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## Post-Brexit, tariff-free UK-EU trade in cars will continue

*German, French & other EU manufacturers continue to dominate UK car manufacturing, exports, imports and domestic consumption.*

*They, not politicians, will ensure that EU-UK trade in cars, in both directions, continues to be tariff-free post-Brexit*

- The UK imports over *twice* as many cars from Continental EU as it exports to Continental EU (1.7 million imported, 0.7 million exported)
- Of the total 2.1 million cars imported into the UK in 2014, *eighty-one per cent* - 1.7 million - were from Continental EU
- EU manufacturers have a 74% share of the domestic UK car market.

<b>UK Car Market in 2014: units manufactured, imported, exported &amp; registered</b>		
	Units, millions	<i>Notes</i>
Output of UK plants	1.5	of which 0.5 million by Nissan/Renault*, 0.4 million by Land Rover, 0.2 million by BMW
Imports into UK from Rest of World	2.1	of which 1.7 or <b>81% <i>from</i></b> Continental EU
Exports from UK to Rest of World	(1.3)	of which 0.7 or 54 % <b><i>to</i></b> Continental EU
UK Consumption of cars (new registrations)	2.3	of which 1.7 or 74 % <b><i>made</i></b> in Continental EU
<i>Data from: The Society of Motor Manufacturers &amp; Traders, <a href="http://www.smmt.co.uk">www.smmt.co.uk</a> "Cars" only; excludes vans, trucks, buses, racing cars</i>		
<i>*Renault has a 43% equity stake in, &amp; management control of, Nissan. Nissan has a 1.5% equity stake in Renault</i>		

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