

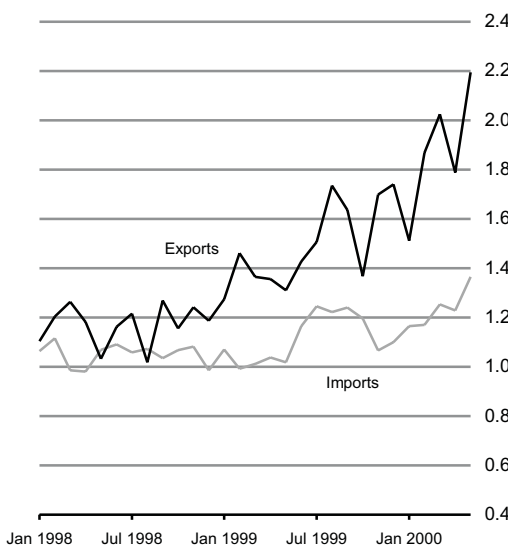


Trade with Non-EU Countries May 2000

Imports v Exports

Seasonally Adjusted

£billion



	Imports	Exports
Jan-May 1999	£5,308m	£6,623m
Jan-May 2000	£6,394m	£9,192m
% change	+20%	+39%
May 1999	£1,054m	£1,325m
May 2000	£1,444m	£2,114m

Non-EU exports of £2.1 billion in May

The value of Ireland's exports to non-EU countries rose to a high of £2,114m in May 2000, 60% higher than the £1,325m recorded in May 1999 while imports increased by 37% from £1,054m to £1,444m. Almost half of the year on year increase in exports is attributable to organic chemicals.

On a seasonally adjusted basis (*see graph*), exports rose to £2,195m in May from £1,788m in April and imports rose to £1,365m from £1,229m.

Comparing January - May 2000 with the corresponding period in 1999 shows that (*see Tables 3 and 4*):

- ◆ Imports increased from £5,308m to £6,394m (+20%). Imports from USA increased from £2,092m to £2,521m (+21%) and imports from South Korea increased from £124m to £295m (+138%). Imports from Singapore fell from £549m to £520m (-5%).
- ◆ Imports of Electrical machinery increased from £880m to £1,017m (+16%) and imports of Telecommunications and sound equipment increased from £303m to £439m (+45%). Imports of Transport equipment other than road vehicles fell from £237m to £127m (-47%).
- ◆ Exports increased from £6,623m to £9,192m (+39%). Exports to the USA increased from £2,919m to £4,409m (+51%), and exports to Japan increased from £527m to £1,027m (+95%). Exports to Malaysia fell from £290m to £253m (-13%).
- ◆ Exports of Organic chemicals increased from £1,456m to £2,695m (+85%) and exports of Computer equipment increased from £1,148m to £1,659m (+44%). Exports of Telecommunications and sound equipment fell from £369m to £307m (-17%).

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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	
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	12,570.9	14,037.4	307.0	341.5	112.1	113.9	101.6
1999	13,297.1	17,828.7	311.1	425.0	117.0	116.2	99.3
1999 January	1,067.5	1,160.2	306.7	337.8	114.3	114.2	99.8
February	941.0	1,363.0	275.9	401.8	112.0	112.8	100.7
March	1,166.7	1,390.6	321.1	412.5	119.4	112.1	93.9
April	1,078.9	1,384.5	303.6	389.7	116.7	118.1	101.2
May	1,054.3	1,324.7	299.7	371.2	115.5	118.6	102.7
June	1,108.2	1,529.3	313.7	427.0	116.0	119.1	102.6
July	1,113.1	1,667.8	311.1	482.9	117.5	114.8	97.7
August	1,052.8	1,558.5	282.0	434.1	122.6	119.4	97.3
September	1,186.6	1,794.8	334.4	536.6	116.5	111.2	95.4
October	1,211.5	1,447.1	347.0	403.9	114.7	119.1	103.9
November	1,214.7	1,696.7	339.8	484.0	117.4	116.5	99.2
December	1,101.8	1,511.0	299.2	422.8	121.0	118.8	98.2
2000 January	1,200.7	1,377.3	326.2	394.3	120.9	116.1	96.0
February	1,181.6	1,798.1	324.3	487.6	119.7	122.6	102.4
March	1,359.2	2,068.6	353.2	556.3	126.4	123.6	97.8
April	1,209.2	1,834.5	319.3	492.2	124.4	123.9	99.6
May	1,443.9	2,113.7	363.3	570.5	130.5	123.2	94.4

Table 2 Seasonally adjusted² trade with non-EU Countries

Period	Value		Volume Index	
	Imports £m	Exports £m	Base 1990=100	
			Imports	Exports
1999 January	1,070.2	1,273.5	305.2	367.5
February	992.2	1,460.8	297.5	424.7
March	1,011.7	1,364.7	283.1	418.4
April	1,037.2	1,356.0	294.7	396.8
May	1,018.6	1,310.3	298.7	374.6
June	1,164.9	1,427.9	333.7	409.4
July	1,245.0	1,506.6	351.4	435.8
August	1,222.2	1,735.5	321.1	472.9
September	1,240.1	1,636.1	347.0	489.2
October	1,196.2	1,367.8	336.0	377.1
November	1,066.7	1,698.4	290.4	473.1
December	1,099.6	1,740.8	291.9	466.2
2000 January	1,164.6	1,511.9	318.8	437.6
February	1,170.0	1,869.1	321.4	508.4
March	1,253.2	2,024.1	332.8	550.2
April	1,229.0	1,788.0	328.0	499.2
May	1,365.0	2,194.9	343.8	609.5

¹ Export Price Index divided by Import Price Index² Based on seasonal patterns up to December 1999

Table 3 Trade with Non-EU Countries classified by Country

£ million

Country	Imports				Exports			
	May 1999	May 2000	Jan-May 1999	Jan-May 2000	May 1999	May 2000	Jan-May 1999	Jan-May 2000
Australia	3.0	8.1	16.0	20.5	44.8	30.0	156.4	137.2
Brazil	2.5	3.6	15.8	23.7	11.0	15.1	50.9	52.6
Canada	21.1	20.5	123.2	145.8	17.6	24.9	100.7	127.5
China	29.6	48.7	151.5	197.5	8.2	14.3	34.3	52.5
Czech Republic	3.0	6.2	20.0	34.5	8.1	19.9	41.7	97.2
Egypt	0.6	1.2	2.5	4.0	14.5	18.1	70.9	88.2
Hong Kong	15.0	46.1	84.6	202.1	24.0	41.4	110.4	155.7
Hungary	16.7	14.8	67.3	80.6	9.1	15.1	34.6	69.4
India	5.4	7.3	25.8	37.1	5.4	3.6	33.0	20.8
Israel	25.7	12.2	96.0	76.5	14.8	25.0	73.1	133.0
Japan	139.0	175.2	754.1	791.0	85.4	184.1	526.7	1,027.0
Malaysia	30.7	34.1	174.9	198.2	50.6	50.4	290.5	253.0
Mexico	2.7	7.3	13.0	28.3	13.6	20.0	50.1	74.4
Norway	43.9	68.5	171.3	255.4	38.6	27.7	180.8	184.9
Philippines	12.4	11.5	77.3	84.0	16.0	51.4	129.8	165.4
Poland	2.9	5.7	24.2	23.9	12.7	24.3	71.4	103.4
Russia	0.2	1.4	3.2	3.8	19.3	9.8	77.8	51.6
Saudi Arabia	0.1	0.2	4.1	0.5	24.6	27.9	107.1	128.2
Singapore	101.1	124.2	549.4	519.6	32.7	37.7	150.5	142.0
South Africa	3.4	5.8	15.7	28.7	25.4	25.8	104.6	116.1
South Korea	28.1	71.4	123.7	294.7	18.8	60.1	76.0	233.8
Switzerland	7.1	22.7	75.9	114.6	118.4	116.6	507.5	491.4
Taiwan	63.0	66.8	285.2	273.4	8.8	12.9	64.8	58.7
Thailand	8.0	12.4	41.6	57.9	9.0	6.5	29.3	37.8
Turkey	4.0	7.6	24.2	32.4	12.5	30.4	61.5	122.2
USA	413.9	594.6	2,092.0	2,521.3	555.0	1,063.4	2,918.8	4,408.9
EU Member States ¹	15.2	10.0	57.1	55.7	–	–	–	–
Other countries ²	52.9	51.6	201.2	259.2	106.4	138.2	454.4	566.6
Country unknown ³	3.1	4.1	17.7	29.7	19.1	19.3	115.3	93.1
Total	1,054.3	1,443.9	5,308.5	6,394.4	1,324.7	2,113.7	6,622.9	9,192.3

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			
	May 1999	May 2000	Jan-May 1999	Jan-May 2000	May 1999	May 2000	Jan-May 1999	Jan-May 2000
0 Food and live animals	15.9	26.3	106.8	139.7	109.7	127.4	490.0	495.8
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	0.1	1.1	2.0	16.7	2.9	11.8	12.8	26.5
01 Meat & meat preparations	0.6	0.6	2.1	2.6	28.3	23.0	153.0	106.2
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.2	13.3	19.4	35.6	55.3
03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and preparations thereof	0.4	0.5	1.5	1.6	4.9	3.0	18.0	24.8
04 Cereals & cereal preparations	1.2	1.0	2.7	3.4	0.4	2.1	4.6	9.5
05 Vegetables & fruit	4.1	4.2	15.2	16.4	0.1	0.1	1.5	0.5
06 Sugars, sugar preparations & honey	0.2	0.6	5.8	4.4	1.6	1.7	6.7	6.5
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices & manufactures thereof	2.4	4.0	13.0	17.7	4.6	4.3	29.3	17.9
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl unmilled cereals)	5.5	13.0	59.5	70.7	0.7	0.5	1.9	2.8
09 Miscellaneous edible products & preparations	1.4	1.2	4.4	6.0	52.9	61.5	226.6	245.7
1 Beverages and tobacco	4.1	4.7	16.3	17.5	17.5	15.2	72.3	85.5
11 Beverages	4.0	4.6	14.0	16.7	16.9	14.9	69.4	83.1
12 Tobacco & tobacco manufactures	0.1	0.2	2.3	0.8	0.6	0.3	2.9	2.4
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	21.8	26.4	104.8	118.7	14.0	9.6	59.7	57.2
21 Hides, skins & furskins, raw	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.7	1.2	3.6	5.8
22 Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits	0.0	0.9	0.7	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
23 Crude rubber (incl synthetic & reclaimed)	0.3	0.7	2.8	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1
24 Cork & wood	6.5	9.3	33.1	40.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
25 Pulp & waste paper	0.9	1.4	6.5	8.8	0.1	0.3	0.4	1.6
26 Textile fibres & their wastes	1.3	1.4	6.5	7.4	1.5	0.8	8.2	4.7
27 Crude fertilisers & minerals (excl coal, petroleum and precious stones)	4.5	4.4	17.7	18.4	3.7	1.3	13.8	4.7
28 Metalliferous ores & metal scrap	7.1	7.0	31.1	32.8	7.6	5.5	31.0	37.9
29 Crude animal & vegetable materials nes	1.2	1.3	6.5	6.5	0.3	0.4	2.5	2.5
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	34.4	56.1	134.4	206.7	4.6	8.3	13.8	27.5
32 Coal, coke & briquettes	2.7	4.1	24.7	22.6	0.3	0.3	1.0	1.1
33 Petroleum, petroleum products & related materials	31.7	52.0	109.3	184.0	4.3	8.0	12.8	26.3
34 Gas, natural & manufactured	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.0	–	0.0	–
35 Electric Current	–	–	–	–	–	0.0	–	0.1
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	1.1	1.3	5.6	4.7	0.1	0.0	1.5	0.1
41 Animal oils & fats	0.0	–	0.0	–	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1
42 Fixed vegetable fats & oils	0.8	0.6	4.0	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
43 Animal or vegetable fats & oils, processed; waxes	0.3	0.6	1.5	1.6	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0
5 Chemicals and related products nes	126.7	176.2	543.3	700.2	493.3	938.5	2,420.9	3,808.5
51 Organic chemicals	85.9	96.6	314.9	344.7	285.4	643.8	1,456.3	2,694.5
52 Inorganic chemicals	3.2	3.6	15.9	18.7	0.2	2.1	3.4	4.8
53 Dyeing, tanning & colouring materials	3.1	5.2	8.5	21.3	0.9	1.4	3.8	5.3
54 Medical & pharmaceutical products	17.5	42.2	99.9	179.7	109.4	183.2	602.8	713.3
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet & cleansing preparations	2.8	3.8	14.3	16.9	53.7	58.6	214.2	216.7
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	0.8	3.5	26.4	28.7	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2
57 Plastics in primary forms	3.9	6.8	19.3	23.5	3.7	3.8	15.4	17.7
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	3.9	7.4	20.6	28.2	4.8	4.8	26.1	23.1
59 Chemical materials & products nes	5.6	7.1	23.6	38.6	35.2	40.8	98.7	132.8

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

£ million

SITC (Rev 3)	Imports				Exports			
	May 1999	May 2000	Jan-May 1999	Jan-May 2000	May 1999	May 2000	Jan-May 1999	Jan-May 2000
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	40.2	57.2	198.5	246.6	27.8	31.1	125.2	148.2
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.6	0.8	2.6	5.2	8.3
62 Rubber manufactures nes	2.9	4.0	17.1	18.6	1.2	1.7	6.5	8.3
63 Cork & wood manufactures (excl furniture)	4.0	5.6	17.9	24.3	0.5	2.9	4.1	6.7
64 Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	2.6	3.8	11.8	15.3	1.5	2.7	3.5	10.5
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles & related products	7.8	9.2	36.3	41.0	4.7	8.2	24.1	33.2
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	4.6	11.0	22.4	43.8	12.4	6.3	49.3	46.1
67 Iron & steel	2.6	4.7	12.9	16.2	0.4	0.5	2.0	2.4
68 Non-ferrous metals	2.9	5.3	24.3	23.8	0.6	0.9	7.9	6.7
69 Manufactures of metals nes	12.7	13.5	55.4	62.9	5.6	5.3	22.5	25.9
7 Machinery and transport equipment	664.7	921.6	3,528.9	4,077.1	476.5	758.4	2,553.1	3,369.1
71 Power generating machinery & equipment	30.9	37.5	124.3	166.4	12.5	12.9	69.4	51.9
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	13.1	25.1	70.5	87.3	10.4	26.6	44.8	78.3
73 Metalworking machinery	3.4	14.2	18.8	46.9	3.2	3.6	16.4	12.8
74 General industrial machinery & equipment nes & parts nes	17.8	47.8	88.0	169.3	22.3	24.8	84.8	137.1
75 Office machines & automatic data processing machines	282.7	368.1	1,516.4	1,651.5	201.7	376.8	1,148.2	1,658.7
76 Telecommunications & sound equipment	71.3	100.2	302.9	439.1	54.7	56.7	368.5	307.2
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus & appliances nes & parts	168.0	217.8	880.5	1,017.3	161.7	245.6	763.1	1,058.3
78 Road vehicles (incl air-cushion vehicles)	48.3	89.2	290.1	372.3	0.3	0.7	1.7	6.1
79 Other transport equipment	29.4	21.7	237.4	127.0	9.8	10.8	56.2	58.7
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	114.6	144.9	510.6	669.0	128.3	165.8	661.3	916.2
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing & electrical fixtures & fittings	1.8	1.7	6.6	6.6	0.3	1.6	1.4	5.2
82 Furniture & parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	3.9	6.7	13.6	26.1	1.5	2.2	5.1	6.1
83 Travel goods, handbags & similar containers	1.3	3.0	6.7	12.8	0.2	0.3	1.1	0.8
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	11.7	17.7	70.5	96.8	3.2	4.4	12.7	22.7
85 Footwear	1.7	2.0	9.8	13.8	0.1	0.3	0.7	1.0
87 Professional, scientific & controlling apparatus nes	40.7	61.7	143.8	256.0	55.0	67.9	196.3	298.2
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches & clocks	7.2	11.1	43.8	56.8	9.2	15.2	46.5	67.6
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	46.2	41.1	215.8	200.2	58.7	73.8	397.5	514.5
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	30.9	29.1	159.3	214.1	52.9	59.5	225.0	284.3
Total	1,054.3	1,443.9	5,308.5	6,394.4	1,324.7	2,113.7	6,622.9	9,192.3

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

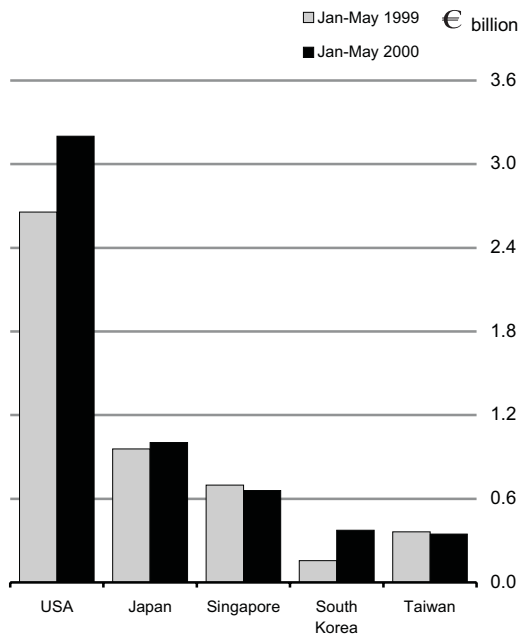
€ million¹

Period	Unadjusted		Seasonally Adjusted ²	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
1995	9,630.1	9,288.1		
1996	10,168.3	11,171.7		
1997	12,666.1	14,100.9		
1998	15,961.8	17,823.8		
1999	16,883.8	22,637.8		
1999 January	1,355.4	1,473.2	1,358.9	1,617.0
February	1,194.8	1,730.6	1,259.8	1,854.8
March	1,481.4	1,765.7	1,284.6	1,732.8
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	1,479.1	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
November	1,542.4	2,154.4	1,354.4	2,156.5
December	1,399.0	1,918.6	1,396.2	2,210.4
2000 January	1,524.6	1,748.8	1,478.7	1,919.7
February	1,500.3	2,283.1	1,485.6	2,373.3
March	1,725.8	2,626.6	1,591.2	2,570.1
April	1,535.4	2,329.3	1,560.5	2,270.3
May	1,833.4	2,683.8	1,733.2	2,786.9

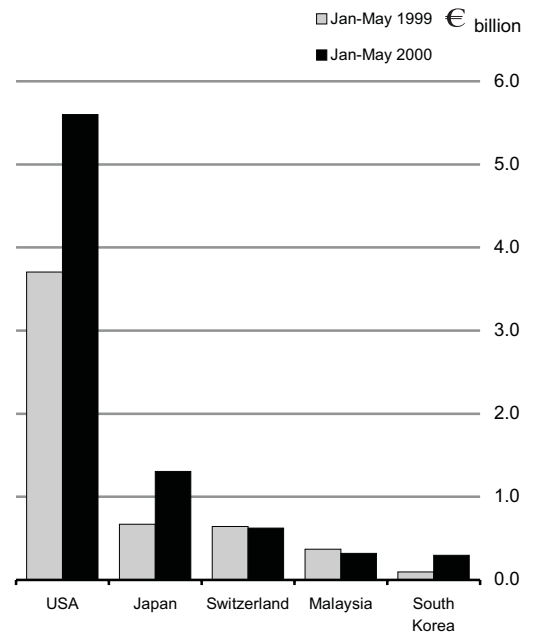
¹ Converted at the European Union official exchange rate conversion factor, fixed at 0.787564, effective from 1 January 1999

² Based on Seasonal patterns up to December 1999

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 1999 onwards are provisional and are subject to minor amendments.
- 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. 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. 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.
- Price and Volume Indices** 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.