

European Livestock and Meat Trades Union – UECBV

Brexit & TCA **Implications for Meat Trade**

CDG Beef - remote meeting
16th April 2021

Current State of Play

- **Trade & Cooperation Agreement** very welcome (No Tariffs / No Quotas ...but trading environment significantly changed)
- Trade and logistic problems evident – ***free trade but not frictionless trade***
- Cost of trade has increased (up to 40%)
- Groupage, return loads, landbridge, BCPs
- Customs controls, certification, SPS checks, GB-NI trade

| UK food and drink exports | | | |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|--------|
| | Jan-20 | Jan-21 | Change |
| All food and drink | £1.7bn | £824.9m | -51.1% |
| EU | £1.0bn | £256.4m | -75.5% |
| Non-EU | £639.9m | £568.5m | -11.1% |

| UK food and drink imports | | | |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| | Jan-20 | Jan-21 | Change |
| All food and drink | £3.8bn | £3.1bn | -18.1% |
| EU | £2.6bn | £1.9bn | -24.8% |
| Non-EU | £1.2bn | £1.2bn | -4.1% |

Areas still to be addressed

- UK Border Operating model – next phase 1st October (SPS checks, certification & IPAFFS for EU exports to UK)
- Massive certification undertaking for EU businesses and authorities (pre-export certification concerns)
- Anomaly of chilled meat preps/products, chilled mince, triangular trade
- Groupage – implications for SMEs in particular / Just-in-time system
- TRACES NT – ready for 1st October?
- EU – UK veterinary agreement?
- Longer term – new UK bilateral trade deals



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Thank you very much for your attention!