

BILCO POLICY BRIEF- DECEMBER 2021

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Updated 24 November 2021	<p>Department for International Trade Trade and investment factsheets</p> <p>A snapshot of the UK's trade and investment positions with individual trading and investment partners overseas.</p> <p>Our 3 largest partners (US, Germany and China) had the following trade in goods and services in the four quarters to the end of Q2 2021 compared to the four quarters to the end of Q2 2020:</p> <p><u>US</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total UK exports amounted to £126.4 billion (a decrease of 9.9%); ▪ Total UK imports amounted to £75.2 billion (a decrease of 8.1%). <p><u>Germany</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total UK exports amounted to £47.2 billion (a decrease of 10.2%); ▪ Total UK imports amounted to £67.1 billion (a decrease of 0.3%). <p><u>China</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total UK exports amounted to £25.4 billion (a decrease of 30.0%); ▪ Total UK imports amounted to £67.6 billion (an increase of 39.5%). 	Collection
Updated 23 November 2021	<p>Department for International Trade UK trade agreements with non-EU countries</p> <p>Total trade value for each country or trading bloc updated to 2020 statistics.</p>	Guidance
16 November 2021	<p>Department for International Trade Made in the UK, Sold to the World: New strategy to boost exports to £1 trillion</p>	Press release
15 November 2021	<p>Department for International Trade Trade Secretary urges UK businesses to "Sell to the World"</p>	Press release
11 November 2021	<p>Department for Transport UK confirms pledge for zero-emission HGVs by 2040 and unveils new chargepoint design</p>	News story
11 November 2021	<p>Government Office for Science New Foresight Project launched to support UK's 2050 net zero target</p>	News story
10 November 2021	<p>Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs World-leading Environment Act becomes law</p>	Press release
9 November 2021	<p>Ministry of Defence £100-million investment for maritime electronic warfare capabilities</p>	News story

9 November 2021	Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities The European Union (Withdrawal) Act and Common Frameworks: 26 March to 25 June 2021 The twelfth European Union (Withdrawal) Act and Common Frameworks statutory report detailing the progress on the development of common frameworks.	Policy paper overview
8 November 2021	Department for Transport Planning reforms for lorry parking	Written statement to Parliament
Updated 8 November 2021	Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Building Safety Bill: factsheets	Guidance
3 November 2021	Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities £200 million boost to help level up communities across the UK Two Plymouth projects have been awarded over a million pounds between them in the Government's new Community Renewal Fund. Plymouth's trailblazer National Marine Park has been awarded £655,873 while the Stonehouse Union is to receive £542,893.	Press release
27 October 2021	Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Freeports	Guidance
27 October 2021	Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Levelling Up Fund: first round successful bidders The Woolwell to The George transport scheme has been awarded £19.9 million from the Government's Levelling Up Fund to tackle congestion and improve public transport on one of our busiest roads.	Guidance
21 October 2021	Department for International Trade UK calls on G7 to help build stronger and greener supply chains	Press release
21 October 2021	Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration Call for evidence: An inspection of the immigration system as it relates to the higher education sector	News story
20 October 2021	Department for International Trade UK agrees historic trade deal with New Zealand	Press release
20 October 2021	Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy UK-led international summit sets new horizons for innovation	Press release
15 October 2021	Home Office Further boost for people applying for EU Settlement Scheme	News story
01 October 2021	Home Office Insecure ID cards phased out as travel document to strengthen UK borders	News story
01 October 2021	Department for International Trade Dedicated hotline and online service launched for UK exporters	Press release

30 September 2021	Marine Management Organisation Fishing industry in 2020 statistics published	Press release
28 September 2021	Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs UK Government announces outcome of EU fishing licence applications	News story
28 September 2021	Department for International Trade UK kickstarts talks to join £9 trillion global trade bloc	Press release
16 September 2021	Cabinet Office Government launches plans to capitalise on new Brexit freedoms	Press release

Legislation going through parliament

Government Bills and Acts

- [Environment Act 2021](#) – Received Royal Assent 09.11.21
- [National Insurance Contributions Bill](#) – 2nd Reading 01.12.2021 HoL
 A Bill to make provision in relation to national insurance contributions. The Bill deals with the following matters:
 - Introduces a new secondary Class 1 National Insurance contributions (NICs) relief for employers of Freeport employees.
 - Introduces a new secondary Class 1 NICs relief for employers of armed forces veterans.
 - Introduces an exemption for self-isolation support scheme payments from Class 2 and Class 4 NICs.
 - Widens the existing power to make regulations that impose requirements to disclose information in relation to arrangements that aim to avoid NICs.
- [Professional Qualifications Bill](#)- 2nd Reading TBC HofC
 The Professional Qualifications Bill creates a new framework for the recognition of professional qualifications and experience gained overseas and takes steps to reform regulators' practices. It will revoke and replace the interim system for professional qualifications that derives from the UK's membership of the EU.
- [Subsidy Control Bill](#)- Report stage TBC HofC
 A Bill to make provision regulating the giving of subsidies out of public resources; and for connected purposes.