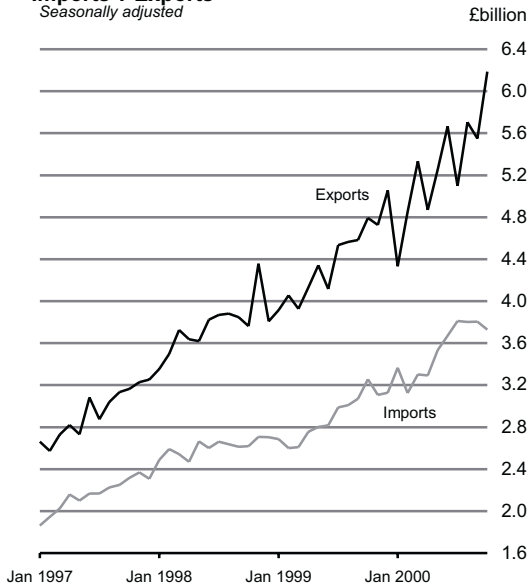




External Trade

October 2000 (Details), November 2000 (First estimate)

Imports v Exports
Seasonally adjusted



	Imports	Exports	Surplus
Jan-Oct 1999	£28,293m	£42,853m	£14,560m
Jan-Oct 2000	£35,233m	£52,937m	£17,704m
% change	+25%	+24%	+22%
October 2000	£3,968m	£6,085m	£2,117m
November 2000 <i>(preliminary)</i>	£4,150m	£6,400m	£2,250m

Revised figures show exports of £6.1 billion for October

Ireland's imports were valued at £3,968m in October 2000 and exports were valued at £6,085m giving a surplus of £2,117m. The corresponding surplus in October 1999 was £1,500m. These figures incorporate revised export data arising from amended returns (see note in box below).

On a seasonally adjusted basis (*see graph*), the value of exports rose to £6,186m from the previous high of £5,704m in August. Imports were down slightly at £3,730m giving an adjusted surplus of £2,456m.

Preliminary figures for November 2000 show exports valued at £6,400m and imports at £4,150m giving an unadjusted surplus of £2,250m.

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

- ◆ Exports increased from £42,853m to £52,937m (+24%). Exports of Organic chemicals increased from £7,321m to £10,933m (+49%). The increase in this sector has been significantly revised downwards. Exports of Computer equipment increased from £9,338m to £12,095m (+30%) and exports of Electrical machinery increased from £3,292m to £4,696m (+43%).
- ◆ Exports to the USA increased from £6,802m to £9,084m (+34%) while exports to Great Britain increased from £8,423m to £10,437m (+24%). The revisions to aggregate exports has significantly reduced downwards the flow to the US and increased the flow to the EU (-£1,503m and +£960m respectively over Jan-Sep 2000).
- ◆ Imports increased from £28,293m to £35,233m (+25%). Imports of Computer equipment increased from £5,264m to £7,051m (+34%), Electrical machinery imports increased from £3,242m to £4,219m (+30%).
- ◆ Imports from Great Britain increased from £8,524m to £10,213m (+20%). Imports from the USA increased from £4,891m to £5,922m (+21%). Imports also increased from France (+43%), South Korea (+68%), Norway (+87%) and Germany (+16%).

Revisions to exports for 2000

As part of the ongoing detailed investigation of the consistency of returns from enterprises to the various statistical inquiries (trade, balance of payments and production), the published estimates of the value of exports have been revised on foot of amended returns. Monthly production indices being published today also incorporate revisions.

The effect is to reduce the published exports total for Jan-Sep 2000 by £543m (1.1% of total exports) with no revisions to earlier years.

As a consequence of these investigations, the geographic allocation of exports has been significantly revised over the same period. Aggregate exports to the US have been reduced by £1,503m while aggregate exports to the EU have been increased by £960m. Smaller geographic corrections to earlier years will appear in a later release.

These adjustments had already been anticipated in aggregate in compiling the Balance of Payments statistics and the overall economic growth figures published to date are not significantly affected by these revisions.

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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	34,787.4	52,690.2	17,902.8	235.7	336.2	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	2,787.5	4,247.8	1,460.3	228.1	325.2	117.3	109.5	93.4
June	2,810.2	4,499.9	1,689.6	227.2	337.7	118.7	111.7	94.2
July	2,824.2	4,535.7	1,711.5	230.0	352.0	117.8	108.1	91.7
August	2,622.2	3,905.5	1,283.3	207.7	292.7	121.1	111.9	92.4
September	2,974.5	5,014.5	2,040.0	244.6	378.2	116.7	111.2	95.3
October ³	3,323.5	4,823.5	1,500.0	272.2	364.5	117.1	111.0	94.7
November	3,424.3	4,724.4	1,300.1	276.6	366.9	118.8	108.0	90.9
December	3,070.5	5,112.4	2,041.9	243.7	392.7	120.9	109.2	90.3
2000 ² January ³	3,242.1	4,062.4	820.3	249.3	308.8	124.8	110.3	88.4
February ³	3,204.1	4,743.6	1,539.5	245.3	356.9	125.3	111.5	88.9
March ³	3,676.0	5,820.7	2,144.7	270.8	427.6	130.3	114.1	87.6
April ³	3,283.4	4,766.8	1,483.4	248.9	345.5	126.6	115.7	91.4
May ³	3,735.7	5,206.4	1,470.8	275.7	377.0	130.0	115.8	89.1
June ³	3,623.3	6,093.1	2,469.8	263.1	445.4	132.1	114.7	86.8
July ³	3,532.8	5,030.5	1,497.7	261.3	374.0	129.8	112.8	86.9
August ³	3,378.6	5,058.2	1,679.6	249.3	391.1	130.0	108.5	83.4
September ³	3,589.4	6,070.6	2,481.1	261.4	442.4	131.8	115.1	87.3
October	3,967.9	6,084.5	2,116.6	281.5	451.3	135.3	113.0	83.6
November ⁴	4,150.0	6,400.0	2,250.0

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	2,800.4	4,340.4	1,540.0	231.1	331.7
June	2,818.2	4,116.5	1,298.3	228.2	304.4
July	2,986.2	4,533.7	1,547.5	244.5	356.0
August	3,008.9	4,563.8	1,554.9	240.5	344.5
September	3,068.6	4,582.0	1,513.4	247.2	349.7
October	3,254.9	4,792.4	1,537.5	262.4	354.8
November	3,106.5	4,725.7	1,619.3	246.5	361.9
December	3,127.7	5,054.6	1,926.9	247.1	385.4
2000					
January	3,367.1	4,332.8	965.7	260.4	329.8
February	3,125.9	4,851.6	1,725.8	238.8	372.5
March	3,302.3	5,331.6	2,029.3	245.9	395.2
April	3,292.7	4,868.4	1,575.7	254.4	353.0
May	3,532.3	5,254.0	1,721.8	262.1	379.4
June	3,670.4	5,665.9	1,995.4	268.8	408.6
July	3,810.8	5,099.3	1,288.6	284.9	383.1
August	3,802.1	5,704.0	1,901.8	281.3	446.6
September	3,804.5	5,549.7	1,745.3	272.2	406.4
October	3,730.0	6,186.3	2,456.3	259.8	450.8
November	3,820.0	6,270.0	2,450.0

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			
	Oct 1999	Oct 2000	Jan-Oct 1999	Jan-Oct 2000	Oct 1999	Oct 2000	Jan-Oct 1999	Jan-Oct 2000
0 Food and live animals	214.5	229.1	1,626.0	1,796.9	382.2	399.6	3,493.1	3,876.7
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	29.3	51.2	77.5	137.3	35.0	36.8	179.7	249.5
01 Meat & meat preparations	16.0	19.9	154.2	187.8	123.0	121.8	1,120.1	1,161.1
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	16.8	13.0	178.8	181.8	69.7	70.7	632.3	774.2
03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and preparations thereof	6.1	6.6	58.1	63.7	22.1	22.5	185.6	201.2
04 Cereals & cereal preparations	40.6	33.2	280.6	308.5	17.4	18.5	173.3	184.9
05 Vegetables & fruit	29.5	38.3	310.7	326.5	10.8	11.7	112.1	109.9
06 Sugars, sugar preparations & honey	11.8	10.8	83.3	90.8	6.4	5.4	63.3	63.2
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices & manufactures thereof	22.1	18.2	141.1	145.6	13.1	14.6	154.7	167.3
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl unmilled cereals)	26.8	22.4	213.1	220.7	8.3	8.0	71.9	78.1
09 Miscellaneous edible products & preparations	15.4	15.7	128.6	134.3	76.3	89.6	800.0	887.1
1 Beverages and tobacco	37.8	46.6	311.6	333.0	69.6	85.2	490.6	596.0
11 Beverages	32.7	41.2	265.4	285.3	64.7	76.0	454.8	530.2
12 Tobacco & tobacco manufactures	5.1	5.4	46.2	47.6	4.9	9.2	35.8	65.8
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	42.8	55.0	429.9	535.4	44.7	60.0	513.6	606.5
21 Hides, skins & furskins, raw	0.5	0.5	4.3	6.2	6.2	7.5	48.1	59.7
22 Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits	0.6	0.4	7.5	7.2	0.1	0.0	1.3	0.4
23 Crude rubber (incl synthetic & reclaimed)	0.7	1.4	9.2	19.2	0.0	0.2	1.2	1.0
24 Cork & wood	14.4	18.8	148.9	192.9	3.8	4.1	33.5	39.7
25 Pulp & waste paper	1.6	2.2	15.3	18.4	0.5	1.1	4.6	9.2
26 Textile fibres & their wastes	5.7	6.6	41.5	45.3	8.5	8.4	83.4	77.4
27 Crude fertilisers & minerals (excl coal, petroleum and precious stones)	8.8	9.4	74.4	84.6	2.8	1.2	44.7	22.5
28 Metalliferous ores & metal scrap	2.5	8.0	76.4	100.8	14.8	29.4	232.9	336.2
29 Crude animal & vegetable materials nes	8.0	7.7	52.4	60.8	8.1	8.1	64.0	60.4
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	75.0	137.7	792.6	1,395.0	5.7	20.6	113.7	181.4
32 Coal, coke & briquettes	7.4	4.6	64.1	64.2	2.4	1.7	34.9	29.1
33 Petroleum, petroleum products & related materials	53.3	115.9	608.6	1,171.7	3.2	18.8	77.3	150.7
34 Gas, natural & manufactured	12.0	15.9	111.4	155.8	0.1	0.2	1.5	1.5
35 Electric Current	2.2	1.3	8.6	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	9.4	8.0	90.4	82.6	2.1	1.7	18.2	17.4
41 Animal oils & fats	0.7	0.7	5.4	6.8	1.8	1.4	13.0	14.1
42 Fixed vegetable fats & oils	4.5	4.3	46.0	42.2	0.3	0.2	2.9	2.5
43 Animal or vegetable fats & oils, processed; waxes	4.1	3.0	39.0	33.7	0.0	0.0	2.3	0.8
5 Chemicals and related products nes	361.8	370.1	3,188.6	3,975.0	1,451.4	2,186.7	13,735.9	17,663.8
51 Organic chemicals	99.7	93.1	942.2	1,085.6	775.0	1,444.4	7,320.8	10,933.3
52 Inorganic chemicals	13.3	18.1	127.7	179.1	19.6	24.2	136.3	219.5
53 Dyeing, tanning & colouring materials	17.2	11.3	134.3	142.8	3.6	3.2	34.7	38.5
54 Medical & pharmaceutical products	87.7	96.5	724.0	986.5	337.8	385.1	3,192.3	3,334.2
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet & cleansing preparations	56.9	52.7	362.6	454.5	163.7	160.6	1,616.2	1,562.7
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	5.9	7.2	118.7	138.4	1.3	2.1	25.4	24.0
57 Plastics in primary forms	30.8	36.0	275.4	360.4	10.1	12.6	101.9	129.9
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	23.6	24.8	215.1	261.9	10.8	11.3	124.9	134.2
59 Chemical materials & products nes	26.8	30.3	288.7	365.6	129.6	143.3	1,183.2	1,287.6

Table 3 Trade classified by Commodity - continued

£ million

SITC (Rev 3)	Imports				Exports			
	Oct 1999	Oct 2000	Jan-Oct 1999	Jan-Oct 2000	Oct 1999	Oct 2000	Jan-Oct 1999	Jan-Oct 2000
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	283.6	294.9	2,483.8	2,786.8	122.4	143.0	1,175.5	1,283.7
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	0.8	0.7	7.0	8.2	4.8	5.7	35.7	47.7
62 Rubber manufactures nes	12.7	17.1	130.1	154.6	4.1	7.3	56.8	71.2
63 Cork & wood manufactures (excl furniture)	12.8	16.7	110.7	148.8	8.9	7.4	76.3	83.9
64 Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	63.8	55.0	500.1	513.3	11.5	12.8	98.0	116.3
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles & related products	36.8	40.4	361.2	389.5	28.5	36.2	272.0	326.2
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	38.1	38.2	304.7	371.5	26.9	28.6	256.0	230.0
67 Iron & steel	36.9	38.0	319.3	356.5	7.2	8.6	74.4	89.9
68 Non-ferrous metals	22.3	23.6	215.9	242.1	5.8	5.5	56.8	61.7
69 Manufactures of metals nes	59.4	65.1	534.9	602.2	24.6	30.9	249.4	256.8
7 Machinery and transport equipment	1,720.1	2,181.7	14,441.8	18,455.9	1,959.9	2,280.1	16,415.2	20,691.9
71 Power generating machinery & equipment	39.8	58.5	334.2	477.3	22.5	28.1	227.6	237.3
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	67.8	65.4	680.7	703.4	17.5	17.7	182.3	212.1
73 Metalworking machinery	14.5	12.1	89.3	139.1	8.4	3.5	46.9	41.8
74 General industrial machinery & equipment nes & parts nes	84.1	89.3	720.1	879.3	54.6	58.5	579.4	647.7
75 Office machines & automatic data processing machines	680.9	986.1	5,263.8	7,051.0	1,150.1	1,296.3	9,338.4	12,095.1
76 Telecommunications & sound equipment	145.8	179.7	1,283.9	1,643.4	259.2	199.7	2,269.7	2,256.9
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus & appliances nes & parts	395.6	543.3	3,242.2	4,219.3	397.0	621.9	3,292.5	4,695.8
78 Road vehicles (incl air-cushion vehicles)	169.1	217.5	1,813.2	2,564.0	30.4	34.5	299.5	369.9
79 Other transport equipment	122.4	29.8	1,014.2	779.1	20.1	19.9	179.0	135.4
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	376.9	425.6	3,168.3	3,729.7	572.6	615.4	4,685.3	5,627.0
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing & electrical fixtures & fittings	13.9	15.1	125.2	137.6	5.0	5.6	48.9	57.0
82 Furniture & parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	20.0	23.5	167.4	207.3	6.6	7.4	70.2	70.4
83 Travel goods, handbags & similar containers	4.4	7.7	33.3	54.3	0.6	1.5	6.6	11.4
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	85.6	101.3	714.3	847.4	24.8	23.5	252.0	235.4
85 Footwear	18.3	17.5	160.9	182.3	2.4	2.4	19.9	21.9
87 Professional, scientific & controlling apparatus nes	62.8	88.3	488.9	762.3	84.4	128.2	900.6	1,093.2
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches & clocks	24.5	25.0	188.3	234.9	34.8	31.3	293.4	306.5
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	147.4	147.2	1,290.0	1,303.6	414.1	415.5	3,093.6	3,831.1
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	62.1	79.7	597.7	749.6	162.5	188.7	1,784.2	1,758.4
Unclassified estimates¹	139.6	139.4	1,161.8	1,393.4	50.4	103.6	428.0	633.9
Total	3,323.5	3,967.9	28,292.6	35,233.2	4,823.5	6,084.5	42,853.4	52,936.7

¹ Estimates for which a commodity classification is not available.

Table 4 Trade by Country

£ million

Country	Imports				Exports			
	Oct 1999	Oct 2000	Jan-Oct 1999	Jan-Oct 2000	Oct 1999	Oct 2000	Jan-Oct 1999	Jan-Oct 2000
Great Britain	1,078.6	1,209.4	8,524.3	10,212.6	975.9	1,255.9	8,423.3	10,437.0
Northern Ireland	78.7	79.0	747.6	771.7	104.1	106.7	974.8	1,130.8
Austria	7.5	8.0	71.5	88.7	28.6	25.4	265.6	312.0
Belgium	40.7	49.0	375.8	572.9	257.5	297.7	2,251.5	2,700.0
Luxembourg	0.5	0.6	6.2	5.4	0.7	2.9	39.0	16.2
Denmark	29.1	42.2	217.6	355.0	48.8	41.0	393.6	388.1
Finland	20.9	26.4	186.9	225.2	35.4	25.4	355.7	254.5
France	116.6	195.9	1,157.7	1,657.8	425.1	430.7	3,600.5	4,096.2
Germany	186.5	206.5	1,755.4	2,035.3	550.8	551.5	4,951.5	5,782.2
Greece	2.2	1.8	20.3	25.7	17.8	16.8	145.9	192.2
Italy	70.1	105.4	586.1	808.1	200.0	215.6	1,588.3	2,117.8
Netherlands	110.1	146.8	856.6	1,107.8	298.8	261.7	2,658.6	2,933.9
Portugal	9.3	10.9	72.8	82.7	18.2	19.7	157.4	162.9
Spain	35.1	40.0	334.3	450.0	130.6	158.8	1,167.8	1,260.1
Sweden	36.1	37.3	281.2	402.6	92.9	97.8	689.5	864.9
EU Country not specified	29.2	41.0	197.2	403.5	0.0	0.1	0.6	0.7
Total EU	1,851.2	2,200.3	15,391.5	19,204.9	3,185.1	3,507.7	27,663.6	32,649.6
Australia	3.4	6.6	36.5	49.6	23.5	40.5	396.0	382.1
Brazil	8.1	10.0	50.9	76.7	6.8	10.1	93.0	127.9
Canada	32.8	39.8	252.0	323.4	26.6	23.4	222.3	229.9
China	54.2	84.2	407.9	552.4	8.0	15.1	75.3	103.5
Czech Republic	4.4	7.4	38.2	68.7	24.2	20.0	122.5	219.2
Egypt	0.6	1.0	6.3	8.7	13.3	19.1	132.2	157.2
Hong Kong	43.6	47.9	260.6	415.6	19.5	42.3	216.2	372.3
Hungary	19.5	23.2	152.2	171.3	12.0	15.4	101.4	149.0
India	9.7	11.2	65.6	86.0	2.9	14.8	53.9	73.9
Israel	16.1	25.5	176.8	198.3	18.7	27.1	178.5	264.8
Japan	184.1	158.8	1,640.4	1,735.8	135.0	220.3	1,233.8	2,009.0
Malaysia	37.9	54.7	373.7	422.4	43.3	43.9	540.8	476.4
Mexico	5.2	13.0	41.4	84.1	11.2	14.9	114.0	170.5
Norway	19.2	43.2	335.2	628.2	36.2	45.1	366.2	393.3
Philippines	14.4	25.8	158.4	173.0	31.9	57.8	268.0	382.1
Poland	6.3	5.8	54.7	65.3	18.8	29.8	155.3	226.2
Russia	0.3	1.0	21.0	6.5	16.6	12.7	146.8	110.6
Saudi Arabia	0.2	0.2	6.4	1.9	33.5	19.9	227.2	233.5
Singapore	145.0	170.7	1,114.1	1,253.8	36.5	34.6	314.0	331.2
South Africa	4.8	4.8	43.9	71.4	29.5	29.3	240.2	258.3
South Korea	60.3	74.2	503.5	847.2	27.7	77.1	225.1	683.2
Switzerland	21.0	26.9	182.6	251.9	80.3	161.5	1,005.0	1,266.6
Taiwan	54.4	75.5	584.5	619.3	6.0	12.7	111.5	125.5
Thailand	12.3	23.8	98.2	149.8	8.0	9.0	62.0	87.8
Turkey	7.3	10.0	57.4	79.5	14.7	27.6	129.9	247.0
USA	564.5	628.6	4,890.9	5,921.8	759.1	1,297.0	6,801.9	9,083.9
Other countries ¹	46.8	68.5	488.5	649.0	102.3	144.3	960.5	1,247.4
Country unknown ²	4.5	7.1	38.9	62.2	40.4	27.6	256.8	215.3
Unclassified estimates ³	91.7	118.4	820.5	1,054.7	51.9	84.1	439.6	659.5
Total	3,323.5	3,967.9	28,292.6	35,233.2	4,823.5	6,084.5	42,853.4	52,936.7

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)

EUR 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	44,170.9	66,902.8	22,731.9			
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	3,539.4	5,393.6	1,854.2	3,555.8	5,511.2	1,955.4
June	3,568.2	5,713.7	2,145.3	3,578.4	5,226.9	1,648.5
July	3,586.0	5,759.2	2,173.2	3,791.7	5,756.6	1,964.9
August	3,329.5	4,959.0	1,629.5	3,820.5	5,794.8	1,974.3
September	3,776.8	6,367.1	2,590.3	3,896.3	5,817.9	1,921.6
October ⁴	4,220.0	6,124.6	1,904.6	4,132.9	6,085.1	1,952.2
November	4,348.0	5,998.8	1,650.8	3,944.4	6,000.4	2,056.1
December	3,898.7	6,491.4	2,592.7	3,971.4	6,418.0	2,446.7
2000 ³ January ⁴	4,116.6	5,158.2	1,041.6	4,275.3	5,501.5	1,226.2
February ⁴	4,068.4	6,023.1	1,954.8	3,969.1	6,160.3	2,191.3
March ⁴	4,667.6	7,390.8	2,723.2	4,193.1	6,769.7	2,576.7
April ⁴	4,169.1	6,052.6	1,883.5	4,180.9	6,181.6	2,000.7
May ⁴	4,743.4	6,610.8	1,867.5	4,485.1	6,671.2	2,186.2
June ⁴	4,600.6	7,736.6	3,136.0	4,660.4	7,194.2	2,533.6
July ⁴	4,485.7	6,387.4	1,901.7	4,838.7	6,474.8	1,636.2
August ⁴	4,289.9	6,422.6	2,132.7	4,827.7	7,242.6	2,414.8
September ⁴	4,557.6	7,708.1	3,150.3	4,830.7	7,046.7	2,216.1
October	5,038.2	7,725.7	2,687.5	4,736.1	7,855.0	3,118.9
November ⁵	5,270.0	8,130.0	2,860.0	4,850.0	7,960.0	3,110.0

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

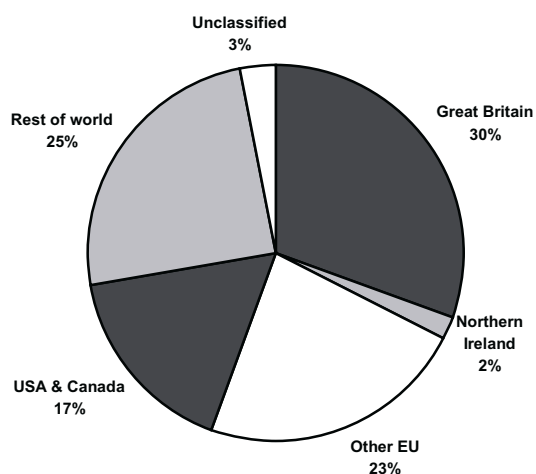
² Based on seasonal patterns up to December 1999

³ Provisional

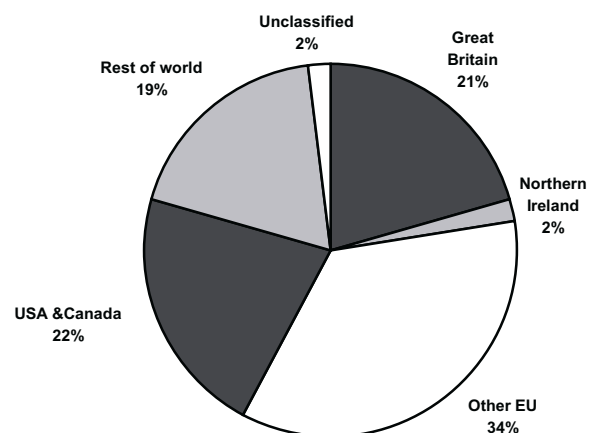
⁴ Revised

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

Imports, October 2000 (See Table 4)



Exports, October 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 6,770 while about 1,920 must make an export return. The response rate in terms of number of traders in October 2000 was 77%, 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.