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I've been tweeting a lot about UK [#OverseasTerritories](#) not being part of the [#Brexit](#) deal and a bit more has emerged ...

[#Falklands](#) MLA [@teslynbark](#) has answered a q about [#Brexit](#) and the [#Falklands](#) on fb - highlights:

1 Original UK EU mandate didn't include OTs except for Gibraltar.

2 In May, EU said they didn't have a mandate to negotiate for their OTs and wouldn't negotiate on UK OT issues.

(2 possibly explains what [@BorisJohnson](#) said about EU "intransigence" in his Christmas message to the [#Falklands](#), but wasn't mentioned when he replied to a pmq from [@DerekTwiggMP](#) earlier in the month)

3 [@teslynbark](#) says that [@falklandsgov](#) held that the new spirit of negotiations that evolved through the year gave space for [#Falklands](#) interests to be raised in [#BrexitDeal](#) talks and asking for detail on how they were raised by UK Government ...

4 [@teslynbark](#) says future negotiations with the EU aren't held to the same mandate as before so [@falklandsgov](#) to keep pushing to have [#Falklands](#) trade concerns raised

[@FalklandsRepUK](#) will have been pushing this point in the UK for some time and has explained why all of this matters to the [#Falklands](#) (something to do with a lot of exports going to the EU and being subject to tariffs from tonight):

<https://t.co/azRmEk3Fud>

To find out why it is vital that the [#Falklands](#) current tariff and quota free market access to the [#EU](#) is retained after December 31 2020, watch out short animation. [#Brexit](#) [#Trade](#) [#Negotiations](#) [#OverseasTerritories](#)

<https://t.co/PL4znTLFkQ>

— FIG Representative to the UK and Europe ([@FalklandsRepUK](#)) [February 6, 2020](#)

It's also acquired political significance: a lot of mischief has been made by Argentina about it

#Gibraltar now has its own #BrexitDeal with the EU and, hopefully, the #Falklands and the other #OverseasTerritories can get theirs too ...

Unlike #Gibraltar, the other #OverseasTerritories don't have land borders with the EU, but the #Falklands might (just might) have their own bit of leverage because of the links between Spain and the #FalklandIslands fishery ...

Who knows? Maybe the Spanish fishing companies will be our German car manufacturers ;-)

@threadreaderapp: Unroll, if you would. Please and thank you.