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Exportation trumps deportation

UK can't export EU's illegal migrants but increases exports of goods to EU instead



While UK and EU officials continue to lock horns over deportations to Rwanda, another export policy is meeting with much greater success.

UK exports to EU at their highest ever

According to figures from the ONS:

“EU exports have increased for the third consecutive month in April 2022 and are at the highest levels since records began.”

The headline figures are indeed extraordinary:

- Total exports of goods increased by £2.2 billion (7.4%) in April 2022 compared with March 2022
- Exports to EU countries increased by £1.2 billion (8.1%)
- Exports to non-EU countries increased by £0.9 billion (6.5%)
- Exports to the EU are now at the highest levels since records began

CIBUK (<https://cibuk.org/>) – the longest-established organisation for independence, freedom and democracy in the UK – highlights the astonishing performance of UK exports to the EU in the last month alone. The summary is below and the **[full report is now available here.](#)**



"For years, we were told by Remainers that Brexit would be disastrous for British exporters: that we needed to be part of the EU single market if we were not to experience a catastrophic collapse in trade. These new figures show just how wrong the naysayers were.

"Nimble, innovative British businesses have demonstrated that their world-beating products have a ready market in the EU and in the rest of the world. There is no need to surrender our national independence to trade successfully with our European neighbours - and there never was."

- The Rt Hon David Jones MP, Deputy Chairman of the ERG and former Brexit Minsiter, 15 June 2022



What are we selling to the EU?

- Exports to EU countries £1.4bn higher than to non-EU countries
- Machinery & transport equipment: £0.6bn increase
- Fuels: £0.5bn increase
- UK increasing exports of gas to continental Europe to fill storage sites.

Oh the irony. Four out of the top five UK export markets are in the EU:

1. *USA*
2. *Germany*
3. *Netherlands*
4. *Ireland*
5. *France*

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The UK's on-going battle with the EU over its migration policy stands in marked contrast to the performance of its exporters who are now exporting more to the EU than ever before. The UK is still subject to the provisions of the European Court of Human Rights, hence the current impasse. UK exporters by comparison are rising to the challenge as the latest figures illustrate.

For editors and journalists

[The full report is now available here.](#)

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About CIBUK: The Campaign for an Independent Britain ([CIBUK](#)) is a non-party political campaigning organisation of people from all walks of life. It is the UK's longest-running membership organisation for freedom, democracy and independence.

Founded in 1969, for over 50 years the CIBUK has made a significant contribution in campaigning on issues important to the majority of our population and in securing our exit from the European Union. Now it's time for the next chapter.