

Toyota warns no-deal Brexit would stall output at UK plant

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"My view is that if Britain crashes out of the EU at the end of March we will see production stops in our factory," Marvin Cooke, managing director at the Burnaston plant, told the BBC.

The plant, which employs 2,500 staff, produced nearly 150,000 cars last year, 90 percent for export to the European Union.

It relies on components from the EU for its "just-in-time" production of the Auris and the Avensis models

Business minister Greg Clark said the warning highlighted the need for a deal.

"The evidence from not just Toyota but other manufacturers is that we need to absolutely be able to continue what has been a highly successful set of supply chains," he told the BBC.

"We need to have a deal... we want to have the best [deal](#) that will allow as I say not just the success at present to be enjoyed but for us to grasp this opportunity."

Negotiations between Britain and the EU are currently gridlocked after Brussels rejected Prime Minister Theresa May's plans, with the clock ticking down until departure in March 2019.

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