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Christmas isn't cancelled despite choked port, Britain says

London.—Britain said yesterday that people should buy normally for Christmas and there would be no shortage of gifts after shipping containers carrying toys and electrical goods were diverted from the country's biggest port because it was full.

Maersk, the world's largest container shipping company, has diverted some vessels from Felixstowe port in eastern England because a lack of truck drivers means there is nowhere left to stack containers at the port.

"I'm confident that people will be able to get their toys for Christmas," Conservative Party co-Chairman Oliver Dowden told Sky. He said he was sure Christmas gifts would be delivered this year. Dowden, who is a cabi-

net minister without portfolio in the Cabinet Office, said the issues at the port were easing and the supply chain problems facing the world's fifth largest economy were global - such as a shortage of truckers and port congestion.

"The situation is improving," Dowden said, referring to Felixstowe, which handles 36% of the country's containerised freight.

Asked whether people should start to buy now for Christmas, he said: "I would say just buy as you do normally."

He said Prime Minister Boris Johnson, who is on holiday abroad, was very much engaged with domestic and international issues. "He's very much engaged with the job."



WORK FROM MAJORCA WHILE YOU ARE ON HOLIDAY

● Fun in the sun is no longer just play but work also.

TRAVEL giant, TUI, has launched a new package holiday which will allow you to work remotely from your favourite holiday destination.

"Our workations take your typical nine-to-five away from the office - or your dining room desk - and allows you to work in a holiday destination without taking any annual leave," the leading tour operator said.

"Rather than working from home, our workations let you do it from the likes of the Canary Islands, Greece and Majorca instead. We've hand-picked hotels that are perfect for a working holiday, so you can spend your free time sipping cocktails at sunset, walking on the beach, or

making the most of our in-resort activities. Plus, all of the hotels we've selected are All Inclusive, so you can say goodbye to wallet worries on these stress-free escapes - everything from your food and drinks to your flights and transfers is part of the package," the company said.

"Remote working means that it's now possible to work from anywhere in the world, so why not do it from somewhere sunnier? On a workation, you can dial into your 9am meeting from your balcony and tuck into lunch on the beach. And, when you're not working, you can make the most of your new surroundings, starting the day with sunrise yoga and dining out at local restaurants in the evenings," said TUI.

As post-COVID travel picks up, should we bin business flights?

London.—The unprecedented halt to air travel during the COVID-19 pandemic cut planet-warming emissions, saved companies billions of dollars in tickets, and benefitted staff who can lose weeks of their lives on planes.

As global travel picks up following vaccine rollouts, some companies are reassessing how much their staff really need to fly - and the answer is not nearly as much as they thought.

The World Resources Institute, an environmental

think-tank, said last year's switch to virtual working should spur companies to slash their business travel to help the world meet ambitious climate targets.

Aviation is a major contributor to climate change, with the carbon dioxide

(CO2) emissions it produces contributing 2.5% of total global CO2 emissions, and set to triple between 2015 and 2050.

"If air travel were in 2018 a country, it would be the sixth largest (CO2) emitter in the world," said WRI

behavioural scientist Mindy Hernandez.

"It's not an easy sector to decarbonise. We're not going to innovate our way out of this. It's up to us to change our behaviour."

Kathy Alsegaf, sustainability leader at global con-

sultancy Deloitte, said there had been "a seismic shift" in attitudes at her company. "Before the pandemic, there was a deep held belief that if we reduced travel it would impact out business at a very large scale," she said.