

## DHL GLOBAL TRADE BAROMETER – UK

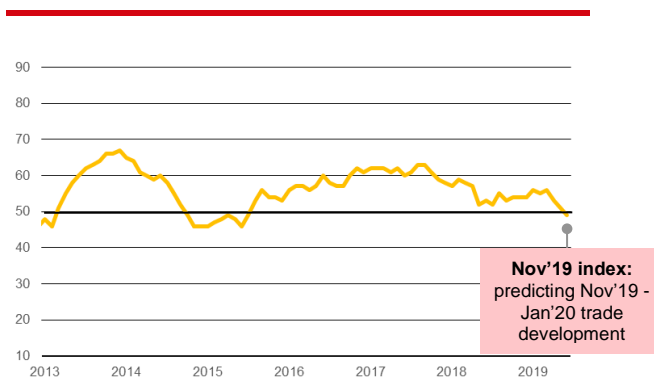
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### UK trade decreases mildly – falling just below the point of stagnation



#### Key findings:

- UK trade drops by -4 points to 49, just below the 50-points-threshold of no growth.
- Air trade outlook also falls by -4 points to 49, mostly driven by the slowdown in imports.
- Ocean trade outlook decreases by -5 points to 48, indicating a mild trading downturn.

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Index 2013 – present, 50 = no change



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Indexes – latest four months

	Sep'19	Oct'19	Nov'19
UK Trade	53	51	49
 Air Trade	53	51	49
 Ocean Trade	53	52	48

Parts undercut the positive outlook for Temperature or Climate Controlled Goods.

The British ocean trade outlook is dampened by a sluggish outlook for Capital Equipment & Machinery, Land Vehicles & Parts and Machinery Parts. The positive exception is the robust outlook for Basic Raw Materials exports. Ocean imports are also expected to contract, fueled by the downturn in Basic and Industrial Raw Materials, Machinery Parts and Consumer Fashion Goods. Temperature or Climate Controlled Goods is the sole industry that is expected to grow moderately.

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Sector development – latest four months

	Sep	Oct	Nov
Basic Raw Materials	66	63	57
Capital Equip. & Machinery	20	20	14
Chemicals & Products	64	60	56
Consumer Fashion Goods	37	32	28
High Technology	50	50	49
Industrial Raw Materials	41	42	35
Land Vehicles & Parts	50	48	48
Machinery Parts	40	39	40
Personal & Household Goods	50	52	51
Temperature or Climate Control	58	63	58

The DHL Global Trade Barometer predicts British trade growth to come to a standstill, dropping -4 points to 49 compared to September. The expected slowdown is driven by both air and ocean trade, as air trade drops -4 points to 49 while ocean trade slides -5 points to 48.

The sluggish air trade outlook is mostly driven by the slowdown in imports. Imports of Consumer Fashion Goods, Temperature or Climate Controlled Goods and Basic and Industrial Raw Materials are expected to weigh on air trade outlook. Contracting exports of Basic Raw Materials and Chemicals & Products together with the frail Machinery



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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.

For detailed information about the DHL Global Trade Barometer visit <https://www.logisticsofthings.dhl/gtb>.

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