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## Engineering SMEs welcome CBI report

The CBI's 'Smooth Operations' report on the balance of costs and benefits of diverging from EU rules and regulations has been welcomed by the Engineering and Machinery Alliance.

The CBI's overall message, that the costs of diverging from EU rules and regulations strongly outweigh benefits, reflects the views of SMEs in the supply chain. The CBI report sets out detailed evidence, EAMA says.

"Very welcome is the way that government has been galvanising itself to support British industry and exporters in recent years. That must continue, regardless of the terms of Brexit. However, the new efforts serve to contrast with the damaging lack of support and urgency over very many years, which firms believe has little to do with the EU and is very much a UK issue," alliance secretary Jack Semple comments.

"The CBI report highlights the risk of stalling a resurgence in UK manufacturing, with huge impact on employment and wealth creation. SMEs mostly see continued close alignment to EU rules and regulations as hugely important and the CBI's report details why that is the case," he adds.

### **Note for editors:**

EAMA is an alliance of 13 trade associations, whose 1,600 members, mostly SMEs, make up much of the little-seen supply chain infrastructure for British manufacturing.

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