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BHCC EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

UPCOMING EVENTS / INITIATIVES

08 February 2023 | New Year's Reception | Joint Event with the British Embassy

A prestigious business and social event **co-organized every year with the British Embassy**, where BHCC Members, business affiliates and colleagues celebrate together the traditional "Pitta Cutting".

The New Year's Reception is attended by approximately **150 Guests** including the British Ambassador, the BHCC Presidents and Board of Directors, our Guest Speaker, BHCC Members, VIP Guests, Event Sponsors, distinguished Members of similar business bodies and Bilateral Chambers, press.

Sponsorship Opportunities and Invitation will follow in due course.

SUPPORTING EVENTS / INITIATIVES

09 February 2023 | 13th Annual Capital Link Greek Shipping Forum

The British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce has the pleasure to support the [Capital Link's 13th Annual Capital Link Greek Shipping Forum](#) to be held at the Divani Caravel Hotel, in Athens, as an in-person event on **Thursday, February 9, 2023, from 8:00 am to 4:20 pm.**

With an overall participation of 1,000+ delegates, the event is known for its large attendance by shipowners and for featuring maritime industry leaders from all over the world addressing critical industry topics.

The Forum will discuss the industry's main trends and challenges, as well as the opportunities that lie ahead and strategies to compete in an increasingly complex and demanding world.

The agenda will be up soon [here](#).

TRADE FAIRS

Within 2023, the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with Reco Exports, will participate in the following Trade Fairs in the UK.

16 – 17 April 2023 | Natural & Organic Products Europe, London, UK

Europe's Leading Sustainable Business Event. Making the world a better place to live sits at the heart of Natural & Organic Products Europe. Take your chance to meet the Fair's brands and exhibitors. To discover 1000s of their new products, meet 100s of international suppliers, network with your industry and hear the latest trends and research. Find more at <https://www.naturalproducts.co.uk/>

24 – 26 April 2023 | Food & Drink Expo, Birmingham, UK

Food & Drink Expo provides the number one route to the UK food and drink market and helps hundreds of companies showcase their exceptional products. Buyers and decision-makers across the whole industry, from grocery, wholesale and speciality retail to foodservice and manufacturing, are invited to uncover the hottest trends, latest product launches, and the industry's vision for the future. Find more at <https://www.foodanddrinkexpo.co.uk/>

15 – 17 May 2023 | London Wine Fair, London, UK

The most intelligent wine event in the world. The 40th edition of the London Wine Fair took place in June 2022 and over 9,000 members of the drinks trade joined the reunion either at Olympia London or on the digital platform, for an event which brought the industry back together after a period of incredible uncertainty. The London Wine Fair will be returning to Olympia on 15-17 May 2023. Find more at <https://www.londonwinefair.com/>

For more information, please contact the Chamber Team on tel. +30 210 7210361 | email: events@bhcc.gr

INTRODUCING OUR NEW MEMBERS

Welcoming our new Member, who has joined the Chamber within December 2022:

- **CPA AUDITORS**, www.cpaauditors.gr

UK GOVERNMENT: DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE

19 December 2022

Trade and investment core statistics book

The most up to date snapshot of the UK's trade and investment position, summarising trade statistics produced by ONS, HMRC, DIT and others.

[Read more](#)

14 December 2022

New Permanent Secretary appointed to the Department for International Trade

The Cabinet Secretary has appointed Gareth Davies as the new Permanent Secretary to the Department for International Trade.



[Read more](#)

09 January 2023**Joint Statement by Vice-President Šefčovič and UK Foreign Secretary Cleverly following their meeting in London**[Read more](#)**20 December 2022****Sustainable fisheries: EU and UK agree on fishing opportunities for 2023**

The EU has concluded an agreement with the United Kingdom on the fishing opportunities for 2023 for fish stocks shared bilaterally with the UK in the Northeast Atlantic.

[Read more](#)**19 December 2022****COP15: historic global deal for nature and people**

At the UN Biodiversity conference COP15 in Montréal, Canada, the EU joined 195 countries in the historic **Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**. This framework contains global goals and targets aiming to protect and restore nature for current and future generations, ensure its sustainable use as well as spur investments for a green global economy.

[Read more](#)**EU-UK relations: Commission extends arrangements for veterinary medicines to 2025**

The European Commission has adopted a notice which extends to 31 December 2025 [the current arrangements](#) for the movement of veterinary medicines from Great Britain to Cyprus, Ireland, Malta and Northern Ireland. This will ensure the continuity of supplies of veterinary medicinal products, in particular to Northern Ireland.

[Read more](#)

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

UK GOVERNMENT NEWS & UPDATES**19 December 2022****Government extends Horizon Europe financial safety net**

The government has announced an extension to the Horizon Europe Guarantee scheme, to support UK Horizon Europe applicants.

[Read more](#)

18 December 2022

UK signs agreement on offshore renewable energy cooperation

The UK Minister for Energy and Climate Graham Stuart has signed a landmark agreement on renewable energy cooperation with EU and North Seas countries.

[Read more](#)

Industry experts appointed to accelerate development of future tech as Chancellor sets out vision for 21st century Silicon Valleys

Five leading industry experts have been appointed to help accelerate the development and deployment of emerging technologies in key UK growth sectors.

[Read more](#)

Terms of reference for the review of regulation for emerging technologies

Terms of reference for the review of how the UK can better regulate emerging technologies.

[Read more](#)

12 December 2022

Visa decision waiting times: applications outside the UK

Check how quickly you'll receive a decision on your UK visa application if you are applying from outside the UK.

[Read more](#)

British foreign policy and diplomacy: Foreign Secretary's speech

Foreign Secretary, James Cleverly, gave a speech at the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office setting out his vision for UK foreign policy.



[Read more](#)

09 December 2022

Energy Bill Relief Scheme: help for businesses and other non-domestic customers

Find out about the Energy Bill Relief Scheme (EBRS) for non-domestic customers and how you can get support this winter.

[Read more](#)

BRITISH CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE (BCC) NEWS & UPDATES

21 December 2022

Brexit Trade Deal Not Delivering

The second year for UK businesses trading with the EU under the Trade and Co-operation Agreement (TCA) has been a tough one.

The BCC [sent the UK government a report](#) setting out the main issues the TCA is causing with solutions to many of the problems. This report drove a significant amount of coverage and engagement opportunities on the asks by business for improved trade conditions with the EU.

[Click here](#) to read the full report.

15 December 2022

Interest rate rise increases pressure on businesses facing soaring costs

[Read more](#)

14 December 2022

Inflation Likely Peaked But Damage Remains

[Read more](#)

13 December 2022

No relief for business in tight labor market

[Read more](#)

12 December 2022

October growth unlikely to halt recession

[Read more](#)

08 December 2022

BCC Economic Forecast: Long road to recovery after over a year of recession

The BCC expects the UK economy to remain in recession for five quarters before an anemic recovery in 2024, but inflation has likely peaked at 11%.

[Read more](#)

TRADE UPDATES

03 January 2023



Final decisions from Ministers are due shortly on arrangements and timings of new Border Processes for goods passing from EU into GB around the end of 2023. A further consultation is likely in the first half of this year.

15 December 2022



UK [trade data for October 2022](#) released within December showed a further fall in export performance. Goods exports fell by 4.7% in October, with a better outcome on imports, with a rise of 2.3%, largely driven by a rise in chemicals imports from the EU. Read the BCC's [reaction](#) to this latest trade data.



The BCC gave evidence to the House of Lords European Affairs Committee on mobility arrangements under the UK-EU Trade and Co-operation Agreement. The difficulties experienced by many economic sectors in recruiting were described as well as the call for reform of the mobility rules on services and general business travel under the TCA. The evidence session can be watched [here](#). A summary of key points and the questions asked can be found [here](#).

08 December 2022



As announced in the recent Autumn Statement, due to supply chain pressures from the War in Ukraine, the UK government is implementing further duty suspensions – it has announced a tariff suspension on sunflower seed oil from 1 January 2023 until 31 December 2024. For further details on the latest duty suspensions contact DIT [here](#).

01 December 2022



The BCC published new research from nearly 1,000 firms on [regulation and its effects on trade with the EU](#). Across all business areas, approximately half of firms said deregulation was either a low priority, or not a priority at all. The BCC also outlined its position on the Retained EU Law (Reform and Revocation) Bill including deferring the application of the sunset clause until 2026 as well as requiring full reports on the impacts for trade within the UK internal market, and full consultation on all regulatory proposals with business, while working with the BCC in key sectors on regulatory reform issues.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Global Annual Conference 2023 – SAVE THE DATE



The BCC is pleased to announce the date of the 2023 Global Annual Conference:

- When: Wednesday 17 May 2023
- Where: QEII Centre, London

Please mark the date in your diaries and find out more [here](#). More information on content and speakers to follow.

Rules of Origin – Trade Preferences Explained



- Friday 20 January, 10:00
- Thursday 26 January, 14:00
- Tuesday 7 February, 15:00
- [Register here](#)

Trade statistics show that UK businesses are missing out on duty waivers for their customers, negotiated by the UK government in over 70 trade deals. Rules of Origin (RoO) can be complex, so join us to understand how to benefit from trade deal preferences, how to be more profitable and how to make your exports even more competitive.

These webinars are co-hosted with the DIT Export Support Service (ESS) who have been working across government departments to make RoO as easy to navigate as possible, despite their inherent complexities. [Click here](#) to find out more.

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