



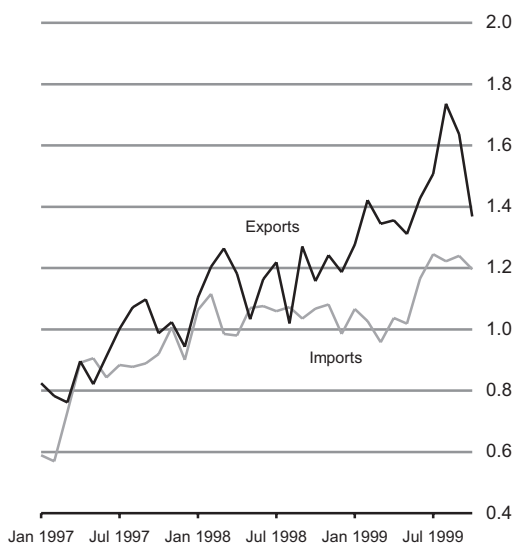
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Trade with Non-EU Countries October 1999

Imports v Exports

Seasonally Adjusted

£billion



	Imports	Exports
Jan-Oct 1998	£10,338m	£11,705m
Jan-Oct 1999	£10,946m	£14,565m
% change	+6%	+24%
October 1998	£1,104m	£1,246m
October 1999	£1,212m	£1,447m

Non-EU exports fall in October

The value of Ireland's exports to non-EU countries fell sharply to £1,447m in October, from the September high of £1,795m. However this value was 16% higher than the £1,246m recorded in October 1998. The value of imports was £1,212m in October 1999, 10% higher than the £1,104m recorded in October 1998.

On a seasonally adjusted basis (*see graph*), exports fell in October 1999 to £1,368m while imports fell back slightly to £1,196m.

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

- ◆ Imports increased from £10,338m to £10,946m (+6%). Imports from USA increased from £3,957m to £4,535m (+15%), imports from Hong Kong increased from £132m to £239m (+81%), while imports from Malaysia increased from £254m to £350m (+38%). Significant drops in imports were recorded for Japan from £1,647m to £1,345m (-18%), for Singapore from £1,184m to £1,056m (-11%) and for South Korea from £349m to £281m (-19%).
- ◆ Imports of Other transport equipment (principally aircraft) increased by 103% from £384m to £779m. There was an 80% increase in the imports of Telecommunications and sound equipment, from £366m to £658m. Imports of General industrial machinery fell from £295m to £224m (-24%) and imports of Computer equipment fell from £3,129m to £2,947m (-6%).
- ◆ Exports increased by £2,860m from £11,705m to £14,565m (+24%). The largest increase was £1,555m to the USA, from £5,144m to £6,699m (+30%), but other significant increases were also recorded principally in respect of Malaysia - from £185m to £536m (+190%), Japan - from £962m to £1,197m (+24%) and Switzerland - from £745m to £977m (+31%).
- ◆ Exports of Organic chemicals increased from £1,785m to £3,196m (+79%) while exports of Computer equipment increased from £2,159m to £2,594m (+20%) and exports of Electrical machinery increased from £1,328m to £1,669m (+26%).

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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	12,571.4	14,040.0	307.0	341.6	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	1,047.7	1,226.5	296.3	357.3	116.1	114.1	98.3
July	948.0	1,300.4	276.1	393.6	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
September	1,186.6	1,794.8	356.9	533.1	109.2	111.9	102.5
October	1,211.5	1,447.1	370.4	401.2	107.4	119.9	111.6

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	1,090.7	1,162.6	312.2	351.7
July	1,058.2	1,215.3	306.7	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
September	1,240.1	1,636.1	370.3	486.0
October	1,196.2	1,367.8	358.6	374.6

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			
	Oct 1998	Oct 1999	Jan-Oct 1998	Jan-Oct 1999	Oct 1998	Oct 1999	Jan-Oct 1998	Jan-Oct 1999
Australia	5.9	2.9	26.9	32.6	32.2	22.5	287.9	394.9
Brazil	1.8	6.6	19.5	38.5	8.5	6.1	69.3	92.3
Canada	31.9	31.1	240.0	244.8	24.1	25.9	228.3	222.0
China	47.9	38.1	322.5	321.4	4.4	7.7	45.6	75.0
Czech Republic	3.3	4.2	31.6	37.1	12.8	18.6	76.8	116.9
Egypt	0.4	0.5	5.3	5.8	13.2	12.5	119.6	131.4
Hong Kong	16.4	40.4	132.1	239.3	25.0	17.7	196.5	214.4
Hungary	20.4	18.7	153.2	148.3	5.1	11.6	59.7	101.0
India	4.6	7.7	47.3	56.7	2.7	2.7	31.7	53.6
Israel	11.4	15.4	120.9	172.6	13.5	17.7	149.3	177.5
Japan	170.6	157.3	1,647.5	1,345.1	89.3	126.2	962.1	1,196.8
Malaysia	42.8	33.6	253.6	350.2	40.1	38.5	185.2	536.0
Mexico	4.2	4.8	49.1	38.5	12.8	10.5	101.3	113.3
Norway	24.4	15.5	305.7	320.1	39.9	33.8	371.3	363.7
Philippines	18.4	13.0	118.1	151.7	21.9	30.4	186.4	266.6
Poland	4.3	5.5	41.7	49.3	22.2	17.4	155.3	154.0
Russia	1.2	0.2	8.5	20.4	3.8	15.8	183.1	146.0
Saudi Arabia	2.0	0.1	15.1	4.7	19.7	31.6	190.5	225.4
Singapore	155.5	135.5	1,183.8	1,056.1	27.7	34.2	241.9	311.8
South Africa	2.2	4.2	28.1	33.1	20.2	26.9	226.0	237.6
South Korea	41.0	33.0	348.9	281.1	19.4	25.9	245.2	193.3
Switzerland	22.0	19.1	196.9	168.6	94.4	71.2	744.7	977.2
Taiwan	50.2	46.3	448.8	543.0	15.7	5.6	96.3	111.1
Thailand	12.2	10.8	115.0	87.5	4.6	7.9	55.7	61.9
Turkey	6.1	6.2	44.6	50.4	13.9	14.3	119.8	129.5
USA	355.4	503.7	3,956.7	4,534.7	531.3	681.9	5,144.2	6,699.2
EU Member States ¹	2.1	12.0	45.6	132.9	–	–	–	–
Other countries ²	40.3	40.8	367.1	442.7	103.8	93.2	909.3	987.5
Country unknown ³	4.9	4.5	64.4	38.8	24.2	38.6	322.3	274.5
Total	1,104.0	1,211.5	10,338.3	10,946.2	1,246.5	1,447.1	11,705.3	14,564.8

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			
	Oct 1998	Oct 1999	Jan-Oct 1998	Jan-Oct 1999	Oct 1998	Oct 1999	Jan-Oct 1998	Jan-Oct 1999
0 Food and live animals	27.0	34.3	213.6	220.7	80.5	87.0	830.7	926.2
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	4.8	12.7	11.4	26.1	2.3	2.9	13.4	26.8
01 Meat & meat preparations	0.3	0.5	4.2	4.0	20.1	27.7	225.9	261.4
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	0.0	0.1	0.3	1.0	11.0	9.3	81.5	87.7
03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and preparations thereof	0.1	0.3	5.1	2.7	3.9	5.3	39.9	35.4
04 Cereals & cereal preparations	0.4	0.2	4.6	5.9	1.6	0.6	14.7	8.5
05 Vegetables & fruit	2.7	3.5	31.3	29.7	0.7	0.2	3.8	2.0
06 Sugars, sugar preparations & honey	0.6	0.6	11.0	10.5	0.5	0.6	12.1	10.2
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices & manufactures thereof	5.4	2.3	37.5	26.3	4.3	2.4	47.5	46.3
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl unmilled cereals)	12.2	13.3	102.6	105.2	0.3	0.3	3.0	4.7
09 Miscellaneous edible products & preparations	0.5	0.8	5.7	9.3	36.0	37.8	389.1	443.1
1 Beverages and tobacco	3.6	6.3	32.3	43.9	21.0	20.5	158.5	174.8
11 Beverages	3.5	5.9	29.7	40.4	20.5	20.0	152.4	169.3
12 Tobacco & tobacco manufactures	0.1	0.4	2.6	3.5	0.5	0.5	6.1	5.5
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	26.9	14.0	210.5	193.8	12.3	4.5	107.7	129.7
21 Hides, skins & furskins, raw	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.8	7.3	8.0
22 Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits	2.9	0.0	5.8	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
23 Crude rubber (incl synthetic & reclaimed)	0.4	0.1	4.8	4.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3
24 Cork & wood	6.1	4.5	61.9	60.9	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.3
25 Pulp & waste paper	1.1	0.9	10.8	12.1	0.5	0.1	0.8	1.7
26 Textile fibres & their wastes	1.2	1.2	12.1	12.4	0.9	1.7	9.4	13.9
27 Crude fertilisers & minerals (excl coal, petroleum and precious stones)	5.6	3.0	35.0	31.3	0.9	1.4	8.0	33.6
28 Metalliferous ores & metal scrap	5.6	0.4	64.9	57.1	8.8	0.2	73.4	68.4
29 Crude animal & vegetable materials nes	3.9	3.8	15.0	14.2	0.6	0.2	8.1	3.5
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	31.7	6.4	290.7	278.2	1.6	2.8	13.6	41.3
32 Coal, coke & briquettes	10.0	6.0	72.7	48.2	0.2	0.1	1.9	1.7
33 Petroleum, petroleum products & related materials	21.7	0.4	218.0	229.3	1.4	2.6	11.7	39.6
34 Gas, natural & manufactured	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	–	0.0	–	0.0
35 Electric Current	–	0.0	–	0.0	–	0.0	–	0.0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	0.9	1.1	8.7	10.7	6.3	0.0	10.0	1.8
41 Animal oils & fats	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4
42 Fixed vegetable fats & oils	0.8	0.9	6.8	7.7	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
43 Animal or vegetable fats & oils, processed; waxes	0.2	0.3	1.9	2.9	6.3	0.0	9.7	1.4
5 Chemicals and related products nes	69.3	101.6	980.2	1,029.9	434.6	527.9	3,988.1	5,545.3
51 Organic chemicals	25.3	47.2	498.8	570.4	182.8	332.6	1,785.4	3,196.2
52 Inorganic chemicals	2.5	2.6	25.6	27.8	0.4	1.0	14.9	8.8
53 Dyeing, tanning & colouring materials	2.9	6.5	16.3	27.2	1.2	1.2	8.2	8.2
54 Medical & pharmaceutical products	24.2	27.8	230.9	211.7	194.8	103.6	1,491.6	1,497.7
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet & cleansing preparations	2.3	3.0	27.1	29.3	30.5	51.0	404.7	471.8
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	1.1	1.7	27.6	30.6	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.3
57 Plastics in primary forms	3.2	3.6	41.6	36.3	3.5	2.7	37.2	37.4
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	2.7	3.8	40.9	42.9	2.2	3.2	21.6	42.3
59 Chemical materials & products nes	5.2	5.4	71.5	53.7	19.2	32.7	223.9	282.6

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

£ million

SITC (Rev 3)	Imports				Exports			
	Oct 1998	Oct 1999	Jan-Oct 1998	Jan-Oct 1999	Oct 1998	Oct 1999	Jan-Oct 1998	Jan-Oct 1999
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	35.5	36.8	384.4	392.6	26.6	24.4	259.0	292.1
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.4	23.6	11.9
62 Rubber manufactures nes	3.3	2.5	31.3	32.1	1.5	1.2	14.3	13.1
63 Cork & wood manufactures (excl furniture)	2.6	3.7	31.8	34.3	0.8	1.8	9.3	15.4
64 Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	2.5	2.8	21.3	24.7	1.9	0.5	7.5	9.6
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles & related products	7.9	5.2	81.1	65.6	4.7	5.3	47.6	55.0
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	4.0	5.9	37.6	51.9	10.0	8.5	89.3	121.2
67 Iron & steel	2.2	3.2	28.4	26.1	0.9	0.3	3.9	3.8
68 Non-ferrous metals	4.2	2.7	56.4	39.8	0.8	0.7	13.7	12.0
69 Manufactures of metals nes	8.7	10.8	95.9	117.1	5.2	4.7	50.0	50.1
7 Machinery and transport equipment	773.2	845.3	6,863.7	7,319.3	490.3	583.2	4,665.6	5,566.4
71 Power generating machinery & equipment	20.2	27.5	193.5	246.5	13.3	15.5	136.4	138.3
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	23.8	17.2	176.1	150.8	7.1	7.5	71.4	92.0
73 Metalworking machinery	5.0	8.9	69.3	43.2	1.3	2.3	15.5	28.7
74 General industrial machinery & equipment nes & parts nes	18.0	27.1	295.1	223.7	14.5	14.7	163.2	172.1
75 Office machines & automatic data processing machines	352.7	338.8	3,128.7	2,946.9	225.7	293.2	2,159.4	2,594.1
76 Telecommunications & sound equipment	32.8	64.8	365.5	658.2	76.5	80.0	659.6	736.3
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus & appliances nes & parts	266.2	224.4	1,760.2	1,803.0	122.3	154.8	1,327.9	1,668.6
78 Road vehicles (incl air-cushion vehicles)	38.5	37.3	491.7	468.2	0.6	0.4	5.7	3.1
79 Other transport equipment	16.2	99.2	383.5	778.9	29.0	14.9	126.5	133.2
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	102.7	125.5	1,022.0	1,145.1	132.8	144.6	1,259.0	1,390.2
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing & electrical fixtures & fittings	1.6	1.0	10.6	13.1	0.6	0.4	5.8	5.0
82 Furniture & parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	2.2	4.1	26.3	32.4	1.0	0.9	12.3	8.5
83 Travel goods, handbags & similar containers	1.4	2.3	12.7	15.1	0.2	0.1	3.7	1.8
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	16.2	19.7	142.3	163.2	1.6	1.7	19.5	31.7
85 Footwear	1.3	1.6	18.0	21.4	0.0	0.4	1.2	1.4
87 Professional, scientific & controlling apparatus nes	28.1	45.0	282.7	327.1	48.8	38.5	458.9	459.5
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches & clocks	7.1	9.0	103.8	88.2	10.8	14.9	97.8	104.4
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	44.7	42.8	425.6	484.7	69.8	87.7	659.8	777.8
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	33.2	40.2	332.2	312.0	40.6	52.3	413.0	497.0
Total	1,104.0	1,211.5	10,338.3	10,946.2	1,246.5	1,447.1	11,705.3	14,564.8

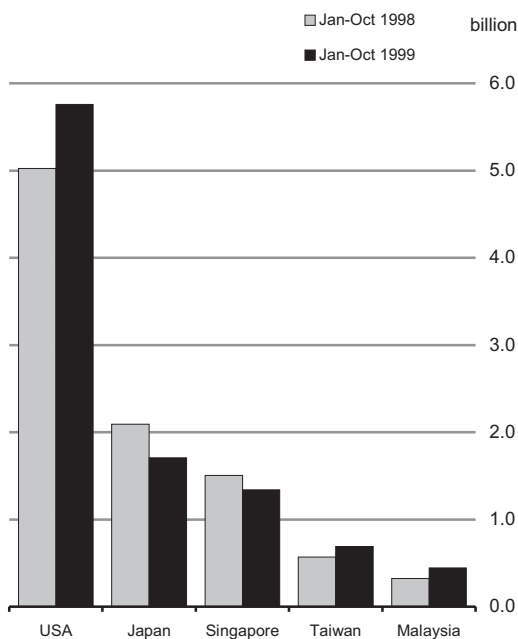
Table 5 Summary of trade with non-EU Countries (in Euro currency)

million ¹				
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	15,962.4	17,827.1		
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	1,330.3	1,557.3	1,384.9	1,476.2
July	1,203.7	1,651.2	1,343.6	1,543.1
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	1,551.9	2,203.6
September	1,506.7	2,278.9	1,574.6	2,077.4
October	1,538.3	1,837.4	1,518.9	1,736.7

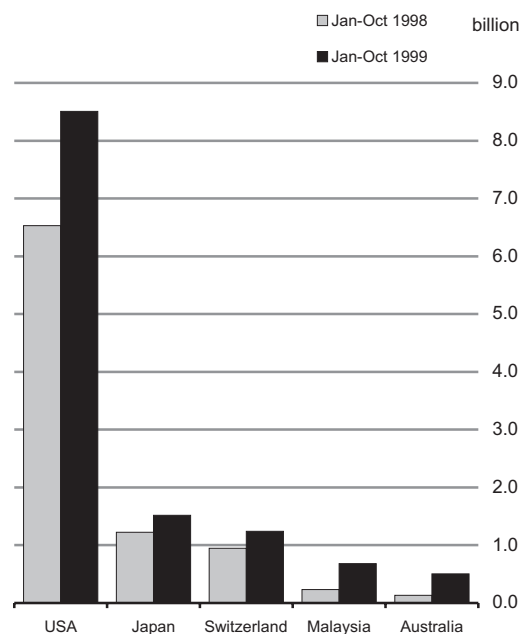
¹ Converted at the European Union official exchange rate conversion factor, fixed at 0.787564, effective from 1 January 1999

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 July 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.