



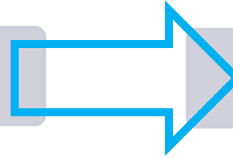
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# THREE MONTHS AFTER BREXIT EVALUATION AND FIGURES





## WITHDRAWAL AGREEMENT



## TRADE AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT (TCA)

**Transition period:**  
Application of EU-rules

No formalities, no controls

Protocol on  
Northern Ireland

No tariffs, no quota

Customs formalities, phytosanitary  
certificates, proof of origin, ...

(Customs) controls

Protocol on  
Northern Ireland



**1st January 2021**

UK = third country which has  
a trade deal with the EU



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# PREPARATIONS



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# 386 ADDITIONAL OFFICERS

1 January 2018



3215

1 April 2021

3377

Port of ZEEBRUGGE



Port of ANTWERP



Airport ZAVENTEM



Train station BRUSSELS-MIDI



Airport GOSSELIES



Airport BIERSET



Impact BREXIT

Mainly operational  
strengthening.

# COMMUNICATION



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## CALL CENTER



+32 257 55 555

NL/FR  
Local officers in  
cooperation with the  
central administration

**Q1: 715 calls**

## SEMINARS & WEBINARS



2018 : > 40  
2019 : > 25  
2020 : > 40  
2021 : > 10

## EU and UK

- Close contacts with
- Commission
  - Member states (NL, FR, IE, ...)
  - Administration UK

## Government

Food Agency, Foreign  
affairs, ...

## WEBSITE



Financiën.belgium.be  
belgium.brexit.be

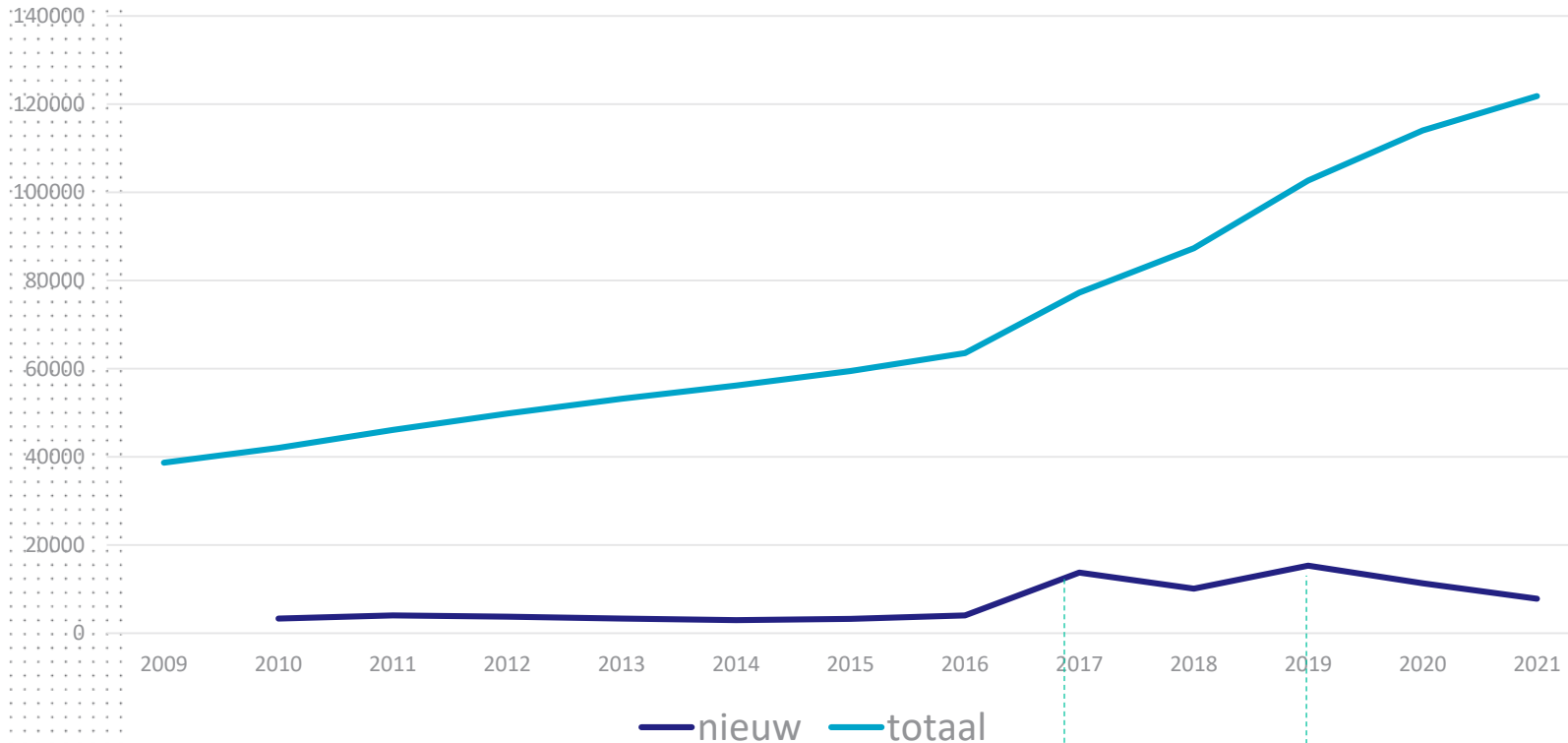


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## Active BE EORI-numbers



2019: EORI-action

2017: introduction obligation EORI on import

### EORI action by Customs (2019)



20.000



7.000

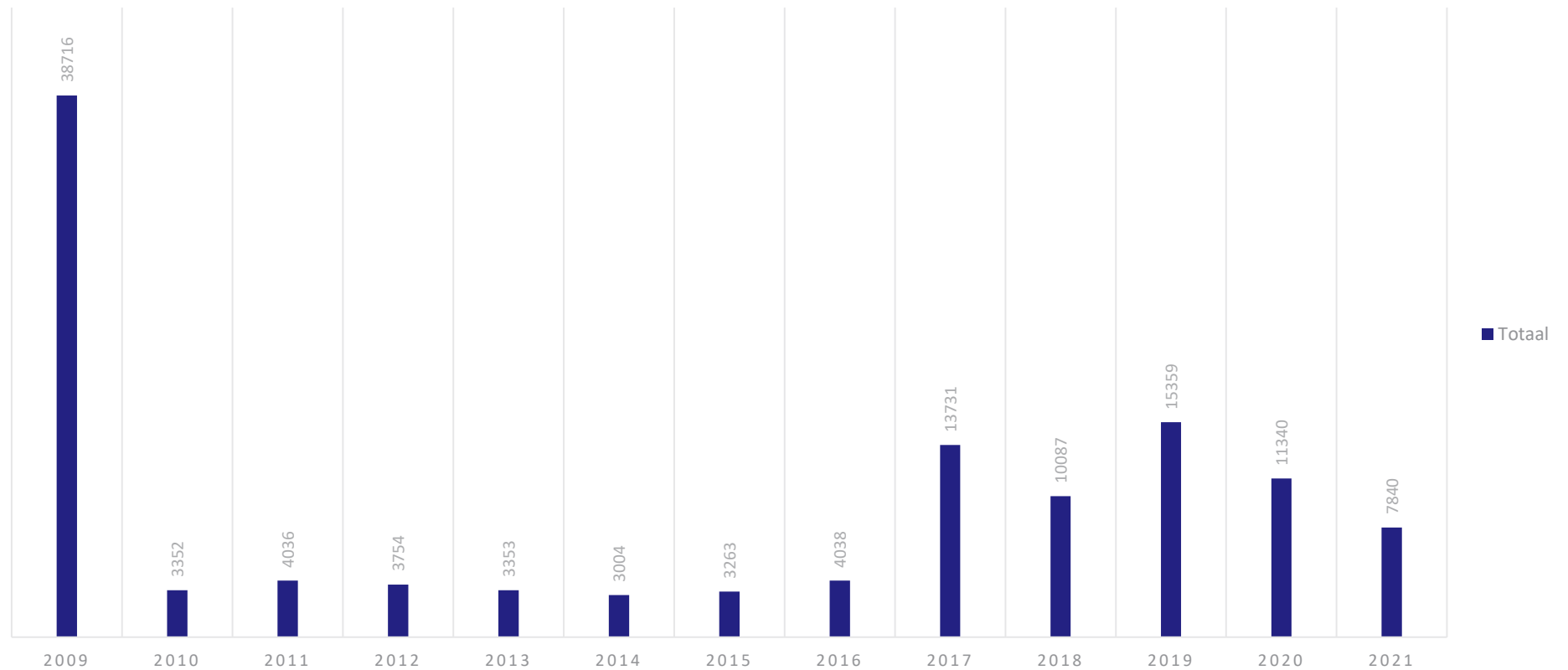


**6.879 NEW EORI**



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NEW REGISTRATIONS PER ANNUM







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# FORMALITIES: THE GOOD AND THE BAD

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## FORMALITIES: LEARNING PROCESS

- Agreements between different parties must be more clear: who takes responsibility for a certain document of process
  - → transporters, exporters, importers, shipping, ...
- Customs agencies and customs representatives have a major role
- Same Customs Code, but specific procedures in each port!
  - Ports on short straights are organised differently than Belgian ports
- → **Communication is crucial**
- Generally positive feedback from operators about processes in BE

### BREXIT EXPORT





## EXAMPLE: TRANSIT

- Transit: comparable with “track n trace”
- January + February: 650 started files as procedure is not closed correctly in the UK
- Lack of knowledge and capacity
- However very little evidence of intentional fraud



# Top issues for GB exports on arrival in the EU

- General problems with quality of documents and data - from freight forwarders, agents, businesses etc.
- Documents that make incorrect references to previous arrangements, for example on quantity and weights due to the inventory system
- Entry Summary Declarations (ENS / safety and security) missing
- EORI - invalid or incorrect EORI numbers
- SPS - documentation missing or incorrect e.g. EHC incorrectly completed
- SPS - no pre-notification of arrival to Border Control Post (BCP)
- SPS - no appointment booked for inspection at BCP
- Understand REX processes and apply for and preference request



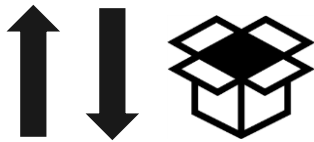
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# FACTS AND FIGURES!

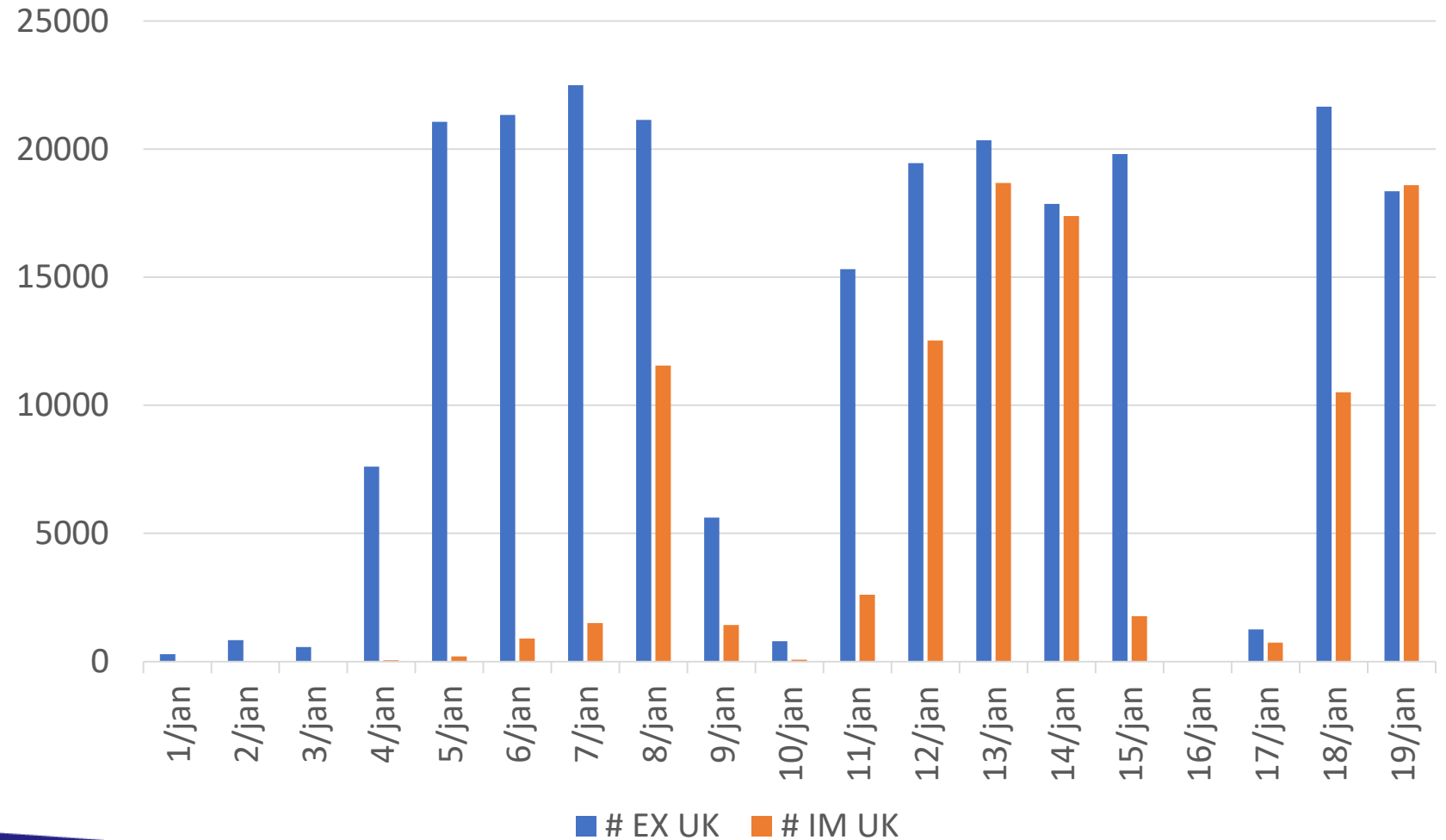
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# RESTART OF TRAFFIC, FIRST WEEKS

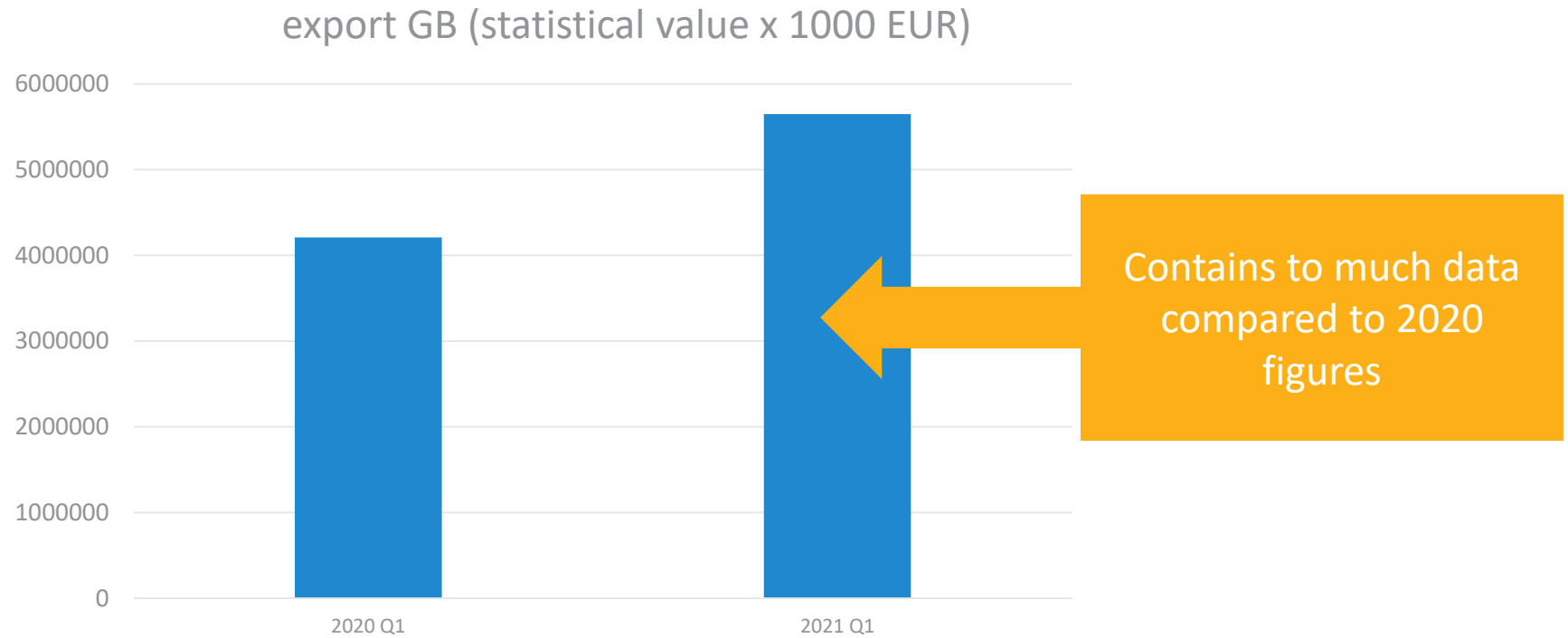
## Number IM and EX for UK





## EXPORT FIGURES TOTAL VALUE

- Next to impossible to compare datasets
- Strange benchmarks: 2019 (first brexit deadlines) en 2020 (covid-19)

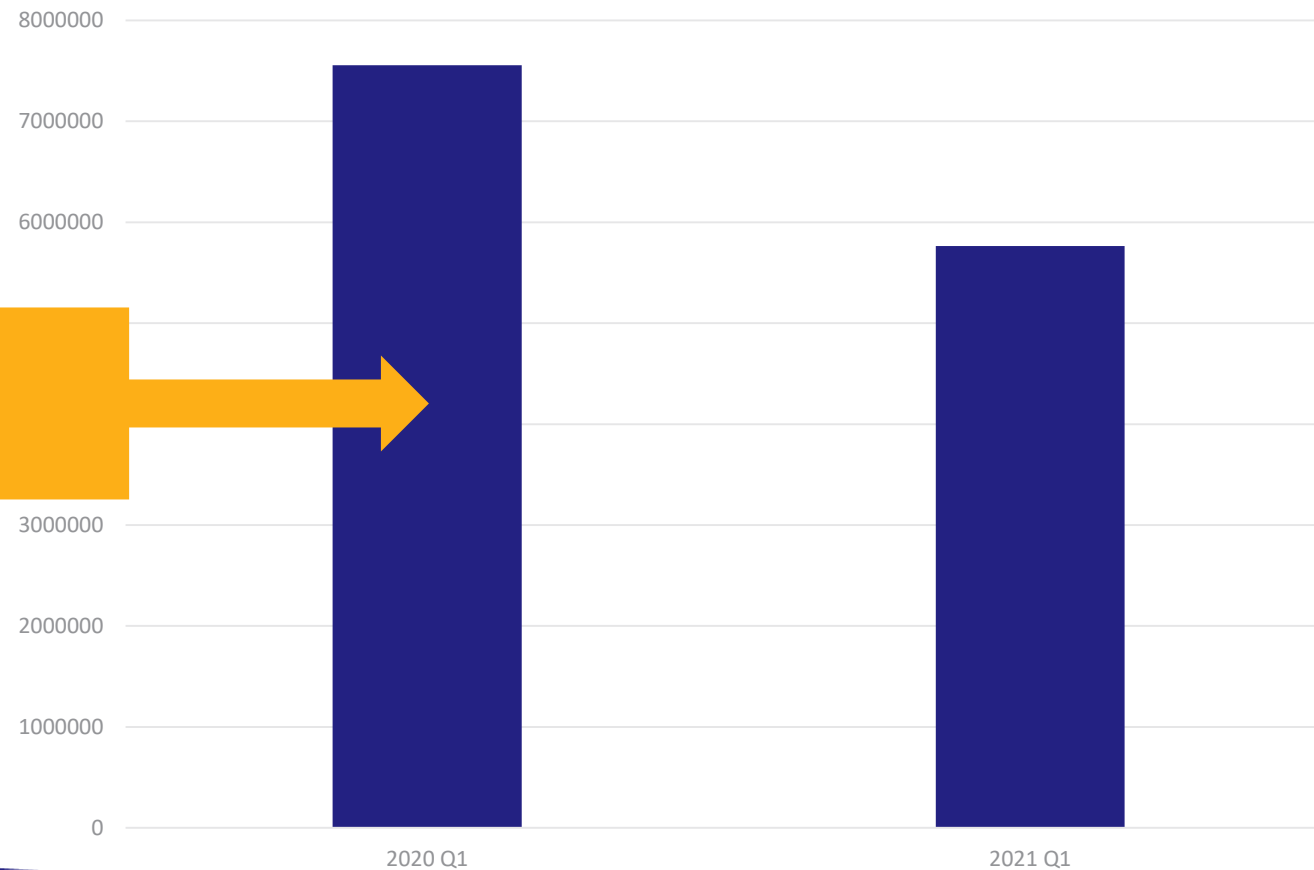




# EXPORT FIGURES TOTAL VALUE

- Truth probably somewhere in between

export GB Q1 (community figures BNB 2020 vs PLDA 2021)

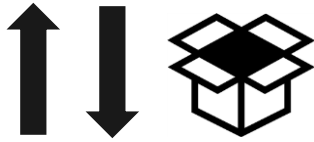


Bigger dataset

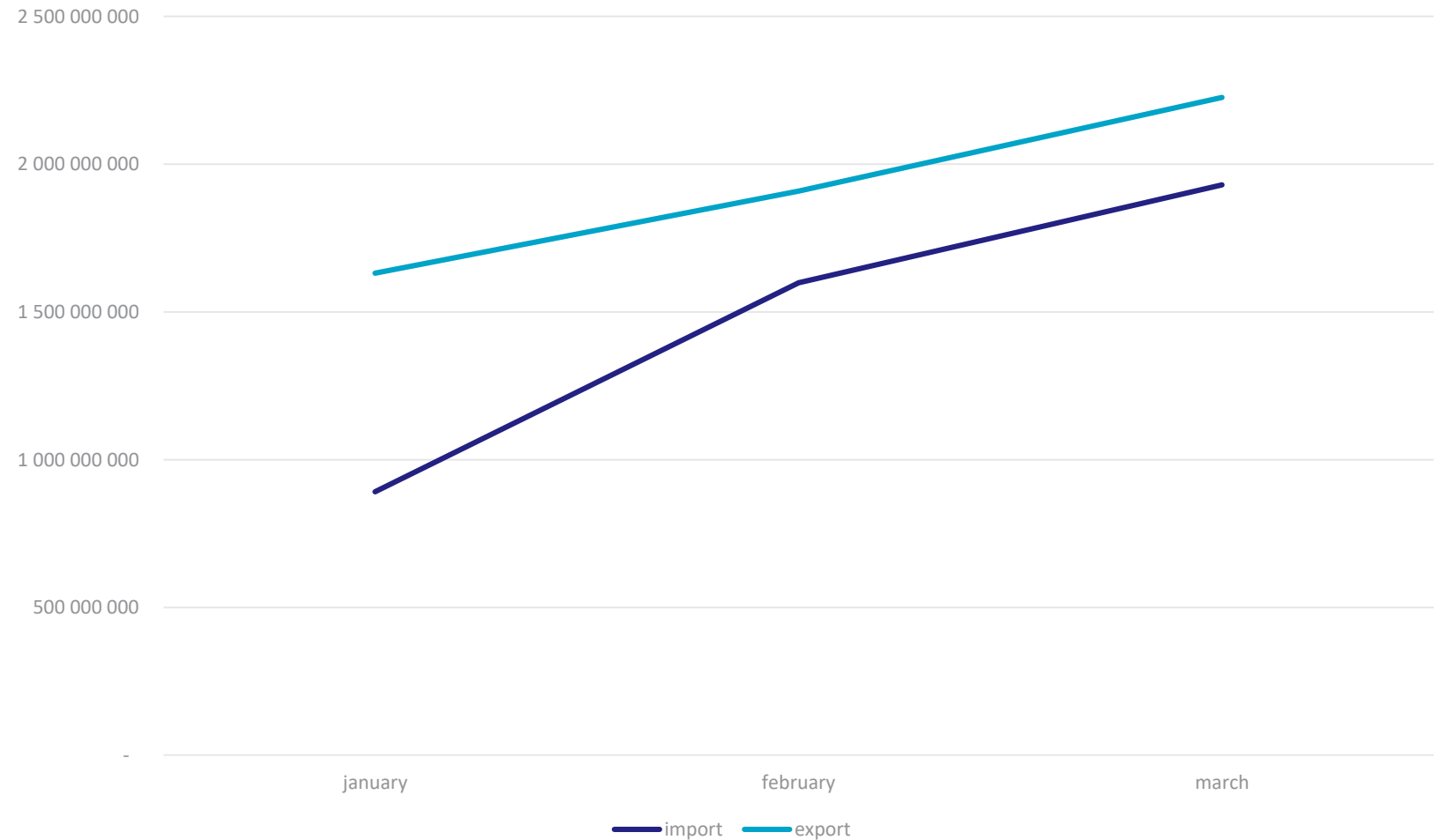




# RECOVERY OF TRADE COMPARED TO JANUARY



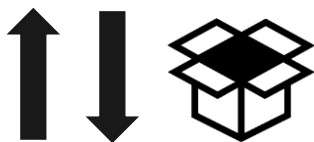
Evolution of trade Q1



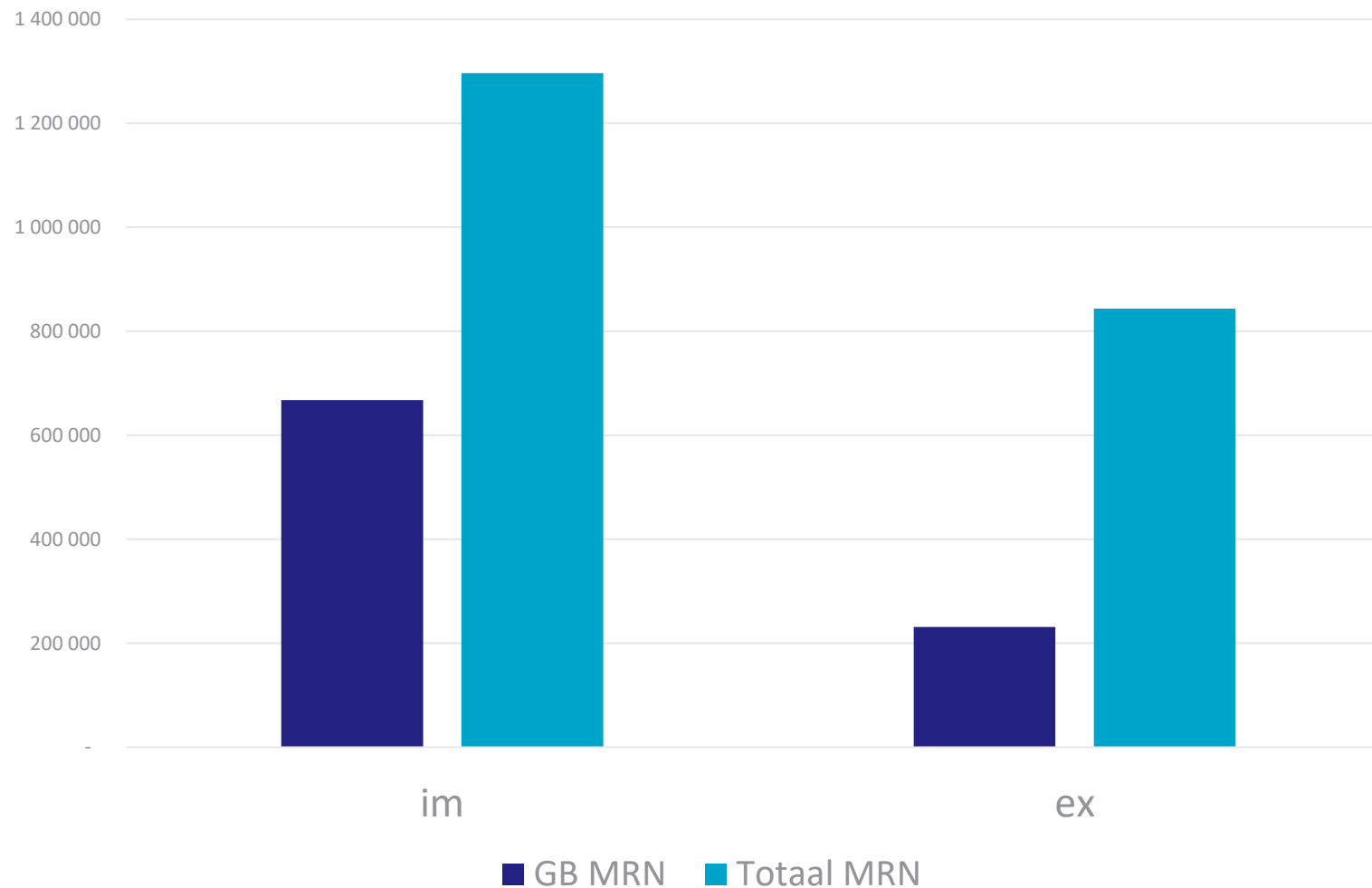


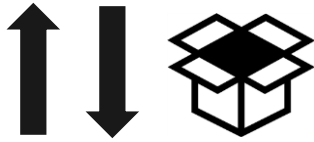
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# UK AS A MAJOR TRADING PARTNER (# DECLARATIONS)



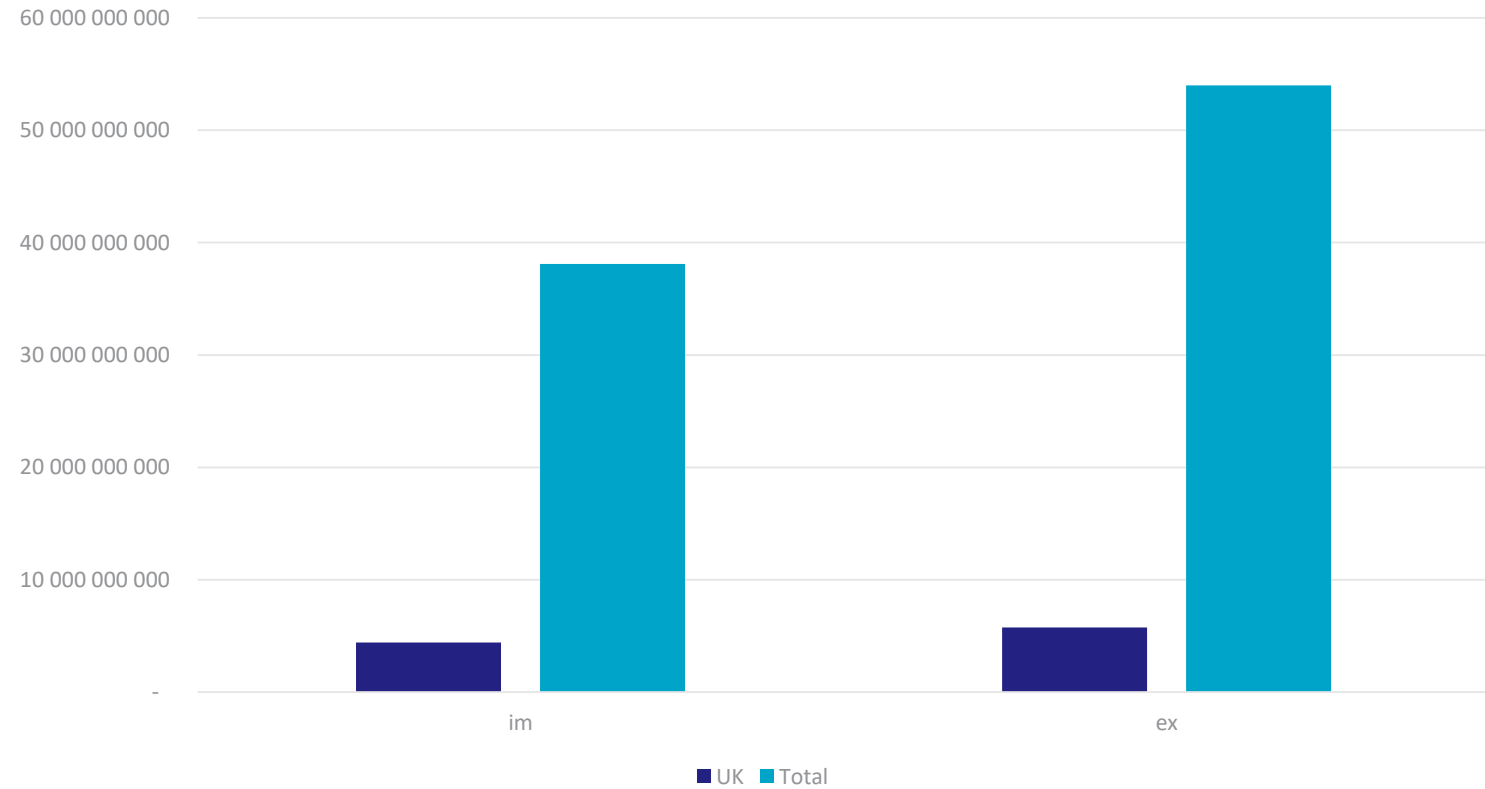
Partition of UK import and export declarations in BE total





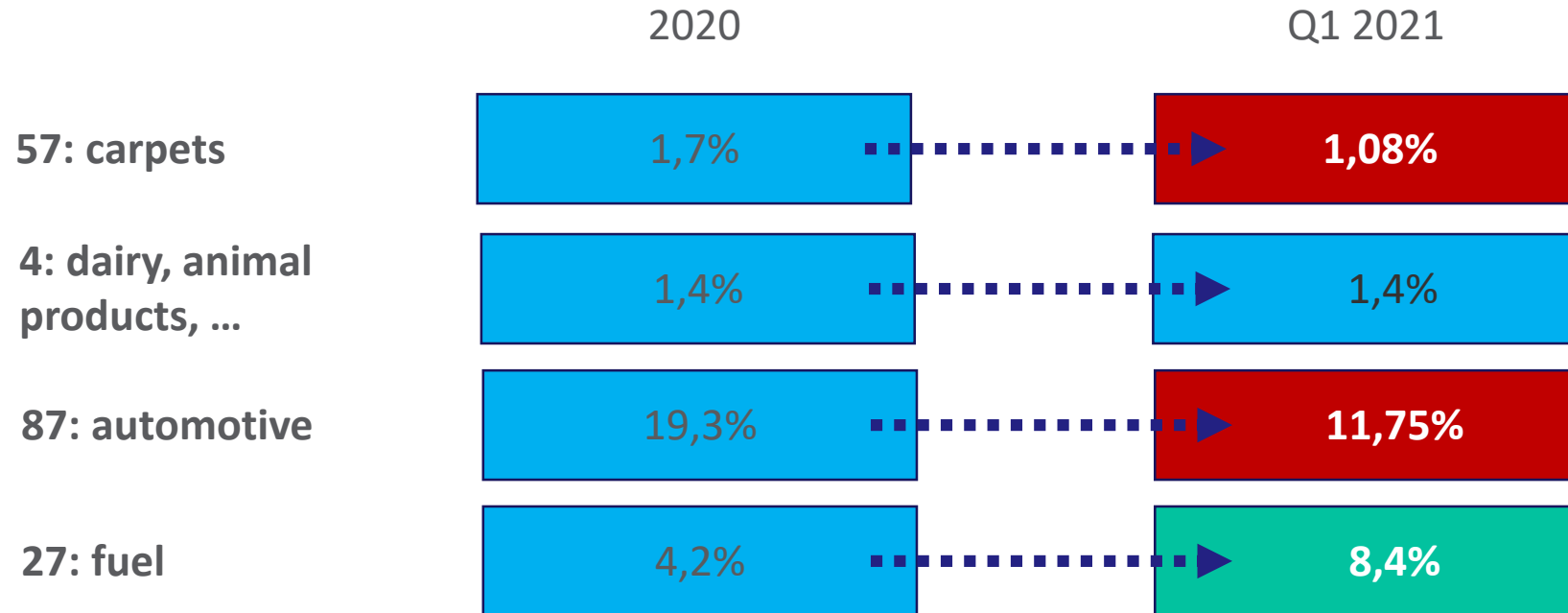
# UK AS A MAJOR TRADING PARTNER (VALUE)

Share of UK in IM and EX



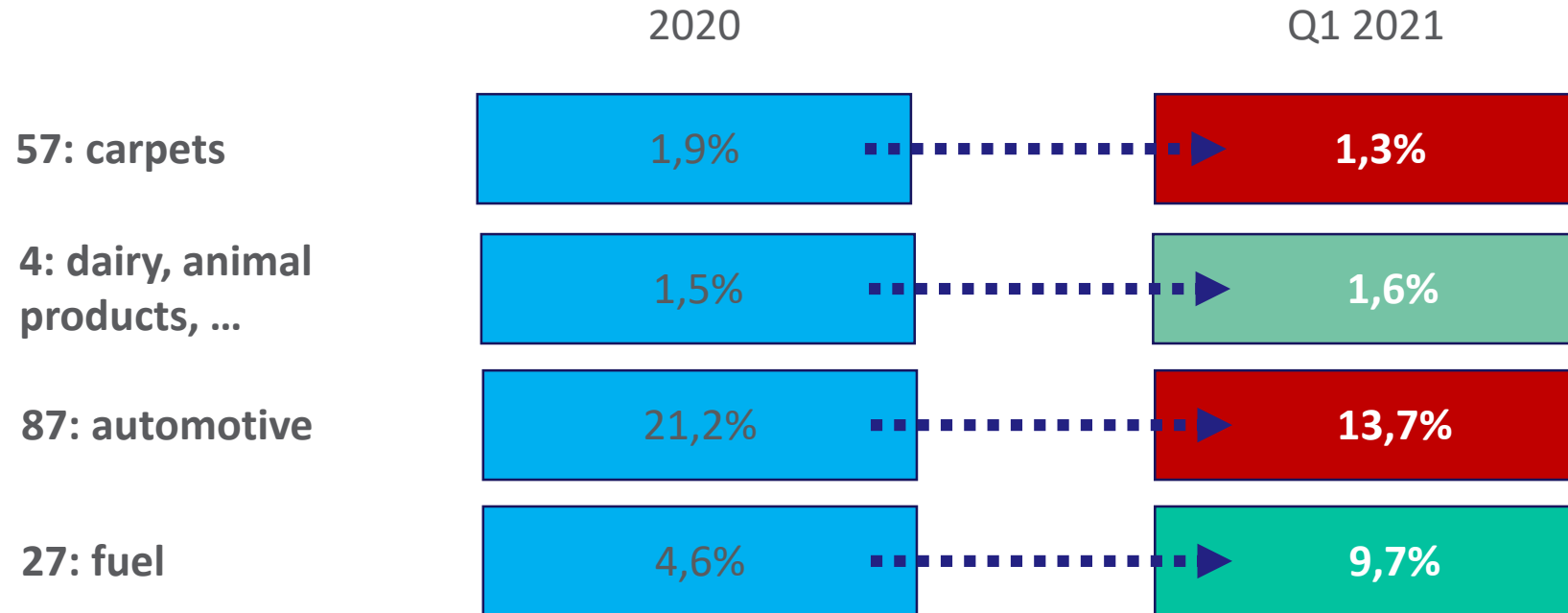


## SECTOR COMPARISON (% OF BE EXPORT)





## SECTOR COMPARISON (WITHOUT CHAPTER 30)





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# CONCLUSION



## CONCLUSIONS FIRST QUARTER BREXIT

- Trade and Cooperation Agreement ensures tariff-free trade, but formalities need to be fulfilled
- No brexitchaos, but a learning process for many operators
- Assistance and information by specialist remains necessary
- Trade figures are up in both directions compared to january





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