

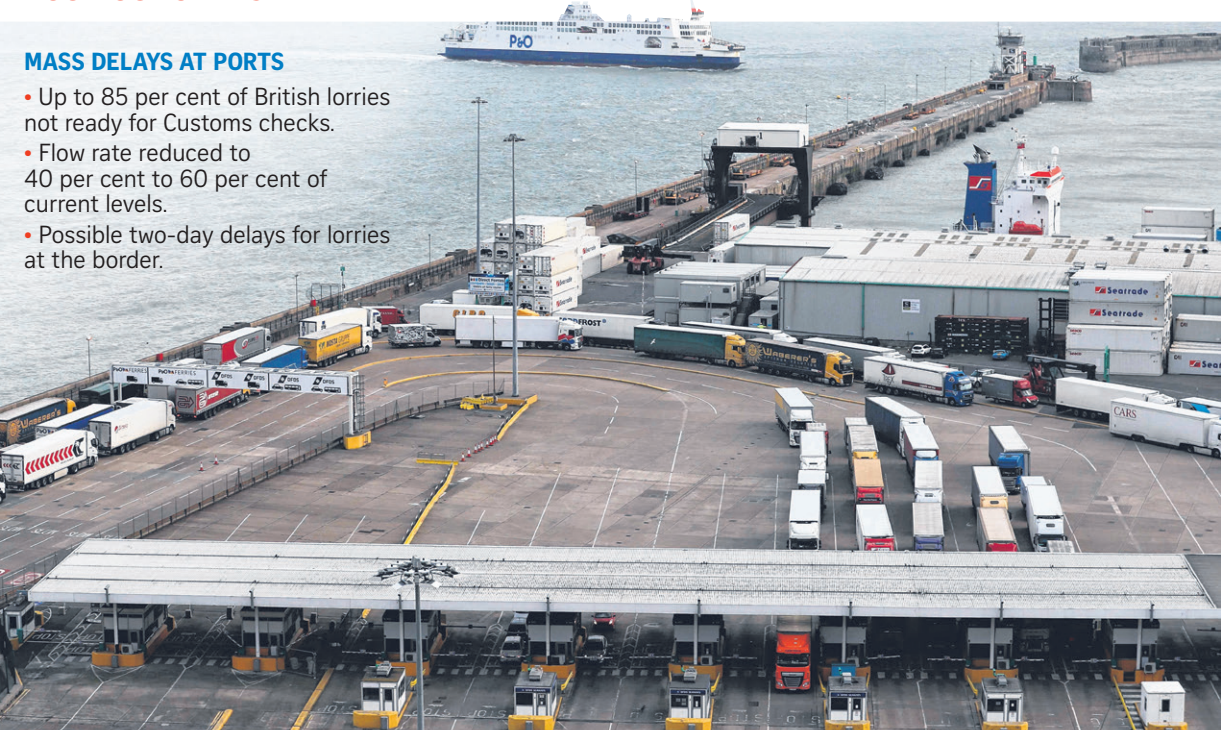
Risks of a no-deal Brexit

What could occur in a reasonable worst-case scenario as assessed by the British government in Operation Yellowhammer.

MAJOR CONCERNS

MASS DELAYS AT PORTS

- Up to 85 per cent of British lorries not ready for Customs checks.
- Flow rate reduced to 40 per cent to 60 per cent of current levels.
- Possible two-day delays for lorries at the border.



MEDICAL SHORTAGES

- It could impact supply of medicine and medical equipment.

LOW-INCOME GROUPS

- Low-income groups will be disproportionately affected by any price rises in food and fuel.

PUBLIC DISORDER

- Protests and counter-protests will take place.
- There may be more public disorder and community tension.



SOCIAL CARE

- Impact on adult social-care providers due to increasing staff and supply costs may lead to provider failure.



IMMIGRATION DELAYS

- Delays likely for UK arrivals and departures at EU airports and ports.



FISHING RIGHTS

- Disputes could flare up in fishing waters.

ENERGY COSTS

- Possible price increases for consumers.
- Some energy providers could exit the market, exacerbating the economic and political impacts.

FOOD SUPPLY

- Decrease in fresh food supply, price rises, reduced choice, risk of panic buying.



IRISH BORDER

- No-checks policy at Irish border would be unsustainable due to economic, legal and biosecurity risks.
- Could lead to a black market at border communities, with dissident groups expected to capitalise on the situation.

PETS AFFECTED

- Vet medicine supply could be affected.
- Potential detrimental impacts for animal health and welfare, and the environment.

