

Taking a lead in Agri-Food Policy post-Brexit

EU BREXIT negotiations

A perspective from FEFAC & EU agrofood chain partners

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Introduction

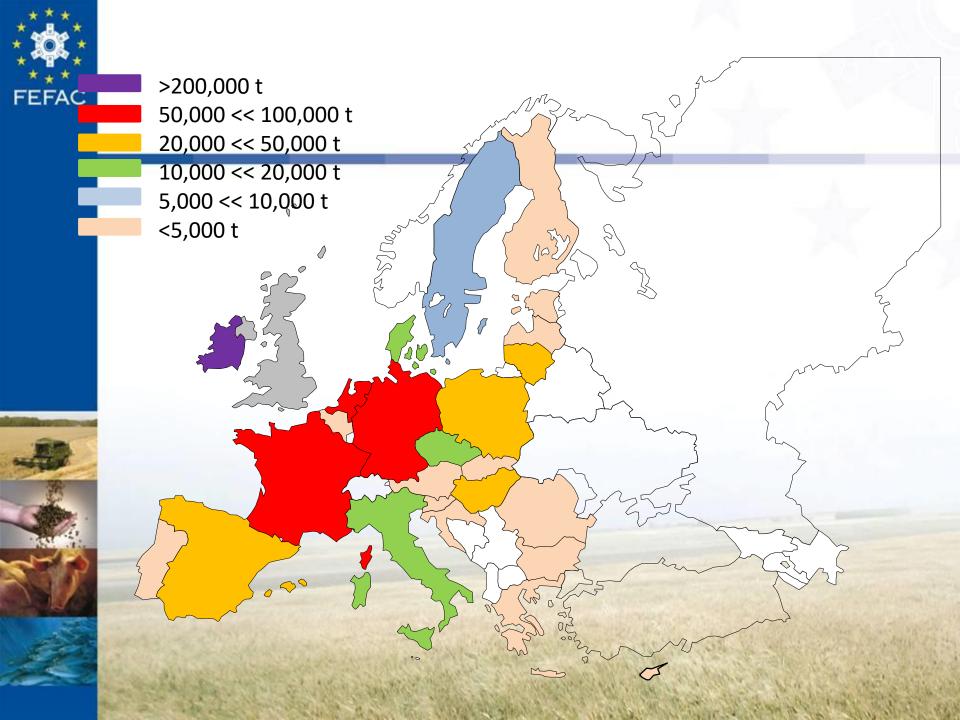
- Update on economic impact assessments for Agro-food chain
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UK Trade compound feed & premixtures with EU-27 (in tonnes)

				Import 2016	Export 2016	
	CN	Composition	Type of feed	(tonnes)	(tonnes)	Import duty
		Starch<10%				
	23099031	Milk products <10%	Fish feed?	5,065	13,350	23 €/t
		Starch<10%				
	23099033	10% <milk <50%<="" products="" td=""><td>Piglet feed?</td><td>1,571</td><td>1,011</td><td>498 €/t</td></milk>	Piglet feed?	1,571	1,011	498 €/t
		Starch<10%				
	23099035	50% <milk <75%<="" products="" td=""><td>Milk replacers?</td><td>6,505</td><td>336</td><td>730 €/t</td></milk>	Milk replacers?	6,505	336	730 €/t
		Starch<10%				
	23099039	Milk products >75%	Milk replacers?	1,923	93	948 €/t
und		10% <starch<30%< th=""><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th></starch<30%<>				
4	23099041	Milk products <10%	Fish feed?	14,788	91,554	55 €/t
-		10% <starch<30%< th=""><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th></starch<30%<>				
	23099043	10% <milk <30%<="" products="" td=""><td>Piglet feed?</td><td>762</td><td>2,944</td><td>530 €/t</td></milk>	Piglet feed?	762	2,944	530 €/t
		Starch>30%	Complete cereals based			
	23099051	Milk products <10%	feed	225,694	65,849	102 €/t
5		Starch>30%				
	23099053	10% <milk <50%<="" products="" td=""><td>Piglet feed?</td><td>354</td><td>12,601</td><td>577 €/t</td></milk>	Piglet feed?	354	12,601	577 €/t
		Starch=0				
	23099070	Milk products>0	Milk replacers?	22,232	15,905	948 €/t
		Starch=0				
à	23099096	Milk products=0	Premixtures?	60,721	111,203	9,6%
	Total			339,705	314,895	





UK Trade compound feed & premixtures with EU-27 (value in K€)

		_		Import 2016	Export 2016
	CN	Composition	Type of feed	(value)	(value)
		Starch<10%			
	23099031	Milk products <10%	Fish feed?	10,014	49,539
		Starch<10%			
	23099033	10% <milk <50%<="" products="" th=""><th>Piglet feed?</th><th>1,529</th><th>1,233</th></milk>	Piglet feed?	1,529	1,233
		Starch<10%			
	23099035	50% <milk <75%<="" products="" td=""><td>Milk replacers?</td><td>7,890</td><td>614</td></milk>	Milk replacers?	7,890	614
		Starch<10%			
	23099039	Milk products >75%	Milk replacers?	2,542	101
		10% <starch<30%< th=""><th></th><th></th><th></th></starch<30%<>			
4	23099041	Milk products <10%	Fish feed?	15,129	27,620
1		10% <starch<30%< th=""><th></th><th></th><th></th></starch<30%<>			
1	23099043	10% <milk <30%<="" products="" th=""><th>Piglet feed?</th><th>743</th><th>2,681</th></milk>	Piglet feed?	743	2,681
10		Starch>30%	Complete cereals based		
	23099051	Milk products <10%	feed	180,166	42,503
,		Starch>30%			
		10% <milk <50%<="" products="" th=""><th>Piglet feed?</th><th>469</th><th>9,063</th></milk>	Piglet feed?	469	9,063
		Starch=0			
100		Milk products>0	Milk replacers?	25,509	16,688
		Starch=0			
Ġ		Milk products=0	Premixtures?	60,303	151,108
	Total			304,412	301,207



EU grain and feed trade impact assessment

COCERAL / FEFAC / PFP

- 1,4 Bio € Total value of grain & feed trade covering all major grains and oilseeds plus feedstuff, such as oil meals, grain-byproducts, PKE and Beet Pulp Pellets (BPP);
- Most affected commodities: wheat (1), barley (2), corn (3), corn gluten feed (4) and soymeal (5).
- UK feed wheat has historically been exported in large volume to Europe – currently this is not the case due to current UK bioethanol and feed demand
- However, relative importance of transshipment between EU and UK via Rotterdam remains "greyzone" area, as Eurostat figures do not allow discrimination of "final" EU destination





EU agro food chain impact assessments

- Total EU-UK trade in goods €610 billion
- Food Drink Europe
 - EU27-UK trade in food & drinks ± €55 billion
- Copa-Cogeca
 - EU27 food & agriculture exports to UK: €45 billion
 - UK food & agriculture exports to EU27: £11 billion
 - UK a net importer, total trade worth €56 billion
- Most affected food & drink categories
 - Cheese, Beef & other meats and animal-derived products
 - Wine & spirits
 - Compound feed ranked N°6 (incl petfood) but key input to 9 out of top 15 food categories





EU agro food sector positions on BREXIT

- COPA-COGECA: Farmers and their families shouldn't have to pay the price of Brexit
- FoodDrinkEurope: Need an extended period of transition...and post-Brexit arrangement should recognise the significant economic interdependency
- FEFAC: Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement between the UK and the EU-27, based on EU standards, would be the best outcome for the EU and UK feed & livestock sector



EU agro food sector positions on **BREXIT**

COCERAL/UNISTOCK:

- Ensure adequate access for the UK to the EU Single Market and vice versa, including the prevention of tariffs, indirect taxes or regulatory barriers that could affect the trade and existing good business practices
- Balanced agreement that maintains common customs practices and clearance procedures



The view from Brussels

- There is no blueprint, but genuine goodwill to reach amicable divorce settlement prevails
- EU will not compromise on key freedoms
- HOWEVER there is still a large room of manoeuvre between WTO « default » scenario (in nobody's interest) and single market access to move towards as close as possible trade relationship scenario as requested by AIC and all European Agro-Food trade associations



The view from Brussels

- Michel Barnier EU Commission: a free trade agreement can be reached within 3 years, starting from December [2017]!
- Donald Tusk EU Council:
 EU/UK negotiators achieved considerable progress...!!
- Antonio Tajani European Parliament /
 20 Bio € are peanuts... (?)





the timetable & process

- June 2017 : Start
- September 2018 : End = 14 Months of negotiation
- October 2018: Legal & Linguistic Revision
- February 2019: European Parliament by simple majority vote (incl. UK) ahead of general EP elections in May 2019
- March 2019: EU Council by Qualified Majority
- April 2019 UK leaves EU withTransition period
 (?)



Outlook e.g. next steps: « Soft landing or ...what? »

The day after...

The main short term focus of the EU/UK grain and feed trade is the UK/EU border & customs procedures & admin capacity to prevent a major logjam....hence need to achieve clarity and legal certainty for operators on transition period asap to run as long as possible!

The long run....

- UK must make its preferred choice on the shape& scope of future comprehensive, ambitious Free – Trade Agreement public SOON
- any future EU27-UK trade agreement must ensure minimal trade disruption by:
 - Maximum collaboration on SPS measures and technical standards
 - Minimal divergence in application of such standards





How to proceed?

- Regardless of the UK standards post-Brexit, any UK feed/food exporter wishing to trade with the EU under a free trade agreement has to comply with any EU food law relating to product standards
- EU should formally acknowledge final UK repeal bill as "equivalent" to allow continued trade during transition period on current conditions



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