

## Everything you need to know about how hard trade will b...

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My headline is, I think appropriate.

Trade outside the EU is going to be nightmarishly difficult.

For the UK the cost is currently incalculable. I suspect it will be much higher than many have forecast because they simply have not assumed the government could be as stupid as this one looks like it might be.

But facts help. Ian Dunt is a very good political writer whose reputation has been considerably enhanced by the work he has done on Brexit. He has reviewed all the difficulties that have to be addressed in the next eleven months and then managed thereafter, from an internal trade border with Northern Ireland onwards [in a post that I thoroughly recommend, here.](#)

I am not going to try to summarise what he says. That would be hard in any case, so much ground does he cover. I just recommend reading it.

And then ask a simple question, which is 'Why are we doing this?'