What have seafarers ever done for us?

Seafarers play a vital role in the UK, with **95% of everything** we eat, use and consume coming to us by sea.

Here are just 10 things we might miss without them.

Wheat from Canada

Wine from Europe

Electronics from USA

Tea from China

Bananas from Central America

Coffee from Brazil

Clothing from India

Gas from Saudi Arabia

Oil from the Gulf

Lamb from New Zealand

As an island nation, the UK relies on seafarers for **95% of everything** — the UK is the 4th largest importer in the world.

Seafarers are the lifeblood of global trade and are vital for the UK to safeguard its economic resilience. Nautilus International is campaigning to protect our seafarers by securing funding for training programmes, championing worker issues and fighting for fairer treatment and pay at sea and onshore. Wherever you are, so are we for Jobs, Skills and the Future.

Onshore & offshore maritime workforce combined is estimated at **60,000**
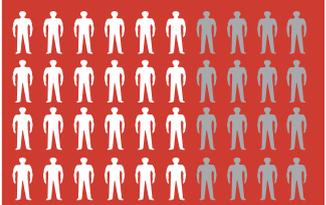
There are **23,060 active seafarers** in the UK

In 2016 **53%** of our imports came from the **European Union**

A single shipping container can hold **48,000** Bananas

In 2016 the UK imported over **20,000** tonnes of lamb from New Zealand

The UK relies on merchant shipping for **75%** of exports

The industry adds over **£62bn** in gross value to the UK

NAUTILUS INTERNATIONAL

Nautilus International is the trade union and professional organisation for maritime professionals at sea and ashore.

The organisation represents **22,000 maritime professionals.**

Nautilus has launched a suite of online animations designed to demonstrate how much the UK relies on shipping and seafarers, to improve public awareness of the sector and ultimately to help it achieve the campaign aims of securing a better future for UK seafarers. The videos highlight that without shipping the import and export of affordable food and goods would not be possible. The videos support Nautilus's 10-point Charter for Jobs which calls on the UK government and maritime industry to secure the UK's maritime future by delivering decent work and training opportunities for British seafarers. **To view the animations visit: www.nautilusint.org**