

WORD-FORMATION 1

Exercise on compound words

Read the following passage and highlights the compound words. Then give the Italian translation of each of them in the specific context where they occur:

e.g.: Vauxhall maker = il produttore di Vauxhall

Vauxhall maker says Brexit deal must be renegotiated or it could shut UK plant

Stellantis says it can no longer meet trade rules on sourcing of parts in Britain or EU after rise in raw material costs

The Vauxhall and Fiat manufacturer Stellantis has urged the government to renegotiate rules in the Brexit deal that it says could force it to shut some of its UK operations, putting thousands of jobs at risk.

The world's fourth-biggest carmaker, which also produces Citroën and Peugeot vehicles, said only two years ago that the future of its electric car plants in Ellesmere Port and Luton were safe.

However, it now says it can no longer meet rules in the Brexit trade deal that require 45% of parts by value to be sourced in the UK or EU by 2024, after a rise in raw material costs used in electric car batteries during the coronavirus pandemic and the energy crisis.

This means electric vans made at the Ellesmere Port site will face tariffs of 10% when exported to mainland Europe from next year because they do not have enough locally sourced parts, putting the future of the plant at risk, the company said.

Ellesmere Port, which is due to start electric vehicle production later this year, employs 1,000 workers, while 1,200 are employed in Luton making Vauxhall and Fiat vans. Thousands more people are employed in the UK in businesses linked to the plants.

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