

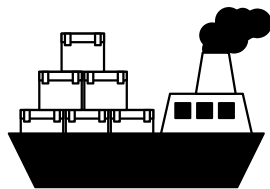
Are UK businesses prepared for trade after Brexit?

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.



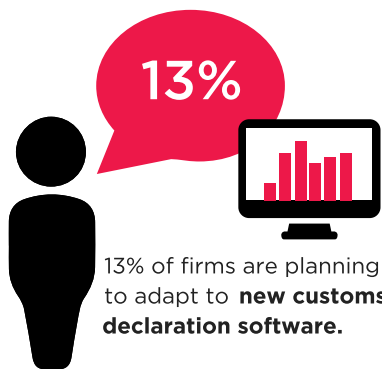
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29% of firms are sensitive to **delays or congestion at UK or European ports** but are not yet planning for this.

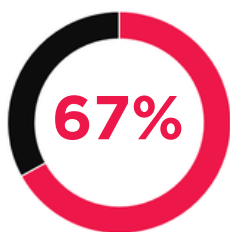


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33% of firms are sensitive to the **implementation of new customs procedures** between the UK and EU but are not yet planning for it.



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.



"Those likely to be most impacted must start planning for potential consequences on supply chains or freight forwarders, software requirements and budgets. Leave it too late, and firms could face disruption or added costs when the time comes for changes 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

