

United Kingdom

On the 1st of February 2020, the withdrawal agreement between the European Union (EU) and the United Kingdom (UK) entered into force. From that date, the UK is no longer a member of the EU. There was a transition period until 1 January 2021. During this transition period, nothing changed for individuals and businesses, nor for the observation of statistics on international trade in services. Companies that traded services between the Netherlands and the United Kingdom had to submit a statistical statement whereby the United Kingdom was part of the European Union. The transition period has ended, and with it the Brexit is final.

Northern Ireland

Although Northern Ireland is treated differently from the UK in terms of customs rules, for International Trade in Services statistics no distinction is made between Northern Ireland and the rest of the United Kingdom.

The Impact of Brexit for businesses

Enterprises which are asked to split international trade in services according to the extended country classification need to report their trade in services with the United Kingdom **including Northern Ireland**.

Enterprises which are asked to split international trade in services into EU/outside the EU need to report their trade in services with the United Kingdom (**incl. Northern Ireland**) as trade with countries outside the EU (code Z2).

The first observation period for which this applies is the first quarter of 2021.