

THE UK'S RELIANCE ON SEAFARERS

Shipping is the original global industry!



The UK's most valuable food export is

chocolate
£571m
(exported every year)

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The UK's sea ports handle over

half a billion tonnes
of goods a year

(That's more than

8 tonnes or a small lorry load for each person in the UK)

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1.65 million

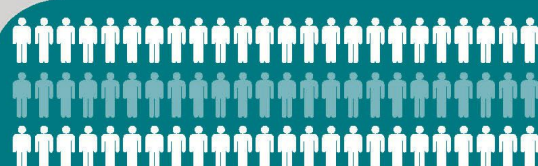
seafarers are employed by the global shipping industry

3.

95%

As an island nation the UK relies on shipping for 95% of its imports and exports

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120,000

people from the UK work at sea

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The UK imports

465,000
tonnes of potatoes
every year the equivalent to



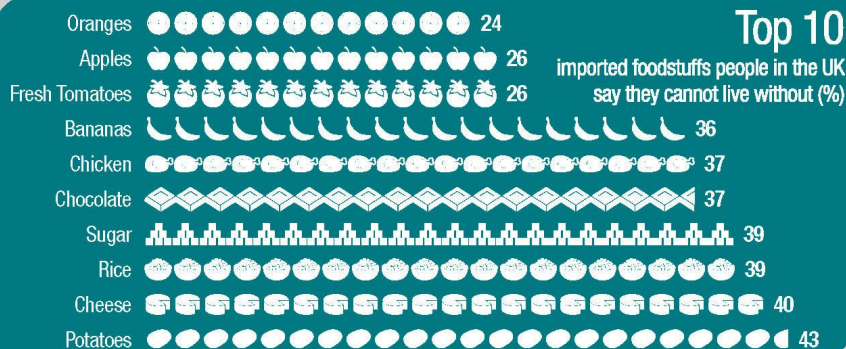
38,750 London buses!

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The average container ship will travel **three quarters** of the way to the moon every year during its trips across the oceans



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A large cargo ship contains as much steel as

8 Eiffel Towers

and has a capacity equivalent to

22,000 20-foot containers

Those containers would fill more than **30 trains** each a mile long and stacked two containers high

Inside them you could fit

863 million tins of baked beans

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A single

20-foot container

can hold approximately

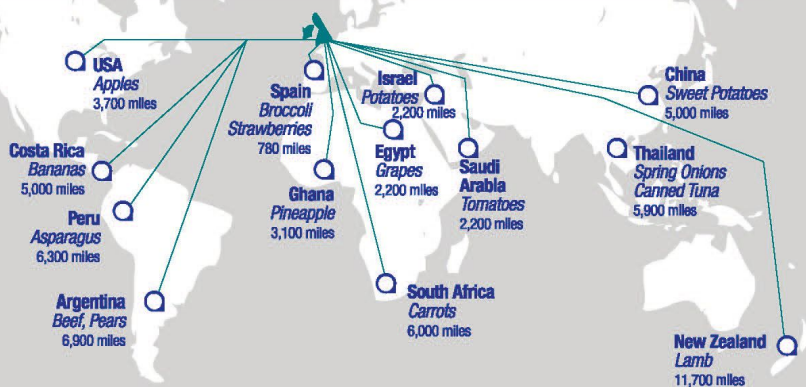
48,000 bananas

and the average container vessel can carry 746 million in a single voyage...

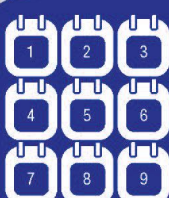
...enough to give everyone in Europe and North America a banana for breakfast!

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From ships to shops - how many miles has your lunch travelled?



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Many Merchant Navy seafarers work at sea for more than

9 months every year

12.

Seafarers UK

gives grants totalling **£2.5 million** to other maritime charities and projects every year