to be culled** within weeks unless the government issues visas to allow more butchers into the country.

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298 Food Fishing Oct 2021

The Brexit trade deal hailed as a £148 million boost to the UK fishing fleet over the next five years will instead cost the industry **more than £300m**, according to a new report by a former DEFRA official. Britain's fishing fleet is on track to lose nearly £65m a year as a result of the UK-EU trade deal.

297 Transport Hauliers Oct 2021

The shortage of HGV drivers is beginning to **affect pharmacies** with, "The whole supply chain [being] impacted from inbound wholesale depot supply down to outward depot deliveries to pharmacies," according to a spokeswoman for the association which represents large pharmacy operators.

296 Financial Services The City Oct 2021

The exodus of talent from London to the EU is causing problems in The City with fewer EU national candidates in London now. So says the head of one recruitment agency in the City – "Hundreds of transfers out of London are being completed as COVID travel restrictions lift and it's exacerbating the **shortage of talent** – especially at junior levels."

295 Financial Services Banking Oct 2021

The city has become one of the **hottest job markets** in Europe for finance professionals. France's biggest investment banks are dangling pay bumps and flexible work arrangements to retain top performers. And the days when junior bankers in France were paid less than their UK counterparts may soon become history. JPMorgan Chase, Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley, have all beefed up operations in Paris post-Brexit.

294 Retail Inflation Sep 2021

UK shop prices **rose 0.4% month-on-month** in August according to the British Retail Consortium. CEO Helen Dickinson said "Food retailers are fighting to keep their prices down as far as possible. But mounting pressures – from rising commodity and shipping costs as well as Brexit-related red tape, mean this will not be sustainable for much longer, and food price rises are likely in the coming months."

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293 Food Turkeys Sep 2021

Brexit could cause **widespread turkey shortages** at Christmas, according to the chair of the Traditional Farm Fresh Turkey Association (TFTA). Kate Martin says supermarket shelves are likely to be hit by a shortage of skilled European employees who are no longer available to us.

292 Energy Fuel Sep 2021

Some BP and Esso petrol stations in the UK have temporarily closed, with **warning of shortages** due to a combination of factors, including Brexit, covid and systemic conditions in the industry which have led to a shortage of qualified HGV drivers.

291 Economy Survey Sep 2021

Data from a business confidence survey has found hospitality businesses face a **storm of supply chain problems** and rising costs, and three-quarters of them are likely to raise prices for consumers as a result of the inflationary impact of covid and Brexit.

290 Citizens Travel Sep 2021

UK travellers to Europe could be refused entry if their passport is more than 10 years old from the date of issue, even if there are 12 months left on the passport. The new rule has meant that many disappointed travellers have either had to miss out on a holiday, or **pay hundreds of pounds** for a fast track passport.

289 Retail Trade Sep 2021

According to retailer Christmastrees.co.uk, **new Brexit rules**, soaring prices and lack of labour have made importing trees more difficult and they warn of a potential shortage of UK grown trees this year.

288 Retail Shortages Sep 2021

A Doncaster wholesaler is predicting a **70 per cent plunge** in the industry-wide stock of fireworks, blaming changes to product certification post-Brexit, a shortage of labour and increased checks on imports. Richard Hogg, shop manager at Fireworks Kingdom, said importing fireworks had become “very difficult and unstable in the wake of Brexit.”

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287 Food Fruit Sep 2021

UK fruit and vegetable growers plan to **reduce planting for 2022** after unprecedented labour shortages led to widespread wastage of produce, with hundreds of tonnes of crops from broccoli to raspberries left to rot in the fields, according to the *FT*.

286 Food Salads Sep 2021

Thanet Earth, one of the UK's largest salad growing companies based in Kent, have had to **destroy £320,000 of stock** because of problems finding workers to pick and drivers to deliver their produce, according to local Conservative MP Sir Roger Gale speaking in the House of Commons.

285 Food Fruit Sep 2021

Sharrington Strawberries in Norfolk have **lost 20 per cent** of their crop this year which remains unharvested after losing a third of their seasonal workforce following Brexit despite paying up to 50pc more in wages.

284 Financial Services Derivatives Sep 2021

The City is being warned to brace itself for a **€900bn per day** (this is not a typo) Brexit hit if Brussels 'plays politics' with clearing of euro-denominated derivatives in London says City AM commentator Michiel Willems.

283 Retail Trade Sep 2021

After announcing the closure of 11 stores in France, Marks & Spencer has been **forced to cut 800 lines** from its stores in the Republic of Ireland, including items like free-range chicken, orchids and goods containing Parmesan Reggiano as a result of complex rules and excessive paperwork caused by Brexit.

282 Health Social care Sep 2021

The cost of creating two new day centres to tackle dementia issues in Kirklees has **jumped by almost a third**: from £8m to £11m. The increase has been blamed by The Local Democracy Reporting Service on "significant rises in construction materials associated with Covid and Brexit."

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281 Economy Trade Sep 2021

UK businesses and consumers have paid 42 per cent more in customs duties on goods since Brexit came into force on 1 January of this year. The jump to **£2.2 billion is a new record** coming mainly as a result of goods imported from the EU failing to meet rules of origin. The figures were obtained by accountancy firm UHY Hacker Young.

280 Energy Electricity Sep 2021

Having left the EU internal energy market and the day-ahead market coupling arrangements, imported power via the continental interconnectors is now by explicit auction and is likely to result in higher electricity prices for UK consumers in future according to **research by energy consultants EnAppSys**.

279 Health NHS Sep 2021

The British Medical Association is warning of a 'catastrophic' crisis in blood testing as the NHS struggles with a shortage of vials used for blood sample. The main manufacturer, Becton Dickinson, has been blamed for the crisis, but they have suggested the post-Brexit HGV driver shortage could be to blame.

278 Transport Shortages Sep 2021

The Transport Secretary Grant Shapps has announced that **HGV driving tests are to be relaxed** to allow 50,000 more to be taken in an attempt to tackle the shortage of lorry drivers ahead of Christmas. For example, reversing, uncoupling and recoupling trailer tests will be removed – and drivers will be tested separately on this by a third party.

277 Environment Rivers Sep 2021

The Environment Agency has advised polluters that **dumping raw sewage** into rivers and the sea will be allowed as the discharge of effluent "without meeting the conditions" of their permits. It comes as businesses struggle to obtain water treatment chemicals because of supply chain disruption at ports blamed primarily on Britain's departure from the EU.

275 Construction Shortages Sep 2021

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Jewson, one of Britain's biggest builders' merchants has warned of shortages of materials as the industry struggles under mounting pressure from the **deepest supply chain crisis in decades**. It comes amid growing disruption linked to Covid and Brexit. "Material and staff costs went through the roof" due to "employee moves [and] overseas worker availability" said Duncan Brock of The Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply (CIPS).

274 Construction Inflation Sep 2021

Brexit is being blamed for making the building of affordable homes on a Derbyshire housing site 'unviable'. Langridge Homes says providing affordable homes on a 47-house scheme at Riddings is not viable after "unprecedented" 24 per cent **post Brexit cost increases**.

273 Food Farming Sep 2021

Farmers may be forced to incinerate nearly 100,000 pigs due to a post-Brexit shortage of butchers after the profession was excluded from a list of so-called 'Shortage Occupations.' Industry figures say slaughterhouses are already becoming **starved of qualified workers**, with a backlog of 85,000 pigs awaiting slaughter and growing by 15,000 every week.

263 Retail Shortages Sep 2021

Schools have been warned to **prepare for food shortages** ahead of the new school year and urged by wholesalers to "stock up" according to The Grocer. The Federation of Wholesale Distributors has again called on the government to look at introducing a temporary visa scheme to allow HGV drivers from the EU to fill vacancies.

272 Manufacturing Aluminium Sep 2021

The home furnishings retailer Ikea is **struggling to supply** around 1,000 product lines to UK customers due to Brexit and lorry driver shortage with all 22 UK stores experiencing 'ongoing challenges' with supply chains, according to *The Independent*.

271 Food Trade Sep 2021

LBC claim we may experience a **shortage of Diet Coke** and Coke Zero in shops as Coca-Cola issued a warning about availability of aluminium cans, the latest in a series of supply chain issues that have affected UK consumers, blamed widely on Brexit, Covid-19 and a lack of available qualified lorry drivers in the UK.

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270 Agriculture Red tape Sep 2021

Exports of food and drink to the EU have suffered a “**disastrous**” **decline** in the first half of the year because of Brexit trade barriers, with sales of beef and cheese hit hardest the Food and Drink Federation (FDF) say. Producers lost £2bn in sales, a dent in revenue that could not be compensated for by the increased sales in the same period to non-EU countries including China and Australia.

269 Agriculture Flowers Sep 2021

House plants such as aspidistra, yucca and cactus have become **more expensive** because of Brexit red tape, as garden centres warn new rules have made it more difficult to import stock according to the Horticultural Trades Association and reported by *The Daily Telegraph* (£).

268 Retail Pubs Sep 2021

Wetherspoons has been hit by **beer shortages** due to supply chain issues caused by Brexit. The company said supplies of Carling and Coors beer have been hit, with some pubs not receiving deliveries and they have blamed lorry driver and factory staff shortages, *LBC* report.

267 Food Inflation Sep 2021

Food prices are **set to rise later this year** as the shortage of lorry drivers and more regulatory checks on imported food combine with rising prices for fuel, freight and raw materials, experts have warned in a report in *The Financial Times* (£).

266 Culture Creative industries Sep 2021

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265 Food Fruit Sep 2021

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Authors Hilary Mantel and William Boyd have issued a stark warning that the UK book industry **faces collapse** if “disgraceful” post-Brexit changes to copyright rules, being considered by the government, go ahead.

264 Education Shortages Sep 2021

Shortage of fruit pickers in the UK is set to **spread to warehouse workers** in the run-up to Christmas, according to Gary Grant, head of toy chain The Entertainer. Mr Grant said a workforce of largely eastern European migrants work on farms in the summer and swap to picking boxes in warehouses later in the year.

262 Manufacturing Lawnmowers Aug 2021

The boss of lawnmower manufacturer Allets, says they have had “more paperwork in the last five months than they did in the previous five years, as far as exports are concerned” and the company has had to recruit an employee to look after the “hell” of post-Brexit red tape.

261 Food Shortages Aug 2021

The head of the Co-op supermarket said on Wednesday that current food shortages were the **worst he had ever seen**, while the boss of the Iceland frozen food chain warned that supply disruption could see Christmas “cancelled” for some families this year.

260 Citizens Travel Aug 2021

From 31 September British cars in Europe must display a **UK sticker instead of the old GB plate**. This is said to be a sign of solidarity with Northern Ireland, which is not part of GB. The change has not been formally announced but was spotted as a footnote in UN regulations by the AA, which says it has 50,000 items of stock it will now need to change.

259 Retail Shortages Aug 2021

The UK economy has been plunged into a supply chain crisis, with major retailers’ stock levels at their the lowest since 1983 as a result of **worker shortages and transport disruption** caused by Covid and Brexit. This is reported in *The Guardian* using retail industry tracking trends provided by the CBI.

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258 Economy Survey Aug 2021

Early a third of medium-sized businesses plan to **drastically change their operations** to cope with the new post-Brexit UK-EU trading relationship, according to a report in *CityAM*. Research by accountancy firm BDO reveals 32 per cent of mid-sized businesses think they need to alter their business model to remain viable.

256 Education Student numbers Aug 2021

Students due to start a university year in Spain, which has overtaken France as the top destination for UK students, face **visa delays**, with some unsure whether they will be able to take up their places this year. Brexit means they now need visas. Some have waited more than a month for a visa appointment.

255 Food Shortages Aug 2021

Avara Foods, a chicken and turkey supplier, has told Sky News: "Our company is not currently experiencing any significant inconvenience regarding the 'pingdemic'. Our concern is recruitment and filling vacancies when the UK workforce has been **severely depleted** as a result of Brexit; this is causing stress on UK supply chains in multiple sectors."

254 Economy Funding Aug 2021

Wales is being hardest hit by the post Brexit **loss of EU Structural Funds**, latest figures have shown. The £373 million lost by Wales is more than double that of Scotland (£125m) and most of the English regions that have previously received European Union support, making a mockery of the government's 'levelling up agenda,' say Labour.

253 Economy Shortages Aug 2021

Nearly half of British business leaders fear **losing the UK's best talent** abroad following the pandemic and Brexit, according to new research. Almost a third of respondents at mid- and junior-level said in the survey by MovePlan, a workplace change management provider, and headhunter Hanson Search, that they feel pessimistic about the UK's chances to compete for the best talent and attract global businesses post Brexit.

252 Economy Funding Aug 2021

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So called 'Red Wall' and other poorer areas of England will **lose up to £1bn of development cash** this year because of Brexit and despite promises to match EU grants. Just £220m is being made available across the whole of the UK for 2021-22 and no money has yet been handed out at all – even though the financial year is nearly halfway over.

251 Borders UK-EU Aug 2021

Operation Brock, a temporary traffic management system designed to cope with queues of lorries heading for the EU, due to end by October 2021, is being made permanent, signalling the government expects **further cross-Channel disruption**.

250 Citizens Mobile phones Aug 2021

Vodafone, the UK's third largest mobile phone provider, will reintroduce **roaming charges** of up to £2 a day for new and upgrading UK customers who travel in mainland Europe from next year. Customers travelling to Ireland will be exempt. EE and O2 have already announced changes to their roaming charges for European travel.

249 Immigration Increase Aug 2021

The UK's new net migration statistics show it has **gone up to 313,000** over the past year to March, a rise of about one-third from 221,000 a year ago fuelled by 715,000 people who came to the UK over the previous 12 months. This is a four-year high of migration from non-EU countries, where the UK has tighter controls. Getting Brexit done has not seen immigration go down; it has driven it up.

248 Citizens Pets Aug 2021

The cost of an Animal Health Certificate issued by an Official Veterinarian, required in order to take your pet to an EU member state, is **£180** takes ten days to obtain and is valid for four months. See also item 10 below.

247 Retail Shortages Aug 2021

A garden centre in Plymouth is being forced to give away £100k worth of plants for free this weekend **due to staff shortages**. Team leader Matt Pollard says: "With the advent of Brexit and the departure of many European staff from the UK, we are suffering the same problem as many other businesses in the South West in finding suitable staff who want to work."

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246 Economy Shortages Aug 2021

More than 90,000 EU workers have left the UK in a **mass Brexit exodus**, according to The Daily Express. The hospitality sector took a huge hit over the past year due to the UK leaving the EU with the number of vacancies soaring by 342 per cent based on figures from the jobs site Caterer.com.

245 Food Fishing Aug 2021

Overnment boasts about increased fishing quotas have been branded “codswallop” by industry experts. While quotas have increased the amount being caught has not, because the fish “don’t exist.” Terri Portmann, who advised MPs after Brexit, said: “Fishermen have been **stitched up.**”

244 Economy Trade Aug 2021

Brexit has damaged the UK’s position as a gateway to Europe for imported goods and **increased red tape** according to Robert Larkin, director of Med Freight Services near London. Goods destined for Europe, which once arrived in the UK, now get shipped directly to the EU.

243 Economy Inward investment Aug 2021

Etherlands was the top destination for Japanese direct foreign investment into financial services in the years 2017-2020 with nearly US\$12bn compared to **net disinvestment in UK of just over US\$4bn** while jobs in UK Japanese financial services companies grew 9% over same period.

242 Manufacturing Automotive Aug 2021

Components for cars and fridges could fall into a legal limbo as **Brexit red tape** holds up supply chains due to a lack of capacity for testing certain goods ahead of the January 1 2022 UKCA compliance deadline. Manufacturing is at risk from serious disruption because the government has failed to provide a suitable replacement for the EU’s CE safety standards system.

241 Financial Services Clearing Aug 2021

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UK financial regulators appear resigned to **losing access to the EU market** next year when a temporary equivalence agreement comes to an end. London based clearinghouses may have to offload EU banks and their clients, losing £millions, if not £billions, in revenue by cutting off overnight an entire bloc worth of swaps that need to be traded via a clearinghouse.

240 Citizens Travel Aug 2021

From the end of 2022 UK travellers to EU member states will have to get authorisation and **pay €7 to enter the EU's Schengen zone**. The fee will cover multiple visits over a three years period. The EU have announced that its European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS) is on track.

239 Food Farming Aug 2021

Soanes Poultry near Market Weighton has had to **cut back its production** by around ten per cent because of the twin impacts of the UK's departure from the EU and the pandemic. The normal 100-strong workforce had shrunk by as much as 20 per cent, mainly because migrant workers from EU countries had gone back home after Brexit and had not returned.

238 Food Farming Aug 2021

Freshlands Farm, based in Ramsey, Cambridgeshire, said it had lost tens of **thousands of pumpkins** as it had not been able to hire any workers to clear weeds from the fields. In just one field the company had lost half of the 90,000 pumpkins due to weeds.

237 Food Farming Aug 2021

One of the UK's biggest vegetable producers says it is **losing thousands of pounds** a week and having to throw away food due to a labour shortage with Covid-19 pandemic and Brexit to blame. The workforce at Alfred G Pearce, based near King's Lynn, Norfolk, is 20% to 30% down on previous years.

236 Citizens Trade Aug 2021

British expats in Cyprus are tasting the bitter side of the UK exiting the European Union as they fall victim to **Brexit red tape**. Lengthy bureaucratic procedures, increasingly difficult transportation, and higher taxes, topped up by coronavirus restrictions, has seen them deprived of their favourite UK made delicacies.

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235 Economy Trade Aug 2021

The North East England Chamber of Commerce has written to Boris Johnson to say that **Brexit has led to a drop in exports** as well as difficulties such as shortage of HGV drivers and increased costs related to added bureaucracy. They fear further damage if the UK deviates too far from EU regulations.

234 Economy Trade Aug 2021

Even months after Britain's exit from the EU, the chilly effects on UK trade are being felt. Total **exports of UK goods and services were down** by 13% (£36 billion) and imports down 22% (£66 billion) for January to May 2021 compared to the same period in 2019, according to the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

233 Retail Trade Aug 2021

The chairman of Marks & Spencer, Archie Norman, has said that exports of its popular gourmet sandwiches to its stores in France **could stop altogether**, if Brexit results in border challenges, the *Financial Times* has reported. Norman said that as its products are transported to France every day through the Channel Tunnel, additional border complications could see supply cut off.

232 Retail Shortages Aug 2021

Supermarkets could face a **"summer of disruption"** to milk deliveries if widespread driver shortages continue. Arla Foods, the UK's biggest dairy supplier, was unable to deliver to 600 shops last Saturday due to dwindling driver numbers, amid fierce competition for specialist HGV drivers caused by a mix of Brexit, the pandemic and tax changes that have prompted some drivers to leave the trade.

231 Food Vets Aug 2021

The UK is facing a critical shortage of vets, set to intensify as **new EU export rules kick in**, industry insiders have warned. The number of EU vets arriving in Britain – which has traditionally plugged the shortfall in UK-trained vets – has dropped dramatically compounded by a surge in pet ownership in the past 18 months and Brexit rules demanding more vets to sign export health certificates.

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230 Retail Hauliers Aug 2021

Disruption to supplies in Scottish shops and restaurants are **largely due to Brexit** – not the “pingdemic” – say independent food retailers. They report that one major issue is hauliers from the EU have cut the UK from their routes. Some suppliers in European countries are also finding other buyers for their produce, because of the costs involved in post-Brexit paperwork.

228 Citizens Legal Jul 2021

The EU has **barred Britain** from joining a European accord for recognising civil court rulings, a move that could bump up costs for individuals and small companies seeking legal redress abroad. Britain’s membership of the accord, known as the Lugano Convention, ended in December last year and an application to rejoin had been rejected (see 145 below).

227 Economy Trade Jul 2021

While £4.8billion has been allocated by the government to the new Levelling Up Fund, some £12billion has been spent on the logistics of being out of the EU, plus an estimated £40billion in lost trade with Europe since the end of January and £130billion wasted on Brexit from 2016-2020, means up more than **38 times the amount being spent on Brexit than levelling up.**

226 Transport Hauliers Jul 2021

A leading haulage group based in Wales has pleaded for help over the **worst driver shortage** the company has seen in its 50-year history, and blames Brexit. “The driver situation is in crisis, it’s a problem that has been smoldering for a number of years and now we are on fire,” said Ian Owen, managing director of Owens Group.

225 Economy Trade Jul 2021

A new analysis by The Centre for European Reform estimates that leaving the single market and customs union at the end of December 2020 had **reduced UK trade** by £10 billion, or 13.5 per cent, in May. The think tank said this was on top of a £8 billion, or 10 per cent, hit to trade between the June 2016 referendum and splintering away from the single market.

224 Economy Shortages Jul 2021

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A recruitment agency in Leicester **warns of a big shortfall** in EU workers coming to the UK. Ed Vigars operations director at Encore Personnel, said, 'EU workers have left and aren't returning...we've never seen anything like this in 20 years.' Warnings include suggestions that 60 per cent of vegetable packers have said they're leaving or have already left.

223 Citizens Travel Jul 2021

Brexit threatens not only thousands of resort jobs, but **the future of British ski holidays** according to an article in *The Telegraph*. UK travel companies who once employed thousands of UK staff are no longer accepting applications from British citizens, unless they have a dual passport or a right to reside in an EU country.

222 Financial Services Insurance Jul 2021

Report by insurance company Hagerty reveals the extra bureaucracy and paperwork due to Brexit is expected to **hinder business**. They highlight the Access/Temporary Access Carnet, a passport for goods that guarantees items will return from the EU which involves a 40 per cent returnable bond, means a car worth £1m will need an upfront payment of £400,000.

221 Transport Survey Jul 2021

A survey by Haulage Exchange, a logistics software company, shows over half of British haulage firms have already made or are considering **moving some operations into the EU** due to a "perfect storm" of post-Brexit red tape impacts and driver shortages still hitting the sector.

220 Charitable sector Legal Jul 2021

The White Rose Initiative, a small Huddersfield charity, is facing a devastating legal battle that could **lead it to ruin** after being slapped with a 'Brexit bill' for shipping aid to Romania. Their hauliers have demanded an extra £4,000 on top of the agreed £2,600 bill.

219 Retail Food Jul 2021

Research by online food delivery service Foodhub has revealed takeaway restaurants across the country have been experiencing **rising costs of ingredients** like flour, chips, chicken and cheese and delays at ports because of Brexit.

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218 Culture Exchanges Jul 2021

School skiing trips that rely on British personnel to staff their EU winter camps could be wiped out by Brexit after it emerged they are facing the same **obstacles to travel** as the music and theatre sectors, according to The Guardian.

217 Food Shortages Jul 2021

The German confectionery giant, makers of Starmix, Goldbears and Tangfastic, say they are “**experiencing challenges**” due to a shortage of lorry drivers which is affecting deliveries to all major supermarkets, including Tesco, Sainsbury’s and Asda, as well as other shops.

216 Manufacturing Food Jun 2021

Flour exports from Britain to Ireland have **fallen sharply**. The National Association of British and Irish Millers (Nabim) estimate that imports of British flour to the Republic have fallen by up to 25 per cent since the start of this year, replaced by alternative suppliers in NI, France and Germany.

213 Education Horizon Jun 2021

UK scientists have **missed out on £1.5 billion** in Horizon 2020 funds since the country voted to leave the EU in 2016. Campaigners say that the figures reveal the extent to which Brexit uncertainty damaged collaborations between UK researchers and their colleagues across Europe.

215 Economy Trade Jun 2021

British businesses will spend **£7.5 billion a year handling customs declarations** — as much as they would have done under a no-deal Brexit, Jim Harra, chief executive of HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC), told MPs. The number of customs forms needed to trade with the European Union under the Brexit deal “is not materially different from a no-deal situation”.

214 Economy Trade Jun 2021

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212 Food Shortages Jun 2021

Orsening supermarket food shortages are **now “inevitable”** in the coming weeks as labour shortages across the food supply chain approach crunch point, according to The Grocer. Many of the factors fuelling the driver shortages are now causing problems in other sectors: EU workers returning home due to Brexit and Covid, new visas requirements and the winding down of furlough placing a renewed strain on the labour pool.

211 Construction Shortages Jun 2021

Shortage of building labour is **threatening construction work**. Since the referendum there has been an exodus of skilled EU workers from the UK, felt most keenly in London and the problem could get worse during the summer, when many remaining EU employees intend to take extended holidays back home.

210 Citizens Trade Jun 2021

From 1 July, the EU will **remove the €22 threshold** for duties on parcels imported from non-EU origins which will then require customs clearance, payment of VAT and, depending on national thresholds, customs duties. This comes after protests from EU-based merchants, over a flood of cheap online purchases from China putting them at a competitive disadvantage.

207 Economy Trade Jun 2021

A collapse in British exports to Ireland since Brexit has handed **Dublin an extraordinary trade surplus with London**. The Irish government say red tape explains a €2 billion plunge in the value of goods sales – 47.6 per cent in the first quarter of this year, compared with the start of 2020. According to ONS figures the UK has previously recorded an **overall trade surplus** with Ireland every year since 1999.

206 Economy Trade Jun 2021

UK exporters have been given **more than £12bn** in state financial support to keep Britain trading with the rest of the world through Brexit and the pandemic. UK Export Finance, provided British businesses with the highest level of financial support in 30 years in the year to the end of March, almost treble the amount from 2019-20.

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205 Citizens Mobile phones Jun 2021

One of the UK's biggest mobile phone networks has announced roaming charges for Britons travelling to the EU. Customers of O2 have been told they will be **billed £3.50 for every gigabyte** (GB) of data used above a new limit of 25GB, from August. Roaming charges were scrapped by the EU in 2017.

204 Borders UK-EU Jun 2021

UK Border Force **have warned** that new passport checks required by French authorities could reduce the “flow rate” through Dover’s passport lanes to “50 people per hour, per lane” — about a tenth of pre-Brexit flows, creating disruption and long tailbacks. Dover currently has just five passport lanes and on a busy holiday weekend can expect up to 20,000 passenger vehicles per day.

203 Culture Broadcasting Jun 2021

The EU are to launch a proposal to reduce the “disproportionate” amount of British programming on European television, **threatening the near £500 million** of annual UK television and video-on-demand sales into the EU market, according to The Guardian.

202 Culture Broadcasting Jun 2021

50 broadcasting licences migrated from the UK to the EU due to Brexit. Half of the channels available in Europe outside their country of origin fell under the jurisdiction of the United Kingdom in 2018, **declining to 10 per cent** at the end of 2020. Over a quarter of international channels in Europe are now licensed in The Netherlands, with a fifth licensed in Luxembourg.

201 Culture Racing Jun 2021

Brexit has left British breeders and trainers mired in paperwork. The number of British trained runners in races in the EU **fell by 67 per cent**, compared to a 23 per cent reduction in races across the rest of the world. The British Horseracing Authority has called for red tape to be cut.

200 Charitable sector Trade Jun 2021

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The Royal British Legion has been forced to **abandon sales of poppies online** in the European Union because of the extra costs and bureaucracy it faces following Brexit. Its decision to stop selling to customers in the EU coincides with exporters reporting large falls in sales to the bloc because of new taxes and paperwork.

199 Food Shortages Jun 2021

He UK faces **shortages of British-produced meat** as problems with recruitment continue. EU migrants have been returning home due to Brexit effects including a weaker pound, a trend exacerbated by the coronavirus crisis, the British Poultry Council (BPC) said as the poultry industry reported a 10% fall in the number of birds being slaughtered for meat in recent weeks.

198 Food Trade Jun 2021

UK food and drink exports to the European Union **almost halved** in the first three months of the year, compared to the same period in 2020 according to The Food and Drink Federation (FDF). Figures show EU sales dropped by 47%. The FDF say the decline was largely due to changes in the UK's trading relationships, but said the pandemic was also a factor.

197 Transport Hauliers Jun 2021

The shortage of HGV drivers is causing perfectly good, graded and packed fresh produce to be **dumped or rot in cold stores**, waiting for transport while supermarket shelves and restaurant plates are going empty. This is according to Nationwide Produce Ltd, a grower, supplier and importer of a range of fresh fruit and vegetables from around the World.

196 Manufacturing Trade Jun 2021

British manufacturers are likely to have less protection against cheap imports from the UK's post-Brexit trade regulator than they had under the EU regime, The Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) has said. They have already **scrapped "safeguard"** tariffs in more than 50 areas since the UK left the EU, Oliver Griffiths, its chief executive, told the Financial Times.

195 Economy Shortages Jun 2021

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A combination of problems - including the burden of Brexit paperwork, has increased competition for shipping container space and delayed delivery times **resulting in a shortage** of building supplies, garden furniture and packaging materials.

194 Food Shortages Jun 2021

Brexit has led **'to a 90% drop'** in the number of foreign workers coming to the UK to work on farms in the summer. Stephen Taylor of Winterwood Farms Ltd says, "95 per cent of all fruit and produce picked and packaged in this country is done by eastern Europeans. We are not talking about a few tens of thousands, we are talking hundreds of thousands of people less to work in the UK. That's a massive hole."

193 Economy Trade Jun 2021

Concerns are being raised about the UK's capacity to process millions of delayed customs declarations on EU goods imported into the UK since 1 January. The grace period ends 1 July with the first delayed declarations due on 25 June. UK Customs is said to be **"looking down the barrel of a potential nightmare"** with a risk that many importers will be unable to find customs brokers or will fail to declare goods, meaning HMRC will lose much needed customs revenue.

192 Manufacturing Timber Jun 2021

According to the Timber Trade Federation, 52 per cent of UK timber imports come from the EU. Before 2021, just 10 per cent required due diligence to ensure negligible risk of illegal timber entering the UK market from non EU countries. As a result of Brexit, this **will now rise to 62 per cent**, presenting the UK industry with substantial challenges, say the TTF.

191 Transport Hauliers Jun 2021

The Road Haulage Association says the UK has lost 15,000 drivers since Brexit. Experts warn that this will lead to a **shortage of everyday products** on supermarket shelves by the autumn and add to pressure on prices.

190 Financial Services Banking Jun 2021

EU regulators have warned City of London firms against using a tactic known as chaperoning to avoid post-Brexit red tape. Ireland's central bank said it **"expects that firms are adequately resourced"** which may require more jobs and funds to be transferred to EU member states.

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189 Food Farming Jun 2021

Imports of fruit and vegetables from Spain to Britain **shot up by six percent in the first quarter**, compared to the same period in 2020 according to The Daily Express. The value of the Spanish produce imported into the UK reached £580million from January to April based on data supplied by the Spanish tax authority.

188 Food Trade Jun 2021

UK food companies are set to permanently cut ties with EU customers due to Brexit. Exporters are increasingly concerned that the second half of 2021 will see short-term Brexit disruption evolve into the **permanent loss of certain EU markets**, according to The Grocer magazine.

187 Citizens Travel Jun 2021

Researchers at Aston University have calculated that Brexit **shrank UK services exports by more than £110 billion** between 2016 and 2019. They claim exports fell by a cumulative £113 billion compared to if the UK had not voted to quit the EU in June 2016.

185 Food Inflation Jun 2021

The Daily Mail say Britons travelling to France via Eurostar are **being turned away** for not having a 'good enough reason' after a rule change to block the spread of the Indian covid variant. From 2 June, Britons must give a 'compelling reason' for their trip. As a third country, UK citizens can only travel to France for reasons such as bereavement or childcare. The rule does not apply to French or other EU citizens.

184 Services Trade Jun 2021

Shoppers **face higher grocery bills** as more EU red tape looms according to The Telegraph. Higher shipping and raw materials costs and EU red tape threaten consumers' pockets, the British Retail Consortium have said. More Brexit checks from October are expected to force retailers to pass on further additional costs to shoppers.

183 Immigration Returns May 2021

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German & French governments confirm there will be **no bilateral negotiations** with Britain on returning asylum seekers who enter the UK. The EU Commission also confirms that 'for the moment their focus is on implementing TCA' - which does 'not include provisions on asylum and return' and they are 'not considering pursuing further negotiations to complement TCA at the EU level'.

182 Food Fishing May 2021

After talks with Norway aimed at a fishing agreement collapsed in April, Norway have announced that **licences for British vessels had stopped being issued** until a new deal is agreed. Fiskebåt a fishing industry trade association claimed the UK was trying to "send the bill for Brexit to Norway and Norwegian fishermen" by taking a hard-line.

181 Manufacturing Pumps May 2021

Industrial pump manufacturer Verder Ltd told the UK Trade and Business Commission that packages are taking up to 68 days to get into Europe. Seventy-one **deliveries have been lost** with a value of around £50,000 since 1 January. "We see no improvement that Brexit offers, only a massive loss of business with our nearest market."

180 Retail Trade May 2021

Marks & Spencer's **financial results** to 3 April 2021 confirm the new trade deal with the EU which came into operation in January has cost an additional £29 million in administration and £13 million in tariffs so far, £27-33m of which relate to operations in Ireland. M&S say they are reviewing business models, local sourcing and re-routing product through European hubs.

179 Economy Trade May 2021

Exports from Britain to Ireland fell by just over 47 per cent in the first quarter of the year. It was the **biggest percentage fall** in exports to any of the UK's top export countries recorded by the Office for National Statistics, Britain's official statistics agency.

178 Citizens Homeowners May 2021

UK citizens who sell a French property must now use a fiscal representative for capital gains formalities on sales over €150,000 - the same as for all non-EU residents. These stricter post-Brexit rules are set to cost one couple, unable to provide all the correct documentation, an **extra tax bill** of €150,000.

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177 Economy Trade May 2021

Trade flows between the UK and EU **slumped by more than a fifth** in the first quarter of the year while trade with the rest of the world dropped by only 0.4 per cent. But, say the Office for National Statistics, it is still too early to say how much was down to Brexit.

176 Retail Trade May 2021

Marks & Spencer is to start buying more food from EU states as it battles “obscene” border disruption in Northern Ireland. M&S plan to source more goods from companies on the Continent as well as from Ireland and Northern Ireland, after **struggling to get English goods across the Irish Sea** due to Brexit disruption, according to The Telegraph.

175 Manufacturing Steel May 2021

Britain’s steel industry faces a “hammer blow” that risks damaging the sector. A preliminary decision by the DIT to remove import “safeguards”, designed to protect domestic producers from a flood of cheap imports, needs to be “urgently rethought”, according to lobby group UK Steel. They warn it will have an **adverse impact on steel manufacturers** in Wales and north-east England.

174 Food Dairy May 2021

Milk and cream exports to the EU were down 96 per cent in February. Cheese exports were down 65% and chicken and beef sales also down by nearly 80% - all figures, year on year. The Food and Drink Federation says Brexit has **cost British exporters more than £1.1bn** since the start of the year.

173 Citizens Travel May 2021

UK visitors to France and Spain may be **asked to show proof of their accommodation** - potentially including an official certificate, obtained in advance, if they are staying with friends or family - once Covid restrictions are lifted. Non-EU nationals who do not need a visa should submit an attestation d’accueil (accommodation certificate), a process taking up to a month.

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172 Economy Survey May 2021

Data from the Irish Central Statistics Office (CSO) for March shows a 46 per cent spike to more than €3.1 billion in goods imported from the EU, and a **corresponding slump in British imports to the Republic**, which fell by almost a third to less than €1 billion.

171 Financial Services The City May 2021

The City of London's "Golden Age" **as Europe's financial capital is over** following Brexit, NatWest chairman Howard Davies said today. The City has been largely cut off from the EU since Britain's full departure last December, with bankers and City officials not expecting any direct access to the bloc anytime soon.

170 Food Farming May 2021

NFU President Minette Batters says it's clear that negotiators from Australia and New Zealand are sticking to their hardline demands for the **complete removal of tariffs** on all their exports to the UK. This, she adds, would make life unbearable for small British family farms competing with imports produced in a very different manner.

169 Culture Creative industries May 2021

Esearch by the Incorporated Society of Musicians found that 94 per cent of respondents had been **negatively affected** by the UK's post-Brexit trade deal with the EU. The first 100 days have been a "disaster" for the British music industry and the government has made almost no progress in addressing problems raised by visas, customs and other controls the FT report.

168 Food Shortages May 2021

Supermarkets face post-Brexit fruit and veg scarcity thanks to shortage of skilled pickers, says The Mirror. The government's failure to allow in enough EU workers and new rules restricting visas for seasonal pickers are expected to **leave tonnes of crops to rot** while shelves lie empty.

167 Citizens Pensions May 2021

The Davis Downside Dossier

Reams of retiring to Europe have been dashed for many says The Telegraph. **Bureaucratic ‘complications’**, have forced retirees to reconsider plans, amid worries about losing state pension rights and access to healthcare. Expats who relocate to the EU after living previously lived in Australia, Canada or New Zealand could have their state pensions dramatically slashed.

166 Construction Shortages May 2021

Combination of Covid and Brexit has caused **a crisis for the UK construction industry** with shortages, delays and soaring prices affecting projects across the country. Timber costs 80% more than in November, steel joists are up by more than 80%. Aluminium is up by about a quarter, copper by 40%. Plastics up 60% and paints are up by about a third.

165 Manufacturing Precious metals May 2021

British silversmiths are being **frustrated trying to sell silver and gold** into the European Union after the Brexit trade deal failed to recognise the UK’s centuries-old hallmarks. The Telegraph claims hallmarking was overlooked in the Brexit trade deal and says the problems also affect jewellery.

164 Economy Inward investment May 2021

According to data from fDi Markets, an FT-owned company tracking foreign investments, in the five years to March 2021, the number of FDI projects into the UK was up only 12 per cent compared with the previous five years, **well below the 33 per cent** expansion seen across EU countries.

163 Economy Trade May 2021

Britain’s economy is on track to **suffer more than £700bn of lost output** caused by Covid-19 and Brexit, according to The National Institute of Economic and Social Research. The NIESR said the UK was facing worse permanent damage than other rich nations due to a “poor Covid-19 response” from Boris Johnson’s government.

162 Immigration Legal May 2021

He Home Office has been unable to persuade any European state to sign up to Priti Patel’s scheme for deporting migrants who enter the UK illegally to safe countries such as “France and other EU countries.” The UN’s refugee agency is expected to conclude her plans **infringe international legislation** and are unworkable.

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161 Financial Services The City May 2021

The City of London **lost 2.3 trillion pounds** (\$3.3 trillion) of its lucrative derivatives trading business in March alone, with Wall Street trading platforms gaining the most from Brexit. According to Bloomberg, U.S. swap-execution facilities took market share in trades in euros, pounds and dollars at London's expense.

160 Economy Trade May 2021

The government has admitted companies located in new freeports will be **unable to export tariff free to 23 countries** including Canada, Norway, Switzerland and Singapore, due to clauses in the free trade agreements recently signed. Manufacturers in freeport-type zones are specifically prohibited from benefiting from the new deals.

159 Transport Hauliers May 2021

An exodus of EU lorry drivers from the UK since Brexit has left the British haulage and logistics industry facing an **acute staff shortage** and a looming crisis for industrial and retail deliveries, the sector has warned. Freight companies say unless urgent steps were taken to address shortages, strains now visible within the industry would become evident to the public by the end of the summer.

158 Economy Survey May 2021

A study by the London School of Economics drawing on real-time business data from the CBI up to April, shows that more than three out of five UK firms (61 per cent) are reporting difficulties due to Brexit, resulting in **rising costs, higher prices** for consumers and reduced competitiveness.

157 Food Trade May 2021

A British-owned supermarket chain supplying expats in Belgium was forced to close two stores last weekend (Whitsun), **unable to obtain supplies** from the UK. Stonemanor hasn't had a delivery since before the New Year and is now turning to Irish suppliers due to difficulties getting goods from Britain since Brexit.

156 Citizens Legal May 2021

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The EU Commission has recommended that the EU does **not give consent for the UK to join the Lugano Convention**, an international legal pact that allows legal judgements to be enforced across borders. All EU countries plus Norway, Switzerland and Iceland are members. As a third country the UK must fall back on the Hague conventions

155 Food Farming May 2021

Pig producers still cannot export breeding stock to Europe and in February sales of pig meat to the EU, were **down 80 per cent by value**. High feed prices and low pig prices have led to significant losses with the AHDB (Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board) reporting the average producer was already losing £25 on every finished pig sold in the fourth quarter of 2020.

154 Food Fishing Apr 2021

153 Food Dairy Apr 2021

Sales of milk and cream to the EU are down by 96 per cent – and chicken and beef by nearly 80 per cent – because of Brexit. Overall, the trade barriers erected in Boris Johnson's deal have **cost exporters more than £1.1bn since the start of the year**, The Food and Drink Federation says.

152 Food Wine Apr 2021

WineGB, the trade association for English and Welsh wine, estimates that new customs paperwork and labelling requirements **adds up £5 to the cost of a bottle** of English sparkling wine at retail in Europe. Shipping costs to Europe have also soared from £140 per pallet to between £500-£700

151 Food Trade Apr 2021

The UK food industry warns that new post-Brexit red tape which came into effect this week (April 2021) will **increase export paperwork by a third** and make some sales to Europe unviable. The EU has introduced a wave of new requirements for composite (multi-ingredient) food products entering the bloc from third countries like the UK.

150 Economy Inward investment Apr 2021

The Davis Downside Dossier

N academic report in the Journal Science Direct shows that by March 2019 the number of EU27 investment projects in the UK has **declined by around 9 per cent** while outward investment transactions from the UK to the EU27 rose by 17 per cent, illustrating that being a smaller economy than the EU leaves the UK more exposed to the costs of economic disintegration.

149 Economy Automotive Apr 2021

Since the UK became a "third country" on 1 January, used cars imported into Ireland from Britain that were originally manufactured in the EU or another country outside the EU, must have **VAT of 21% paid on the invoice price**. Up until last year, around 100,000 used cars each year were imported into Ireland from Britain, a market that may no longer be viable.

147 Manufacturing Pharma Apr 2021

UK pharmaceutical companies making non-branded drugs have already **started to withdraw medicines** from the Northern Ireland market because they cannot afford to meet the costs of new post-Brexit red tape, according to industry leaders and reported by the FT.

148 Transport Aviation Apr 2021

Four months after the trade deal was struck, aerospace firms are still **struggling to secure EU signoff for British-designed parts** and approval for maintenance work on planes registered in the bloc. At the same time, the U.K. Civil Aviation Authority is granting automatic recognition to rival European players.

146 Education Student numbers Apr 2021

Applications for undergraduate courses starting in 2021-22, from EU member states, the United Kingdom's number one overseas student market, **have plummeted by 40%** but it is Brexit and not COVID-19 that is to blame according to University World News.

145 Culture Pigeons Apr 2021

Pigeon fanciers say new Brexit rules for long-distance European races could "kill" their sport. **Under EU rules** due to become law next week, UK birds must be detained for three weeks before they can be released in France for trans-Channel races, leading to fears that they would be unfit to race after being cooped up for so long.

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144 Financial Services Trade Apr 2021

The New Financial think tank said today (16 April) that **more than 400 financial firms in Britain have shifted activities**, staff and a combined trillion pounds in assets to hubs in the EU due to Brexit. They believe this is an underestimate and “expect the numbers to increase over time: we are only at the end of the beginning of Brexit.”

143 Economy Trade Apr 2021

The EU's statistics office Eurostat said **EU imports from Britain fell 47%** year-on-year in January-February to €16.6 billion while exports to the UK declined only 20.2% to €39.8 billion. As a result, the EU's trade surplus with Britain rose to €23.2 billion in the first two months after Britain's Brexit transition period expired.

142 Citizens Survey Apr 2021

A survey conducted by consumer champion Which? found that UK consumers buying products from retailers based in the EU are being hit with **unexpected delivery fees** of up to £300. More than 40 per cent of those who ordered products online in the first six weeks of the year experienced issues with their purchases. The consumer group polled 2,000 people.

141 Economy Survey Apr 2021

140 Manufacturing Steel Apr 2021

British steel exports to the EU have **plunged by a third** in a fresh blow to the industry. Shipments from the UK to the bloc dipped to just under 420,000 tonnes in the first three months of the year, as the sector grappled with the prime minister's Brexit deal, reports the *Daily Mirror*.

139 Manufacturing Chemicals Apr 2021

Hese parasitic worms are used by amateur gardeners and commercial growers across Europe as a natural pest-control solution, but since Brexit **not a single shipment to Europe** from a BASF plant in Littlehampton has been possible due to bureaucratic hurdles according to a report in the FT.

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138 Manufacturing Automotive Apr 2021

Delays and surcharges as a result of Brexit **are causing havoc** in the vehicle aftersales industry, with independent garages refusing to work on some vehicles and cars stuck in workshops across the country. In one case, an engine ordered in November 2020 has been marooned at Felixstowe docks since the first week of January, with the vehicle stuck in a busy garage in East Sussex

137 Culture Antiques Apr 2021

Dealers fear cross border trade in antiques will be “decimated” by paperwork after Brexit. HMRC said: “There is **no general relief from import charges for second hand goods**, meaning customs declarations will be required and import taxes will be due unless any specific relief applies.”

136 Transport Hauliers Apr 2021

Haulage firms estimate that the **cost of shipping a single pallet** of goods to Northern Ireland from Great Britain has increase from £100 before Brexit to between £150 and £450 to cover the new administration costs alone due to the sea border arrangements set out in the NI protocol.

135 Security Justice Apr 2021

Ten EU member states have said they will **no longer extradite** their nationals to the UK following Brexit. Countries including France, Germany and Poland will refuse to allow the extradition of their nationals. Two more – Austria and the Czech Republic – will only hand over suspects to the UK with their consent.

134 Citizens Homeowners Mar 2021

133 Food Trade Mar 2021

A British company whose sausages are made in Germany from British pork has **switched to sourcing from Denmark** after two attempts since January to send British produce failed. Helen Browning's Organic says it has been forced to drop its support for UK farmers and switch to Danish suppliers.

132 Food Trade Mar 2021

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British meat companies, in a new report, say systemic weaknesses in the current export system and mountains of red tape point to a **potential permanent loss of trade** of between 20 and 50 percent.

131 Agriculture Flowers Mar 2021

Kevin Haynes, horticulture manager at Taylors Bulbs, Holbeach said he expects the firm to **harvest around a third** of their 2.5 million daffodil harvest this year due to a lack of pickers. In a “normal year” Taylors employ around 150 pickers but this year they have just 30.

130 Citizens Aviation Mar 2021

From late June this year some GPS-based Precision Instrument Approach procedures known as LPV (Localiser Precision Approach with Vertical Guidance) will **no longer be available** following the loss of the European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service (EGNOS).

129 Financial Services Credit cards Mar 2021

Visa is to raise its “**interchange fees**” — a levy charged on every debit or credit card payment using its network — for cross-border transactions between the UK and EU. Brussels capped interchange fees for all transactions inside the EU in 2015, the UK’s departure on January 1 means the limit no longer applies to payments between Britain and the bloc.

128 Transport Aviation Mar 2021

The CEO of Jota Aviation says the trade deal has given them **the worst of both worlds**. Increased competition domestically while cutting us off from Europe. EU airlines can object to UK carriers obtaining permits to fly to Europe, while the UK government refuses to allow the same right to object for UK operators against EU airlines.

127 Education Funding Mar 2021

Universities UK, in a letter to the prime minister, say **thousands of jobs could be lost** if UK Research and Innovation has to pay the annual £1bn bill, previously covered by EU membership fees, to stay in Horizon Europe.

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125 Retail Trade Mar 2021

Two in three retailers are having **difficulty importing products** - from barbecues, spring bulbs and patio furniture to sofas and laptops. The problems have been highlighted in a survey of 10,000 retailers by e-commerce experts EKM. Port congestion and Brexit red tape are being blamed according to The Daily Mail.

124 Transport Hauliers Mar 2021

The chief executive of a Hull-based haulage firm claims new rules that only allow drivers to spend up to 90 days in the Schengen zone during any 180-day period, mean drivers are **restricted to around 50 per cent of their previous time in Europe**. EU drivers work under the same rules but can be in and out of the UK in two days while a journey to Italy could take eight days, resulting in fewer allowable trips.

123 Economy Trade Mar 2021

He government's recently announced delay to the date when import controls will apply to EU goods would add "ongoing unfairness" to UK exporters facing EU trade barriers while EU firms exporting to the UK benefit from unfettered access until January 2022, **says Shane Brennan**, CEO of the Cold Chain Federation.

122 Economy Investment Mar 2021

The number of Japanese firms based in the UK fell 12 percent between 2014 and 2019, from 1,084 to 951 in contrast to a growing number of Japanese firms situating in the EU27. Between 2014 and 2019 the number of firms in the Netherlands grew by 67 percent, according to Rudling Consulting. There were also increases in Germany, France and Italy of 11, 7 and 53 percent respectively.

121 Food Trade Mar 2021

New EU legislation covering multi-ingredient products, ranging from chocolate bars to curry sauces, is expected to **increase the volume of UK export health certificates** required to send food to the EU by up to one-third, industry associations warned.

120 Construction Shortages Mar 2021

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The Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR) has warned that thousands of overseas workers who have left the UK in the past year will not return, and post-Brexit immigration rules could put them off coming back, prompting fears of a “**major skills shortage**” from construction businesses and that plans to build 300,000 homes per year may be in jeopardy.

119 Economy Trade Mar 2021

Barriers to trade caused by Boris Johnson’s Brexit deal are set to cost UK e-commerce importers more than £5 billion a year, a new report by international company ParcelHero has warned

118 Northern Ireland Trade Mar 2021

The Loyalist Communities Council (LCC) said it has temporarily withdrawn support for the Good Friday Agreement because of concerns about the Northern Ireland Protocol. The group, which includes representatives of loyalist paramilitaries, has written to the prime minister **according to the BBC**.

117 Citizens Travel Mar 2021

Thousands of seasonal staff employed by the British travel industry who previously based themselves in EU resorts are now at **risk of losing their jobs** because of work permits required after Brexit, the sector is warning.

116 Education Student numbers Mar 2021

115 Agriculture Flowers Mar 2021

Under EU rules flowers like snowdrops and rhododendrons **cannot be exported from the UK** (or any third country except Switzerland who have negotiated an agreement) if it has touched British soil, The Mail on Sunday report. One grower expects to lose in the region of £100,000 this year and in subsequent years.

114 Manufacturing Paint Feb 2021

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Teal & Mackrill a specialist paint manufacturer in Hull, is concerned about its future as the growing **cost of regulatory burdens** on chemicals after Brexit may mean they are unable to obtain some of the additives that make their paints distinctive. Geoff Mackrill says “The worry is that some of those materials that we use, may become unavailable because of those costs.”

113 Culture Cycling Feb 2021

Brexit is impacting the **careers of British professional cyclists** who are now restricted to only 90 days of travel every 180 days within the EU. That barely covers the pre-season training camps, let alone enough time to be able to race up to the Giro d'Italia in May or the Tour de France in August.

112 Financial Services Clearing Feb 2021

Brussels will allow US clearing houses operate throughout the EU in what could be a **blow to the City of London's largest clearing agencies**. The move to allow American competitors to operate in the EU will be seen as a move by Brussels to clear the way to locking out the UK's clearing houses next year.

111 Economy Survey Feb 2021

Almost one-in-four British exporters are planning on **reducing their activity in the EU or eliminating it out entirely** post-Brexit, according to a new survey from the British Chambers of Commerce/Moneycorp showed that 23 per cent want to “either reduce their activity in the EU or have no activity at all” in the next 12 months.

110 Retail Survey Feb 2021

A survey of 1,000 GB retailers has found that almost two thirds of them plan to **stop selling to Northern Ireland** within two months because of the Irish Sea border.

106 Manufacturing Trade Feb 2021

The UK's pet food industry is **struggling to export to the EU** because of red tape, vet shortages and hauliers refusing to accept animal-based products in case they are stopped at the border. By mid-February, just a third managed to export to the EU in 2021.

109 Education Travel Feb 2021

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Thousands of UK students hoping to spend the year abroad are caught in limbo after **facing major disruption** to their travel plans due to post-Brexit red tape and costs, in respect of which universities say they received inadequate guidance from the government.

108 Food Fishing Feb 2021

Ishermen in Cornwall say some are at **risk of losing their homes** because of an overnight ban on exporting their product to the EU.

107 Agriculture Flowers Feb 2021

UK growers of flowers and ornamental plants have warned that **millions of blooms will go unharvested this year** after the multibillion-pound sector was not included in a scheme to admit overseas farm workers after Brexit.

103 Agriculture Trees Feb 2021

Orders for almost 100,000 trees have been cancelled by Northern Ireland buyers because of a **post-Brexit ban on the plants being moved** from Britain, according to the Guardian. The Woodland Trust alone has cancelled an order for 22,000 trees destined for schools and communities as part of a Northern Ireland greening project.

102 Food Farming Feb 2021

Ungraded eggs, second-class eggs that aren't high enough quality to be sent to the packing center for grading, **can no longer be exported to the EU**. These unmarked industrial eggs are used for fish-bait farming, rendered, or used in composting.

101 Food Farming Feb 2021

Armers have been hit by **the loss of EU markets** for animal by-products according to the British Meat Processors Association (BMPA). Rendered meat by-products going into the EU "must have been processed in a region considered as posing a negligible" risk for BSE and "At the moment, [Great Britain] does not have negligible BSE risk."

100 Economy Trade Feb 2021

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99 Manufacturing Petfood Feb 2021

Peter Kersch, MD of World Feeds, Thorne, Doncaster says his business is **being hampered** by new red tape brought in in the wake of the UK's Brexit deal with the EU and fears it will hit hard. Mr Kersch says "We can't get anyone to transport our products into the EU" due to so many vehicles and consignments tied up awaiting clearance due to new red tape and documentation.

98 Manufacturing Trade Feb 2021

Bennett Silks in Stockport, say clients on the continent will not accept the extra customs charges and duties, and will simply switch to using EU based competitors. "Our only chance to retain EU business is to create a distribution centre in France," which will have the effect of **taking jobs and economic activity away** from north-west England.

97 Food Trade Feb 2021

Many small UK gin and whisky distillers and suppliers are **struggling to ship products** to EU customers under new post-Brexit trading rules, the industry has warned. Multiple distilleries told the FT that confusion over paperwork for alcohol shipments was making it next to impossible to ship single pallets of spirits to the EU.

96 Transport Aviation Feb 2021

British cargo, charter and leasing airlines are **losing contracts** and business to EU rivals. The carriers say they are severely disadvantaged under the new trade regime because the rules allow greater freedom and flexibility for EU-owned airlines to fly in the UK than UK carriers have in Europe.

94 Citizens Duty free Feb 2021

Ravellers returning from the EU will be **restricted** to 18 litres of wine (24 bottles), 42 litres of beer and 4 litres of spirits or liqueurs over 22% in alcohol – plus up to 200 cigarettes.

93 Manufacturing Chemicals Feb 2021

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25 business heads have written a letter to the government expressing concerns about current plans for a new £1 billion system of chemicals regulation, and warned it would **"hit UK industry hard** across a range of manufacturing sectors

92 Economy Taxes Feb 2021

On 31 December 2020 the UK repealed the existing law on tax transparency and replaced it by implementing the less strict OECD rules which may lead to **greater tax avoidance** and lower tax revenues.

91 Economy Trade Feb 2021

The government has rejected a Lords amendment to the Trade Bill giving MPs greater scrutiny of trade deals. It means MPs will have **less power than British MEPs** had in the European parliament for all EU trade deals when the UK was an EU member state.

90 Food Trade Feb 2021

Ian Wright, chief executive of the Food and Drink Federation (FDF), has told MPs on the International Trade Select Committee that food exports to Europe have been **cut by at least half** since the start of January despite the deal.

88 Charitable sector Trade Feb 2021

Since January, exports to the EU from ECS Textiles in North Shields have ground to a halt due to border delays, piles of paperwork and confusion over post-Brexit rules, **costing charities thousands of pounds** in lost donations each week.

87 Retail Food Feb 2021

A Belfast deli owner has told the BBC they are now bringing **a lot of our stuff in from the Republic of Ireland** saying, "We can place an order on Monday and it will be here on Tuesday morning. There's nothing to fill in - not a form, nothing at all."

86 Citizens Banking Feb 2021

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UK residents trying to send money to banks and companies in Europe are having their **transactions blocked** as Brexit continues to cause hurdles and headaches. Those trying to send money abroad now have to provide an additional layer of detail when making payments as the UK is now classed as a 'third country' under European payment rules.

85 Citizens Au pairs Feb 2021

Au pairs have been classified as skilled workers under new UK immigration rules and will now require a salary of at least £20,480 to obtain a work permit compared to the £100 per week plus free accommodation before Brexit, making the **hiring of an au pair unaffordable** for many people

84 Culture Motor sport Feb 2021

Motorsport UK says an ATA **Carnet will now be required** to temporarily move motorsport vehicles and equipment into the EU. The carnets cost £330+VAT plus a refundable deposit of 40% of the vehicle's value or a non-refundable insurance premium to cover the 40% proportion of the premium.

83 Food Honey Feb 2021

A beekeeper trying to bring 15 million bees into the UK says he has been told they may be seized because of post-Brexit laws. **Only queen bees can now be imported** rather than colonies and packages of bees. However, there is confusion over whether bees can be brought in via Northern Ireland. DEFRA is working with the devolved administrations to find a solution.

82 Financial Services Investment funds Feb 2021

London's smaller investment managers, who have not set up subsidiaries in the EU are **struggling to negotiate new post-Brexit trading arrangements** in order to continue serving European clients. Smaller funds have been hit disproportionately hard by the omission of financial services from the Brexit trade talks because they have been less able to prepare contingency plans.

81 Fashion Trade Feb 2021

The UK's £35bn fashion and textile industry is facing "decimation" as a result of **red tape and travel restrictions** thrown up by the new post-Brexit trade agreement with the EU, Boris Johnson has been warned

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80 Culture Creative industries Feb 2021

UK theatres have called for urgent clarification over post-Brexit touring provisions, **warning of a major threat** to the country's thriving performing arts sector. They say, "even with a Brexit deal, significant obstacles have emerged that threaten our world-leading performing arts exports and imports, which also puts their economic, social and cultural contributions at risk."

79 Food Fishing Feb 2021

The European Union has told the UK shellfish industry that thousands of tonnes of oyster, mussel, clam, cockle and scallop exports are **banned from the bloc indefinitely**. British fishers, who had been told by government to expect the ban to last until spring, are warning this will be a fatal blow to their businesses.

78 Economy Trade Feb 2021

Goods shipments from Britain to Ireland halved in the first month of post-Brexit trade. Despite the exceptionally low inflow of goods from Britain, hauliers were required to provide 760,000 import declarations of various types — **more than 43 certified documents per truck** — to gain entry to Ireland.

77 Citizens Driving Jan 2021

France is allowing UK residents using UK driving licences to continue to do so until the end of this year but afterwards when the UK licence expires, as photocard ones do after 10 years and when the driver reaches 70 and every three years after, it cannot be renewed to a French address and cannot be swapped for a French licence. The only legal options are to **stop driving or take a French driving test**.

76 Manufacturing Steel Jan 2021

Some steel products exported to the EU could face **crippling post-Brexit taxes** within months, the sector has warned. UK Steel said it was "likely" that for some products, export quotas - the amount allowed under the terms of the trade deal permitted to be exported tariff free - would run out in the first quarter of 2021 - after which exports would face a 25% tariff.

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75 Northern Ireland Transport Jan 2021

The Ulster Unionist Party has said that, under the Northern Ireland protocol, **the UK Ministry of Defence must now give 15 days' notice** and fill out customs declaration forms before it moves military equipment from GB to NI.

74 Manufacturing Survey Jan 2021

British factories reported the [steepest increase in supplier delivery times](#) in a survey published by IHS Markit last week for UK, France, Germany, Japan, Australia and the USA. IHS Markit say this is almost exclusively linked to both Brexit disruption and a severe lack of international shipping availability.

72 Manufacturing Automotive Jan 2021

Nikkei report UK car production at its lowest in 20 years "thanks to Brexit," and coronavirus has added to the declining trend due to uncertainty over EU withdrawal. It is unclear even if after the proposed switch to electric vehicles (EVs), Britain will remain attractive as a production base. Toyota and BMW reportedly reconsidering their optimal strategy and there is no guarantee the next models will continue to be made in the UK.

71 Financial Services Equivalence Jan 2021

EU banking authorities have granted open-ended equivalence to **US securities clearing houses** allowed them to serve investors in the European Union. It contrasts with the time limited agreement granted to UK clearers and raising fears that UK banks will lose out, putting at risk London's role as a dominant financial centre.

70 Manufacturing Steel Jan 2021

South Yorkshire and Derbyshire bosses **brand Brexit deal a 'total disaster'** set to cost jobs and close companies. Some businesses have already lost customers after the UK left the EU, bringing new inspections, delays and swathes of declarations, tariffs, fees and VAT payments.

69 Food Pigs Jan 2021

More than 100,000 surplus British pigs have been backed up on farms around the country by Brexit border problems. According to the FT, UK farmers **blame increased bureaucracy** for drop in exports as influx of cheap European meat hits prices.

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68 Economy Fishing Jan 2021

Delays due to new Brexit rules mean that Icelandic exporters are **moving seafood to Europe through Rotterdam** instead of Immingham. Until December Icelandic fish has been regularly shipped to Immingham, loaded on to trucks and driven to France and beyond. This is now going straight to the EU market in Europe via Rotterdam.

67 Food Fishing Jan 2021

Lough Neagh eel fishermen will have to **find new markets for a fifth of their catch** due to Brexit and the operation of the Northern Ireland Protocol. It means finding new buyers for 50 tonnes of eels, worth £500,000, just months before the start of this year's season.

66 Manufacturing Trade Jan 2021

An engineering company, is now being charged VAT at 22 per cent on imported goods manufactured by its Italian sister company, which are then sold to another EU country, because it is a UK entity, **adding 22 per cent to their costs**. MD David Lee. said in a competitive market this is "an absolute killer."

65 Culture Yachting Jan 2021

Almost 900,000 UK boaters are due to be **hit by restrictions** on how long they can stay in Europe after the Brexit transition period ended on 31 December 2020, a new survey by the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) has found.

63 Financial Services Credit cards Jan 2021

Mastercard will **increase fees more than fivefold** when a British shopper uses a debit or credit card to buy from an EU-based company, sparking alarm among companies that rely on online payments and concern among MPs over higher consumer prices.

62 Food Fishing Jan 2021

Boris Johnson has unveiled a **£23 million fund to compensate the fishing industry** for losses caused by Brexit red tape as Scottish seafood hauliers descended on Downing Street to protest.

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61 Retail Trade Jan 2021

UK retailers could **abandon goods that EU customers want to return**, with some even thinking of burning them because it is cheaper than bringing them home. They say the new EU trade deal has put costly duties on returns at a time when firms are already struggling.

60 Economy Trade Jan 2021

British based exporters are being **advised by the Department of Trade** to register new entities inside the EU single market, from where they can distribute their goods far more freely while avoiding the extra charges, paperwork and taxes resulting from Brexit.

59 Food Wine Jan 2021

UK drinkers face paying **up to £1.50 extra a bottle** on many European wines while choosing from a reduced range, merchants have warned, as the burden of post-Brexit paperwork takes effect.

58 Borders UK-EU Jan 2021

Residents feel “betrayed” and “trapped” by the “lies” of the government over Brexit after being told of a huge **new lorry park** capable of holding up to 1,200 trucks is to be built in a rural idyll which they say will destroy the quality of their lives and wreck the environment

57 Citizens Trade Jan 2021

Businessmen who intend to carry out paid work in the EU will now need to comply with **a host of complex national rules** including an 'economic needs test' in some cases. The new arrangements have been described as "fiendishly complicated" by Catherine Barnard, professor of EU and labour law at the University of Cambridge.

56 Retail Trade Jan 2021

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At least 50 major UK retailers, including Marks and Spencer and Tesco, are in the process of going through their products lines, to establish how many of them will **now be subject to tariffs from the EU**. River Island and H&M have both confirmed to ITV News they expect to pay penalty tariffs on some clothing sent between their UK and EU businesses.

55 Manufacturing Trade Jan 2021

All wood packaging materials including pallets **must now be heat-treated and marked according to the ISPM15** international standard. Any business that does not comply could face shipments being rejected and, in some cases, fines.

54 Economy Trade Jan 2021

The cost of moving freight from France to the UK **surged to more than four times the usual level**, after Brexit and a virulent new strain of the coronavirus complicated supply chains.

53 Citizens Banking Jan 2021

Britons living in the EU face **financial headaches** as European banks hike international payment fees and British banks close their accounts.

52 Transport Hauliers Jan 2021

EU hauliers and transport companies are **turning their backs on UK business** because they are being asked to provide tens of thousands of pounds in guarantees to cover VAT or potential tariffs on arrival in Britain.

51 Culture Creative industries Jan 2021

British performers will be **unable to work in EU countries** without a permit. Actors, musicians and comedians fear the new trade will severely curtail the ability of performers to tour in Europe, and will hamper the recovery of the arts after the devastating impact of the pandemic

50 Culture Equine Jan 2021

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Relative to arrangements prior to 31 December 2020, the process of moving horses between the UK and the EU is considerably **more complex administratively and time consuming** according to the British Horse Racing Authority.

49 Economy Trade Jan 2021

EW rules mean goods shipped to EU countries are **now liable for VAT** when they enter the single market. Tax experts VAT IT estimate the levies could add £34bn (\$47m) to the cost of UK trade with the EU

47 Manufacturing Galileo Jan 2021

Britain has **lost access** to the encrypted public regulated service of the Galileo global navigation satellite system and will no longer be able to play any part in the future development of it

46 Economy Trade Jan 2021

Stena Lines has [redeployed a new ferry](#), the Stena Embla away from its intended Birkenhead to Belfast route to meet extra demand for direct shipments from Rosslare to mainland Europe as traders change supply chains to avoid additional paperwork in Britain.

45 Transport Aviation Jan 2021

UK airlines can no longer offer [services between EU member states](#) (for example, London-Frankfurt-Warsaw) or domestic services within them (e.g. Paris-Marseille) and have lost the right to operate onward passenger services from EU member states to destinations in non-member states (e.g. London-Amsterdam-Bangkok).

44 Economy Falklands Jan 2021

The Islands are excluded from the UK-EU trade deal. Products coming from the islands to the EU **could now face tariffs**. It's a major concern for the economy of the islands, which exports 90% of its fish to Europe

43 Manufacturing Automotive Jan 2021

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Ford has **raised the UK list prices** of some of its models, blaming post-Brexit 'rules of origin' tariffs according to Autocar magazine. The Fiesta ST Edition went up by £1,695 between Dec and Jan, with Puma ST getting £1,920 more expensive.

42 Citizens Homeowners Jan 2021

UK-based owners of Spanish properties will see a **24 percent tax rate on income** when the transition period ended. This compares with a 19 percent tax rate previously and is due to Britain becoming a third country. Spanish tax authorities will also no longer allow any expenses to be deducted which means gross income is taxable.

41 Citizens Mobile phones Jan 2021

The UK's trade deal with the EU does not rule out additional costs for UK customers using their mobile phones in EU countries. The biggest UK operators have said they do not plan to reintroduce roaming charges, but the **BBC say** it may not be that simple in the coming years.

40 Borders UK-EU Jan 2021

Government build **2000 truck capacity lorry park** on compulsorily purchased land just off Junction 10A of the M20 in Kent against the wishes of local residents in the village of Sevington.

39 Economy Technology Jan 2021

For the very first time, the **European Union will become a direct shareholder in startups**. This will be possible via the creation of one of the biggest investment funds in Europe. Brexit Britain will not be eligible.

20 Citizens Travel Jan 2021

British people have lost the automatic right to live and work across 26 nations of the EU (excluding Ireland).

38 Economy Trade Jan 2021

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EU exporters to the UK are expected to collect the tax at source, and pay to register for the scheme. **Most won't**, unless we form the bulk of their market, so 'we do not ship to UK' will become more common. This could provide a small boost for UK operators, if they can fill the gap, but it limits consumer choice. (Also see **Trade 1** above).

37 Economy Trade Jan 2021

Over 150 UK and EU firms have dramatically changed plans due to Brexit, including many who refuse to supply goods to the UK after 1 January this year. The **list** was compiled by **Edwin Hayward**, author of 'Slaying Brexit Unicorns'

36 Culture Broadcasting Jan 2021

We are no longer entitled to **stream Sky TV** outside the UK using Sky Go, Sky Kids, Sky Sports, Sky Sports Mobile TV and Sky Sports Box Office apps. Some Sky apps allow you to download your favourite shows and movies over WiFi before you leave home to watch offline while you're abroad. This also applies to other streaming services (see Netflix above).

35 Financial Services Share trading Jan 2021

The three biggest venues in London that handle European shares saw almost all of this business (about \$5 billion) **shift into the EU** on the first trading day since Brexit. CEO of Aquis Exchange Plc told Bloomberg that 99.6% of its European stock trading moved to Paris, described as "a spectacular own goal" for Britain post-Brexit.

34 Food Farming Jan 2021

The EU has banned the import of seed potatoes, in a move which will be a "**disastrous Brexit outcome for Scottish farmers**", First Minister Nicola Sturgeon claims.

33 Citizens Homeowners Jan 2021

UK citizens with second homes in the EU are now only allowed to spend **90 days there, in any 180 day period**.

32 Economy Trade Jan 2021

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Round 250 million **safety and security declarations** now need to be made by UK hauliers, adding extra costs to 50 percent of our exports.

31 Economy Trade Jan 2021

To avoid tariffs, British exporters to the EU will need to comply with **complex rules of origin** to provide evidence of sufficient local content to qualify for tariff exemption.

30 Economy Hauliers Jan 2021

UK operators are now able to conduct one cabotage trip in the EU, while EU trucks will have the possibility to do two cabotage trips in the UK after a loaded inbound movement, according to the **Road Haulage Association**.

29 Economy Services Jan 2021

There is **no mutual recognition of professional qualifications** which means professionals with UK qualifications no longer have the automatic right to practice or work across the EU27

28 Citizens Pets Jan 2021

To **visit the EU, dogs now need** to be microchipped and vaccinated against rabies, with a health certificate issued by a vet 10 days before the visit. They must go through a designated TPE (travellers point of entry).

27 Citizens Rights Jan 2021

Britons are no longer allowed to use **fast lanes at European airports and Eurostar terminals**.

26 Borders UK-EU Jan 2021

Collectively, traders now need to file **11 million new customs declarations** for goods moving from Great Britain to Northern Ireland.

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25 Culture Broadcasting Jan 2021

Because the UK is no longer part of the Digital Single Market, **cross-border portability of online content ceased to apply from 1 January**. UK users travelling to the EU will be unable to access the UK streaming library.

24 Economy Trade Jan 2021

There is **no mutual recognition** of conformity assessments. British authorities are unable to certify goods made in the UK meet EU standards adding costs to domestic manufacturers and suppliers.

23 Citizens Travel Jan 2021

UK holidaymakers travelling in the EU now need medical insurance cover. Failure to take out the necessary insurance could result in **hospital bills** of £2,000 for food poisoning or £14,000 for a heart attack.

22 Food Meat Jan 2021

Government guidance on Brexit, updated on 28 December, states that UK producers of “chilled meat preparations”, are “prohibited” from exporting their goods to Europe as of 1 January. This includes chilled raw sausages, chilled mince, ungraded eggs, and some unpasteurised milk.

21 Manufacturing Regulation Jan 2021

After 1 January 2022, manufacturers will need to meet **two different standards** and will have to label products UKCA for the home market, and CE for those exported to the EU, adding costs to certification, manufacturing and stocking.

19 Culture Football Jan 2021

UK football clubs can no longer sign under-18s and are **restricted to only three overseas signings** under the age of 21, and only six foreign players per season.

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18 Food Trade Jan 2021

A raft of red tape plus new checks at the border could **add £3 billion in costs** for food importers, according to the U.K.'s Food and Drink Federation. That's about an 8% increase — some of which could work its way down to prices paid at checkouts.

17 Food Trade Jan 2021

There is **no equivalence agreement** on sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measures to reduce or eliminate checks on agricultural goods, like the EU offered to New Zealand and Japan.

16 Food Trade Jan 2021

The EU-UK food chain will be “**slower, more complex and more expensive** for months if not years” according to Shane Brennan, chief executive of the Cold Chain Federation.

15 Food Fishing Jan 2021

The Yorkshire Post has learned Whitby fishing ‘**crews will be worse off** in 2021 than before they left the EU.’ DEFRA Secretary George Eustice, Michael Gove and Boris Johnson were accused of ‘betraying’ fisherman worse than before because they “knew exactly what they were doing when they devastated coastal communities.”

14 Food Fishing Jan 2021

The shellfish industry now faces a **bureaucratic mountain**, with a wave of form-filling, certification and tariffs to deal with. Traders who sell live crabs and lobsters into the EU now expect delays caused by bottlenecks and new rules.

13 Food Trade Jan 2021

Exporters of food products of animal origin to the EU are now required to pay for an **export health certificate** for each consignment costing around £200. This also applies to ‘exports’ to **Northern Ireland**

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12 Citizens Travel Jan 2021

Of British citizens **no longer have the automatic right** to join them to live in the UK and now have to comply with entry criteria including income requirements.

11 Education Erasmus Jan 2021

The British government has **decided not to participate** in the student exchange scheme know as Erasmus, for financial reasons. It will create its own cheaper alternative.

10 Economy Trade Jan 2021

An additional 250 million customs declarations will now be required annually, needing an **estimated 50,000 form fillers** at a cost of about £7bn.

9 Security Crime Jan 2021

UK **has lost its access** the Schengen Information system, an EU database containing details of criminal suspects. British police accessed the database **603 million times** in 2018.

8 Citizens Regulation Jan 2021

UK loses access to EU RAPEX **rapid alert system** (also known as Safety Gate)a notification system used by Trading Standards to share information about unsafe products found on the marketplace meaning more dangerous goods and toys could now enter the UK internal market.

7 Manufacturing Chemicals Jan 2021

The UK Chemicals industry is now required to operate **a separate registration system** for the near 5,000 substances made by UK companies, details of which are currently held in the EU REACH database, at an 'immediate cost' of about £1bn.

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6 Citizens Travel Jan 2021

Now face fines of up to €20,000 if they fail to obtain special permits for visits to conferences or exhibitions in the EU after Brexit, as there is no Brexit deal for the service industry.

5 Services Architects Jan 2021

As a result of Brexit, **architects from the UK** will have to demonstrate compliance on a state-by-state basis before calling themselves and operating as architects. See also Professional Qualifications below.

4 Citizens Trade Jan 2021

Amazon will **no longer transfer UK sellers' goods to the EU** in a move set to have major implications for merchants both sides of the border. Amazon has informed its UK sellers that "pan-European FBA (Fulfilled by Amazon) inventory transfers will stop between the UK and EU" on January 1 2021.