

## Brexit's 'Operation Dynamo' via the EFTA/EEA Escape Route

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### Quick action is urgently needed to save Brexit in its DARKEST HOUR

An improvised emergency operation is needed to extract our country from the European Union (EU) just as in the early summer of 1940 the original Operation Dynamo was essential to rescue the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) from occupied Europe. And, as with the original, it will include a motley collection of ordinary people helping under professional direction, since Mrs May's government cannot do it alone. As the days pass the urgency becomes greater and our plight more desperate. There is no tangible Brexit Political Will or Brexit progress under Mrs May's leadership and with the rule-bound control-freak EU 'nothing is agreed until everything is agreed'.

Mrs May will go down in history as the sole will cause of a UK Constitutional Revolt. Mrs May must neither accept the EU's terms nor pursue her wholly misconceived and ignorant non-solutions of "Max Fac" or "Customs Union Partnership". Neither solves any of the issues raised in all BREXIT Web sites. [See Friends]

The ONLY SOLUTION TO avoid the huge disruption after we leave the EU and the Transition stage in December 2020 [A DEFINITE END STOP DATE which cannot be extended] is the **Market Solution**. True, that requires treaty change but the EU member states will ensure that this is done if Mrs May listens to those who know and not the ignorant muddle rubble bubble of the ignorant Westminster sources as always.

We must protect the highly integrated trade with the Single Market, stay in the wider [European Economic Area](#), and **re-join EFTA** under new terms.

### Mrs May has boxed us into an ever smaller dead-end

Mrs May seems to have left herself no options other than to accept the EU's increasingly demanding terms in order to deliver frictionless trade (with the Single Market and wider EEA) and a soft border in Ireland. Remember that all her imaginary technical solutions and customs partnerships or unions have already been rejected by the EU. These include "Max Fac" and "Customs Union Partnership".

**In any case no UK Government has a stellar record of delivering complex IT projects to specification, on time and within budget. Indeed they are useless at it. These May day dreams will not solve the legal issues of EU Regulatory alignment and issues of CONFORMITY AND CERTIFICATION NOR OF STANDARDS or therefore Free Trade.** Frictionless trade with an [FTA is a fantasy](#).

It is **ONLY** membership of the Single Market (or EEA) that delivers near frictionless trade, between members not participation in any possible conceivable types of customs unions.

[Brexit in name only is Nigh!](#) A cry that is not heard or heeded in our democratic land.

Brexit in name only, with the UK being a [temporary](#) then [permanent](#) EU vassal state. This can be the only outcome under the EU's demands. Even if Mrs May achieved some [flimsy free trade agreement](#) (FTA) and whimsical [mutual recognition of standards](#) the concessions required from her would still mean that we are a vassal state in everything but name, with the EU able to 'turn the screws' at any time.

## **The EFTA/EEA Escape Route from EU Occupied Europe**

Rather than being trapped without any sovereignty under EU hegemony, [Mrs May 's Trojan objective] a SOVEREIGN UK as a stepping stone to freedom could remain in the Single Market under different, much more flexible conditions by re-joining the free nations of Europe in [The European Free Trade Association](#) (EFTA).

**The EFTA/EEA route is THE ONLY SOLUTION.** It enables the UK on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019 to leave the political EU and its alien, autocratic straightjacket whilst still trading, as now, with the Single Market. As a temporary measure it could buy time for FTA negotiations. (See also [here](#), [Brexit Reset](#), [Eureferendum.com](#))

### **The [EEA Agreement](#) is the Key to EFTA/EEA participation**

The [EEA Agreement](#) (with its [Annexes and Protocols](#)) determines how the EFTA countries [participate](#) in the EEA. This agreement is regularly amended to suit the interests of the participating EFTA countries – each country has its own variations. Hence taking the existing off-the-shelf versions we could get our own bespoke version to suit our needs, and then revise as many times as we choose to correct errors, customise further to suit our needs and as conditions change.

### **The Free Nations of EFTA are Our Brexit Rescue Partners**

Any EFTA/EEA negotiation, unlike the EU Article 50 negotiations, would be a collaboration not an adversarial confrontation, and be conducted within a different amiable atmosphere and legal democratic environment. Such negotiations would then be about amending the [EEA Agreement](#) to improve it, in all the EFTA partners' interests. Our new partners expertise built up over many years would be invaluable. This would also go some way to making amends for Mrs May's ignorant betrayal of EFTA by [deciding](#), before she knew anything about the issues of which she was deciding, namely to leave the Single Market (and wider EEA), and leaving them out of any consideration and any negotiations.

### **Key Items for the UK EFTA/EEA Agreement**

We need our version of the [EEA Agreement](#) to address our major national interests, in particular near frictionless trade, and control of immigration. Frictionless trade is mainly about dealing with technical issues, how to retain existing arrangements without introducing new barriers. Control of immigration is about strengthening existing arrangements in the [EEA Agreement](#) (Article 112, the Safeguard Measures). These would already allow us to unilaterally manage immigration. However, in the UK there are permanent economic, infrastructural and societal factors which would justify introducing specific clauses to ensure the stronger right to permanent or longer term control. This is both legal and possible under the EEA but outside the EU.

## **Stakeholder Working Groups for Frictionless Trade**

Delivering near frictionless trade is where the bulk of the work is to be required in amending the [EEA Agreement](#) to suit our requirements across the wide range of economic activities from aeronautics to zoology.

This is obviously beyond the competence of Mrs May, Mr Davis and the Department for (not) Exiting the European Union.

Yet untapped real expertise exists amongst the various (industry) stakeholders who are already familiar with relevant EU/EEA legislation and working practices. These people would be highly motivated to solve any issues, once they recognise the government's limitations, since their livelihoods often, in part at least, depend on frictionless trade.

Multiple industry working groups can function concurrently, whilst learning from each other and 'comparing notes' to speed up their 'learning curves'. Including public consultations and publication of drafts could add considerable transparency to their activities, whilst moving the process away from destructive political in-fighting. Mrs May uses no such expertise outside Whitehall.

## **Preventing Abuse of the EEA Agreement**

The EU doesn't want us back as a troublesome full member state. As an EU vassal state they can get everything they want from us. However, it would be prudent to send a strong message to EU 'fifth columnists' that the EFTA/EEA agreement cannot be subverted – that it must always be used for its original purpose to provide access to the Single Market for free European nations (outside the EU).

## **Brexit's Operation Dynamo can and would be made to work in a commercial world**

It is all straightforward project management, not rocket science, and much less risky than Mrs May's fraught and furtive Article 50 negotiations.

For starters, it needs: - addressing resourcing requirements; building competences; setting objectives, priorities and timetables; managing risks; co-ordinating efforts. This is merely following a systematic document preparation process, which can be adapted to build in various procedures, checks, controls and risk mitigation measures. Many industry specialists do this sort of thing all the time, for example, under the aegis of the British Standards Institute.

There may also need to be continuity planning to keep trade moving under existing arrangements until the EFTA/EEA bespoke UK [EEA Agreement](#) can be fully adopted; not difficult since we would be staying in the EEA. Work carried out now and resources developed could also be useful in the years to come in developing international trade and reforming the Single Market.

## **Other Lessons from the Original Operation Dynamo Dunkirk**

The original Operation Dynamo was a collective effort of improvisation in a short time – it worked better than expected in a national crisis.

It provided a hard lesson against insular complacency and laid foundations for a future national cooperative effort.

A new crisis is here now as a consequence of Mrs May's shambolic negotiations and [recklessness](#) in deciding to leave the Single Market without a [plan for frictionless trade](#). Just as in 1940, a committed, courageous and practical new prime minister may well be needed.

Does anyone at all in Parliament possess the intellectual integrity, knowledge, practicality, and patriotic motivation to save our sovereign nation?

God Bless this country in her hour of need.