

Boris Brexit failures again

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BREXITEER MP Sir John Redwood has hit out at Boris Johnson's deal with the EU after five key issues were revealed by a think tank director. In a scathing attack on the **Brexit** agreement, the MP for Wokingham called on the **Prime Minister** to take action over the movement of goods between Northern Ireland and Britain. Traders have experienced issues moving goods from Great Britain to Northern Ireland due to the new checks introduced post-Brexit. He said in a tweet: "We voted to take control of our own laws, taxes, borders and trade rules for the whole UK. Let's get on with it." Sir John's concern for the state of trade between Northern Ireland and Great Britain also comes as five key issues concerning the Trade and Co-operation Agreement have been highlighted. Commenting on the Brexit deal, Charles Grant, director of think tank the Centre for European Reform, warned there were still uncertainties surrounding the UK-EU relationship going forward. Like Sir John, he also pointed to the sustainability of checks of goods moving from Britain to Northern Ireland. Due to Northern Ireland remaining partly under EU single market and customs union, he warned some may be "tempted to tear up the NI protocol". Secondly, he pointed to the lack of commitments made on foreign policy and defence strategy between the EU and UK. Mr Grant also questioned how aligned the UK will be to the EU in terms of standards, or will the Government look to achieve a 'Singapore-on-Thames' model where regulations are greatly reduced. The think-tank director also questioned whether the dispute mechanism will be in place, or will it replaced by high-level summits. Lastly, he highlighted the future of the Tory party, and whether a future leader will take a more moderate approach to the EU to pursue a pro-business policy.

Fisheries

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French fishmongers have complained that supply chains which used to put British fish on European tables in just over a day have been shattered by local bureaucrats enforcing post-**Brexit** red tape. Importers say French agents have adopted a 'zero-tolerance' approach that has seen deliveries delayed because Latin names of fish species were incorrectly entered on papers and because sanitary certificates were missing stamps. Both fishmongers and seafood factories are now suspending orders from Britain as deliveries of salmon and lobster that used to take just 24 hours to end up on French shelves are now being held up for two or three days – meaning they spoil in transit. 'We've never known such delays,' said Arnaud Mille, head of sourcing at Demarne Freres in Boulogne-sur-Mer, and who counts Britain as his top supplier. 'It's been apocalyptic.' The news comes after 'nit-picking' Dutch border police were filmed laughing at a British truck driver while confiscating his ham sandwiches in line with post-Brexit import rules. Today it was revealed Dutch customs officers paraded a pile of confiscated items including muesli and Waitrose chicken fillets seized from Britons crossing the EU border as they warned 'you can't just bring in food from the UK'. For French fishmongers, the result of the delays in delivering fish is a chaotic breakdown in supply chains from the outer reaches of the British Isles to the northern French port of Boulogne, which used to see Scottish langoustine and scallops in French shops just over a day after they were harvested.

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A BRITISH super trawler responsible for around 10 percent of fish sold in UK chip shops has been left abandoned as a post-Brexit agreement is yet to be finalised for catches in Arctic waters. The Kirkella freezer trawler is currently docked in Hull and has been unable to set sail since the Brexit-era began on January 1. The UK signed a landmark trade deal with the EU on December 24 – covering fishing rights in UK and EU waters. But, the Government is yet to finalise a concrete agreement on quotas with non-EU countries in distant Arctic waters – including Norway, the Faroe Islands and Greenland. Karl Turner, Labour MP for Hull East, hit out at the Government and said the fleet has been left with "no ability to fish" and accused Number 10 of being "hell-

bent on putting the last nail in the coffin of distant waters fishing". A Government spokesman said the UK has secured Fisheries Framework Agreements with Norway and the Faroe Islands, which provides the basis for detailed negotiations about quotas. He said "new arrangements" had been put in place on distant fish stocks to "best serve the interests of the British fishing industry", and negotiations were ongoing. UK Fisheries, which owns the £52million vessel, says it can freeze up to 780 tonnes of cod and haddock on each of its trips to waters off Norway, Svalbard and Greenland. They add the 266ft-long trawler supplies between eight and 12 percent of all fish sold in fish and chip shops in the UK.

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