

Standards supporting international trade

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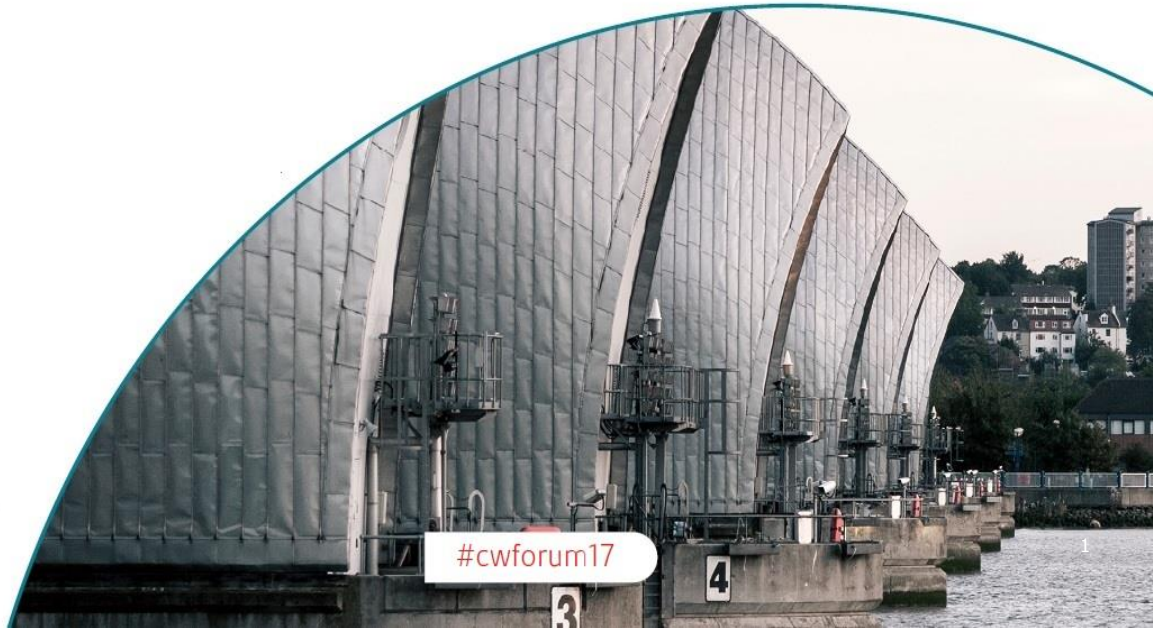
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Standards support the UK economy

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is the amount that standards contribute to the UK economy



of annual UK GDP growth can be attributed to standards, equivalent to **£8.2 billion**



37.4%

of UK productivity growth can be attributed to standards



of additional UK exports per year can be attributed to standards



SMEs are

41% more likely to export if they use standards and larger companies are **36%** more likely to export

Data is based on the findings of 'The economic contribution of standards to the UK economy' report, CEBR 2015

The importance of separating standards and regulations



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EU referendum: 15 months on, and counting

The Standards perspective

- Market access issues post-Brexit still to be determined
- For the UK market the existing technical regulations will be reproduced in UK law on Brexit 'Day One'
- UK manufacturers and importers from the EU will therefore still need to adhere to them, using European standards if desired
- Retaining the UK's full membership of CEN and CENELEC is a key objective for UK industry: using European standards is a given so we must retain our influence on their content



What does industry need?

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Member of two missions to the Gulf to promote British standards in construction

Member of Government's Building Regulations Advisory Committee 2006-2016

Non-executive director of Zero Carbon Hub

Founder of BIM for Manufacturers and Manufacturing group (BIM4M2) in 2014

Member of CB/- and chair of CB/1

- Industry needs to continue to develop skilled standards experts, from the strategic to the detailed
- Standards situation post-Brexit
- CE marking requirements

Government focus on standards / 1

- Role of standards acknowledged in the White Paper published on 7 February 2017: "... ensure that our future relationship with the European Standards Organisations continues to support a productive, open and competitive business environment in the UK"
- European Union (Withdrawal) Bill: passed its second reading in September; now at Committee stage (date to be announced)
- Incorporation of all EU law on a national basis: includes standards regulation (1025/2012) and NLF regulations/directives (which make use of standards for "presumption of conformity")

Government focus on standards / 2

- Listening to industry views on standards:
 - Strengths; UK influence; needs post-EU exit; opportunities
- Cross-cutting issue: coordination between teams and Departments:
 - Construction standards: close liaison with colleagues in DCLG
- Maintaining business-as-usual policy view of standards:
 - Supporting regulation
 - Opportunities for innovation
 - Element of “quality infrastructure” and supporting global trade
 - Ongoing relationship with BSI

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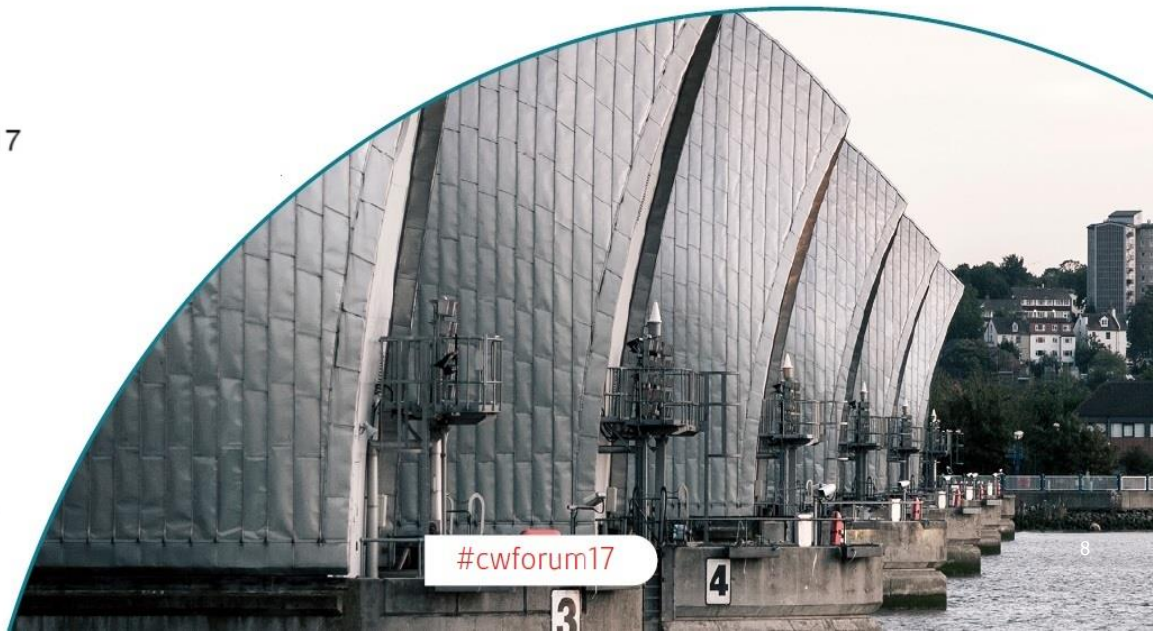
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