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Trade in Goods Data Analysis Northern Ireland – Switzerland (2018-2020)

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Contents

This pack draws on publically available information collected by HMRC in relation to the Regional Trade Statistics for exports to Switzerland for Northern Ireland (NI). This slide pack includes information and analysis on:

- UK Export of Goods to Switzerland (2018-2020); and
- UK Export of Goods to Switzerland by SITC2 Sector (2020).

Background to Source Data

- HMRC Regional Trade Statistics have been the basis of the analysis. Data are downloaded from the HMRC website:
[Regional trade data table - UK Trade Info](#)
- Data are presented for the calendar years 2018, 2019 and 2020.
- A proportion of the export data from the HMRC database could not be attributed to any UK region. The data appears as 'unallocated' within the tables.
- The data are only available for goods. Trade in services is not included in this analysis.
- The data from companies who are not registered for VAT are not included in RTS.
- Figures may not add due to rounding.
- The data may be subject to quarterly revisions.

The share of total UK exports to Switzerland was 1.8% in 2020.

Export of Goods to Switzerland by UK Region, £m, 2018-2020

	2018			2019			2020		
Country	Total Exports £m	Exports to Switzerland £m	% of Exports to Switzerland	Total Exports £m	Exports to Switzerland £m	% of Exports to Switzerland	Total Exports £m	Exports to Switzerland £m	% of Exports to Switzerland
NI	£8,895	£56	0.6%	£9,138	£67	0.7%	£7,869	£65	0.8%
England	£249,011	£4,506	1.8%	£247,900	£4,446	1.8%	£212,438	£4,373	2.1%
Scotland	£32,233	£161	0.5%	£33,757	£158	0.5%	£26,581	£158	0.6%
Wales	£17,190	£125	0.7%	£17,760	£124	0.7%	£13,535	£94	0.7%
Unallocated	£32,177	£791	2.5%	£31,686	£1,088	3.4%	£30,197	£585	1.9%
Total	£339,506	£5,639	1.7%	£340,241	£5,884	1.7%	£290,620	£5,275	1.8%

- NI's exports to Switzerland increased from £56m in 2018 to £67m in 2019 (+20%), however they then decreased to £65m in 2020 (-3%). Overall from 2018-2020 there was a 16% increase in NI's exports to Switzerland.
- The share of total NI exports going to Switzerland increased from 0.6% in 2018 to 0.8% in 2020.
- Across all UK regions, total exports to Switzerland decreased from £5,639m in 2018 to £5,275m in 2020 (-6%).
- In 2020 NI share of exports to Switzerland was 0.8% compared to 2.1% for England, 0.6% for Scotland and 0.7% for Wales.
- NI had 1.2% of total UK exports to Switzerland in 2020, which was the lowest share amongst all UK regions. England accounted for 82.9% followed by Scotland at 3.0% and Wales at 1.8%. The remaining 11.1% was unallocated.

Top 10 sectors for NI provided 90% of total exports to Switzerland in 2020.

Top 10 SITC2 exports by UK region to Switzerland in 2020

Northern Ireland			England			Scotland			Wales		
SITC 2	£m	%	SITC 2	£m	%	SITC 2	£m	%	SITC 2	£m	%
Medicinal & pharmaceutical products	£29.4	45%	Miscellaneous manufactured articles n.e.s.	£903.6	21%	Non-ferrous metals	£50.6	32%	Medicinal & pharmaceutical products	£15.8	17%
Machinery specialized for particular industries	£6.2	10%	Non-ferrous metals	£875.4	20%	Beverages	£26.4	17%	Power generating machinery & equipment	£11.7	12%
Meat & meat preparations	£5.1	8%	Organic chemicals	£480.9	11%	Chemical materials & products n.e.s.	£10.1	6%	Plastics in primary forms	£7.3	8%
Power generating machinery & equipment	£4.1	6%	Road vehicles (including air cushion vehicles)	£318.2	7%	Power generating machinery & equipment	£9.7	6%	Iron & steel	£6.9	7%
Chemical materials & products n.e.s.	£3.9	6%	Medicinal & pharmaceutical products	£263.1	6%	Medicinal & pharmaceutical products	£7.0	4%	Ele machinery, app & appliances & ele pt thereof n.e.s.	£6.1	6%
Dyeing, tanning & colouring materials	£2.7	4%	General industrial machinery & eqp. & machine pt.n.e.s.	£163.7	4%	Ele machinery, app & appliances & ele pt thereof n.e.s.	£4.4	3%	Non-ferrous metals	£5.8	6%
General industrial machinery & eqp. & machine pt.n.e.s.	£2.7	4%	Essential oils & perfume materials; toilet preps etc	£132.2	3%	Miscellaneous manufactured articles n.e.s.	£4.3	3%	Office machines & adp machines	£5.5	6%
Organic chemicals	£1.9	3%	Photographic & optical goods, n.e.s.; watches & clocks	£122.7	3%	Fish, crustaceans, molluscs & aq. inverts & preps thereof	£3.9	2%	Road vehicles (including air cushion vehicles)	£4.3	5%
Other transport equipment	£1.3	2%	Non-metallic mineral manufactures n.e.s.	£117.3	3%	General industrial machinery & eqp. & machine pt.n.e.s.	£3.7	2%	Machinery specialized for particular industries	£3.5	4%
Beverages	£0.9	1%	Professional, scientific & controlling ins & app n.e.s.	£109.7	3%	Plastics in non-primary forms	£3.7	2%	Other transport equipment	£3.0	3%
Top 10 SITC2 Total	£58.2	90%	Top 10 SITC2 Total	£3,486.8	80%	Top 10 SITC2 Total	£123.7	79%	Top 10 SITC2 Total	£70.0	74%
Overall Total	£64.8	100%	Overall Total	£4,372.6	100%	Overall Total	£157.6	100%	Overall Total	£94.3	100%

Top 10 SITC2 exports by UK region to Switzerland in 2020

- The top 10 SITC2 sectors for NI provided 90% of total exports to Switzerland in 2020, which was higher than England (80%), Scotland (79%) and Wales (74%).
- 75% of NI exports to Switzerland were provided by the top 5 SITC2 sectors – Medicinal & pharmaceutical products (45%), Machinery specialized for particular industries (10%), Meat & meat preparations (8%), Power generating machinery & equipment (6%) and Chemical materials & products (6%).
- Medicinal & pharmaceutical products was the largest SITC2 sector for NI accounting for 45% of exports in 2020. It was the 5th largest sector for England (6%), 5th for Scotland (4%) and 1st for Wales (17%).
- Meat and meat preparations (8%) and Dyeing, tanning & colouring materials (4%) accounted for £7.8m of NI's exports to Switzerland in 2020. These sectors did not feature within the top 10 sectors for England, Scotland and Wales.
- Non-ferrous metals featured within the top 10 sectors for England, Scotland and Wales, however it did not fall within NI's top 10 sectors.
- Looking at the UK as a whole, the top 5 largest export sectors to Switzerland in 2020 were: Non-ferrous metals (£932.0m), Miscellaneous manufactured articles (£909.5m), Organic chemicals (£486.7m), Road vehicles (£323.8m) and Medicinal & pharmaceutical products (£315.3m). Medicinal & pharmaceutical products and Organic Chemicals are the only two sectors that feature within NI's top 5 SITC 2 sectors.