



# DHL GLOBAL TRADE BAROMETER – UK

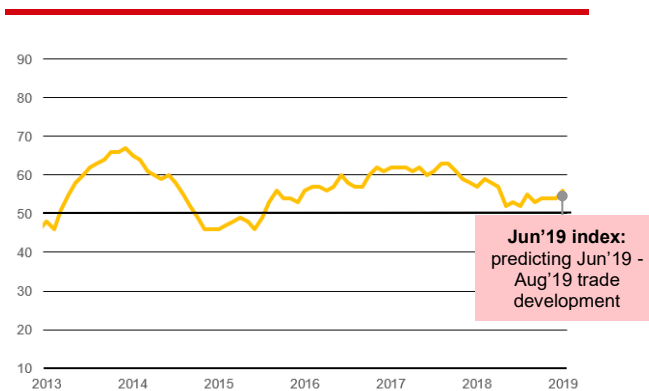
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## UK experiences improving trade growth after Brexit postponed to October 31

### Key findings:

- Despite the unsolved uncertainties around Brexit, British trade is expected to experience moderate growth with an increase of +2 to 56 points.
- Air trade in Britain increased +6 points to 55, and is driven primarily by imports, though air exports are also expected to contribute positively.
- British ocean trade, which is focused on imports, is expected to remain competitive despite its drop of -4 points to 56 from March.

### DHL Global Trade Barometer – UK Index 2013 – present, 50 = no change



The air trade outlook is driven mainly by imports, though air exports are also expected to contribute positively. The outlook for air imports is positive with Basic Raw Materials, Machinery Parts and Personal & Household Goods expected to flourish, while the air export outlook is fueled through the robust growth of air exports of Industrial Raw Materials and Temperature or Climate Controlled Goods. High Technology and Machinery Parts exports are expected to decelerate significantly, while Chemicals & Products and Personal & Household Goods remain sluggish.

British ocean trade growth is focused on imports, as Consumer Fashion Goods, Land Vehicles & Parts and Basic Raw Materials imports are expected to thrive. However, Machinery Parts imports are predicted to decelerate and reach a standstill. In ocean exports, the Basic Raw Materials outlook remains robust, though decelerating compared to the previous quarter. Exports of Land Vehicles & Parts are on the rise, too, contributing to ocean exports growth. However, the contraction expected in Machinery Parts, Capital Equipment & Machinery and Industrial Raw Materials weighs down on the latest ocean export outlook.

Trade Sectors that benefitted most from UK's trade growth were Consumer Fashion Goods, which rose +34 points to 83, as well as Land Vehicles & Parts, which rose +21 points to 63.

### DHL Global Trade Barometer – UK Indexes – latest four months

	Mar'19	Apr'19	May'19	Jun'19
UK Trade	54	54	54	56
Air Trade	49	50	52	55
Ocean Trade	60	58	57	56

The DHL Global Trade Barometer forecasted a moderate growth for British trade at 56 points, representing an increase of +2 points since March. This positive development is attributed to the rise in air trade by +6 points to 55. Additionally, ocean trade is expected to remain competitive, though it dropped -4 points to 56 from March. Just six months after having the second-worst trade outlook of all GTB constituents, the UK now actually scores best.

### DHL Global Trade Barometer – UK Sector development – latest four months

	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Basic Raw Materials	72	68	64	61
Capital Equip. & Machinery	39	42	37	29
Chemicals & Products	40	39	43	44
Consumer Fashion Goods	49	59	67	83
High Technology	39	45	47	47
Industrial Raw Materials	57	55	54	55
Land Vehicles & Parts	42	54	60	63
Machinery Parts	51	50	47	46
Personal & Household Goods	48	52	54	56
Temperature or Climate Control	51	49	51	53



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**About the DHL Global Trade Barometer:**

The DHL Global Trade Barometer is an early indicator for the current state and future development of global trade. It is based on import and export data for a number of intermediates and early-cycle commodities that serve as the basis for further industrial production. Sources for the index are aggregated market data from air and containerized ocean freight from seven countries (China, South Korea, Germany, India, Japan, UK, USA), which account for more than 75 percent of world trade. These data are evaluated using artificial intelligence and various statistical methods and compressed to a single index value that represents the weighted average of the current growth and the upcoming two months of trade. The index, which was designed in cooperation with Accenture, is published four times a year by DHL on a global scale as well as for each of the seven countries surveyed.

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