

THE VOICE OF EUROPEAN TRADERS IN AGRI-FOOD COMMODITIES



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“EU Agriculture after Brexit-
Impact on trade flows”

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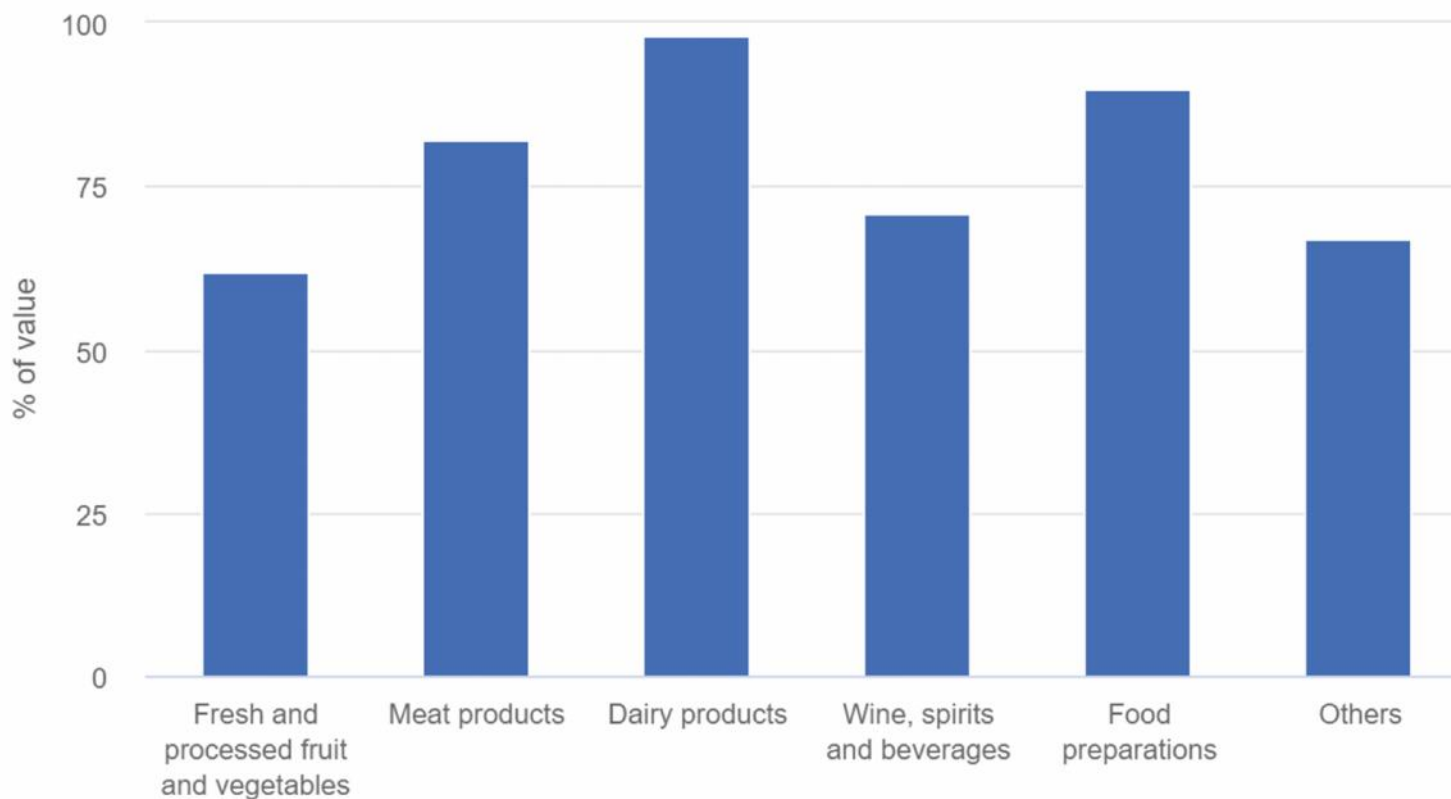


35 000 trading companies
from SMEs to global companies



Share of UK agri-food imports originating from the EU-27 (% of value, 2017)

Source: European Commission



EU-UK trade in agri-food after 31.12.2020

Uncertainty

- Deal or no Deal?
 - TRQs
 - Tariff?
 - Trade facilitations measures?
 - Will UK be allowed to export animal products to the EU?
 - Will UK be allowed to export ware and seed potatoes to the EU as per EU plant health requirements?
 - Will the UK be able to cope with volume of controls?
 - What modalities with the new IT system for customs in the UK?
 - What modalities of IPAFFs' system in the UK (new TRACES system for UK)
 - What level of checks in the UK?
 - If no deal, what contingency measures?

If a deal – impact of customs processes

- **Customs process**

Pre-notifications; SPS certificates; checks and controls; fees linked to controls

- Welcomes the gradual implementation of checks in the UK throughout 2021 but still concerns of

Bottlenecks – Will the UK have sufficient resources to do checks?

Lack of & Congestion at Border Control Posts – Calais is not a BCPs yet- Dunkirk not able to deal with unpacked animal products

Issue of groupage and mixed loads – how will they be treated?

⇒ **Expect delays at controls**

⇒ **Expect increase of costs for operators**

If no deal – some trade flows will disappear

If no deal, MFN will apply

- MFN prohibitive for many agri-food products
- EU origin to be replaced by competitors
- Ban on some UK products to export to EU? (seed and ware potatoes/ animal products?)

⇒ **Impact will be greater than Russian ban**

⇒ **What alternative markets in time of global trade contraction; closure of food services due to Covid-19 pandemic**

Impact for EU agriculture & trade

Loss of market access

- Competitors having FTAs with UK as from 1.1.2021
- Premium market for many goods

Costs

- Customs; regulatory; costs directly linked to customs processes
- From EU internal trade to international trade

Supply chains re-organisation



EU agri-food trade asks

Ambitious trade deal

- No tariff no TRQs
- Trade Facilitation measures

Green lines shall be implemented for all perishable products

- Timing is key for quality of goods

Withdrawal agreement shall be respected

- Need to secure free movement of goods between Northern Ireland and Ireland
(Expl of dairy: 600 to 700 million l of raw milk cross the border annually for processing

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Regulatory platform shall be created

- Divergence of standards and regulation to come: MRLs, food safety legislation, organic, GIs, labelling etc
- Need platform for dialogue to avoid major regulatory trade barriers

Direct line for help and direction

- Direct line at Commission level and Member States level to help traders and operators first months after 1.1.2021

EU Brexit fund

- EU agri-food chain shall have significant access to EU Brexit fund



Thank you!

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