



The Euro Realist Bulletin

An occasional bulleting

campaigning for an EU free Britain &

Parliamentary sovereignty



Edition 19

November 2015

THE EU, UNDERMINING SMALL BUSINESSES & HELPING GLOBAL SUPPLIERS MAINTAIN THEIR MARKETS SHARE & PROFITS



Jim Carver MEP & Jim McClean: EU supporting a cartel.

One of the main arguments for the UK to remain trapped in the EU is for trade. The people are misleadingly warned by the misguided pro-EU supporters that leaving the EU would cost jobs and problems for British companies that trade abroad although, in reality, for the

majority of businesses in the UK the opposite is the case. This import model was no different to what the big five global companies have been doing. With consolidated volumes Compressortech could seriously compete and prevent the big five companies from controlling the market share and pricing thus challenging their dominance of the market. When these large companies realised they had some serious competition they started lobbying the EU Commission to set Refrigerant quota's similar to the North Sea Ecological Fish Quota's. - only taking an Environmental approach and setting import time lines of 2008-2012 as the period where all importers would have their quota measured against. Compressortech started importing refrigerant in 2010.

majority of businesses in the UK the opposite is the case

A classic example of this is the situation affecting Warwick businessman Jim McClean who runs a thriving business (Compressortech) importing R134a refrigerant for vehicle air conditioning systems and distributed throughout the UK aftermarket. Jim contacted West Midlands UKIP MEP, James Carver to advise that his business, the investments it has made, and all the jobs it provides, are now under threat because of the EU Refrigerant Quota legislation. .

This specialised field was dominated by five large Global companies who, until Jim spotted an opportunity back in 2010, enjoyed the market sector all to themselves. This big five unofficially had controlled the pricing of automotive refrigerant R134a for over fifteen years,

However, Jim opened up discussions with UK distributors and UK buying groups selling refrigerant, by consolidating their volumes together, and started to import the refrigerant directly from the none EU

countries that produced it such as China. This import model was no different to what the big five global companies have been doing. With consolidated volumes Compressortech could seriously compete and prevent the big five companies from controlling the market share and pricing thus challenging their dominance of the market. When these large companies realised they had some serious competition they started lobbying the EU Commission to set Refrigerant quota's similar to the North Sea Ecological Fish Quota's. - only taking an Environmental approach and setting import time lines of 2008-2012 as the period where all importers would have their quota measured against. Compressortech started importing refrigerant in 2010.

Global EU lobbying power, Strategic & Tactic Quota planning; has allowed the big five to achieve 89% quota share of all F-Gases (with R134a refrigerant) being part of the F-Gas quotas, which has left Compressortech and 332 other UK & European smaller importers with the prospect of sharing the remaining 11% Quota. As Compressortech started importing in

Continued on page 2.....

Freedom TODAY

THE MAGAZINE OF THE FREEDOM ASSOCIATION

For membership (cost £30 per annum) which includes copies of Freedom Today.

Contact: The Freedom Association, Richwood House, 1 Trinity School Lane, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. GL52 2JL

For page 2 scroll down

EU undermining small businesses continued....

2010 they can only measure their import quota at its lowest level, and only in the 2 years 2010-12, with 2013 & 2014 being the busiest year for their volumes imported. 2010-12 cannot be part of its measured import volume. The periods 2013 are where the big five imported the least amount of F-Gases, so with their lobbying power they convinced the EU Commission to take the time lines back to 2008-2012. Annual EU quota F-gas import volumes are also now reduced by 25% per annum and the quota volume released to independent importers is not released until mid-October, rendering it almost impossible to order refrigerant and schedule delivery to the UK by the Quota import deadline of 31st December 2015.

How can this EU legislation make sense?..It's one sided and effectively written to be none competitive.

The EU Commission, again heavily influenced by the big five specifying late Quota release dates, deliberately make it difficult for the independent 332 import companies to schedule their importation orders for 2016 business. So the strategic agenda of the big five global players is for the smaller importers not to have sufficient quota of refrigerant for their 2016 distribution customer base. The independent importers will fall short of supply and these customers will have to refer back to one of the Big 5 for supply of refrigerant at higher prices, as they have stock and the smaller 332 independents don't.

The additional problem Compressortech has is that it cannot grow its business with losing 2 years' worth of high import volumes, the quota period

doesn't include 2013-2015 and year on year quota reductions of 25% per annum. The business peaked at filling and supplying 20,000 cylinders of refrigerant in 2015 and with a 25% reduction in available refrigerant in 2016 it will effectively be handing back the filling and sales of 5, 000 cylinders to one of the big five competitors who have a 5-way split of an 89% F-Gas share. How can this EU legislation make sense? It's one sided and effectively written to be none competitive. The knock on effect is the big 5 players, have strategically steered and lobbied the EU Commission and driven the business back in there direction. Jim McClean said: European legislation is driving business back to

Europe, it's not supporting UK business or jobs. It's important that the UK can have free trade with Europe but sadly, it's not going to work. If the EU sets the trading terms and are allowed to be lobbied by global manufacturers with business agenda's, the EU Commission simply doesn't have the business savvy to understand. The UK needs to maintain its own independence. "

Rather than help businesses protect jobs and help keep prices down, the EU has threatened jobs, increased prices and aided and abetted large multinational companies, the UK is not part of the decision making and a poor distant cousin. For the large multi-national companies the EU helps and in this way it destroys hundreds of jobs in smaller companies, and to add insult to injury, we all have to pay for it as prices go up with the full support and encouragement of the EU.

PEER ATTACKS GOVERNMENT PRO-EU BIAS

During a debate on the European Union Referendum Bill in the House of Lords (2.11.15), the independent Labour Peer, Lord Stoddart of Swindon has pointed out the bias being exhibited by the Government in the debate about Britain's future in the EU and criticised fellow peers who regularly talk down Britain's ability to cope as an independent sovereign nation.

He said that it is impossible to obtain unbiased information from "...the Government because they are in fact biased. I say that because the PM has just been to Iceland where he made his position perfectly clear, which is that he wishes to remain in the EU. He believes that it is the best thing for Britain to do, so he has made his position absolutely clear. How can the Government be unbiased?

In a hard hitting speech, Lord Stoddart bluntly stated that "the British national interest cannot be served in the European Union. That is because the European Union is exactly what it says it is and what it wants to become. It has been made perfectly clear by unelected officials and indeed by elected people that

they want further integration. However the Prime Minister tries, he will never be able to join a full Union unless he is prepared to agree to more integration."

Lord Stoddart also expressed serious concerns about the habit those who support staying in the EU have of belittling our country and its ability to thrive as an independent nation. *"The other thing that has worried me about this debate is the lack of confidence that so many people have in this country's ability to negotiate with other countries and to stand on its own and build up its own businesses and exports. Why is it that other countries in the world can do it? Why can South Korea do it with a population of 25 million? Why cannot Britain, with a population of 65 million, negotiate successfully with other countries when smaller countries including Saudi Arabia and Iceland can? The Prime Minister of Iceland made it perfectly clear that it was doing very well outside the EU with a population of 350,000 and did not want to go into the EU any longer. Why have we lost confidence in ourselves?"*

THE ONGOING DEINDUSTRIALISATION OF BRITAIN

BY COLIN BULLEN

There was a desperate need for a different political party long before the issue of participation in the European project became prominent, in that our political class had completely abdicated its responsibility to place the interests of the people and of the nation before pursuing their own personal ambitions. When the idea of creating a genuine, democratic party opposed to membership of the EU was first mooted I remember that the reaction, even from those supposedly supportive of withdrawal, was that of horror, as they knew that the cosy arrangement by which only the three main parties would ever win elections would be under threat and that concerned them more than the fate of the country. Far worse they had already ceased to look at what was best for the long term future of the nation, preferring to concentrate on the short term, and on selfish benefits for themselves.

A recent development within the economy has highlighted possibly the most important matter which now threatens us. While the closure of the Redcar steel works and the further job cuts in the industry elsewhere are tragedies for the working class of already depressed areas it is also a symptom of a greater disaster for our country, namely the ongoing deindustrialisation of Britain. The country which invented the tank and the railway now rely on others to supply them, the great shipbuilding yards are silent, we import most of our energy supplies, where once we had massive coal mines, and later were in the lead in the development of nuclear power, something we now lack the skills to expand. As we watch from the sidelines other nations developing space technology how many people realise that there is still a British satellite in orbit, launched by a British rocket in 1971, or appreciate that in the period after the war it was Britain that led the world in advanced airplane technology.

The list of British technological achievements cancelled by idiotic politicians goes on and on, from Blue Streak and Black Arrow rockets, cutting edge aeroplanes such as the Saunders Roe SR177 and the TSR-2 and of course the nuclear industry. How often do we hear of British inventions, not supported at home, which are then successfully developed abroad. Even now NASA is experimenting with a space drive designed by a British aerospace engineer which, should it work, would totally transform space travel. Of course it may just be a pipe dream but British governments would never approve funds to try such ideas, preferring to spend it on membership fees to the EU instead.



Colin Bullen: the closure of Redcar was a tragedy.

I am well aware we cannot support all industries that are in trouble, otherwise we would be subsidising the manufacturers of hansom cabs, but I also remember how, when I was studying economics many years ago, there was a concept that now seems to have been abandoned, namely that of strategic industries, which must be preserved for reasons other than purely financial ones. On the economic front we now rely on financial services, something which the developing countries of the world will provide for themselves once their economies mature, and, in the event of another conventional war, we would go down like wheat before the sickle, being reduced to throwing stock certificates and derivatives (whatever they are!), at enemy ships and armour.

Those responsible are the politicians who, on the right, make a God of the free market, refusing to help indispensable industries when they are in trouble, while on the left are prepared to sacrifice our economic strength in pursuit of politically correct goals concerning the myth of anthropological climate change, something rightly ignored by China and India, or an illusory single European state, where our needs will be provided by our dear partners, a laughable idea.

When approached by my wife, the daughter of a Teesside steelworker, on their views relating to the issue of the steel industry the Labour party responded, and I quote "the Government must act now to relieve the pressure on the industry, including by working with the European Commission and the Chinese Government". This shows either a terrible naivety as to the nature of the EU or a deliberate attempt to obfuscate.

In the letters column of the Daily Telegraph of the 27th October 2015 the chairman of the Lib Dem EU referendum campaign said, and again I quote "being part of the EU strengthens Britain's position. The EU has already imposed tariffs on cheap Chinese steel imports. Using the full weight of the EU - by far China's largest export market - will make it easier to push for a fairer deal". This claim is so ridiculous that it defies parody. As any who knows anything about the EU could tell them the idea that the British government could, right now, intervene to save Redcar, would be a non-starter, as the European Commission would immediately ban such an action as anti competitive. Does it never occur to these people that, were we to be the independent country we were before joining the European project, we could do precisely as we wished to protect our vital industries and the jobs of our own people without reference to the interfering bureaucrats of Brussels.

Continued on page 4.....

For page 4 scroll down

Ongoing deindustrialisation continued:

I know that those who have joined UKIP from the right of the Conservative party will not agree with my opinion but I believe that spivs on one side and ideological fanatics on the other have undermined the industrial strength of this country which, in my lifetime, had, inter alia, the largest marine fleet in the world, and still possessed the necessary industry to sustain us during wartime emergencies. Short term considerations and political dogma have been given priority over the vital requirements of Britain and we shall all pay the price eventually, unless those who really care about the nation and its people take the place of the current political class.

NOT WORTH THE BOTHER

In what can only be described as an act of subservience to his master, David Cameron has finally sent a letter more or less asking permission to Donald Tusk, the EU Council President, to make a few very minor demands before the long awaited UK referendum on EU membership. Sadly, Cameron's demands are so weak they are not worth the bother, hence the reason for this report being relegated to the back page of this publication.

**JOIN THE BRUGES GROUP**

214 Linen Hall, 162-168 Regent Street,
London W1B

Tel: 020 7287 4414

E-mail: info@brugesgroup.com

JOIN

Membership is £20 a year or £10 for OAPs

Write to:

**CIB, 3 Stamford Drive, Leicester,
LE6 0YD.**

Contact

admin@campaignforanindependentbritain.org

Web-site: www.eurosceptic.org.uk

Tel: 07092 857684

THE JUNE PRESS BOOKS

Tel: 08456 120175

E-mail: info@junepress.com

The EU: A Corporatist Racket How the EU was created by global corporatism for global corporatism by David Barnby, £9.99. The real and startling story of Britain's entry into the Common Market in the early 1970s, including evidence about the way Edward Heath treated parliament and the public.

Top 10 Reasons to Leave the EU by John Petley, £9.99. This short and easy-to-read book sets out the main issues clearly and succinctly, spelling out the benefits of regaining our independence.

Britain's Global Leadership The positive future for a UK outside the EU by Ewen Stewart, £5.00. Why Britain is uniquely positioned globally in terms of economics, cultural and soft and hard power assets. Emerging markets by 2018 are expected to account for 45% of world GDP, the EU share will have declined from 34.1% to 20.2%. Nations that can address this extraordinary shift in global growth will capitalise most effectively with these new trade flows.

Everything You Wanted To Know About The EU But were afraid to ask by Robert Oulds, £9.99. With so much talk about a referendum on the UK's EU membership this book gives a full account of what membership of the EU means and the restrictions it places on the UK. Conclusion, time to leave.

Brexit - Cutting the Gordian knot: A road map for British exit from the European Union by Iain Murray and Rory Bloomfield, £5.00. IEA Brexit Prize - Runner up of the six finalists.

Generations Betrayed Cutting the Roots of our National Identity by Chris McGovern, £2.00. This booklet draws attention to the ignorance among the younger generations about vital parts of British history. It also shows how the educational establishment believes that the teaching of history is too Anglo-centric and this, no doubt arises from their desire to promote the idea that nation states are out of date and that Britain's future is within the embraces of the EU and governance by unelected oligarchy.

SEND PAYMENTS TO

THE JUNE PRESS LTD

PO Box 119, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 7WA.

Please add 10% P & P

TO CONTACT THE EURO REALIST BULLETIN

Send your e-mails to: euorealistnl@aol.com

The Euro Realist is published by WAEC, write to: "WAEC, 53 Daisy Bank Crescent, Walsall, WS5 3BH.