



DHL GLOBAL TRADE BAROMETER – UK

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UK trade growth predictions remain slightly positive, although dynamics for both air and ocean trade decline

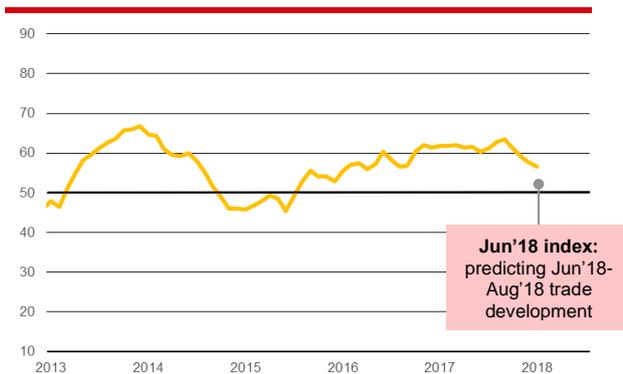
Key findings:

- Index for the UK declines by -4 points to 57 in June, being the lowest value of all GTB countries
- UK air and ocean trade predicted to continue growth, although slower than in the previous quarter
- Air trade declined significantly (-6), mainly due to the negative outlook of Temperature or Climate Controlled Goods
- Growth in ocean trade also declined (-3), in parts going back to a negative outlook for Basic Raw Materials exports

The deceleration of UK trade is partly due to the expected slowdown in air trade, dropping -6 points compared to March. The slowdown in air trade growth is mostly attributed to the negative outlook of Temperature or Climate Controlled Goods, both in terms of air imports and exports. However, positive developments are seen in air exports for of Machinery Parts. In addition, air imports of High Tech are also expected to contribute increasingly to UK air trade.

UK ocean trade growth is also expected to decelerate in the next quarter, as the index is dropping -3 points. The main cause of the slowdown in UK ocean trade is the negative outlook for imports of Basic Raw Materials as well as ocean exports of Industrial Raw Materials. However, ocean export of Land Vehicles & Parts are given a positive growth outlook for the coming three months. On the ocean import side, Industrial Raw Materials and Machinery Parts play a vital part in the positive growth outlook.

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Index 2013 – present, 50 = no change



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Indexes 2018 Sector development

	Mar'	Apr'	May'	Jun'
Basic Raw Materials	52	44	41	44
Capital Equip. & Machinery	56	55	63	69
Chemicals & Products	77	79	80	69
Consumer Fashion Goods	71	63	55	48
High Technology	50	63	58	59
Industrial Raw Materials	82	71	74	71
Land Vehicles & Parts	77	84	89	88
Machinery Parts	70	76	74	71
Personal & Household Goods	64	60	55	57
Temperature or Climate Control	39	39	44	44

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Indexes 2018 – latest four months

	Mar'	Apr'	May'	Jun'
UK Trade	61	59	58	57
✈ Air Trade	62	61	58	56
🚢 Ocean Trade	60	57	57	57

The DHL Global Trade Barometer continues to predict positive growth for UK trade, although the index declined by -4 points compared to March. Scoring 57 points, the UK currently has the slowest growing trade of all constituent countries of the DHL Global Trade Barometer.



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About the DHL Global Trade Barometer:

The DHL Global Trade Barometer is an early indicator for the current state and future development of global trade. It is based on import and export data for a number of intermediates and early-cycle commodities that serve as the basis for further industrial production. Sources for the index are aggregated market data from air and containerized ocean freight from seven countries (China, South Korea, Germany, India, Japan, UK, USA), which account for more than 75 percent of world trade. These data are evaluated using artificial intelligence and various statistical methods and compressed to a single index value that represents the weighted average of the current growth and the upcoming two months of trade. The index, which was designed in cooperation with Accenture, is published four times a year by DHL on a global scale as well as for each of the seven countries surveyed.

About DHL:

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