# **NERF - BREXIT**

mpacts today and on the expected upcoming policy changes

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# We are a big importer – % by source in 2018

By value of trade £460B

Germany		Netherlands			Fran	ce	China			nadar
							9.18%			1.98%
14.3%		7.7	78%		5.84	.%	Turkey 1.83%	Vietnam 0.9%		
Belgium- Luxembourg	Sp	ain	Irelan	d	Pola	and	India 1.48%			
<b>5.63</b> % <sub>3.4</sub>		7%	2.84	%	2.44	4%	United	1	South Africa	
Italy 4.26%	Switzerl		Denmark 1.2%		ssia L5%		States		1.35	%
Norway	Swede 1.4						7.49	%		
3.97%	Czechi 1.4						Canada 1.98%			



# Imports – % by EU source in 2018

By value of trade £268B

Germany	Belgium- Luxembourg	Ital	y	No	orway	
	8.98%	6.79%		6.32%		
22.9%	Spain	Switzerland	Sweden		Czechia	
Netherlands	5.53%	2.44%	2.31	۱%	2.25%	
12.4%	Ireland 4.54%	Denmark 1.91%		96		
France	Poland	Russia 1.83%				
9.32%	3.89%	Austria 1.22%				



# Imports to UK – Paper goods 2018

By value of trade £8.5B

Kaolin Coated Paper	Paper Containers		Unco Pape	Cellulose Fibers Paper			se		
12.4%	8.86%		6.76%		6.75%			%	
Brochures	Sulfate Chemical Woodpulp	cal Shaped Paper		Facial Tissue		Other Print Material			
	<b>4.8</b> % 3.51		51%	3.48	3.48%			3.3%	
12%	Other Uncoated M Paper		wsprint	Postag Stamps	;	Pape Labe			
Toilet Paper	4.22%		2.8%	1.92	%	1.5	6%		
Toneer aper	Uncoated Kraft		2.65%						
11%	11% Paper 4.08%		cards 1.99%	Wallpaper 0.68%					



# Imports to UK – Plastic and rubber goods 2018

By value of trade £18B

Other Plastic Products 11.7%	Raw Plastic Sheeting 8.82%	Ethylene Polymers 7.08%		Polyacetals 5.77%		Propylene Polymers 4.4%	
Rubber Tires	Other Plastic Sheetings <b>4.13%</b>	Self- adhesive Plastics <b>2.53%</b>	Amino- resins	Plastic Building Materials	Styren Polym	ers	Vinyl Chloride Polymers
11.2%	Other Rubber Products <b>3.89%</b>	Rubber Pipes	Plastic		1.87 Plastic Wash 0.89%	90	1.86%
Plastic Lids	Plastic Pipes 2.78%	Polyamides	Synthet	Apparel 22% ic Rubber 18%	0.67%	0.63%	
9.8%	Plastic Housewares 2.78%	Acrylic Polymer 1.57%	s Silicor	1.18% Silicone 1.17%			



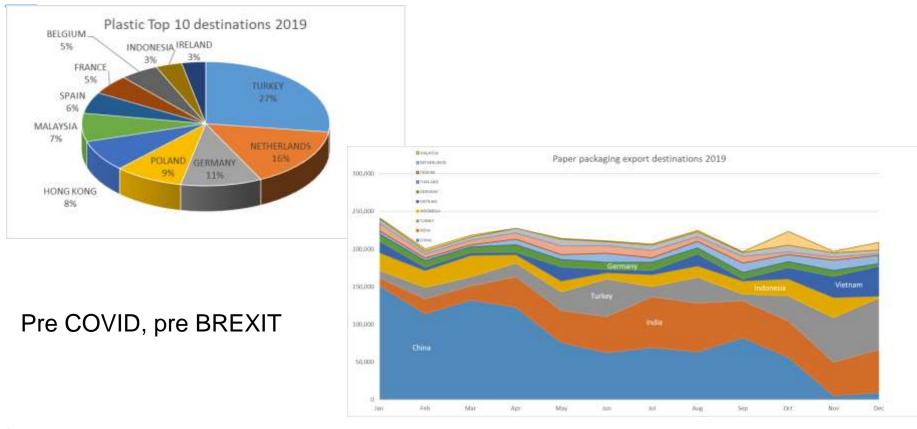
# Imports to UK – origins of raw plastic sheeting - 2018

By value of trade £1.6B

Germany		Belgium- Luxembourg		ance	Turkey	China	
					4.9%	3.62%	
22.1%		8.54%	6.0	65%	Israel 1.67%	South Soudi Korea Arabia 0.85% 0.85%	
Italy	Poland	Portugal		Finland	1.18% India 1.05%		
5.8%	<b>4.</b> 37%		1.66%	1.61%	Unite	d	
Netherlands	Ireland 3.64%	Denmark 1.29%	Czechia 0.9%	0.9%	State	S	
	Spain	Sweden 1.28%	Hungary 0.68%		7.92%		
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# Waste recycling and secondary resources IS an international affair





#### **Balance of trade**

Balance of trade is still negative (import more than we export)



#### **BREXIT** is

- Making imports and exports more 'sticky' due to paper work etc, some of which will unwind with practice.
- EU exports and imports still very important
- Balance of trade is still more 'import than export'
- In some ways easier to use pre existing non EU routes for export than EU due to learning curves and 'early months friction'

# **Policy foundations pre BREXIT**

UK has generally sought to transpose EU waste and circular economy regulations into UK law, which has historically helped bring about:

- Reduction in landfill
- Increase in recycling
- Cross political support for better management of waste
- Consolidation of thinking around the circular economy





# **Policy diversion after BREXIT ?**

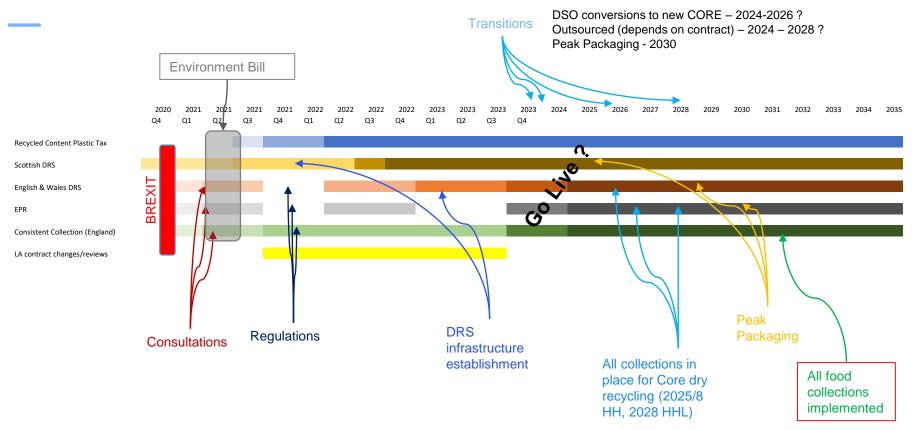
Going forward,



- Will weight based targets be replaced ? (by either side, in what way)
- Will the definition of waste subtly morph?
- Will it lead to better definition of separate collection ?
- EU Ecodesign UK Eco Design One and the same ?
- Would a change of policy in say the importation of a EU prohibited substance into the UK, prevent wastes or recycled materials being able to enter the EU?
- Is BASEL and non OECD exports a blip or a divergence ?



## **Timetables – lots of opportunity to diverge**







Might the established system of resource movements struggle...for a while ?

If we build more domestic capacity as a result, will that capacity...

- Ultimately be able to compete with EU equivalents unless imports change ?
- Make the UK more self sufficient?
- Will it drive new product manufacturing in the UK?
- What happens to the materials in the transition period (2021 to 2028) when there is not enough domestic capacity built out?

Manufacturing in the UK will not thrive through access to more secondary resources alone, so success in our sector post BREXIT relies on other policies and market movements. Are these aligned ?



# Summary

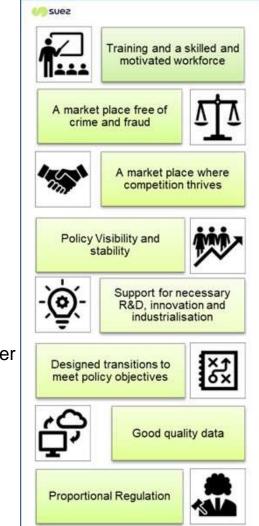
Look beyond the 'getting used to the new systems' sticky moments

#### But beware, lest we

- Diverge and create new barriers to entry in to the EU
- Build domestic industries that cannot compete in international markets
- Make secondary resources for the majority benefit of overseas manufactures

#### But hope, that we

- Build on the UK agility and innovation to lead changes quicker and better than the EU
- Align a resources strategy with a manufacturing policy within a circular economy that is economically competitive (during and after transition) with international markets





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