

**“The Big Lie. Why Brexit Won't Get Done.
The Brexit Virus Will Infect Britain for Years”
Dennis MacShane, 1st October 2020**

For those who missed the Zoom talk for whatever reason and, indeed, for those who watched and may want to refresh their memories, here are the notes for his talk.

20 Things You May Have Forgotten About Brexit

1. Michael Gove announced 7,000 strong lorry queues from 1st January. Businesses need to employ 50,000+ customs agents.
2. A special permit or passport is needed for lorries to enter Kent. The old Soviet Union had internal passports but this is a first for Britain. Kent, and other port towns, become large lorry parks.
3. British car manufacturers face tariffs on components imported from out the EU which will make cars – all made by foreign owned firms, notably Japanese auto firms, more expensive to sell in Europe. Unsurprisingly the EU will not accept Japanese or Turkish components as British.
4. Multi-billion UK Chemical Industry says leaving EU REACH regulatory system will make it difficult and far more expensive to produce chemical products, plastics, cosmetics, detergents etc in UK and foolish to set up parallel UK regulatory system for chemicals.
5. Latest reports say 7,500 financial services jobs have been relocated to EU capitals. JP Morgan transfers 200 key staff to Frankfurt to become Germany's 6th biggest bank. Financial services employers are single biggest category of tax payers to pay for public services.
6. Manufacturers cannot print catalogues for next spring as they do not know what prices they will pay for any imported elements of a British made food or product. Nor can they print labels as they do not know what information to put on the labels. They lose the EU quality mark.
7. The former head of MI6, Sir John Sawyer and the former UK EU Commissioner, Sir Julian King have publicly expressed concern about the threat to British security. The UK made 570,000 applications to the EU data base on people recorded crossing frontiers. Thousands of requests have also been made to the EU PRUM data base for DNA checks on criminals and terrorists. The UK was the biggest user of EU security databases.
8. The UK has so far refused to accept EU Data Transfer rules necessary to protect privacy. If Johnson-Cummings maintain this hard line then in theory all data exchanges with the UK that can be transferred to America will be illegal and blocked. There will be a big hit to holiday bookings as such bookings involve data transfers to and from EU.
9. Farm minister George Eustice told MPs there would be 5 times as many forms to fill on any food exports. Exports of beef and lamb, other animal food products (meat) will be hampered by a severe shortage of vets.
10. Exporters are told to recruit 60,000 new bureaucrats to fill in hundreds of millions

new forms necessary to trade as a “Third Country” with the EU. This will be the same number as soldiers in the British Army soon. There is no figure on the extra number of customs agents the government will need to recruit.

11. The City of London faces losing 350,000 “EU Passports” which allows firms and individuals across the financial services sector to do business with[out] formalities in 27 EU nation states.
 12. While Switzerland voted on Sunday in a referendum to overturn a 2014 referendum banning free movement of people, Priti Patel, is putting endless obstacles in the way of care homes, the construction, fruit and vegetable picking, transport and hospitality sectors from recruiting European workers to offset the shortage of British workers.
 13. It will be necessary to get an International Driving Licence to drive in Europe.
 14. British pet owners will not be able to take their dogs and other pets to the continent without expensive and time consuming veterinary surgeon vaccinations, checks and documents.
 15. British people will lose their free European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) and travel for business, short or annual holiday will be more expensive as health care insurance has to be taken out.
 16. Banks accounts of Brits living in France, Spain, Greece are being closed down as Lloyds, Barclays etc say it is too expensive to set up separate entities in line with 27 national sets of rules.
 17. UK signs FTA with Japan which has more stringent rules on state aid than proposed by EU. Dominic Raab agrees FTA with Vietnam. Vietnam exports \$6.02 bn to UK. UK exports £300 mn to Vietnam. Smart thinkers these Vietnamese.
 18. Jo Biden, Nancy Pelosi, and Donald Trump’s Northern Ireland Envoy all confirm there will be no FTA with UK if the changes to the Northern Irish border signaled in the Internal Markets Act which boasts about breaking international law take effect.
 19. Up to 2 million Brits who live all, most or some of year in Europe do not know their future as they have to get new driving licences in language they may not speak, can only stay for 90 in 180 days in homes they own as UK becomes a 3rd country subject to 27 sets of national rules and regulations on rights of foreigners to live, work, retire.
 20. The ruling Conservative Party embraces Brexit. Sir Keir Starmer and Sir Ed Davey say it cannot be challenged. A few brave *résistants* raise the flag of partnership with Europe. The BBC and most of media ignore them. But they won’t go away, won’t surrender. All honour to them.
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