

## Seafish launches guide to help sector face Brexit

The public body that supports the UK seafood industry, Seafish, published a guide to support seafood businesses in preparing for Brexit.

The guide, titled UK Seafood Industry Guide – Preparing your Business for EU Exit, was produced by Seafish’s regulation team, and it aims to provide practical guidance to seafood businesses on day-to-day scenarios likely to be experienced from 29 March.

**Table 1: Potential impact on trade scenarios**

Trade	Impact
Businesses using non UK fish for further processing and placing on the UK market	No impact on trade in finished goods. There may be incoming tariffs on material sourced outside of the UK.
Businesses using non UK fish for further processing and placing on the EU27 market under a UK FTA	In addition to incoming tariffs, the finished product would not meet the 'wholly originating criteria' of the FTA and would be subject to tariffs in the importing country which will be passed on the purchaser.
Businesses exporting UK seafood to the EU market (with or without further processing)	Not affected as would meet 'wholly originating' criteria.
Businesses exporting UK seafood to EU businesses for export to a non EU country under a FTA	EU businesses cannot use UK material as this would not meet the criteria of the FTA. This will result in loss of market share for UK business.

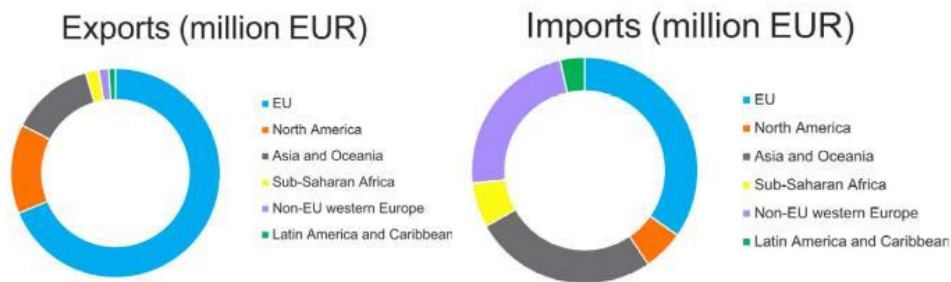
*Potential impact scenarios.*

The document was designed to be accessible and user-friendly. It has technical notices, government communications and other relevant information to help seafood businesses to prepare for Brexit.

The topics covered are:

- Food safety
- Traceability
- Product labelling
- Protected Geographical Indicators (PGIs)
- Importing and exporting to EU and non-EU countries





Source: H.M. Revenue and Customs, Rabobank 2018

*70% of the seafood produced in the UK is exported to EU and the domestic market is depending only by 30% on the imports from the bloc. 20% of seafood imports come from third countries that have a preferential trade agreement with EU, such as Faroe Islands, Norway or Iceland.*

It also signposts businesses to information and resources less specific to seafood sector. “While no one can provide all of the answers to the questions raised by leaving the EU and the form it will take, our guide to preparing your business for EU exit provides practical advice that seafood businesses can take now to prepare for all contingencies,” Seafish Head of Regulation Fiona Wright commented.

“We will continue to update this guide on our website as further information becomes available, as part of our continuing work of interpreting and understanding the changing landscape and identifying risks and promoting opportunities for the entire seafood sector,” she added.

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