

Chamber Newsletter

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INTERVIEW WITH MR ANDY BERROW REGIONAL MANAGER FOR BUSINESS LINK IN LONDON

Mr Andy Berrow, Regional Manager For Business Link in London, gave an interview to the Chamber Newsletter. Mr Berrow discussed the services provided by 'Business Link in London' and its associations with government departments, agencies and local authorities such as Regional Development Agencies and the LDA. At the interview, he also talked about the current challenges faced by small and medium enterprises SMEs and how Business Link in London addresses the key issues involved in running business in the UK and in particular in London in the context of the current economic climate. To view the interview with Andy, [click here](#).



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with Andy Berrow](#)

TURKISH AND BRITISH ECONOMY NEWS UK 2008 Macroeconomic Indicators

British economy has slowed down by 1.5% and 0.6% in the last two quarters of 2008. For the full year 2008, UK economy rose by 0.7% as compared to 2007.

Turkish Economy News:

- Turkey to promote FDI with new incentives,
- Tax advantage for foreign investments,
- Plan to tackle unregistered economy,
- Istanbul 3rd in European Property market,
- Turkish & UK Wind energy production,

- Turkish banks' value in the crisis.

For these and other news about Turkish and British economies see our new section on the website: <http://www.tbcci.org/news.php>.

EXPORT IMPORT NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A new section has been added to the website in English and Turkish, offering news and official announcements about the new procedures and regulations applicable to exports and imports between UK and Turkey. Members are invited to post news or enquiries about exports and imports.

English version: [Export Import News and Information](#)

Turkish version: [Ithalat - Ihracat Yeni Uygulamalar, Haberler](#).

EU Duty Suspension Scheme for UK Importers

The Department for Business Enterprise & Regulatory Reform (BERR) have reminded UK importers about the Tariff Suspensions Scheme which allows the duty free importation into the Community of raw materials, components and semi-finished products which cannot be supplied (or supplied in sufficient quantities) from Community sources and used in a process to make another product. To learn which importers qualify for this scheme and for more information, [see EU Duty Suspension Scheme for UK Importers](#).

Textiles and Ready Made Garments Exports to Turkey: Exporter Registry Form

Exporters who export textile and ready made garments to Turkey must complete an Exporter Registry Form, as is a part of new form that importers of these products in Turkey must submit to Turkish authorities. Exporters must fill this form and have it certified for each different importing company or importing person in Turkey.

For information about

- What the Turkish importer must do
- What the UK exporter must do
- The Exporter Registry Form
- Customs codes for the textile and ready made garments goods

- The required TBCCI and Consulate Certification of the form, see

[Textiles and Ready Made Garments Exports to Turkey \(in English\)](#)
[Tekstil ve Konfeksiyon ürünlerinin Türkiye'ye ithali \(in Turkish\)](#)

New regulations on Exporting certain goods and products to Turkey

New export-import procedures have been announced by Turkish authorities for the export of goods to Turkey in the categories listed below:

English

Radio & Telecommunication Equipment
Batteries and Accumulators
Construction Materials and Products
Medical Appliances
Personal Protective Equipment & Products
Toys and Toy Products

Turkish

Telsiz Telekomünikasyon Ekipmanlari
Pil ve Akümülatörler
Yapi Malzemeleri
Tibbi Cihazlar
Kisisel Koruyucu Donanimlar
Oyuncaklar

If these goods declared in Free Circulation on the A.TR document do not originate in European Union countries, a Letter of Conformity will be required or the goods may be subject to product safety control at the time of importation. Customs will allow these goods accompanied by a Letter of Conformity or a letter attesting that the goods do not fall under the scope of the protocol. These procedures serve the standardisation requirements for convergence with EU norms. For information about

- Turkish Customs procedures
- What the Turkish importer must do
- What the UK exporter must do
- Goods Customs codes applicable to these procedures, see

[Export Import News and Information \(in English\)](#)
[İthalat - İhracat Yeni Uygulamalar, Haberler \(in Turkish\)](#)

2001-2008 UK-TURKEY EXPORT IMPORT TRADE DATA

2008 Trade results

The highest trade volume between the UK and Turkey was realised in 2007, the export import total between the two countries reaching 14.1 billion US Dollars. Even further increase was achieved over 2007 in the first two Quarters of 2008, but reflecting the economic climate in the second part of the year, the trade between the countries declined sharply particularly in the 4th quarter.

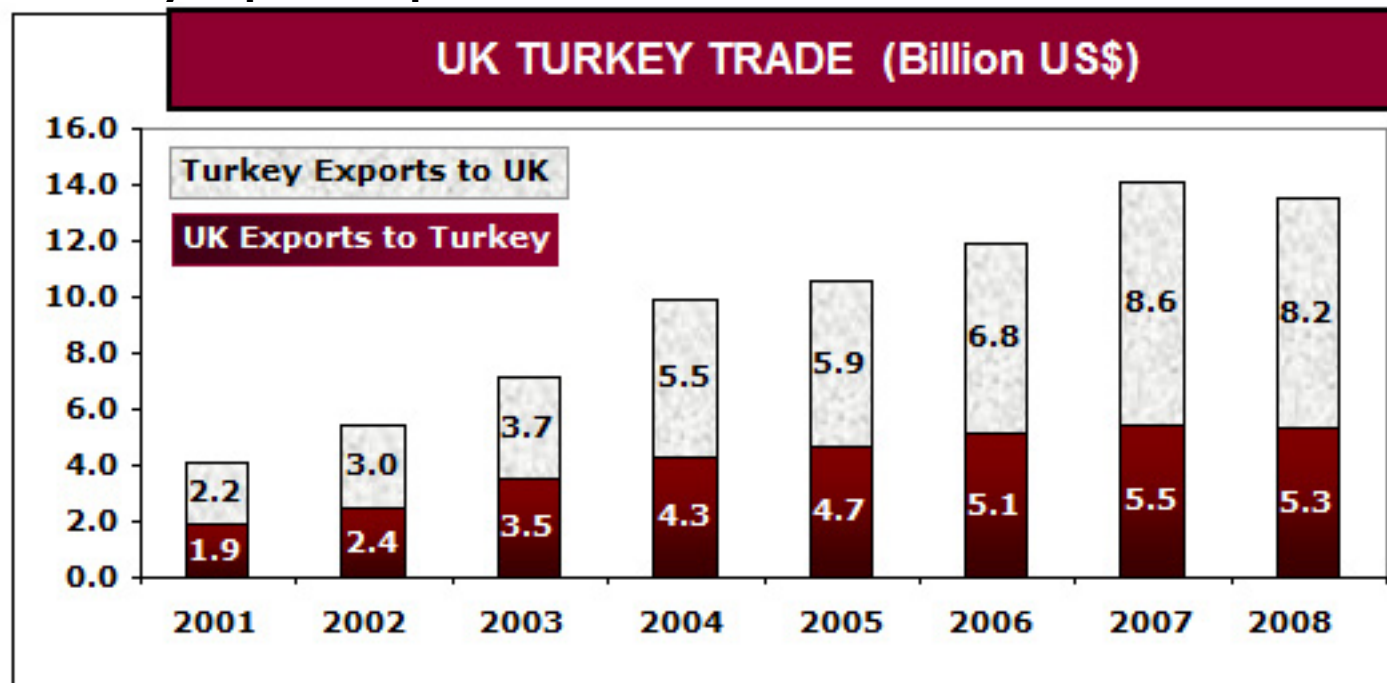
Turkey's ranking among UK's export and import partners:

17th largest in terms of volume in 2008, and

5th in annual average growth rate ranking between 2001 and 2008.

For a full list of UK exports and imports between Turkey, EU and non-EU countries between 2001 and 2008, see [2001-2008 UK Export Import Tables](#)

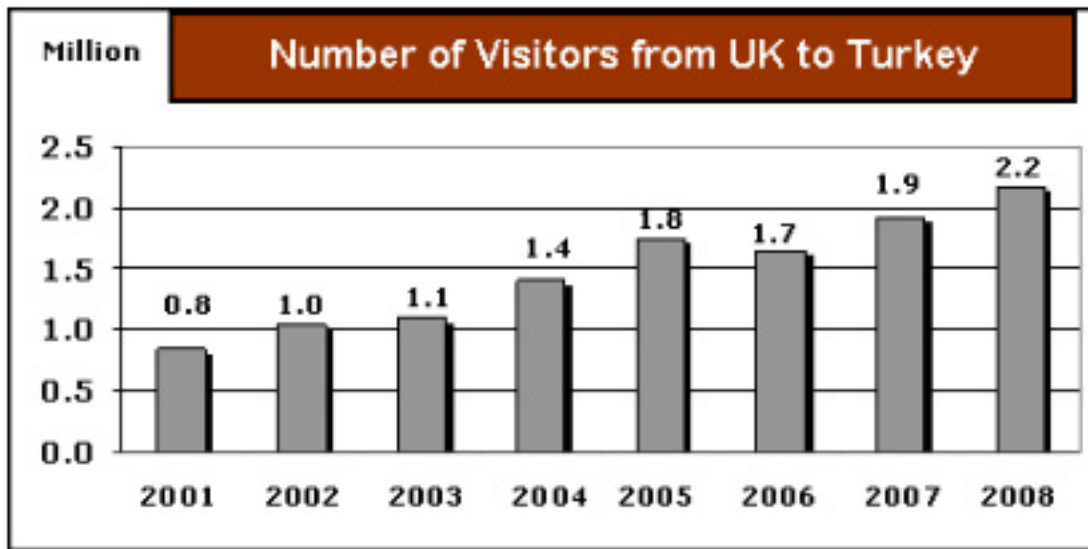
UK Turkey Exports Imports between 2001 and 2008



For UK Turkey export import statistics by month or by product categories, [click here](#).

NUMBER OF UK VISITORS TO TURKEY

In 2008, the number of visitors from the UK to Turkey reached the 2 million mark.



TBCCI MEMBERS EVENING

- * Thursday, 28 May 2009, 6:00 pm, London
- * Sofra Restaurant (Covent Garden) WC2E 7PB

A Social Networking Evening Reception for TBCCI members will meet and network among fellow-Chamber members, new members joining the Chamber, the Directors of the Board, Chamber staff, Turkish diplomatic mission, representatives of trade associations and UK Trade and Investment. For updated information, [follow here](#). Contact us for registration at info@tbcci.org.

TURKISH ENTREPRENEURS WORLD CONGRESS

- * 10-11 April 2009, Istanbul
- * Lütfi Kirdar Kongre ve Sergi Sarayı

Turkish Entrepreneurs World Congress will be held on 10-11 April 2009 in Istanbul. Turkish business men and women from all over the world will put across their projects, discuss regional problems and their solutions and aim to create new business opportunities through exchange of ideas. The congress, which will be attended by Ministers of Turkey will be hosted by the Turkish Undersecretariat of Foreign Trade and the Foreign Economic

Relations Board, DEIK, on 10-11 April 2009 in Istanbul. The congress language will be Turkish. The Congress, under the motto 'Turkey, Global Power', will hold elections to the 'World Turkish Business Council' and achieve a corporate structure to the assembly of the Turkish entrepreneurs worldwide. To book to this event or for more information about the programme, [click here](#).

TBCCI ORGANISED OR PARTNERED EVENTS

To register to TBCCI organised or partnered events below or for more information about the programmes and venues, click on the event names below or contact TBCCI office (+) 44 20 7321 0999 or info@tbcci.org

Doing Business in Turkey

The Turkish Market; Investing in and Trading with Turkey with UK Trade & Investment
17/03/2009 – Leeds

Turkey 3rd Annual Trade & Export Finance Conference

Turkish Trade & Finance; Telecoms, Power, Energy with Exporta, GTR and EMEA,
19/03/2009 - Istanbul

Spotlight on Turkey Event

Trade with Turkey;
with North & Western Lancashire Chamber of Commerce
03/04/2009 – Blackpool

Marketing Your Business

Marketing in a recession, Innovative thinking, The importance of branding Seminar – Workshop with Business Link London
05 May 2009

Turkey: A Strategic Crossroads In Europe

Investment and Export Opportunities in Turkey,

with London Chamber of Commerce,
26/03/2009 - London

Turkey - Business Opportunities

Turkish market; Opportunities and Procedure
with Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce
21 April 2009 - Slough

Turkish Investment Summit

Opportunities & Strategies in Turkish Emerging Market
with Adam Smith Conferences International
26/05/2009 - London

Investor Relations Awards 2009, Turkey

with Acclaro (Member of TBCCI)
28/05/2009 – Istanbul

OTHER FORTHCOMING TBCCI EVENTS

The programme, speakers and presentations of the following events not yet added to the website will be announced in due course.

Energy Law and Energy Market

Energy issues-trends in Turkey, with the Turkish British Legal Society, May 2009

Investing in Turkey, with EBRD, and Invest.gov.tr, May 2009 – London

Exporting to Turkey, Markets & Export Procedures, June 2009 - London

Cross Border Legal Issues-2

Copy Rights-IP, Franchising, Telecom Law and Market, Banking Developments, Electronic Certification, with the Turkish British Legal Society
June 2009 – London

Members are invited to suggest seminar-workshop subjects for future TBCCI events.

TBCCI NEW MEMBERS

Acclaro Creative Ltd	Financial Consultancy	UK
Efes Distribution	Food and Drink	UK
Anglo Turkish Investments Limited	Investment	UK
Thackray Williams LLP	Legal Consultancy	UK
Direct Technology Solutions	Electrical Office Supplies	UK
Bargate Murray	Solicitors-Legal	UK
Caliskan Carter Solicitors	Solicitors-Legal	UK
Callaghans Solicitors	Solicitors-Legal	UK
Carter-Ruck	Solicitors - Legal	UK
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	Legal Consultancy	UK
Lombard Shipping plc	Transport	UK
Cekül Yapi Insaat Sanayi Ticaret Ltd.Sti.	Construction	Turkey

Click on a Member Link to view contacts and business profile.

TRADE AND PARTNERSHIP ENQUIRIES

Members of the TBCCI can view recent and past Trade and Business Partnership enquiries and offers from the UK, Turkey and other countries made to TBCCI can be viewed from the Members Zone of our website. Non-Members can view partnership enquiries made by Chamber members. All partnership enquiries are also periodically posted to Chamber members by email. Members and non-members can post their trade or partnership enquiries from the [Business Partner Search](#) and [Trade Enquiries](#) sections of our website or by email to info@tbcci.org.

TBCCI WEBSITE VISITS



The number of visits to the TBCCI website was nearly 300,000 in 2008. A visitor is counted only when bringing up more than one page. In the first two months of this year, January-February 2009, the number of visits to the TBCCI website was 52,709; 28.7% higher than the same period last year.

WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER ADVERTISEMENTS EVENT SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

TBCCI members and non-members can advertise on our website, monthly newsletter and on the twice-monthly 'News From TBCCI' broadcasts with their Logo as a link to their websites. If you wish to place an Advert logo on the TBCCI website, newsletter and 'News From TBCCI', visit our [Advertisement Page](#), or for Event Sponsorships, contact us at info@tbcci.org or 020 7321 0999.

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