

The Economics of Brexit: A Lose-Lose Proposition?

As part of ongoing negotiations between the European Council and the United Kingdom, leaders are discussing a list of reforms necessary to secure the British government's support for remaining in the European Union. This infographic provides a snapshot of key consequences should the British people vote "out" in a referendum on EU membership.

Trade Impact (Three Scenarios)

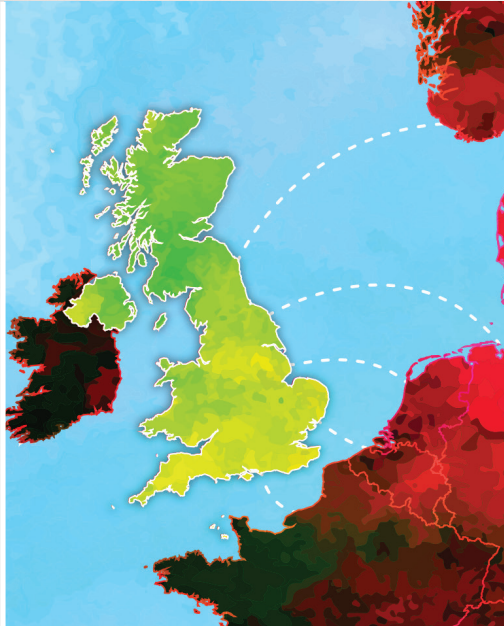
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Outcome: European Free Trade Association, non-tariff barriers remain, tariff-free trade with EU



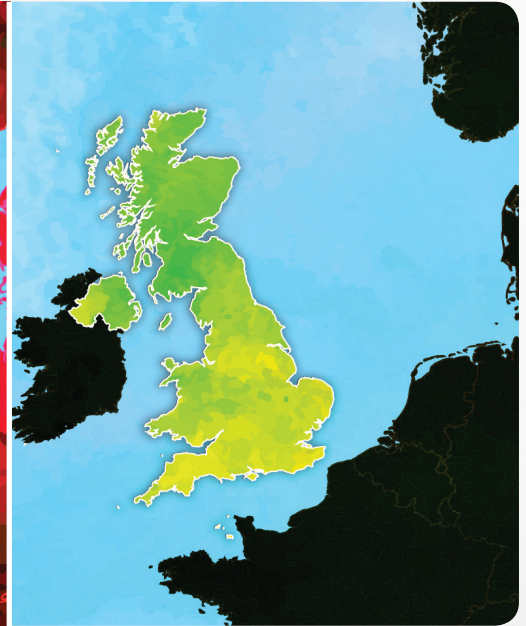
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Outcome: Bilateral trade with United States, tariff and non-tariff barriers remain



ISOLATION

Loss of privileges arising from EU's 38 existing agreements with other countries



Weighing Costs/Benefits



Increase in cost of UK exports
Increase in cost of UK imports
GDP loss up to 14%

Everyone Loses (GDP/capita) – Isolation Scenario



Ireland
-2.66%



Netherlands
-0.35%



Germany
-0.33%



France
-0.27%



Spain
-0.32%