

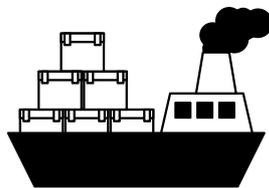
Are UK businesses prepared for trade after Brexit?

Research from the British Chambers of Commerce and Port of Dover finds that a third of traders rely on just-in-time delivery but many are not preparing for changes to customs procedures after Brexit.*



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36% of traders surveyed rely on **immediate delivery of material or components** as they are required.



29%

29% of firms are sensitive to **delays or congestion at UK or European ports** but are not yet planning for this.

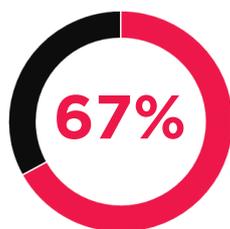


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33% of firms are sensitive to the **implementation of new customs procedures** between the UK and EU but are not yet planning for it.



13% of firms are planning to adapt to **new customs declaration software**.



67% of respondents say it's not likely that their business will **move its operations from their existing UK port** to a different UK port in the next three years.

30%

30% of respondents say the **infrastructure leading to and from UK ports** is not meeting their needs.



"The businesses most likely to be impacted by change at the border must start thinking through the consequences for their supply chains, freight forwarding arrangements, software requirements and budgets. Leave it too late, and firms could face even greater disruption or cost when the time comes for changes to border arrangements to be implemented."

Dr Adam Marshall Director General, British Chambers of Commerce

"There is no substitutable capacity elsewhere that can handle the type and volume of goods that Dover does. For the sake of UK plc, it is vital that fluidity at Dover and throughout the supply chain is maintained, by keeping checks away from the physical border, by bringing forward targeted road investment to key trading gateways such as A2 dualling to Dover linked to the Lower Thames Crossing which we support, and through the awareness raising of businesses."

Richard Christian Head of Policy and Communications, Port of Dover



*In February 2018, the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) surveyed online 850 internationally active companies (exporters and/or importers) from across the UK. The vast majority (96%) were SMEs with fewer than 250 employees.