



# OECD Survey inspection services on the effect of Brexit

After the departure of the UK of the EU and as **Brexit** unfolded, the OECD Scheme for Fruits and Vegetables has been closely monitoring the mounting impact on the fresh produce sector.

That's why we are now launching a survey of all inspectorates dealing with quality control on basis of the marketing standards. Other stakeholders will be also be interviewed.

We kindly ask you to fill in this survey as complete as possible. Even if there is no impact we would like to know and hear that from you.

The results of the survey will be reflected in a report to be presented to the Plenary Meeting of the Scheme for Fruits and Vegetables of the OECD later this year.

Thanks for your valued cooperation.

*You can use as much space as you need for your reply. Feel free to add other documents/studies or statistics as an annexe to your response to this survey!*

<b>Your country:</b>	
<b>Your inspection service (contact details: Name of the service, address, email, telephone, contact person)</b>	

**If your country is not involved in trade with the UK, you can jump to question 11**

**If there is no impact of Brexit on your service at all, also jump to question 12**

	Questions	your reply
1	<b>Did you see at some point disruption of:</b>	
	the normal trade flows?	
	customs procedures?	
	harbour congestion?	
	was it temporary or not?	
	if it happened, did it have an impact on the quality of the produce?	
2	<b>Did you change your internal procedures for:</b>	
	requests of control?	
	issuing certificates?	
	what is the status of the digitalisation of certification in your country?	
	has the digital certificate still to be printed?	
	is there a significant change in the number of interventions of the inspection services?	
	do you have specific arrangements for smaller and occasional exporters?	
	do you have special arrangements for regular and bigger trade?	
3	<b>In the EU-UK agreement is specified that operators must prove that their products fulfil all necessary 'rules of origin' requirements.</b>	
	Is the verification of the country of origin an issue at import/export/re-export?	
	If you are a country outside the EU, did you encounter issues?	
4	<b>Are there new or additional charges/costs for</b>	
	Import inspection?	
	export inspection?	
	delivery of certificates? (conformity certificate- phytosanitary certificate)	
5	<b>Will your service deliver phytosanitary certificates?</b> (we are aware that phytosanitary certificates will only enter into force in July 2022)	
	Will there be extra charges?	
	Do you have enough staff to coop with this?	
	How long does it take to deliver a PS?	
	Do you deliver the PS digitally?	
	In case your service is not delivering the PS, who is in charge? Are you aware of their procedures? Is there collaboration with them	
6	<b>Did you organise extra information or training for your traders?</b>	
7	<b>Did your service recruit new staff?</b>	
	If yes, how many for which functions?	

	Does this have a major impact on the budget of your service?	
	What are the qualifications of the new staff members?	
	Are they used for different products, or only for fruits and vegetables?	
<b>8</b>	<b>How is the cooperation with the customs authorities of your country?</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Behaviour of exporters</b>	
	Did your exporters set up subsidiaries in the UK?	
	Did your producers or producer organisations continue to work with their traditional exporters or did they change partners after Brexit?	
	Did you see smaller exporters who used to have occasional trade with the UK stop this trade? Did other exporters take over this kind of business?	
	Smaller consignments were sometimes used for special niche products. Did this change?	
	Did Brexit change the use of groupage-transport consignments? (goods from different operators in one truck or ship of transport)	
	Are you aware of possible problems with groupage transport?	
<b>10</b>	<b>Do you see changes in the trade flow of fruits and vegetables to and from the UK?</b>	
	Could you describe them	
	Is there a change in trade flows goods coming from 3 <sup>rd</sup> countries imported through the EU and re-export to the UK	
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	Is there a change in the flow of fruits and vegetables coming from the UK?	
	Can you add official trade statistics (import-export)? For the years before and after Brexit	
	Sometimes, statistics do not tell the whole story, do you see other reasons for the changes in trade figures (seasonal, climate, transport, covid-19, production situation, competitors, etc...)	
	Do you see other reasons than Brexit or covid-19 with a major impact on trade?	
<b>11</b>	<b>A question only for counties outside the EU:</b>	
	Does your country benefit from a new trade agreement with the UK?	
	If yes,	
	o do you see changes in trade flows thanks to this agreement?	
	o did you see changes in import procedures/complexity?	
	If not?	
	o Do you see changes in your trading possibilities?	
	o did you see changes in import procedures/complexity?	

	Is your country exporting directly to the UK or through the EU?	
<b>12</b>	<b>If your country has no traditional trade in fruit and vegetables with the UK or there is no impact on the functioning of your inspection service(s)</b>	
	Impact of Brexit	<b>yes</b>
	Impact on trade to and from the UK	
	Impact on your inspection service	
	Since the trade of fruits and vegetables of other countries might be more difficult. And even some exporters stopped exporting to the UK. Did this have an impact on trade coming to your county now? (Displacement impact).	
	If other countries (around your region) or 3 <sup>rd</sup> countries are benefitting from extra export to the UK do you see an impact on your market (like less import or changing prices)?	
<b>13</b>	<b>How do you see the future of fruit and vegetable trade with the UK?</b>	
	Short term/long term	
	Even if you do not have trade with the UK today, you might have an idea of a possible impact in the near or longer future? collateral damage or unexpected benefits?	
<b>14</b>	<b>References for additional interviews</b>	
	Could you supply some names of active exporters/importers dealing (import or export) with the UK and willing to be contacted for a very small interview? (e-mail)	
	Could you supply us with some names of farmers or farmers organisations and willing to be contacted for a very small interview? (The situation for producers might differ from the situation of the traders). (e-mail)	
<b>15</b>	If you have comments or considerations not covered by the above questions you can leave them in this box on the right	

The number of annexes added: ....

All your answers will be processed with the necessary confidentiality and will be included generally in a final report that will be presented to the plenary session of the OECD Scheme.

Please send all your replies to this survey to the OECD Secretariat [Jose.Brambila@oecd.org](mailto:Jose.Brambila@oecd.org) ; [Marie.Russel@oecd.org](mailto:Marie.Russel@oecd.org) by **22 June 2022**