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# UK progress in rolling over EU trade agreements

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The table below gives a list of the EU's trade agreements. The EU has trade agreements with around 70 partners. The number of *agreements* is lower as some cover more than one country. The EU's partners in these agreements range from large economies, such as Japan and South Korea, to very small economies such as Dominica and St Vincent & the Grenadines. The trade agreements account for around 14-15% of UK trade in goods.

These EU 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.

### Signed Agreements

The Government has provided an update on signed agreements on [gov.uk](http://gov.uk). Agreements have been signed (or have been agreed in principle) with the countries listed below. In most cases, a Parliamentary report, Explanatory Memorandum and the text of the Agreement have been published. The links below take you to these documents.

- [Chile](#)
- [Faroe Islands](#)  
[ESA](#) (Eastern and Southern African states - Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles and Zimbabwe. Madagascar has agreed in principle and is expected to sign shortly).<sup>1</sup>
- [Switzerland](#)<sup>2</sup>
- [Israel](#)
- [Palestinian Authority](#)
- [Fiji and Papua New Guinea](#)

<sup>1</sup> [Signed UK trade agreements transitioned from the EU](#)

<sup>2</sup> The Government has also published details of an Additional Agreement extending certain provisions of the UK/Swiss Trade Agreement to Liechtenstein, see [here](#).

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- [Cariforum](#) (Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago).<sup>3</sup> According to the Government, the other members of Cariforum (Bahamas and Suriname) have approved the agreement in principle and are expected to sign shortly.<sup>4</sup>
- [Iceland and Norway](#)
- [Andean countries](#) (Colombia, Peru, Ecuador)
- South Korea<sup>5</sup>
- [Central America](#) (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama)

### Agreements which will not be transitioned by exit day

The Government has said that some agreements will not be transitioned by exit day. These include the agreements with Japan and Turkey.<sup>6</sup>

### 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

### Table of trade agreements

In the main, the table below shows EU agreements with third countries in force or partially in force. The table includes (Deep and Comprehensive) Free Trade Agreements, Association Agreements, Stabilisation Agreements, Customs Unions and Economic Partnership Agreements.<sup>7</sup> It does not include Partnership and Co-operation Agreements. Details of the individual EU agreements are on the [European Commission website](#).

The table shows trade agreements only. The total number of EU agreements that the UK will need to replace covers a much wider range of subjects. It has been estimated that there could be more than 750 agreements in total (trade and non-trade).<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Department for International Trade Press Release, [UK signs trade continuity agreement with Caribbean countries](#), 22 March 2019

<sup>4</sup> [CARIFORUM-UK Economic Partnership Agreement](#)

<sup>5</sup> Department for International Trade Press Release, [UK and Korea to sign trade continuity deal to ensure businesses are ready to trade post-Brexit](#), 21 August 2019

<sup>6</sup> Department for International Trade Guidance: [Existing trade agreements if the UK leaves the EU with no deal](#), 18 July 2019

<sup>7</sup> EPAs are trade and development agreements between the EU and African, Caribbean and Pacific countries. EPAs aim to contribute to sustainable development and to reduce poverty. EPAs open up EU markets fully and immediately while permitting the partner countries a longer period to open up their markets.

<sup>8</sup> [After Brexit: the UK will need to renegotiate at least 759 treaties](#), *Financial Times*, 30 May 2017

## EU trade agreements in place or partly in place

	UK Goods Exports 2017		UK Goods Imports 2017	
	£ million	% of UK goods exports	£ million	% of UK goods imports
Albania	4	0.0%	..	..
Algeria	316	0.1%	1,393	0.3%
Andorra	5	0.0%	..	..
Antigua & Barbuda	4	0.0%	7	0.0%
Bahamas	11	0.0%	4	0.0%
Barbados	9	0.0%	..	..
Belize	13	0.0%	52	0.0%
Bosnia & Herzegovina	2	0.0%	1	0.0%
Botswana	24	0.0%	20	0.0%
Cameroon	16	0.0%	53	0.0%
Canada	5,935	1.8%	5,394	1.1%
Chile	571	0.2%	718	0.2%
Colombia	459	0.1%	473	0.1%
Comoros a)	..	..	..	..
Costa Rica	42	0.0%	244	0.1%
Cote d'Ivoire	92	0.0%	267	0.1%
Dominica	3	0.0%	..	..
Dominican Republic	69	0.0%	121	0.0%
Ecuador	79	0.0%	162	0.0%
Egypt	1,278	0.4%	622	0.1%
El Salvador	13	0.0%	8	0.0%
Eswatini b)	..	..	2	0.0%
Faroe Islands	16	0.0%	229	0.0%
Fiji	4	0.0%	27	0.0%
Georgia	71	0.0%	23	0.0%
Ghana	378	0.1%	198	0.0%
Grenada	1	0.0%	..	..
Guatemala	18	0.0%	95	0.0%
Guyana	12	0.0%	56	0.0%
Honduras	2	0.0%	130	0.0%
Iceland	334	0.1%	522	0.1%
Israel	1,238	0.4%	1,056	0.2%
Jamaica	48	0.0%	45	0.0%
Japan	6,364	1.9%	9,822	2.1%
Jordan	301	0.1%	189	0.0%
Kosovo	..	..	..	..
Lebanon	304	0.1%	6	0.0%
Lesotho	..	..	..	..
Liechtenstein	11	0.0%	1	0.0%
Madagascar	19	0.0%	30	0.0%
Mauritius	40	0.0%	162	0.0%
Mexico	1,692	0.5%	1,187	0.2%
Moldova	34	0.0%	45	0.0%
Montenegro	6	0.0%	16	0.0%
Morocco	769	0.2%	676	0.1%

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Mozambique	11	0.0%	78	0.0%
Namibia	39	0.0%	33	0.0%
Nicaragua	2	0.0%	46	0.0%
North Macedonia	839	0.2%	35	0.0%
Norway	3,223	1.0%	19,562	4.1%
Palestinian Authority	3	0.0%	..	..
Panama	118	0.0%	25	0.0%
Papua New Guinea	17	0.0%	117	0.0%
Peru	135	0.0%	340	0.1%
Samoa a)	14	0.0%	..	..
San Marino	..	..	..	..
Serbia	82	0.0%	204	0.0%
Seychelles	6	0.0%	63	0.0%
South Africa	2,358	0.7%	3,064	0.6%
South Korea	6,297	1.9%	4,568	1.0%
St Kitts & Nevis	2	0.0%	-	0.0%
St Lucia	3	0.0%	8	0.0%
St Vincent and the Grenadines	..	..	..	..
Suriname	7	0.0%	..	..
Switzerland	6,462	1.9%	7,945	1.7%
Syria a)	3	0.0%	5	0.0%
Trinidad & Tobago	65	0.0%	122	0.0%
Tunisia	112	0.0%	124	0.0%
Turkey	6,421	1.9%	8,830	1.9%
Ukraine	365	0.1%	373	0.1%
Zimbabwe	17	0.0%	69	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,208</b>	<b>13.9%</b>	<b>69,667</b>	<b>14.6%</b>

Source: European Commission, ONS Pink Book 2018, DIT

Notes:

a) countries not on DIT list. UK has very small amount of trade with these countries.

b) formerly Swaziland

Key:

Agreement transitioned or expected to be transitioned by exit day
Engagement ongoing
Will not be, or unlikely to be, transitioned by exit day

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