



Imports v Exports
Seasonally adjusted



External Trade

June 2000 (Details)

July 2000 (First estimate)

	Imports	Exports	Surplus
Jan-Jun 1999	£16,540m	£24,574m	£8,034m
Jan-Jun 2000	£20,676m	£30,941m	£10,265m
% change	+25%	+26%	+28%
June 2000	£3,619m	£6,178m	£2,559m
July 2000 (preliminary)	£3,530m	£5,080m	£1,550m

Exports reach £6.2 billion in June

Exports were valued at £6,178m in June 2000 and imports were valued at £3,619m giving a surplus of £2,559m. The corresponding surplus in June 1999 was £1,690m.

On a seasonally adjusted basis (*see graph*), exports increased to £5,745m in June from £5,265m in May and imports increased to £3,666m in June from £3,532m in May. The adjusted surplus for June was £2,079m.

Initial indications for July 2000 show exports at £5,080m, with imports of £3,530m leading to an unadjusted surplus of £1,550m.

Comparing the January-June 2000 figures with the same period in 1999 shows that (*see Tables 3-4*):

- ◆ Exports increased from £24,574m to £30,941m (+26%). Exports of Organic chemicals rose from £4,171m to £6,209m (+49%) and exports of Computer equipment rose from £5,605m to £7,060m (+26%). Exports of Electrical machinery and parts rose from £1,799m to £2,497m (+39%).
- ◆ Exports to the USA increased from £3,605m to £5,773m (+60%) and exports to Great Britain increased from £4,812m to £6,014m (+25%). There were also large increases in exports to Japan and Italy.
- ◆ Imports rose from £16,540m to £20,676m (+25%). Imports of Computer equipment increased from £3,035m to £3,913m (+29%) and Road vehicle imports increased from £1,283m to £1,852m (+44%). There was a drop of 38% in the imports of Other transport equipment.
- ◆ Imports from Great Britain increased from £4,891m to £5,936m (+21%) and imports from the USA increased from £2,795m to £3,302m (+18%). Imports from South Korea, France and Belgium also recorded a large increase.

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Table 1 Summary of trade

Period	Value			Volume Index		Price Index		Terms of Trade ¹
	Imports	Exports	Trade Surplus	Base year 1990=100				
				Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	
£M	£M	£M						
1981	6,578.4	4,777.6	-1,800.8	63.7	43.0	82.8	77.4	93.5
1982	6,816.2	5,691.4	-1,124.7	61.5	46.1	88.9	86.0	96.8
1983	7,366.8	6,943.8	-422.9	63.5	51.7	93.1	93.6	100.6
1984	8,912.2	8,897.5	-14.6	70.0	61.2	102.1	101.5	99.3
1985	9,428.2	9,743.0	314.8	72.3	65.2	104.5	104.3	99.8
1986	8,621.3	9,374.3	753.0	74.4	67.6	92.9	96.7	104.0
1987	9,155.2	10,723.5	1,568.3	79.1	77.4	92.8	96.6	104.1
1988	10,214.8	12,304.8	2,090.1	82.8	82.9	98.9	103.6	104.7
1989	12,284.3	14,597.0	2,312.8	93.6	92.2	105.3	110.5	104.9
1990	12,468.8	14,336.7	1,867.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1991	12,850.8	15,018.9	2,168.1	100.8	105.6	102.3	99.3	97.0
1992	13,194.8	16,743.8	3,549.1	105.6	121.1	100.2	96.6	96.4
1993	14,884.7	19,829.7	4,945.0	113.0	133.4	105.4	103.9	98.6
1994	17,283.4	22,753.4	5,470.1	127.9	153.2	108.1	103.8	96.0
1995	20,619.1	27,824.7	7,205.6	146.3	184.0	112.7	105.7	93.7
1996	22,429.4	30,407.0	7,977.7	160.9	202.2	111.4	105.1	94.3
1997	25,882.1	35,336.4	9,454.3	184.8	232.4	112.0	106.3	94.9
1998	31,278.1	45,144.6	13,866.4	218.3	289.2	114.6	109.1	95.2
1999 ²	34,650.8	52,531.5	17,880.7	234.7	335.2	118.0	109.5	92.8
1998 January	2,455.9	3,202.3	746.4	203.2	246.0	116.0	109.2	94.1
February	2,514.5	3,313.1	798.6	212.7	254.7	113.4	109.1	96.2
March	2,810.6	3,922.0	1,111.5	235.5	295.4	114.5	111.4	97.2
April	2,585.6	3,607.9	1,022.3	213.9	272.9	116.0	110.9	95.6
May	2,636.1	3,569.1	933.0	220.7	276.3	114.6	108.3	94.5
June	2,604.3	4,079.6	1,475.4	215.3	310.5	116.1	110.2	94.9
July	2,572.5	3,867.7	1,295.2	211.1	290.8	116.9	111.5	95.4
August	2,221.4	3,362.7	1,141.3	184.0	256.2	115.8	110.1	95.0
September	2,566.4	4,200.0	1,633.6	212.4	318.1	115.9	110.7	95.5
October	2,740.7	3,858.1	1,117.4	237.2	306.3	110.9	105.6	95.3
November	2,881.9	4,308.4	1,426.4	246.7	343.9	112.1	105.1	93.7
December	2,688.2	3,853.7	1,165.4	228.9	301.7	112.7	107.1	95.1
1999 ² January	2,576.7	3,685.9	1,109.2	212.0	283.2	116.6	109.1	93.6
February	2,528.2	3,841.1	1,312.9	209.5	287.8	115.8	111.9	96.6
March	2,947.1	4,268.7	1,321.6	241.7	335.7	117.0	106.6	91.2
April	2,890.8	4,030.9	1,140.1	233.9	319.1	118.6	105.9	89.3
May	2,787.3	4,247.2	1,459.9	228.1	325.1	117.3	109.5	93.4
June ³	2,810.2	4,499.9	1,689.6	227.2	337.7	118.7	111.7	94.2
July	2,813.1	4,548.2	1,735.1	229.1	352.9	117.8	108.1	91.7
August	2,606.2	3,895.4	1,289.2	206.4	291.9	121.1	111.9	92.4
September	2,972.1	5,008.7	2,036.6	244.4	377.8	116.7	111.2	95.3
October	3,225.0	4,667.9	1,442.9	264.2	352.8	117.1	111.0	94.7
November	3,423.5	4,725.2	1,301.6	276.6	367.0	118.8	108.0	90.9
December ³	3,070.5	5,112.4	2,041.9	243.7	392.7	120.9	109.2	90.3
2000 ² January	3,220.1	4,078.6	858.5	252.6	311.6	122.3	109.7	89.7
February	3,198.9	4,736.4	1,537.4	249.4	363.4	123.1	109.3	88.8
March	3,655.8	5,854.0	2,198.2	275.0	429.6	127.5	114.3	89.6
April	3,246.7	4,876.0	1,629.3	247.6	355.8	125.8	114.9	91.4
May	3,734.9	5,217.4	1,482.5	275.7	377.3	130.0	116.0	89.2
June	3,619.3	6,178.4	2,559.1	262.8	456.6	132.2	113.5	85.9
July ⁴	3,530.0	5,080.0	1,550.0

¹ Export Price Index divided by Import Price Index

² Provisional

³ Revised

⁴ Based on current Intrastat response levels. Figures rounded to the nearest £10 million.

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Table 2 Seasonally adjusted¹ Series

Period	Value			Volume Index	
	Imports £M	Exports £M	Trade Surplus £M	Base year 1990=100	
				Imports	Exports
1997					
January	1,861.9	2,662.4	800.5	163.7	215.3
February	1,945.5	2,572.6	627.1	169.8	206.9
March	2,024.3	2,727.3	703.0	174.5	219.1
April	2,158.9	2,821.1	662.2	191.3	229.0
May	2,100.8	2,732.7	631.9	179.3	212.7
June	2,167.1	3,082.8	915.8	187.0	240.5
July	2,168.4	2,873.8	705.4	183.0	229.7
August	2,223.8	3,039.7	815.8	187.1	238.4
September	2,249.6	3,132.8	883.1	191.1	245.6
October	2,316.0	3,165.1	849.0	194.4	249.8
November	2,367.2	3,228.0	860.8	198.2	247.3
December	2,308.7	3,252.3	943.6	197.8	249.0
1998					
January	2,488.2	3,352.7	864.5	205.8	257.7
February	2,591.1	3,496.9	905.8	220.1	273.7
March	2,543.1	3,726.3	1,183.2	215.1	282.6
April	2,470.6	3,638.6	1,168.0	208.3	277.5
May	2,665.8	3,617.5	951.7	224.9	279.2
June	2,599.5	3,822.2	1,222.7	216.2	288.0
July	2,662.4	3,870.4	1,208.0	220.1	293.5
August	2,638.2	3,880.5	1,242.2	220.6	297.3
September	2,613.5	3,847.0	1,233.5	211.7	293.2
October	2,618.7	3,762.1	1,143.4	222.8	294.3
November	2,705.8	4,356.6	1,650.8	228.9	342.5
December	2,702.8	3,806.7	1,103.8	227.0	296.7
1999					
January	2,685.0	3,914.7	1,229.6	221.7	300.0
February	2,600.2	4,054.3	1,454.2	216.2	309.8
March	2,607.9	3,926.3	1,318.4	216.0	310.8
April	2,755.1	4,130.4	1,375.3	228.1	328.3
May	2,800.2	4,339.8	1,539.5	231.1	331.7
June	2,818.2	4,116.5	1,298.3	228.2	304.4
July	2,974.5	4,546.2	1,571.7	243.6	356.9
August	2,990.5	4,552.0	1,561.4	239.0	343.6
September	3,066.2	4,576.8	1,510.6	247.0	349.3
October	3,158.4	4,637.8	1,479.4	254.6	343.4
November	3,105.8	4,726.5	1,620.7	246.5	362.0
December	3,127.7	5,054.6	1,926.9	247.1	385.4
2000					
January	3,344.3	4,350.1	1,005.8	263.8	332.9
February	3,120.9	4,844.2	1,723.4	242.8	379.3
March	3,284.2	5,362.0	2,077.9	249.8	397.0
April	3,255.9	4,979.8	1,724.0	253.1	363.4
May	3,531.6	5,265.1	1,733.5	262.1	379.7
June	3,666.4	5,745.2	2,078.8	268.4	418.8
July	3,810.0	5,160.0	1,350.0

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 1999. All values in this table are subject to revision

.. Data not yet available

Table 3 Trade classified by Commodity

£ million

SITC (Rev 3)	Imports				Exports			
	Jun	Jun	Jan-Jun	Jan-Jun	Jun	Jun	Jan-Jun	Jan-Jun
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
0 Food and live animals	162.3	175.8	933.2	1,018.9	378.0	437.8	2,078.2	2,247.5
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	7.3	4.7	25.0	35.2	17.8	22.0	101.4	138.0
01 Meat & meat preparations	16.0	20.2	90.0	105.0	114.8	121.3	659.7	663.8
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	22.0	16.2	107.1	112.0	80.7	106.4	362.3	427.1
03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and preparations thereof	5.7	6.7	32.1	39.3	19.6	20.6	101.8	115.2
04 Cereals & cereal preparations	27.5	33.6	156.2	175.5	17.9	18.3	105.2	110.5
05 Vegetables & fruit	35.2	35.8	191.4	188.7	13.9	12.6	69.0	67.6
06 Sugars, sugar preparations & honey	8.2	9.9	45.4	52.6	7.0	7.7	39.8	40.5
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices & manufactures thereof	12.3	13.8	80.8	88.6	16.3	22.0	106.2	108.2
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl unmilled cereals)	15.5	20.7	130.2	143.6	6.1	6.6	43.2	46.9
09 Miscellaneous edible products & preparations	12.6	14.3	75.2	78.3	83.9	100.2	489.5	529.5
1 Beverages and tobacco	38.0	37.7	174.1	179.0	45.8	59.6	256.6	314.9
11 Beverages	33.1	31.7	146.0	151.0	41.5	52.3	235.6	279.9
12 Tobacco & tobacco manufactures	4.9	6.0	28.0	28.1	4.3	7.3	21.1	35.0
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	44.2	57.5	267.8	313.2	50.3	66.7	308.4	359.3
21 Hides, skins & furskins, raw	0.8	0.5	2.7	3.9	4.9	6.1	27.7	32.3
22 Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits	0.7	0.5	4.4	4.6	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.3
23 Crude rubber (incl synthetic & reclaimed)	1.2	5.0	6.6	10.7	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.3
24 Cork & wood	15.0	19.6	93.4	114.8	4.1	4.0	19.6	24.0
25 Pulp & waste paper	1.6	1.8	9.5	11.2	0.5	1.1	2.0	5.0
26 Textile fibres & their wastes	4.0	4.5	25.2	26.6	8.3	7.7	53.5	43.5
27 Crude fertilisers & minerals (excl coal, petroleum and precious stones)	9.3	10.1	46.2	51.6	6.2	3.3	26.0	15.5
28 Metalliferous ores & metal scrap	7.4	10.1	48.1	53.8	22.2	38.2	139.3	200.9
29 Crude animal & vegetable materials nes	4.3	5.4	31.6	35.9	4.0	6.2	38.9	37.5
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	74.3	148.0	444.2	779.3	12.3	22.0	73.3	111.9
32 Coal, coke & briquettes	4.3	9.9	38.5	39.4	5.8	2.1	27.5	23.1
33 Petroleum, petroleum products & related materials	59.9	122.4	332.7	648.8	6.3	19.8	44.8	87.8
34 Gas, natural & manufactured	8.9	15.6	70.9	89.9	0.2	0.1	1.0	1.0
35 Electric Current	1.2	0.1	2.2	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	9.1	8.7	55.7	48.8	1.6	1.8	11.4	11.0
41 Animal oils & fats	0.6	0.3	2.9	4.1	1.1	1.5	7.6	8.8
42 Fixed vegetable fats & oils	4.8	5.0	28.5	25.2	0.4	0.3	1.8	1.7
43 Animal or vegetable fats & oils, processed; waxes	3.7	3.4	24.3	19.6	0.1	0.0	2.0	0.4
5 Chemicals and related products nes	339.8	438.8	1,946.1	2,493.0	1,319.9	2,152.1	7,671.6	10,176.6
51 Organic chemicals	90.1	144.6	610.5	770.4	666.2	1,365.4	4,170.7	6,208.6
52 Inorganic chemicals	10.3	14.3	80.0	113.2	14.5	22.0	78.2	131.4
53 Dyeing, tanning & colouring materials	13.5	18.8	76.9	91.9	4.3	5.7	21.0	25.0
54 Medical & pharmaceutical products	86.0	89.1	421.2	578.3	295.3	355.4	1,686.2	1,961.6
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet & cleansing preparations	43.1	57.8	200.4	257.7	181.4	197.1	917.9	936.7
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	10.4	11.4	94.8	99.1	2.7	1.8	19.2	14.6
57 Plastics in primary forms	27.7	37.4	161.8	216.4	10.6	13.4	55.8	77.4
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	23.5	28.6	124.0	155.8	12.1	13.1	83.1	78.0
59 Chemical materials & products nes	35.2	36.8	176.3	210.2	132.7	178.2	639.6	743.4

Table 3 Trade classified by Commodity - continued

£ million

SITC (Rev 3)	Imports				Exports			
	Jun 1999	Jun 2000	Jan-Jun 1999	Jan-Jun 2000	Jun 1999	Jun 2000	Jan-Jun 1999	Jan-Jun 2000
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	256.1	295.0	1,446.8	1,642.8	131.5	134.6	710.5	768.7
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	0.7	0.6	4.1	4.3	3.6	5.6	19.9	27.1
62 Rubber manufactures nes	13.7	16.4	78.0	91.4	6.3	7.3	39.2	46.8
63 Cork & wood manufactures (excl furniture)	11.8	16.2	65.8	84.6	7.9	8.7	45.0	53.5
64 Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	50.0	57.2	284.8	303.3	10.8	10.9	56.3	66.8
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles & related products	40.3	40.5	226.4	232.5	25.9	34.4	167.2	199.3
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	32.2	41.0	166.5	219.2	32.3	23.4	143.7	132.6
67 Iron & steel	33.5	39.0	182.1	211.5	10.0	10.6	50.9	55.6
68 Non-ferrous metals	19.8	23.3	129.0	144.4	5.6	7.5	36.8	38.6
69 Manufactures of metals nes	54.3	60.8	310.2	351.7	29.0	26.4	151.5	148.4
7 Machinery and transport equipment	1,420.2	1,858.6	8,547.8	10,762.2	1,815.9	2,391.8	9,599.5	11,949.9
71 Power generating machinery & equipment	28.7	56.5	192.1	270.6	34.0	28.3	150.8	125.2
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	63.6	80.7	433.8	428.7	19.8	21.3	104.1	133.9
73 Metalworking machinery	9.0	16.3	49.7	89.3	3.3	7.9	24.2	27.8
74 General industrial machinery & equipment nes & parts nes	69.9	101.3	394.8	534.7	66.4	61.1	354.2	405.3
75 Office machines & automatic data processing machines	460.6	667.8	3,035.0	3,913.0	1,090.6	1,491.5	5,605.4	7,060.5
76 Telecommunications & sound equipment	126.6	176.5	749.7	992.0	218.4	262.6	1,289.9	1,395.4
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus & appliances nes & parts	319.9	419.4	1,817.4	2,317.3	335.6	469.3	1,798.8	2,496.6
78 Road vehicles (incl air-cushion vehicles)	175.2	257.6	1,283.4	1,852.0	34.8	37.2	177.0	220.1
79 Other transport equipment	166.8	82.6	591.9	364.6	13.0	12.7	95.1	85.2
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	293.9	370.8	1,731.1	2,111.3	558.4	621.6	2,820.0	3,374.5
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing & electrical fixtures & fittings	12.2	16.7	74.9	82.2	4.8	7.8	28.0	36.2
82 Furniture & parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	17.0	19.6	92.5	121.1	6.2	6.3	44.6	45.8
83 Travel goods, handbags & similar containers	2.8	6.4	17.4	28.7	0.6	1.5	4.1	7.4
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	60.5	72.3	377.2	467.8	22.4	23.0	148.8	141.7
85 Footwear	15.0	16.8	87.8	105.1	1.6	2.2	11.0	13.1
87 Professional, scientific & controlling apparatus nes	40.3	63.7	262.4	417.4	108.3	97.3	535.9	649.9
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches & clocks	20.8	27.1	109.7	129.7	34.5	39.0	177.0	191.5
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	125.3	148.3	709.1	759.2	380.1	444.4	1,870.5	2,288.8
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	49.6	68.0	341.6	422.5	133.6	204.9	811.3	1,025.2
Unclassified estimates¹	122.7	160.3	651.9	904.5	52.6	85.3	232.6	601.2
Total	2,810.2	3,619.3	16,540.3	20,675.7	4,499.9	6,178.4	24,573.6	30,940.7

¹ Estimates for which a commodity classification is not available.

Table 4 Trade by Country

£ million

Country	Imports				Exports			
	Jun 1999	Jun 2000	Jan-Jun 1999	Jan-Jun 2000	Jun 1999	Jun 2000	Jan-Jun 1999	Jan-Jun 2000
Great Britain	815.9	991.9	4,890.7	5,936.0	895.1	1,133.6	4,812.0	6,014.0
Northern Ireland	85.5	83.2	443.6	453.6	105.8	121.3	580.8	678.8
Austria	5.0	5.9	44.1	53.8	27.9	28.3	129.4	205.5
Belgium	40.1	55.7	227.3	382.4	206.1	218.4	1,306.3	1,493.1
Luxembourg	0.5	1.1	4.2	3.2	0.8	1.9	15.9	9.2
Denmark	30.9	24.3	119.0	185.0	46.9	47.9	243.5	238.5
Finland	16.4	23.3	110.8	141.3	39.4	36.8	236.8	161.3
France	112.4	219.2	721.8	1,035.5	403.2	462.3	2,107.6	2,360.7
Germany	183.6	225.3	1,086.3	1,281.8	559.7	680.0	2,963.4	2,900.5
Greece	1.9	2.2	11.6	15.0	18.6	16.2	84.0	124.9
Italy	60.8	73.6	347.9	492.0	178.1	243.9	939.2	1,312.0
Netherlands	81.7	113.5	493.0	638.9	236.9	302.9	1,546.0	1,850.4
Portugal	7.1	7.4	42.6	47.9	17.3	18.1	93.6	95.2
Spain	35.6	44.7	215.7	307.9	119.3	145.8	690.6	758.6
Sweden	31.6	39.7	167.4	248.7	64.6	86.3	397.1	518.1
EU Country not specified	26.5	61.1	97.8	231.6	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.5
Total EU	1,535.5	1,972.2	9,023.8	11,454.7	2,919.9	3,543.8	16,146.6	18,721.3
Australia	3.7	7.7	21.6	29.9	57.3	45.9	213.7	183.1
Brazil	3.1	4.3	23.9	35.7	10.4	24.7	61.3	77.3
Canada	21.0	33.3	146.5	183.4	23.5	18.3	123.8	145.8
China	40.6	52.3	227.3	296.3	9.8	8.9	44.1	61.4
Czech Republic	4.7	7.3	25.2	42.3	9.0	53.6	50.7	150.7
Egypt	0.7	0.6	3.4	4.7	12.7	13.8	83.6	102.0
Hong Kong	17.2	32.0	112.1	253.0	22.1	59.1	132.4	214.8
Hungary	13.2	14.2	82.3	97.6	8.8	15.4	43.4	84.8
India	5.7	7.7	35.1	50.5	3.8	15.4	36.7	36.2
Israel	10.7	16.2	109.2	95.4	27.7	29.2	100.9	162.2
Japan	135.6	165.6	1,026.4	1,072.2	167.3	174.9	694.0	1,201.9
Malaysia	30.6	37.4	216.0	249.3	45.2	45.4	335.7	298.3
Mexico	3.7	7.8	18.4	41.4	10.6	15.3	60.7	89.7
Norway	28.1	55.5	206.1	312.3	33.3	48.3	214.2	233.2
Philippines	15.7	13.8	96.0	119.0	20.0	32.0	149.8	197.4
Poland	4.7	8.1	30.7	35.0	12.3	25.4	83.7	128.7
Russia	0.1	0.4	3.6	4.5	8.1	13.1	85.9	64.7
Saudi Arabia	0.3	0.4	5.3	1.6	20.4	21.4	127.5	149.5
Singapore	97.0	128.2	679.4	672.8	32.9	53.1	183.4	195.1
South Africa	4.6	3.9	25.4	37.2	20.1	28.6	124.7	144.7
South Korea	45.4	93.9	270.4	554.5	25.2	78.0	105.4	311.7
Switzerland	16.4	24.0	98.3	145.4	90.7	153.9	598.3	645.3
Taiwan	69.1	56.3	365.3	365.6	10.6	15.2	75.5	73.9
Thailand	8.5	16.6	54.9	80.6	6.4	10.0	35.7	47.8
Turkey	5.8	8.6	33.2	45.2	10.6	29.0	72.1	151.3
USA	547.3	660.8	2,795.1	3,302.1	686.2	1,364.1	3,605.2	5,773.0
Other countries ¹	53.7	63.5	286.3	387.1	110.1	129.2	556.2	695.8
Country unknown ²	3.9	5.1	21.6	34.8	34.1	22.4	147.3	115.5
Unclassified estimates ³	83.6	121.6	497.3	671.9	50.6	91.1	281.2	483.5
Total	2,810.2	3,619.3	16,540.3	20,675.7	4,499.9	6,178.4	24,573.6	30,940.7

¹ Other non-EU countries not listed individually.

² Trade for which the country of origin or country of final destination is unknown.

³ Estimates not allocated by country.

Table 5 Summary of trade (in Euro currency)

€ million¹

	Unadjusted			Seasonally Adjusted ²		
	Imports	Exports	Trade Surplus	Imports	Exports	Trade Surplus
1990	15,832.1	18,203.9	2,371.7			
1991	16,317.2	19,070.1	2,752.9			
1992	16,753.9	21,260.2	4,506.3			
1993	18,899.7	25,178.5	6,278.9			
1994	21,945.4	28,890.9	6,945.5			
1995	26,180.9	35,330.1	9,149.2			
1996	28,479.5	38,608.9	10,129.5			
1997	32,863.5	44,868.0	12,004.5			
1998	39,715.0	57,321.8	17,606.8			
1999 ³	43,997.4	66,701.2	22,703.8			
1999 ³ January	3,271.7	4,680.1	1,408.4	3,409.2	4,970.6	1,561.3
February	3,210.2	4,877.2	1,667.0	3,301.6	5,147.9	1,846.5
March	3,742.0	5,420.1	1,678.1	3,311.3	4,985.4	1,674.0
April	3,670.6	5,118.2	1,447.6	3,498.3	5,244.5	1,746.3
May	3,539.1	5,392.8	1,853.7	3,555.5	5,510.4	1,954.8
June ⁴	3,568.2	5,713.7	2,145.3	3,578.4	5,226.9	1,648.5
July	3,571.9	5,775.0	2,203.1	3,776.8	5,772.5	1,995.6
August	3,309.2	4,946.1	1,636.9	3,797.2	5,779.8	1,982.6
September	3,773.8	6,359.7	2,585.9	3,893.3	5,811.3	1,918.1
October	4,094.9	5,927.0	1,832.1	4,010.3	5,888.8	1,878.5
November	4,346.9	5,999.8	1,652.7	3,943.6	6,001.4	2,057.9
December ⁴	3,898.7	6,491.4	2,592.7	3,971.4	6,418.0	2,446.7
2000 ³ January	4,088.7	5,178.8	1,090.1	4,246.4	5,523.5	1,277.1
February	4,061.8	6,014.0	1,952.1	3,962.7	6,150.9	2,188.3
March	4,641.9	7,433.0	2,791.1	4,170.1	6,808.3	2,638.4
April	4,122.5	6,191.2	2,068.8	4,134.1	6,323.0	2,189.0
May	4,742.3	6,624.7	1,882.4	4,484.2	6,685.3	2,201.1
June	4,595.6	7,844.9	3,249.4	4,655.4	7,294.9	2,639.5
July ⁵	4,480.0	6,450.0	1,970.0	4,840.0	6,550.0	1,710.0

¹ Converted at the EU official Exchange rate conversion factor, fixed at 0.787564, effective from 1 January 1999

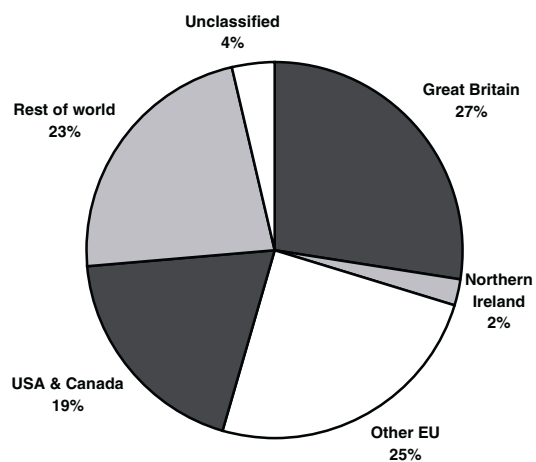
² Based on seasonal patterns up to December 1999

³ Provisional

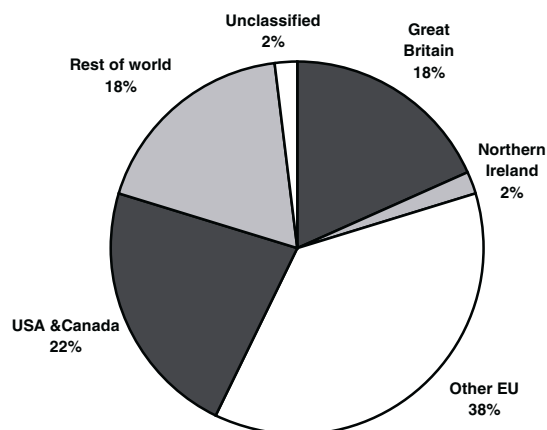
⁴ Revised

⁵ Based on current Intrastat response levels. Figures rounded to the nearest EUR 10 million

Imports, June 2000 (See Table 4)



Exports, June 2000 (See Table 4)



Background Notes

Introduction The statistics are a combination of Customs-based non-EU trade statistics and estimates from the Intrastat Survey of Irish traders involved in trade with other EU member states. Details of non-EU trade have already been published in a separate Statistical Release.

Revisions All figures are estimates. They are subject to revision on the incorporation of late Intrastat and VAT returns and corrections made by traders to Intrastat returns already submitted.

When the results for a particular month are published, the results for the same month in the previous year are revised for the last time and may be considered final. However, further revisions are possible in very exceptional cases.

From July 1996, sales of some software licences previously included in export returns have been excluded. It is estimated that this has reduced exports by about £50m a month. These sales are now captured in the Balance of Payments as an adjustment to merchandise exports.

Intrastat System The Intrastat system has two components. Firstly, the Intrastat survey itself (conducted by the Revenue Commissioners), in which the larger traders make detailed monthly returns giving information on the quantity and value of all exports to or imports from EU countries.

The total number of traders required to make an import return is about 6,760 while about 1,890 must make an export return. The response rate in terms of number of traders in June 2000 was 79%, covering an estimated 90% of the total value of intra-EU trade.

The second component of the Intrastat system is the regular VAT return, on which all traders are required to record the *total* value of goods imported from and exported to other EU member states. This information provides the basis for determining total EU trade for those traders below the Intrastat survey thresholds. It is also used to maintain the register of EU traders.

Estimation The figures in this release include estimates for traders above the Intrastat thresholds who did not make detailed returns for the period and for traders below the thresholds who did not provide aggregate intra-EU trade figures on their VAT returns.

Estimates for Intrastat non-respondents are apportioned to individual commodities and countries whenever previous Intrastat returns are available. Estimates for traders below the Intrastat thresholds are assigned to partner country where possible, but not to commodity.

The estimate of imports incorporates an upward adjustment equivalent to about 1.75% of total imports, which is included in 'Unclassified estimates'. This special adjustment arises from the difficulty of comprehensively covering all EU imports through the Intrastat survey system.

The unclassified category also includes certain miscellaneous adjustments.

Price and Volume Indices The monthly price (unit value) index measures monthly price trends relative to the annual levels in the preceding year using value weights relating to that year's trade (Laspeyres index).

The annual index is compiled using value weights for both the current and previous year (Fisher index) to allow for change in the structure of external trade.

The monthly index series should be regarded as interim measures suitable for month-to-month comparisons within a given year. However, when the annual price index is compiled, the monthly price indices are rescaled to make their average equal to the annual index.