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Export – Just do it!

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# **Exporting is a Swedish tradition**

The Svenska Ostindiska Kompaniet was formed in 1731 to trade with East Asia.









# **Exporting is not difficult !**

There is a Myth that Exporting is complicated and difficult.

Exporting is the same as going business in Sweden, your client is a bit further away, they like some other documents and maybe have some funny local customs



# Why Export?

# It helps your business be successful!

# Firms who export are 34% more productive in the first year

34%

Exporters achieve 59% faster productivity growth

59%

A company is 11% more likely to survive if they do business overseas 11%

79% of companies achieved fuller utilisation of their existing capacity through exporting

79%

73% of companies increased the lifespan of their products through exporting



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# **Exporting is Fun**



### Don't believe everything you hear

Its Risky No its not! If managed correctly and the pitfalls are minimised, it is no more risky than domestic business.

**Its Scary** No its not! There is plenty of professional help available, from both the Government and Private sector.

### The customers are foreign

Yes they are! And they want to do business with you. What is your problem?

### I won't understand them

English is the Trade language of the world. 86% of Swedes know English. Sweden ranks 1 out off 88 countries where tests are performed. \*

#### It costs alot

Yes, there are costs. Investment in an Export strategy is important. There are Governmental organisations, the Banks, and many others who can help with this, as well as your own internal cash flow for business development.

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## Its a basic step by step plan

Much the same as your domestic or Nordic sales plan!

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# Small & Medium Business - the future of Swedish Export success

| Size *        | Number  | Share | % of national employment |
|---------------|---------|-------|--------------------------|
| SME company   | 696,426 | 99,9% | 66,3%                    |
| Large company | 1,016   | 0,1%  | 33,7%                    |
| Total         | 697,443 | 100%  | 100%                     |

In Jan 2017 \*\*

58% of SME's exported to 2 – 5 countries (Large proportion are only Nordic region)

11% of SME's exported to 6-10 countries

17% of SME's exported to 11 or more countries

# So, we only have approx. 28% SME's exporting regularly and widely.



# **Opportunity to increase your business in the Middle East**

# World Expo 2020 in Dubai

The World Expo 2020 exhibition takes place in Dubai in 2020. The theme of Expo 2020 is "Connecting Minds -Creating the Future." The exhibition has three areas: opportunities (opportunity), mobility (mobility) and sustainability (Sweden). in the area of sustainability Expo 2020 will be the Swedish Government's single largest investment in export and investment promotion.







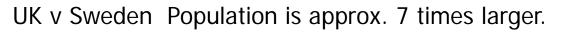


# 200 Swedish companies currently working in UAE

# 7000 UK companies currently working in UAE



Swedish companies need to become more active in the Middle East region







# And then there is **BREXIT**

UK is the world's 6<sup>th</sup> largest economy in 2019

Business will have some bumps and scrapes during the Brexit process whatever the outcome. History shows us that commerce is resilient and overcomes all other issues eventually.

My recommendations:

Continue doing business with UK partners.

Plan with your UK partners to work closely together during Brexit.

Keep up to date with Swedish and UK trade notices and advisories.

Take advantage of opportunities as they present themselves.

Don't believe the speculation in the media. Be positive! Sweden's exports to United Kingdom amounted to \$9.3 billion or 6.1% of its overall exports.

- 1. Mineral fuels including oil: \$1.9 billion
- 2. Vehicles: \$1.2 billion
- 3. Machinery: \$754.2 million
- 4. Paper: \$685.7 million
- 5. Wood: \$671.7 million
- 6. Electronic equipment: \$599.3 million
- 7. Fish: \$306.2 million
- 8. Pharmaceuticals: \$286.3 million
- 9. Gems, precious metals: \$260.7 million
- 10. Iron and steel: \$254.8 million

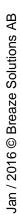
United Kingdom's exports to Sweden amounted to \$7.9 billion or 5.1% of its overall imports.

- 1. Mineral fuels including oil: \$1.2 billion
- 2. Vehicles: \$1.1 billion
- 3. Machinery: \$1 billion
- 4. Electronic equipment: \$839 million
- 5. Pharmaceuticals: \$468.9 million
- 6. Iron and steel: \$440.5 million
- 7. Plastics: \$274 million
- 8. Medical, technical equipment: \$242 million
- 9. Beverages: \$193.5 million
- 10. Rubber: \$164.3 million

**UK & Sweden need each other** 

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