

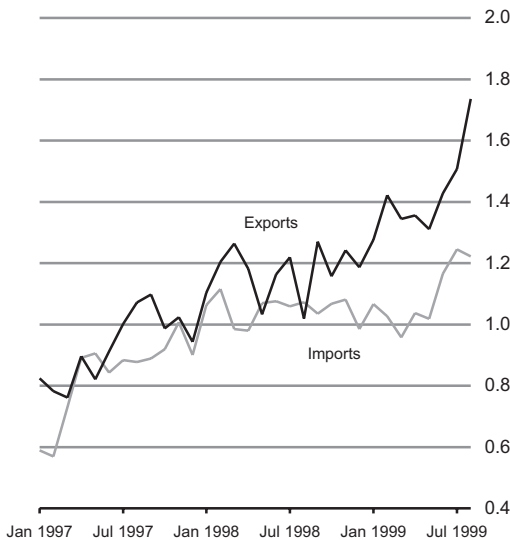


Trade with Non-EU Countries August 1999

Imports v Exports

Seasonally Adjusted

£billion



	Imports	Exports
Jan-Aug 1998	£8,205m	£9,097m
Jan-Aug 1999	£8,548m	£11,323m
% change	+4%	+24%
August 1998	£893m	£927m
August 1999	£1,053m	£1,558m

Continued rise in non-EU exports in August

The value of Ireland's exports to non-EU countries was £1,558m in August 1999, 68% higher than the £927m recorded in August 1998. The value of imports was £1,053m, 18% higher than the £893m recorded in August 1998.

On a seasonally adjusted basis (*see graph*), exports rose sharply in June, July and August to reach £1,736m, higher than any value recorded previously. Imports increased sharply in both June and July but fell back slightly in August to £1.22 billion.

Comparing January-August 1999 with the same period in 1998 shows that (*see Tables 3 and 4*):

- ◆ Imports increased from £8,205m to £8,548m (+4%). Imports from Malaysia increased from £177m to £280m (+58%). Imports from Taiwan increased from £356m to £448m (+26%). There was a substantial drop in imports from Japan from £1,321m to £1,068m (-19%). Imports from South Korea fell from £268m to £212m (-21%).
- ◆ There was a 72% increase in the imports of Telecommunications and sound equipment, from £298m to £512m.
- ◆ Imports of General industrial machinery fell from £255m to £156m (-39%) and imports of Computer equipment fell from £2,452m to £2,337m (-5%).
- ◆ Exports increased from £9,097m to £11,323m (+24%). Most of the increase was due to a rise in exports to the USA (from £3,923m to £5,140m). There was also a very large increase in exports to Malaysia (from £126m to £440m) and a sharp drop in exports to South Korea (from £210m to £140m).
- ◆ Exports of Organic chemicals increased from £1,414m to £2,469m (+75%) and exports of Computer equipment increased from £1,636m to £1,988m (+21%).

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Table 1 Summary of trade with non-EU Countries

Period	Value		Volume Index		Price Index		Terms of Trade ¹
	Imports £m	Exports £m	Base 1990=100				
			Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	
1992	3,978.2	4,299.3	110.6	123.2	98.5	96.7	98.2
1993	5,384.1	6,098.0	136.1	162.2	108.3	104.1	96.2
1994	6,319.4	6,901.8	156.5	192.7	110.5	99.2	89.8
1995	7,584.3	7,315.0	182.7	195.3	113.6	103.8	91.3
1996	8,008.2	8,798.4	196.1	226.7	111.8	107.5	96.2
1997	9,975.4	11,105.4	245.6	282.6	111.2	108.9	97.9
1998	12,558.2	14,044.4	306.7	341.7	112.1	113.9	101.6
1998 January	1,062.8	1,000.0	299.6	278.5	116.5	119.4	102.5
February	1,053.3	1,096.8	314.6	315.8	110.0	115.4	105.0
March	1,125.5	1,252.2	323.5	353.0	114.3	117.9	103.2
April	1,055.3	1,195.6	295.3	334.1	117.4	119.0	101.4
May	1,032.2	1,094.5	300.3	310.1	112.9	117.3	103.9
June	1,033.5	1,227.6	292.3	357.6	116.1	114.1	98.3
July	949.0	1,303.7	276.4	394.6	112.8	109.8	97.4
August	893.3	926.7	260.3	261.4	112.7	117.9	104.6
September	1,016.2	1,366.1	292.7	402.6	114.1	112.8	98.9
October	1,104.0	1,246.5	345.0	388.3	105.1	106.7	101.5
November	1,188.0	1,245.3	371.7	388.0	105.0	106.7	101.6
December	1,045.1	1,089.3	317.5	331.5	108.1	109.2	101.0
1999 January	1,063.1	1,162.3	326.0	336.2	107.1	114.9	107.3
February	973.3	1,326.3	304.6	388.4	105.0	113.5	108.2
March	1,104.3	1,369.6	324.3	403.7	111.8	112.8	100.9
April	1,078.9	1,384.5	324.0	387.1	109.4	118.9	108.7
May	1,054.3	1,324.7	319.9	368.7	108.3	119.4	110.3
June	1,108.2	1,529.3	334.9	424.2	108.7	119.8	110.2
July	1,113.1	1,667.8	332.0	479.7	110.1	115.6	105.0
August	1,052.8	1,558.5	300.9	431.2	114.9	120.2	104.6

Table 2 Seasonally adjusted² trade with non-EU Countries

Period	Value		Volume Index	
	Imports £m	Exports £m	Base 1990=100	
			Imports	Exports
1998 January	1,063.3	1,103.8	290.8	301.1
February	1,115.3	1,204.0	341.4	341.8
March	985.1	1,263.6	287.8	358.4
April	980.1	1,181.4	283.3	339.2
May	1,069.0	1,032.5	317.7	299.7
June	1,075.9	1,163.6	308.0	350.9
July	1,059.3	1,218.4	307.0	372.6
August	1,073.0	1,019.5	312.4	284.1
September	1,034.8	1,269.6	295.0	376.6
October	1,067.0	1,157.4	327.7	366.7
November	1,081.2	1,241.6	334.8	368.1
December	985.1	1,186.6	290.0	348.9
1999 January	1,065.8	1,275.8	324.4	365.8
February	1,026.3	1,421.5	328.4	410.6
March	957.6	1,344.1	285.8	409.4
April	1,037.2	1,356.0	314.5	394.2
May	1,018.6	1,310.3	318.9	372.0
June	1,164.9	1,427.9	356.3	406.7
July	1,245.0	1,506.6	375.0	432.6
August	1,222.2	1,735.5	342.6	469.7

¹ Export Price Index divided by Import Price Index² Based on seasonal patterns up to December 1998

Table 3 Trade with Non-EU Countries classified by Country

£ million

Country	Imports				Exports			
	Aug	Aug	Jan-Aug	Jan-Aug	Aug	Aug	Jan-Aug	Jan-Aug
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Australia	2.2	2.9	19.4	26.0	29.1	67.2	220.0	328.9
Brazil	1.7	9.2	15.9	29.4	8.8	6.3	53.6	78.0
Canada	29.9	25.4	189.4	193.6	20.3	21.5	182.6	165.3
China	33.3	29.4	234.4	244.6	3.3	6.9	33.3	58.2
Czech Republic	2.4	2.8	24.2	29.9	6.9	12.4	57.4	79.3
Egypt	0.2	0.6	4.5	4.7	7.7	12.5	88.9	106.4
Hong Kong	10.9	49.9	103.5	174.2	11.8	17.3	149.8	173.5
Hungary	12.8	15.0	118.8	110.3	4.0	10.9	48.0	79.9
India	4.3	4.0	36.6	40.1	2.7	3.1	24.7	45.1
Israel	9.5	17.3	99.6	143.6	13.0	17.4	119.2	143.4
Japan	126.7	104.9	1,320.7	1,067.5	79.8	119.0	755.9	911.6
Malaysia	29.5	39.1	177.1	280.1	12.5	50.3	126.4	439.8
Mexico	2.9	6.4	41.3	27.9	7.7	10.6	75.9	83.4
Norway	25.7	39.2	242.4	280.8	25.2	33.1	288.8	287.4
Philippines	9.9	14.0	74.4	124.1	16.1	24.9	146.0	200.5
Poland	3.9	4.9	30.0	38.4	13.1	16.7	117.1	118.9
Russia	0.6	10.4	6.7	19.3	15.1	13.3	175.4	117.1
Saudi Arabia	0.1	0.1	12.1	4.6	28.7	20.5	153.8	168.8
Singapore	108.9	89.8	887.5	825.6	24.8	30.2	178.7	242.3
South Africa	2.1	2.8	22.2	25.9	23.4	22.8	183.7	188.5
South Korea	26.5	41.1	267.9	212.4	15.0	28.0	209.8	139.8
Switzerland	15.9	13.8	156.2	130.4	73.3	95.3	571.0	774.2
Taiwan	44.1	50.6	355.8	448.3	8.8	8.3	69.2	96.0
Thailand	11.6	10.7	86.6	68.7	7.0	4.9	46.6	47.2
Turkey	4.0	3.5	34.0	38.9	14.9	11.5	97.4	97.2
USA	333.8	414.6	3,271.6	3,469.3	365.4	772.4	3,922.9	5,139.9
EU Member States ¹	2.0	7.8	28.4	110.4	–	–	–	–
Other countries ²	30.3	38.1	292.1	349.2	69.4	102.0	730.4	798.9
Country unknown ³	7.7	4.4	51.7	29.8	18.9	19.2	270.4	213.4
Total	893.3	1,052.8	8,204.9	8,548.1	926.7	1,558.5	9,097.1	11,322.9

¹ EU member state products imported from a non-EU country.² Other non-EU countries not listed individually.³ Trade for which the country of origin or country of final destination is unknown.

Table 4 Trade with Non-EU Countries classified by Commodity

£ million

SITC (Rev 3)	Imports				Exports			
	Aug 1998	Aug 1999	Jan-Aug 1998	Jan-Aug 1999	Aug 1998	Aug 1999	Jan-Aug 1998	Jan-Aug 1999
0 Food and live animals	15.9	27.4	168.7	169.5	78.4	84.4	672.1	750.6
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	1.2	9.7	6.6	12.4	1.7	3.2	9.8	21.4
01 Meat & meat preparations	0.2	0.3	3.6	3.2	17.8	21.4	179.8	212.1
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.8	9.9	9.4	63.3	65.7
03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and preparations thereof	0.2	0.3	4.9	2.1	1.8	2.6	32.4	25.2
04 Cereals & cereal preparations	0.8	0.2	3.8	4.4	2.6	0.7	12.1	7.3
05 Vegetables & fruit	2.9	2.7	25.8	24.2	0.3	0.1	3.0	1.7
06 Sugars, sugar preparations & honey	0.2	1.0	9.0	9.1	0.7	0.5	11.1	8.9
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices & manufactures thereof	4.4	2.2	28.8	21.3	3.8	2.8	37.2	40.7
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl unmilled cereals)	5.3	10.2	82.4	84.6	0.4	0.2	2.5	3.2
09 Miscellaneous edible products & preparations	0.6	0.8	3.7	7.3	39.6	43.5	321.0	364.5
1 Beverages and tobacco	2.7	5.1	25.4	32.6	18.4	20.6	113.2	126.6
11 Beverages	2.6	5.1	23.1	29.7	17.9	20.2	108.1	122.2
12 Tobacco & tobacco manufactures	0.1	0.0	2.3	2.9	0.5	0.4	5.0	4.4
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	17.9	18.3	158.2	159.0	11.1	17.6	85.1	109.0
21 Hides, skins & furskins, raw	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	1.3	0.7	6.4	6.5
22 Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits	0.2	0.3	2.6	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
23 Crude rubber (incl synthetic & reclaimed)	0.5	0.2	4.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2
24 Cork & wood	6.1	5.4	49.0	49.3	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.1
25 Pulp & waste paper	1.0	1.3	8.5	10.4	0.0	0.3	0.2	1.2
26 Textile fibres & their wastes	1.3	1.0	9.7	9.7	0.9	0.7	7.8	10.7
27 Crude fertilisers & minerals (excl coal, petroleum and precious stones)	3.6	2.0	23.7	26.0	0.8	4.3	5.7	28.9
28 Metalliferous ores & metal scrap	4.2	7.3	51.1	49.5	7.0	11.5	57.2	58.1
29 Crude animal & vegetable materials nes	1.0	0.8	9.5	8.7	1.1	0.2	7.1	3.2
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	26.6	44.1	222.9	254.4	0.1	7.1	6.1	29.5
32 Coal, coke & briquettes	9.7	5.4	55.9	36.5	0.1	0.1	1.5	1.4
33 Petroleum, petroleum products & related materials	16.9	38.7	166.9	217.2	0.0	7.0	4.6	28.1
34 Gas, natural & manufactured	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	–	0.0	–	0.0
35 Electric Current	–	–	–	–	–	0.0	–	0.0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	0.8	1.1	6.4	8.5	2.1	0.1	3.5	1.7
41 Animal oils & fats	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
42 Fixed vegetable fats & oils	0.7	0.9	5.0	6.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
43 Animal or vegetable fats & oils, processed; waxes	0.1	0.2	1.4	2.3	2.1	0.1	3.3	1.4
5 Chemicals and related products nes	64.9	71.5	833.2	836.2	260.4	640.6	3,065.2	4,263.9
51 Organic chemicals	31.7	34.9	434.5	479.5	113.9	332.5	1,414.4	2,469.3
52 Inorganic chemicals	1.9	1.6	20.3	22.0	0.9	1.0	13.8	6.7
53 Dyeing, tanning & colouring materials	1.0	3.3	10.9	16.9	0.5	0.9	6.2	6.3
54 Medical & pharmaceutical products	15.8	13.4	187.3	161.2	84.6	209.3	1,063.7	1,133.1
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet & cleansing preparations	2.4	3.5	22.6	23.6	35.7	55.3	334.9	378.5
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	1.2	0.2	26.5	28.2	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.3
57 Plastics in primary forms	3.2	3.3	34.1	28.1	2.8	3.7	30.2	26.9
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	4.3	4.3	34.7	34.3	1.5	3.4	16.2	36.9
59 Chemical materials & products nes	3.4	7.0	62.4	42.3	20.2	34.5	185.3	205.9

Table 4 Trade with Non-EU Countries classified by Commodity — Continued

£ million

SITC (Rev 3)	Imports				Exports			
	Aug 1998	Aug 1999	Jan-Aug 1998	Jan-Aug 1999	Aug 1998	Aug 1999	Jan-Aug 1998	Jan-Aug 1999
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	31.8	38.3	310.4	317.0	21.5	32.9	204.8	233.5
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.8	3.3	1.2	21.4	8.6
62 Rubber manufactures nes	3.2	3.1	24.5	26.8	1.0	0.9	11.2	10.6
63 Cork & wood manufactures (excl furniture)	3.9	3.8	25.9	27.8	0.8	2.8	7.5	10.8
64 Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	1.6	2.4	16.2	19.4	0.2	1.4	3.9	7.0
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles & related products	5.4	5.1	65.4	55.2	3.0	5.7	38.7	43.2
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	3.5	5.5	30.1	40.3	8.3	16.2	67.8	102.2
67 Iron & steel	2.2	1.8	23.8	20.1	0.3	0.4	2.7	2.9
68 Non-ferrous metals	2.5	3.8	45.4	33.7	1.3	0.7	11.9	10.3
69 Manufactures of metals nes	9.5	12.7	78.8	92.8	3.3	3.5	39.6	37.7
7 Machinery and transport equipment	610.4	695.0	5,390.3	5,645.5	391.8	577.3	3,624.9	4,329.4
71 Power generating machinery & equipment	19.9	24.7	159.6	190.2	11.3	12.6	109.8	114.1
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	8.9	16.9	142.2	114.5	4.5	8.8	59.9	77.0
73 Metalworking machinery	3.8	2.8	57.9	28.8	0.9	1.7	12.4	24.8
74 General industrial machinery & equipment nes & parts nes	22.4	30.0	254.7	156.4	13.8	16.6	132.8	141.1
75 Office machines & automatic data processing machines	286.8	283.6	2,452.1	2,337.5	206.1	249.6	1,636.4	1,987.7
76 Telecommunications & sound equipment	31.3	86.0	298.1	512.0	40.3	61.2	507.9	564.4
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus & appliances nes & parts	167.1	192.3	1,274.7	1,380.9	103.3	197.9	1,074.5	1,315.1
78 Road vehicles (incl air-cushion vehicles)	40.0	32.4	413.5	397.0	0.6	0.3	4.6	2.6
79 Other transport equipment	30.2	26.2	337.7	528.2	11.0	28.7	86.5	102.7
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	94.0	126.1	820.2	881.7	100.6	116.1	988.7	1,084.2
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing & electrical fixtures & fittings	1.3	1.4	7.3	11.2	0.6	0.2	4.7	2.9
82 Furniture & parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	2.6	3.3	22.0	24.7	0.6	0.9	10.2	7.2
83 Travel goods, handbags & similar containers	1.0	1.8	9.7	11.3	0.1	0.1	3.4	1.5
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	16.6	20.2	106.9	121.1	1.6	3.2	15.6	25.5
85 Footwear	1.6	2.7	14.9	16.8	0.1	0.0	1.1	0.9
87 Professional, scientific & controlling apparatus nes	22.2	41.3	230.0	238.1	43.6	47.6	349.9	370.1
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches & clocks	9.1	6.1	90.6	65.4	6.7	6.8	77.0	76.2
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	39.6	49.1	338.8	393.1	47.3	57.3	526.9	599.8
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	28.1	25.9	269.2	243.7	42.4	62.0	333.6	394.5
Total	893.3	1,052.8	8,204.9	8,548.1	926.7	1,558.5	9,097.1	11,322.9

Table 5 Summary of trade with non-EU Countries (in Euro currency)

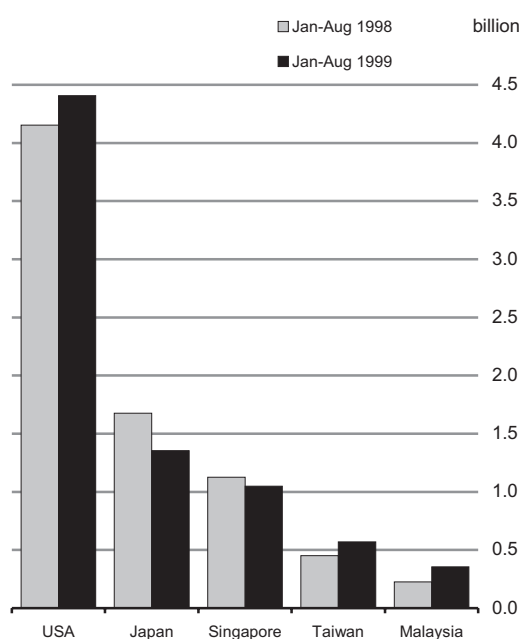
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Period	Unadjusted		Seasonally Adjusted ²	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
1992	5,051.3	5,459.0		
1993	6,836.4	7,742.9		
1994	8,024.0	8,763.5		
1995	9,630.1	9,288.1		
1996	10,168.3	11,171.7		
1997	12,666.1	14,100.9		
1998	15,945.6	17,832.7		
1998 January	1,349.5	1,269.7	1,350.1	1,401.5
February	1,337.4	1,392.6	1,416.1	1,528.8
March	1,429.1	1,590.0	1,250.8	1,604.4
April	1,340.0	1,518.1	1,244.5	1,500.1
May	1,310.6	1,389.7	1,357.4	1,311.0
June	1,312.3	1,558.7	1,366.1	1,477.5
July	1,205.0	1,655.4	1,345.0	1,547.0
August	1,134.3	1,176.7	1,362.4	1,294.5
September	1,290.3	1,734.6	1,313.9	1,612.1
October	1,401.8	1,582.7	1,354.8	1,469.6
November	1,508.4	1,581.2	1,372.8	1,576.5
December	1,327.0	1,383.1	1,250.8	1,506.7
1999 January	1,349.9	1,475.8	1,353.3	1,619.9
February	1,235.8	1,684.1	1,303.1	1,804.9
March	1,402.2	1,739.0	1,215.9	1,706.6
April	1,369.9	1,758.0	1,317.0	1,721.8
May	1,338.7	1,682.0	1,293.4	1,663.7
June	1,407.1	1,941.8	1,480.5	1,813.1
July	1,413.3	2,117.7	1,580.8	1,913.0
August	1,336.8	1,978.9	1,553.4	2,203.6

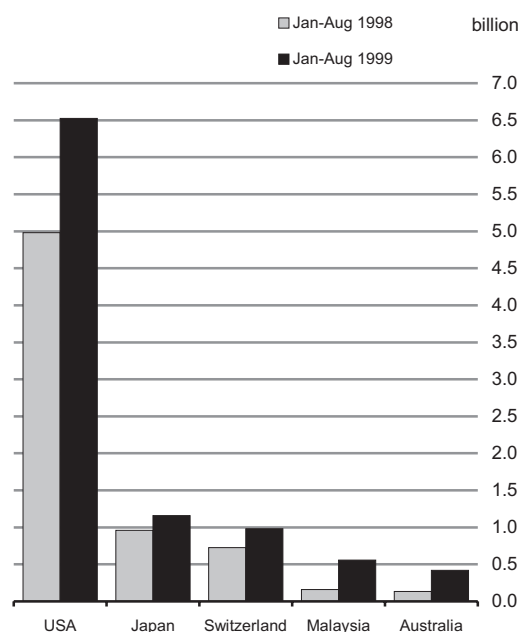
¹ Converted at the European Union official exchange rate conversion factor, fixed at 0.787564, effective from 1 January 1999

² Based on Seasonal patterns up to December 1998

Main Countries of Origin of Non-EU Imports



Main Countries of Destination of Non-EU Exports



Background Notes

- Introduction** The data in this release relate only to trade with non-EU countries, which is subject to Customs documentation. Estimates for trade by companies operating in the Shannon Free Zone and for parcel post trade are also included. About 35% of total external trade is covered. Up to the end of 1992, statistics of Ireland's external trade were collected almost entirely from Customs documentation. Following the completion of the single market at the end of 1992, trade statistics with EU member states and trade statistics with non-EU countries are compiled from different sources.
- The trade statistics with non-EU countries are for the most part compiled, in a similar manner as previously, from the returns provided by importers and exporters (or their agents) to the Customs authorities. These returns give value and quantity information classified according to the headings of the Customs and Excise Tariff of Ireland and to countries of origin or destination. This information is processed in the Office of the Revenue Commissioners and converted to the format required for statistical purposes.
- Revisions** Data from April 1998 onwards are provisional and are subject to minor amendments.
- Coverage** Because of changes in data sources and collection procedures, results classified by country from 1993 onwards are not fully comparable with those for earlier years.
- Imports** These are classified by country of origin. Goods imported directly into Ireland from a non-EU country are covered in this release since they are recorded on Customs documentation, and it has been possible to provide comparable figures for 1992. Occasionally, goods from a non-EU country may be released for free circulation in another EU member state before being imported into Ireland. These "indirect" imports are not covered in this release as they are not subject to Customs documentation. They are surveyed in the Intrastat system and, therefore, estimates of total imports from non-EU countries will become available only when the Intrastat estimates are to hand. However, the year-on-year percentage changes derived from the coverage of non-EU imports in this release give reasonable trend indications.
- Exports** These are classified by country of final destination in so far as this is known. From 1993, there are some circumstances in which Customs documentation for Irish exports to a non-EU country may be completed at the external frontier of another member state. These "indirect" exports to non-EU countries are recorded in the Intrastat system and are not covered in this release. This gives rise to some lack of comparability between 1992 and 1993 in the value of exports to non-EU countries. Furthermore, since in the Intrastat system a trader indicates only the EU member state to which these "indirect" exports are first despatched, with no indication of the non-EU country to which they are subsequently sent, the Intrastat results will not give rise to adjustments to the value of non-EU exports.
- Publication arrangements** Estimates of trade with EU countries based on the Intrastat survey become available later than the mainly Customs-based non-EU trade statistics. Two releases are issued in respect of each month, one relating to non-EU trade and the other covering all trade including the Intrastat estimates of trade with EU countries.