

Majority of Exporters Use UK for Transshipment of Goods Overseas

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88pc of those surveyed feel that Brexit will damage the Irish economy, almost all said it would hurt Irish exporters. Above: Containers belonging to global shipping operator Maersk at Peel Ports Group MTL Terminal, Ringsend, Dublin Port. *Photo: JEHAN ASHMORE*

[#ExportBrexit](#) - Two thirds of Irish exporters go through Britain a survey suggests [writes The Independent](#) to get their produce to customers on mainland Europe and further afield.

And 40pc said that using a longer, yet more direct, route would adversely affect the quality of the product.

But 30pc of exporters quizzed for the survey by the Irish Exporters Association (IEA) have taken no action to assess the fallout from the Brexit vote, even though 70pc said a weakening sterling had impacted their business.

Marie Armstrong, IEA vice-president, said the number of exporters relying on the UK as a land bridge to the continent was "hugely significant".

"And those members are very concerned about continuing to use the UK in terms of customs, and being stopped at borders," Ms Armstrong told TDs yesterday.

For more on the survey's findings click [here](#).