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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
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> — 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.