



Scottish Engineering Companies Underline Brexit Concerns

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Following recent concerns raised across Industry at UK level by both the pace and direction of Brexit progress, Scottish Engineering has polled its member companies on their views on the continuing Brexit uncertainty.

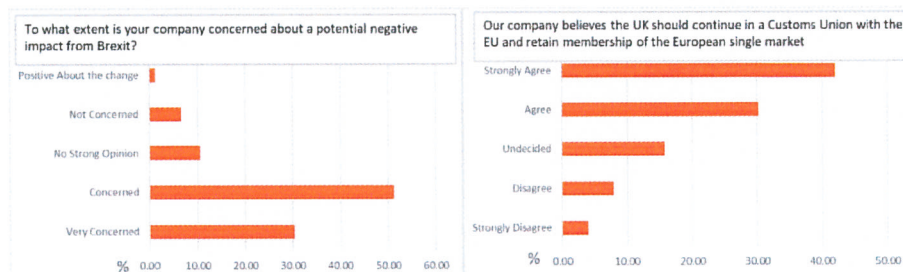
The results show a strong majority of responding engineering companies across Scotland are concerned by the potential impact of Brexit and a similar majority of those polled also wish the UK to continue in a Customs Union with the EU.

Of those companies that expressed a view, 81% stated they were concerned or very concerned for a potential negative impact from Brexit, and 72% agreed or strongly agreed that the UK should continue in a Customs Union with the EU and retain membership of the European single market.

By comparison, less than 11% had no strong opinion on the topic, with 6% stating that they were not concerned about a potential negative impact from Brexit, and just over 1% advising that they were positive about the change. Less than 12% of respondents disagreed or strongly disagreed that the UK should continue in a Customs Union with the EU and retain membership of the European single market, with under 16% being undecided on this point.

Overall the views demonstrate that, consistent with recently reported business opinion, a strong majority of responding Scottish Engineering member companies remain concerned for a negative impact from the current Brexit progress, and a significant, if lower, majority favour retention of the European single market coupled with continuation of a Customs Union in the EU.

Scottish Engineering's Chief Executive Paul Sheerin added "One month ago based on member concerns, we pleaded for sense to prevail and clarity on Brexit to be delivered. In the days since we have seen a deeply concerning stance to business coming from parts of the UK Government, and we urge them to carefully consider the wider concerns expressed by the Engineering and Manufacturing Industry as it finalises its position on the pathway to Brexit".



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