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

*German, French & other EU manufacturers 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 (1.4 million imported, 0.6 million exported)
- Of the total 1.7 million cars imported into the UK in 2011, *eighty-three per cent* - 1.4 million - were from Continental EU
- Continental EU manufacturers have a 53% share of the domestic UK car market. German manufacturers alone have a 32% share; Volkswagen Group alone has a 19% share
- Nissan/Renault's Sunderland plant is the UK's biggest car exporter, with 37% of all UK exports of cars*

** Renault has a 43% equity stake in, & management control of, Nissan.
Nissan has a 15% equity stake in Renault*

UK Car Market in 2011: units manufactured, imported, exported & registered		
	Units, millions	Notes
Output of UK plants	1.3	of which 0.5 million by Nissan/Renault, 0.2 million by BMW
Imports into UK from RoW	1.7	of which 1.4 or 83% from Continental EU
Exports from UK to RoW	(1.1)	of which 0.6 or 57% to Continental EU
Consumption (new registrations)	1.9	of which 1.0 or 53% made in Continental EU
<i>Data source: Milne & Hanill, "Withdrawal From the EU Would Not Damage Our Car Industry: True or False?" Civitas, 2013, www.globalbritain.co.uk > Publications. « Cars » excludes vans, trucks, buses, racing cars etc</i>		

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