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UK progress in rolling over EU trade agreements

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This note is no longer being updated.

For information on rolled over trade agreements, please see Department for International Trade: [Existing UK trade agreements with non-EU countries](#).

While the UK remains in the EU, it is party to the EU's trade agreements with non-EU countries. These agreements are expected to no longer apply to the UK at the end of the transition period in the event of a deal or on Brexit day if there is no deal.

The Government aims to negotiate new deals with these countries to provide, as far as possible, continuity. If there is an agreement with the EU, the UK will continue to be bound by the obligations of the EU's trade agreements during the transition period. The EU will notify the third countries that the UK is to be treated as if it were a Member State during the transition period for the purposes of these agreements (Article 129 of the draft Withdrawal Agreement). It will be for the third countries to decide whether to do so.

The Government has provided [an update on progress in rolling these EU agreements over into broadly equivalent UK agreements](#). In most cases, a Parliamentary report, Explanatory Memorandum and the text of the Agreement have been published.

The first table below shows the agreements which have been rolled over or where the partner country is expected to sign shortly. These accounted for 7.2% of UK exports of goods in 2018. The second table shows agreements which have not yet been rolled over. These accounted for 8.1% of UK goods exports in 2018.

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EU trade agreements rolled over by UK				
	UK goods exports 2018		UK goods imports 2018	
	£ million	% of UK goods exports	£ million	% of UK goods imports
Antigua & Barbuda	19	0.0%	18	0.0%
Bahamas	60	0.0%	6	0.0%
Barbados	40	0.0%	11	0.0%
Belize	7	0.0%	72	0.0%
Botswana	36	0.0%	14	0.0%
Chile	598	0.2%	953	0.2%
Colombia	449	0.1%	446	0.1%
Costa Rica	68	0.0%	240	0.0%
Dominica	11	0.0%	1	0.0%
Dominican Republic	108	0.0%	107	0.0%
Ecuador	99	0.0%	155	0.0%
El Salvador	29	0.0%	14	0.0%
Eswatini	3	0.0%	10	0.0%
Faroe Islands	41	0.0%	208	0.0%
Fiji	17	0.0%	11	0.0%
Georgia	64	0.0%	12	0.0%
Grenada	14	0.0%	-	0.0%
Guatemala	35	0.0%	81	0.0%
Guyana	30	0.0%	29	0.0%
Honduras	12	0.0%	128	0.0%
Iceland	336	0.1%	482	0.1%
Israel	1,143	0.3%	1,113	0.2%
Jamaica	53	0.0%	40	0.0%
Jordan	258	0.1%	28	0.0%
Kosovo	7	0.0%	1	0.0%
Lebanon	359	0.1%	32	0.0%
Lesotho	2	0.0%	-	0.0%
Liechtenstein	19	0.0%	5	0.0%
Madagascar	11	0.0%	31	0.0%
Mauritius	85	0.0%	143	0.0%
Morocco	826	0.2%	686	0.1%
Mozambique	25	0.0%	106	0.0%
Namibia	46	0.0%	27	0.0%
Nicaragua	6	0.0%	43	0.0%
Norway	3,666	1.1%	20,416	4.2%
Palestinian Authority	7	0.0%	2	0.0%
Panama	173	0.1%	27	0.0%
Papua New Guinea	9	0.0%	77	0.0%
Peru	180	0.1%	395	0.1%
Seychelles	68	0.0%	68	0.0%
South Africa	2,015	0.6%	3,428	0.7%
South Korea	6,509	1.9%	4,221	0.9%
St Kitts & Nevis	6	0.0%	1	0.0%
St Lucia	20	0.0%	5	0.0%
St Vincent	14	0.0%	1	0.0%
Suriname	7	0.0%	1	0.0%
Switzerland	6,859	2.0%	6,496	1.3%
Trinidad & Tobago	163	0.0%	163	0.0%
Tunisia	176	0.1%	160	0.0%
Zimbabwe	46	0.0%	73	0.0%
Total	24,834	7.2%	40,787	8.4%

Sources: DIT, ONS Pink Book 2019, Table 9.14

EU trade agreements not yet rolled over by UK				
	UK goods exports 2018		UK goods imports 2018	
	£ million	% of UK goods exports	£ million	% of UK goods imports
Albania	19	0.0%	7	0.0%
Algeria	360	0.1%	2,240	0.5%
Andorra	8	0.0%	2	0.0%
Bosnia & Herzegovina	28	0.0%	20	0.0%
Cameroon	49	0.0%	47	0.0%
Canada	5,802	1.7%	6,101	1.3%
Egypt	1,218	0.4%	834	0.2%
Ghana	387	0.1%	429	0.1%
Ivory Coast	97	0.0%	196	0.0%
Japan	6,416	1.9%	9,716	2.0%
Kenya	394	0.1%	440	0.1%
Mexico	1,587	0.5%	1,259	0.3%
Moldova	41	0.0%	44	0.0%
Montenegro	18	0.0%	6	0.0%
North Macedonia	876	0.3%	71	0.0%
San Marino	8	0.0%	4	0.0%
Serbia	186	0.1%	236	0.0%
Singapore	4,820	1.4%	2,286	0.5%
Turkey	4,972	1.4%	8,754	1.8%
Ukraine	548	0.2%	533	0.1%
Total	27,834	8.1%	33,225	6.8%

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The Government has said that some agreements will not be transitioned by exit day. These include those with Japan and Turkey.

Commentary

The House of Lords European Union Committee has scrutinised the transitioned agreements. The Committee's reports are available on its [website](#).

Other comment:

- Julia Magntorn Garrett, [The UK's Continuity Trade Agreements: Missing in Inaction](#), UKTPO blog, 25 February 2019
- Nicolo Tamperi and L Alan Winters, [The UK's Continuity Trade Agreements: Is the roll-over complete?](#) UKTPO blog, 29 March 2019
- Julia Magntorn Garrett, Minako Morita-Jaeger and L Alan Winters, [Can the UK do better than just rolling over the trade agreement with Korea?](#), UKTPO Briefing Paper 31, June 2019

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