Brexit Options: Implications for UK Food and Drink Manufacturing



	Status Quo EU membership	Norway+ Customs Union + Single Market	Norway European Economic Area (EEA)	Switzerland Bilateral sectoral agreements	UK position Chequers Agreement	Ukraine Deep and comprehensive FTA	Turkey A customs union	Canada FTA	No deal WTO rules
Tariff-free UK-EU F&D trade	Yes	Yes If Customs Union includes agri & fish	Partial Agri & fishing tariffs + customs costs	Partial Agri & fishing tariffs + customs costs	Yes Dual-tariff system on UK imports	Partial Some tariffs/TRQs on agrifood and drink	Partial Some tariffs/TRQs on agrifood and drink	Partial Some tariffs/TRQs on agrifood and drink	No EU common external tariff. High average & peaks on F&D
Frictionless UK-EU customs arrangements	Yes	Yes If Customs Union includes agri & fish	Partial Some checks removed. Rules of Origin and documentation requirements remain	Partial Some checks removed. Rules of Origin and documentation requirements remain	Partial Risk and intelligence based checks across the country rather than at the border	No Customs controls and Rules of Origin checks required	Partial Some checks removed. Rules of Origin and documentation requirements remain	No Customs controls and Rules of Origin checks required	No Customs controls and Rules of Origin checks required
Continued access to EU trade agreements	Yes	Partial	Partial	Partial	Partial	Partial	Yes Imports unchanged but may lose preferential export access	Partial	Partial Limited continuity agreements secured
UK able to negotiate trade agreements	No	No	Yes Norway typically negotiates as EFTA	Yes	Yes	Yes	No Reduced ability to agree trade deals	Yes	Yes
UK able to reduce applied import tariffs	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partial Only in excluded sectors i.e. agrifood and drink	Yes	Yes
Independent agriculture and fisheries policy	No	Partial With limitations likely	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
F&D regulatory autonomy	No	No Bulk of regulation subject to EU rules with no voting rights	No Bulk of regulation subject to EU rules with no voting rights	Partial Agreement to follow EU food safety and animal health rules	Partial Regulatory alignment where required via Common Rule Book	Partial EU Agreement driving extensive harmonisation	Yes Complies with EU rules only for exports into Single Market	Yes Complies with EU rules only for exports into Single Market	Yes Complies with EU rules only for exports into Single Market
Free movement of labour	Yes Option to revoke residency if no job after six months	Yes May include option to impose temporary safeguard measures	Yes Agreement includes option to impose temporary safeguard measures	Partial Switzerland is part of Schengen zone	No	No	No	No	No
Contributions to EU budget	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Smaller than EU member rate	Partial EU likely to seek budget contributions	No	No	No	No