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## THE QUEEN PRAISES CHAMBERS' CONTRIBUTION TO BUSINESS COMMUNITIES DURING CORONAVIRUS AS MORE FIRMS REOPEN



Her Majesty the Queen has recognised the work that British Chambers of Commerce are doing - both in the UK and around the world - to support businesses, champion trade, and rebuild communities.

The events of the past few months have shown Chambers and business communities at their best - even through great challenge

Together, we'll restart, rebuild and renew.

[Letter from HM The Queen](#)

## "BUILD BUILD BUILD": PRIME MINISTER ANNOUNCES NEW DEAL FOR BRITAIN

**30 June 2020: Prime Minister Boris Johnson will announce a "New Deal" which puts jobs and infrastructure at the centre of the government's economic growth strategy.**

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## BHCC EVENTS & INITIATIVES

### **BHCC & RECO EXPORTS DIGITAL EVENT | July 2020**

The British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and RECO EXPORTS co-organize the digital event under the title:

**“The UK organic market: New Trends, Opportunities for Greek Organic Producers and the roadmap for export success in the UK market amidst COVID-19 and BREXIT”.**

The event will be held on **Wednesday, 8 July 2020 at 1.00 pm (Athens time).**

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## BRITISH CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE (BCC) AND UK GOVERNMENT NEWS & UPDATES

### **BCC NEWS & UPDATES**

#### **12 June 2020: BCC responds to post-Brexit border controls**

**Commenting on the ongoing negotiations between the UK and the EU, BCC Director General Dr Adam Marshall said:**

*“Businesses need the two sides to knuckle down and agree a deal. Otherwise companies will have to spend cash they don’t have preparing for a ‘no deal’ scenario yet again, just as they try to cope with the impact of the worst economic crisis in living memory.”*

[Read more](#)

#### **15 June 2020: The impact of Coronavirus on UK businesses: what we know so far**



BCC's Head of Research, David Bharier talks about the impacts of Coronavirus on UK businesses and the results from the first round of the BCC's Coronavirus Business Impacts Tracker.

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## 18 June 2020: BCC responds to Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee

**Commenting on the decision by the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee to keep interest rates on hold and expand quantitative easing, Suren Thiru, Head of Economics of the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC), said:**

*"The Bank of England's decision to significantly expand quantitative easing reflects the unprecedented impact of coronavirus on the UK economy. It is vital that the Bank works with financial institutions to ensure that it translates into on the ground support for businesses."*

[Read more](#)

The decision of the Bank of England link can be found [here](#)

## 18 June 2020: DIT consultation on the UK's Export Strategy

The Department for International Trade (DIT) is currently developing a new Export Strategy. Following input from across the Chamber Network, the BCC has submitted its [response](#).



## UK GOVERNMENT NEWS & UPDATES

### Reopen your business safely during coronavirus (COVID-19)

[Read more](#)

Updated [FAQs for business on Test and Trace](#)

### 18 June 2020: The Border with the EU | Importing and Exporting Goods - draft version

Find available the [draft model of the future border design](#) for Chambers and Members to review.

### 23 June 2020: Prudential standards in the Financial Services Bill | June Update

This policy statement provides detail on HM Treasury's legislative approach for prudential standards in the Financial Services Bill. The statement also provides detail on how the government will tailor these prudential regimes to the specifics of the UK market.

[Read more](#)

## **29 June 2020: Corporate Insolvency and Governance Bill receives royal assent**

New measures will help to relieve the burden on businesses during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

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To find out information on more topics you can visit <https://www.gov.uk/>

## **BHCC MEMBERS' SECTION**

### **ELIZABETH FILIPPOULI | ARTICLE**

#### **Greece, Investment & Economic Prospects post CoVid19**

*By Elizabeth Filippouli, VP BHCC & CEO Global Thinkers Forum*

The Coronavirus crisis hit Greece right at the time of the country's much awaited exodus from a very harsh decade of economic austerity and recession.

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### **BERNITSAS LAW | PRESS RELEASE**

#### **Greece Firm of the Year and Greece Lawyer of the Year at the Benchmark Litigation Europe Awards 2020 for Second Year in a Row**

Bernitsas Law has won two awards at the prestigious Benchmark Litigation Europe Awards 2020. The Firm was named the best firm in Greece and Partner Dimitris Roussis the top lawyer in Greece for Dispute Resolution.

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### **ENTERPRISE GREECE | UPDATE**

#### **Webinars για Έλληνες Εξαγωγείς**

Ο Οργανισμός Enterprise Greece εγκαινίασε μια σειρά από διαδικτυακά σεμινάρια (Webinars) που απευθύνονται στους εξαγωγείς και στοχεύουν αφενός στην εκμάθηση νέων ψηφιακών δεξιοτήτων και αφετέρου, σε συνεργασία με τα Γραφεία Οικονομικών και Εμπορικών Υποθέσεων του Υπουργείου Εξωτερικών στο εξωτερικό, στην ενημέρωση για αγορές που διαθέτουν προοπτική.

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[Programme | Registration](#)

### **Post-pandemic trade: let's build back better**

**25 June 2020:** Trade worldwide has been pummelled as a result of COVID-19. But it is not all bad – 'build back better' is high on governmental agendas, according to Andrew Staines, UK Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations and the WTO.

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### **SPEEDAIR | ARTICLE**

#### **THE COVID-19 CRISIS COMPARED TO THE BREXIT CHALLENGE**

**Can different causes have similar effects?**

##### ***THOUGHTS OF A TRANSPORT EXECUTIVE***

Although we have yet to completely emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic, its unprecedented catastrophic effects on global trade have already become manifest, resulting in transport restrictions that disrupted supply chains and increased costs.

The difficulty we experienced in moving goods during the past few months might very well be a taste of the trade relationship between UK and Greece/Europe following a no-deal Brexit. Logistical concerns have already been raised regarding the transportation of goods in that eventuality, but the sector has still not received the attention it deserves, especially when one considers its essential role in trading and regulating product costs.

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## **BREXIT NEWS & UPDATES**

### **5 June 2020: Statement by Michel Barnier following Round 4 of negotiations for a new partnership between the European Union and the United Kingdom**

#### **"Check against delivery"**

*Ladies and gentlemen,*

*I am happy to be with you again, virtually, at the end of this fourth round of negotiations. Since the beginning of these negotiations, our objective has been to move forward – in parallel – on all topics of our future relationship – and there are many given that we are aiming for a very ambitious partnership.*

[Read more](#)

For more information on Brexit developments please visit <https://www.gov.uk/transition>, [https://ec.europa.eu/info/european-union-and-united-kingdom-forging-new-partnership\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/european-union-and-united-kingdom-forging-new-partnership_en) and <https://brexit.gov.gr/>

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