

## 'Blue tape' is here to stay

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The Guardian is amongst many outlets [to note that](#):

*Downing Street .. did nothing to knock down reports that the UK is preparing to impose full customs and border checks on all European goods entering Britain, to try to increase pressure on the bloc to give way in the negotiations, which are due to start next month.*

In other words, our government is planning to impose maximum regulatory burdens on trade with the EU from 1 January 2021.

For as long as I can recall - and for these purposes that's more than forty years - Tory governments have railed against 'red tape', which they have always said crushes the spirit of enterprise and the ability for trade to flourish. And now a Tory government is planning to maximum regulation.

It's time, then, to say farewell to red tape.

We have blue tape now.

And it's here to stay.

Because the Tories have turned its creation into a policy objective.

You couldn't make it up.