

# Press release: Exporters recognised in New Year's Honours list

- Business leaders recognised in New Year's Honours for services to international trade.
- Recipients will be honoured at investiture ceremonies held at Buckingham Palace.
- Total UK exports are at record high, rising 2% to £626 billion in the year to October 2018.

International Trade Secretary Dr Liam Fox MP congratulates business leaders and exporters being recognised with Honours for truly exceptional and outstanding service to international trade and exporting.

Those recognised in the New Year's Honours list include:

- Stephen Edwards, Managing Director of engineering firm Flamgard – who earlier this year were presented with a Board of Trade Award (BOFTA)
- Dairy Crest's CEO Mark Allen, for services to the UK's dairy sector
- Utterberry Managing Director, Heba Bevan
- Paul Flanagan, Secretary General of UKspace Trade Association
- Entrepreneur and founder of Ella's Kitchen, Paul Lindley
- Chipside Managing Director, Paul Moorby

Also being recognised in this Honours round are:

- Harper's Bazaar US Editor-in-Chief Glenda Bailey for services to the GREAT Britain campaign
- Chair of the British Business Group in the UAE, Richard Oliver

Long-serving Department for International Trade colleague Adam Thomas is also being recognised with an MBE.

These Honours recipients have shown exceptional service to the UK economy and British prosperity, through UK export promotion across sectors from space and technology to fashion, and food and drink.

The investiture ceremonies will take place at Buckingham Palace in the new year.

International Trade Secretary Dr Liam Fox MP congratulated the recipients, saying:

I am delighted that leading business people are being recognised for their exceptional contribution and service to international trade and exporting in this New Year's Honours round. I congratulate everyone receiving an honour and thank them for their hard work in putting the UK on the global stage.

As an international economic department, we are committed to recognising the excellence of UK exporters and ensuring we continue to help businesses succeed in new, global markets.

The New Year's Honours list recognises the achievements and service of extraordinary people from across the UK and beyond.

UK exports are at a record high after rising 2% (£12 billion) to £626.4 billion in the year to October 2018.

## **Notes to Editors**

International trade and exporting recipients in the 2019 New Year's Honours list:

- DBE: Glenda Bailey – Editor in Chief, Harper's Bazaar US. For services to the GREAT Britain campaign and UK prosperity, charity, fashion and journalism.
- CBE: Paul Flanagan – Secretary General, UKspace Trade Association. For services to the UK space sector.
- OBE: Mark Allen – Chief Executive, Dairy Crest. For services to the dairy sector.
- OBE: Heba Bevan – Managing Director, UtterBerry Ltd. For services to innovation, technology and STEM education.
- OBE: Paul Lindley – Entrepreneur and founder, Ella's Kitchen. For services to exports in the food and drink sector and for children's welfare.
- OBE: Paul Moorby – Managing Director, Chipside. For services to promoting the UK's technology sector abroad.
- OBE: Oliver Richard – Chair of the British Business Group and Abu Dhabi Treasurer of the British School Al Khubairat. For services to the British community and British business in the UAE.
- MBE: Stephen Edwards – Managing Director, Flamgard Engineering. For services to the British economy and exports.
- MBE: Adam Thomas – Senior Press Officer and spokesman, Defence and Security Organisation, Department for International Trade. For services to UK defence and industry exports.

## **About the Department for International Trade**

The Department for International Trade (DIT) helps businesses export, drives inward and outward investment, negotiates market access and trade deals, and champions free trade.

We are an international economic department, responsible for:

- supporting and encouraging UK businesses to drive sustainable international growth
- ensuring the UK remains a leading destination for international investment and maintains its number one position for international investment stock in Europe

- opening markets, building a trade framework with new and existing partners which is free and fair
- using trade and investment to underpin the government's agenda for a Global Britain and its ambitions for prosperity, stability and security worldwide

## About the Export Strategy

The [Export Strategy](#) sets out how the government will support businesses of all sizes to make the most of the opportunities presented by markets around the world.

A government-led collaboration with business, developed after extensive engagement with a range of UK firms, the Strategy sets a [new ambition from government to increase exports as a proportion of UK GDP to 35%](#).

It presents a streamlined and targeted offer for businesses of all sizes, set to raise productivity, boost wages and protect employment across the UK.

This is just the start – in the months ahead DIT will lead work across government to assess what more we can do to support UK business to achieve a step change in their exporting performance.