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### ***EXCLUSIVE: UK exports to EU are up 26.6% since the Referendum***

*Despite Covid and 'despite Brexit', the UK's exporters are steaming ahead*



**CIBUK presents the true picture of the UK's export performance since we voted 'Leave'**

**CIBUK.Org** and its affiliate **Facts4EU.Org** have reviewed the latest trade figures for the United Kingdom from the Office for National Statistics. In our report just published we compare the 2021 totals with the pre-Referendum year of 2015.

We also review the latest Q1 2022 figures from yesterday with the same period in 2016, just before we voted to leave the European Union.

With the unremitting flow of negativity from the BBC and others, many people would be forgiven for thinking that exports from Brexit Britain to the EU have fallen. In fact the opposite is true, as we show below.

CIBUK (<https://cibuk.org/>) – the longest-established organisation for independence, freedom and democracy in the UK - brings you its latest exclusive research-article. The summary is below and the [full report is now available here](#).

## Commenting, CIBUK's Comms Director, Ben Philips, said:

*"Yesterday the BBC seemed to take pleasure in reporting that the OECD are now forecasting the UK will be the slowest-growing economy in the G7 in 2023.*

*"We would point out to the Beeb that the Paris-based OECD's record of economic forecasting is as bad as that of the UK's 'Office for Budget Responsibility', set up by arch-Remainer and former Chancellor George Osborne.*

*"Prominent commentators in Germany are now predicting a recession in their country – the largest economy in the EU. We have yet to see this on the BBC.*

*"It's easy to look at the negatives. In our report above, produced in association with our affiliated organisation **Facts4EU.Org**, we've presented positive news. Total exports to the EU were up 17% last year, compared to the pre-Referendum year. In the last quarter they were up by almost 27%, compared to the same quarter in 2016.*

*"Given the falls in trade across the world as a result of Covid-19, this is an impressive achievement from Brexit Britain. Yes, we're facing difficult economic times but then so is the EU and so are a great many other countries around the world."*

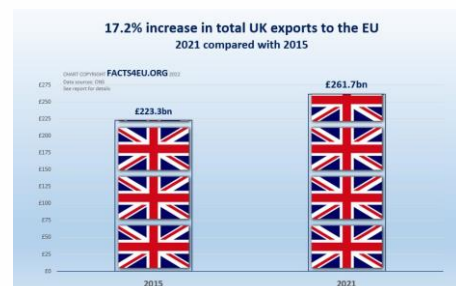
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## Summary

### Total exports of goods and services to the EU

Whole year numbers - 2021 compared with 2015, the pre-Referendum year

- 2015 : £ 223.3bn
- 2021 : £ 261.7bn – an increase of 17.2%



[Source: Latest ONS official data, UK total trade, seasonally adjusted, released Wed 27 July 2022.]

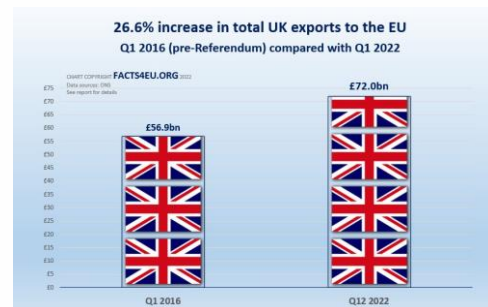
## Let's bring things up to date – how did Brexit Britain do in the latest results for Q1 2022?

Next we look at the ONS results for Q1 (Jan-Mar 2022), released yesterday. In this case we can review the quarterly data and compare Q1 2022 with the same quarter in 2016 – just before the UK's EU Referendum.

And the news gets even better.

### Total exports of goods and services to the EU Q1 2022 versus Q1 2016

- Q1 2016 : £56.9bn
- Q1 2022 : £72.0bn – an increase of 26.6%



For the full report click here: <https://cibuk.org/uk-exports-to-eu-july-2022-1/>

### 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.