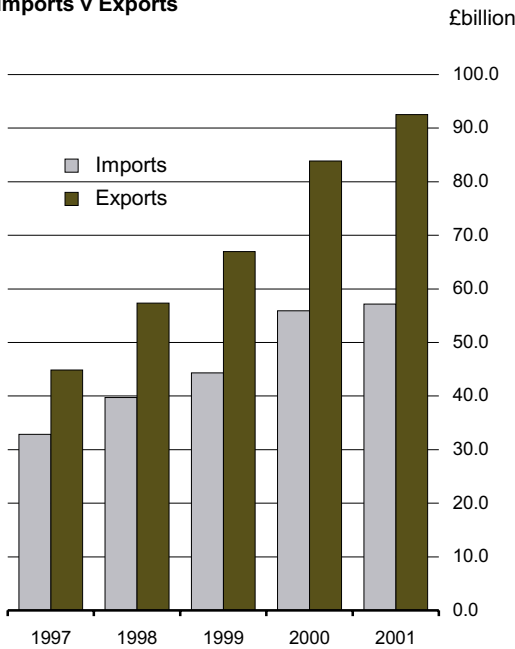




Imports v Exports



External Trade
December 2001 (Details),
January 2002 (First estimate)

	Imports	Exports	Surplus
Jan-Dec 2000	€55,909m	€83,889m	€27,980m
Jan-Dec 2001	€57,178m	€92,523m	€35,346m
% Change	+2%	+10%	+26%
November 2001	€4,850m	€7,606m	€2,756m
December 2001	€4,478m	€7,414m	€2,936m
January 2002 <i>(Preliminary)</i>	€5,160m	€8,000m	€2,840m

Merchandise trade surplus of €35 billion in 2001

Ireland's annual merchandise exports in 2001 were valued at €92,523m (+10% on 2000) and imports were valued at €57,178m (+2%) giving a surplus of €35,346m (+26%). Pharmaceutical and computer equipment products were the major contributors to this performance.

Exports in December (*see Table 1*) were €7,414m and imports were €4,478m giving a surplus of €2,936m. On a seasonally adjusted basis (*see Table 2*), relative to November 2001, exports were €7,556m (+1%), imports were €4,651m (+5%) giving an adjusted surplus of €2,905m (-3%).

Preliminary indications for January 2002 show exports of €8,000m with imports of €5,160m and a surplus of €2,840m. These result in strong seasonally adjusted figures of €8,560m, €5,060m and €3,500m respectively.

Surplus, as used here, differs from the Balance of International Payments concept of current account balance, which includes in addition transactions relating to invisibles.

Comparing the 2001 figures with those of 2000 shows that (*see Tables 3-4*):

- Exports of Medical and pharmaceutical products showed the biggest increase from €5,312m to €8,951m (+69%), while those of Computer equipment increased from €19,617m to €22,394m (+14%) and Electrical machinery and parts increased from €7,916m to €9,223m (+17%).
- Exports to Great Britain increased from €17,084m to €20,420m (+20%) and exports to Germany increased from €9,415m to €11,719m (+24%). Exports to France decreased from €6,343m to €5,615m (-11%).
- Imports of Computer equipment increased from €11,363m to €12,196m (+7%) while those of Electrical machinery and parts increased from €7,048m to €7,542m (+7%). Road vehicle imports decreased from €4,053m to €3,198m (-21%).
- Imports from Great Britain increased from €16,408m to €19,029m (+16%) while those from France increased from €2,577m to €2,811m (+9%). USA imports decreased from €9,148m to €8,712m (-5%).

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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						
1985	11,971.3	12,371.1	399.8	72.3	65.2	104.5	104.3	99.8
1986	10,946.8	11,902.9	956.1	74.4	67.6	92.9	96.7	104.0
1987	11,624.7	13,616.0	1,991.3	79.1	77.4	92.8	96.6	104.1
1988	12,970.1	15,623.9	2,653.9	82.8	82.9	98.9	103.6	104.7
1989	15,597.8	18,534.4	2,936.6	93.6	92.2	105.3	110.5	104.9
1990	15,832.1	18,203.9	2,371.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1991	16,317.2	19,070.1	2,752.9	100.8	105.6	102.3	99.3	97.0
1992	16,753.9	21,260.2	4,506.4	105.6	121.1	100.2	96.6	96.4
1993	18,899.7	25,178.5	6,278.9	113.0	133.4	105.4	103.9	98.6
1994	21,945.4	28,890.9	6,945.6	127.9	153.2	108.1	103.8	96.0
1995	26,180.9	35,330.1	9,149.2	146.3	184.0	112.7	105.7	93.7
1996	28,479.5	38,608.9	10,129.6	160.9	202.2	111.4	105.1	94.3
1997	32,863.5	44,868.0	12,004.5	184.8	232.4	112.0	106.3	94.9
1998	39,715.0	57,321.8	17,606.7	218.3	289.2	114.6	109.1	95.2
1999	44,327.1	66,956.2	22,629.1	236.5	336.5	118.0	109.5	92.8
2000	55,908.8	83,888.9	27,980.1	275.2	401.4	128.0	115.0	89.9
2001 ²	57,177.5	92,523.3	35,345.9	..	..	..	..	..
1999 January	3,271.7	4,680.1	1,408.4	212.0	283.2	116.6	109.1	93.6
February	3,210.2	4,877.2	1,667.0	209.5	287.8	115.8	111.9	96.6
March	3,742.0	5,420.1	1,678.1	241.7	335.7	117.0	106.6	91.2
April	3,670.6	5,118.2	1,447.6	233.9	319.1	118.6	105.9	89.3
May	3,539.4	5,393.6	1,854.2	228.1	325.2	117.3	109.5	93.4
June	3,568.2	5,713.7	2,145.3	227.2	337.7	118.7	111.7	94.2
July	3,586.0	5,759.2	2,173.2	230.0	352.0	117.8	108.1	91.7
August	3,329.5	4,959.0	1,629.5	207.7	292.7	121.1	111.9	92.4
September	3,822.7	6,412.1	2,589.5	247.5	380.9	116.7	111.2	95.3
October	4,220.0	6,124.6	1,904.6	272.2	364.5	117.1	111.0	94.7
November	4,389.9	6,014.6	1,624.8	279.3	367.9	118.8	108.0	90.9
December	3,977.1	6,483.9	2,507.0	248.6	392.3	120.9	109.2	90.3
2000 January	4,285.4	5,187.1	901.8	254.0	303.3	122.5	112.3	91.7
February	4,079.2	6,031.1	1,952.0	249.9	357.1	123.0	111.4	90.6
March	4,723.4	7,408.8	2,685.4	284.7	421.1	125.4	116.2	92.7
April	4,188.4	6,050.9	1,862.6	254.9	339.3	124.2	117.8	94.8
May	4,771.2	6,574.3	1,803.2	283.4	365.3	127.2	118.9	93.4
June	4,586.5	7,652.8	3,066.3	267.2	437.5	129.7	115.5	89.1
July	4,505.0	6,513.1	2,008.1	264.8	374.7	128.6	114.8	89.3
August	4,357.1	6,502.6	2,145.3	252.6	372.7	128.9	114.5	88.8
September	4,720.3	7,883.8	3,163.4	270.4	447.9	130.6	115.6	88.5
October	5,267.1	7,854.7	2,587.6	299.5	447.2	132.0	115.5	87.6
November	5,533.2	8,344.4	2,811.2	309.8	485.0	133.6	112.4	84.2
December ³	4,892.0	7,885.2	2,993.2	285.2	452.0	129.9	115.3	88.8
2001 ² January	5,113.0	7,441.6	2,328.6	292.3	419.5	130.9	116.0	88.6
February	4,858.3	7,232.9	2,374.7	281.4	402.8	128.3	116.3	90.6
March	5,571.5	8,922.8	3,351.3	316.0	489.3	130.9	118.4	90.4
April	4,779.2	7,173.7	2,394.5	272.9	401.7	131.0	119.3	91.1
May	4,689.4	7,004.3	2,315.0	266.1	386.9	131.2	118.5	90.3
June ³	4,490.7	8,985.5	4,494.8	252.3	485.8	132.3	121.1	91.5
July	4,466.4	7,708.8	3,242.4	253.5	419.8	133.2	121.3	91.1
August	4,171.1	6,894.0	2,723.0	238.1	378.1	132.4	120.4	91.0
September	4,522.4	7,998.7	3,476.3	258.3	437.5	132.3	120.7	91.3
October	5,188.1	8,140.6	2,952.5	298.5	447.6	131.2	121.1	92.3
November	4,850.0	7,606.5	2,756.4	280.7	413.6	130.6	121.4	93.0
December	4,477.6	7,413.9	2,936.3	259.6	401.6	130.4	121.9	93.5
2002 ² January ⁴	5,160.0	8,000.0	2,840.0	..	..	..	..	..

¹ Export Price Index divided by Import Price Index² Provisional³ Revised⁴ Based on current Intrastat response levels. Figures rounded to the nearest EUR 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	
1998	January	3,142.9	4,300.1	1,157.3	204.9	259.2
	February	3,351.8	4,492.9	1,141.0	223.4	273.8
	March	3,237.0	4,659.2	1,422.2	215.3	281.1
	April	3,217.9	4,706.3	1,488.4	209.8	280.0
	May	3,404.4	4,633.9	1,229.5	225.7	283.6
	June	3,300.3	4,746.6	1,446.3	216.6	287.0
	July	3,375.2	4,924.2	1,549.0	218.6	293.4
	August	3,305.8	4,934.6	1,628.8	218.4	297.2
	September	3,288.4	4,903.3	1,614.9	211.4	293.2
	October	3,289.4	4,687.8	1,398.4	222.5	290.7
	November	3,401.8	5,482.0	2,080.2	228.6	337.6
	December	3,398.3	4,890.0	1,491.7	225.7	298.5
1999	January	3,390.3	5,033.0	1,642.7	220.1	302.0
	February	3,379.0	5,230.1	1,851.2	220.0	310.0
	March	3,316.0	4,867.4	1,551.4	215.8	307.3
	April	3,624.8	5,398.6	1,773.8	231.1	333.5
	May	3,563.7	5,588.7	2,025.0	231.5	340.1
	June	3,596.3	5,083.0	1,486.7	229.8	301.5
	July	3,759.3	5,761.0	2,001.7	241.7	357.1
	August	3,788.0	5,778.8	1,990.8	238.2	341.6
	September	3,875.5	5,921.7	2,046.2	248.3	354.7
	October	4,082.1	5,914.8	1,832.7	261.4	347.3
	November	3,940.2	5,933.1	1,992.9	250.0	355.0
	December	3,986.0	6,461.5	2,475.6	249.1	386.7
2000	January	4,408.7	5,642.6	1,233.9	262.8	329.0
	February	4,098.5	6,303.2	2,204.6	248.4	374.0
	March	4,267.2	6,585.3	2,318.1	258.6	382.5
	April	4,351.9	6,436.1	2,084.1	264.3	354.7
	May	4,553.6	6,703.4	2,149.9	270.8	376.0
	June	4,692.1	6,919.2	2,227.1	276.3	398.7
	July	4,791.9	6,592.7	1,800.8	283.7	384.9
	August	4,858.4	7,302.2	2,443.8	281.8	420.8
	September	4,879.2	7,335.0	2,455.9	278.2	416.2
	October	4,884.9	7,717.1	2,832.2	275.2	435.9
	November	5,051.0	8,026.4	2,975.4	282.2	457.4
	December	5,131.3	7,990.5	2,859.1	299.8	451.5
2001	January	4,978.0	7,969.3	2,991.3	284.7	447.7
	February	5,138.9	7,802.5	2,663.6	295.7	435.4
	March	5,147.1	7,974.3	2,827.2	293.6	447.7
	April	4,827.9	7,819.2	2,991.3	276.6	429.8
	May	4,511.6	7,114.0	2,602.4	253.8	398.6
	June	4,702.9	8,002.3	3,299.3	268.2	433.4
	July	4,608.9	7,893.1	3,284.2	261.7	436.6
	August	4,696.4	7,715.5	3,019.1	270.1	424.0
	September	4,783.7	7,583.2	2,799.6	271.2	415.0
	October	4,682.9	7,724.7	3,041.9	267.4	422.3
	November	4,443.3	7,447.4	3,004.0	257.9	395.3
	December	4,650.7	7,555.7	2,905.0	271.2	406.4
2002	January	5,060.0	8,560.0	3,500.0	..	..

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2001. All values in this table are subject to revision

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Table 3 Trade classified by Commodity

EUR million

SITC (Rev 3)	Imports				Exports			
	Dec 2000	Dec 2001	Jan-Dec 2000	Jan-Dec 2001	Dec 2000	Dec 2001	Jan-Dec 2000	Jan-Dec 2001
0 Food and live animals	266.0	303.6	2,825.7	3,060.3	460.4	478.4	5,948.4	5,725.7
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	30.2	47.7	227.9	203.6	24.3	23.6	420.0	154.0
01 Meat & meat preparations	30.9	32.1	299.5	384.0	130.1	170.1	1,752.2	1,583.5
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	20.1	25.3	273.8	263.9	63.2	53.8	1,160.6	1,074.8
03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and preparations thereof	8.1	8.8	96.5	109.0	35.8	36.7	323.9	412.6
04 Cereals & cereal preparations	39.4	39.0	476.1	488.1	26.7	30.8	292.2	302.7
05 Vegetables & fruit	45.2	49.6	505.1	561.9	16.4	18.7	172.3	228.9
06 Sugars, sugar preparations & honey	12.9	21.3	145.8	175.9	9.8	9.9	101.8	112.4
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices & manufactures thereof	29.6	28.2	243.8	256.0	32.6	30.5	258.2	258.3
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl unmilled cereals)	34.4	34.3	351.2	380.8	10.4	12.9	121.5	133.8
09 Miscellaneous edible products & preparations	15.3	17.2	206.0	237.1	110.9	91.3	1,345.7	1,464.7
1 Beverages and tobacco	47.1	55.9	522.1	656.0	93.8	82.3	958.2	958.1
11 Beverages	39.1	49.6	446.7	571.9	81.9	74.6	854.4	843.7
12 Tobacco & tobacco manufactures	8.0	6.4	75.4	84.1	11.9	7.8	103.9	114.4
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	60.5	53.1	819.7	795.7	73.3	59.7	942.3	923.9
21 Hides, skins & furskins, raw	0.7	0.1	9.3	4.7	8.5	7.4	96.6	99.7
22 Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits	2.4	2.4	11.8	17.9	0.1	0.1	0.8	1.2
23 Crude rubber (incl synthetic & reclaimed)	0.5	0.9	23.4	20.0	0.1	0.1	8.0	1.6
24 Cork & wood	19.6	16.8	294.3	274.3	3.9	4.2	61.2	63.9
25 Pulp & waste paper	2.7	2.4	27.7	28.5	1.0	1.0	13.9	12.6
26 Textile fibres & their wastes	5.6	2.8	67.6	62.1	7.4	6.5	114.8	115.4
27 Crude fertilisers & minerals (excl coal, petroleum and precious stones)	11.9	11.0	136.5	135.7	1.5	1.6	33.1	32.5
28 Metalliferous ores & metal scrap	7.3	8.8	151.0	150.8	42.0	34.5	517.8	502.3
29 Crude animal & vegetable materials nes	9.8	7.8	97.9	101.9	8.8	4.4	96.3	94.7
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	264.4	159.0	2,299.7	2,206.9	23.0	11.0	285.4	285.5
32 Coal, coke & briquettes	8.2	17.7	100.1	149.5	1.8	1.8	40.9	54.2
33 Petroleum, petroleum products & related materials	225.8	107.2	1,926.2	1,718.0	20.9	9.0	242.0	228.2
34 Gas, natural & manufactured	28.9	33.7	266.7	336.1	0.2	0.2	2.4	3.0
35 Electric Current	1.5	0.3	6.8	3.3	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	8.8	11.3	121.9	123.6	2.1	2.1	27.3	23.4
41 Animal oils & fats	0.6	1.0	10.1	12.7	1.8	1.7	22.0	17.6
42 Fixed vegetable fats & oils	5.3	7.4	64.3	68.1	0.3	0.4	3.9	4.9
43 Animal or vegetable fats & oils, processed; waxes	2.9	2.9	47.6	42.8	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.9
5 Chemicals and related products nes	401.6	454.4	6,105.2	6,370.7	2,071.2	1,945.7	27,360.5	32,274.6
51 Organic chemicals	82.6	99.3	1,669.4	1,554.0	1,111.3	1,011.0	16,897.5	17,121.7
52 Inorganic chemicals	21.1	11.6	270.1	245.7	46.4	10.2	356.0	230.7
53 Dyeing, tanning & colouring materials	11.0	10.7	210.5	179.3	3.2	3.1	58.8	48.2
54 Medical & pharmaceutical products	104.3	159.7	1,525.4	1,914.7	571.4	529.7	5,311.7	8,950.6
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet & cleansing preparations	60.6	65.6	717.1	835.8	180.4	225.1	2,355.2	3,145.0
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	18.8	18.0	225.8	217.9	2.9	3.5	36.0	43.4
57 Plastics in primary forms	42.2	34.3	547.4	542.8	14.5	13.7	196.9	193.2
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	24.8	25.7	393.7	415.1	11.9	12.0	207.6	224.1
59 Chemical materials & products nes	36.2	29.4	545.8	465.3	129.3	137.5	1,940.9	2,317.8

Table 3 Trade classified by Commodity - continued

EUR million

SITC (Rev 3)	Imports				Exports			
	Dec 2000	Dec 2001	Jan-Dec 2000	Jan-Dec 2001	Dec 2000	Dec 2001	Jan-Dec 2000	Jan-Dec 2001
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	321.9	306.9	4,350.6	4,400.3	145.8	138.5	1,973.1	1,966.3
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	0.9	0.8	11.9	11.8	3.9	4.4	71.9	74.7
62 Rubber manufactures nes	16.2	14.8	230.9	219.0	7.4	8.1	112.9	115.6
63 Cork & wood manufactures (excl furniture)	14.9	15.3	232.1	243.3	9.5	11.4	135.9	170.3
64 Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	63.2	56.1	838.2	825.6	15.1	12.2	188.7	190.9
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles & related products	45.7	41.8	605.0	597.3	39.6	34.9	501.9	478.0
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	41.6	37.1	565.5	533.7	26.1	26.5	353.7	343.4
67 Iron & steel	36.3	44.1	549.7	573.3	10.0	2.8	129.6	93.2
68 Non-ferrous metals	30.0	34.7	372.6	480.9	6.6	2.9	92.8	77.6
69 Manufactures of metals nes	73.1	62.4	944.7	915.4	27.5	35.4	385.7	422.7
7 Machinery and transport equipment	2,802.1	2,388.1	29,739.5	30,177.0	3,888.0	3,600.7	34,011.7	37,922.7
71 Power generating machinery & equipment	53.8	40.3	736.6	677.8	34.5	21.6	382.3	406.8
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	97.4	66.6	1,080.6	1,063.3	22.5	28.1	313.8	332.7
73 Metalworking machinery	16.0	9.0	210.1	144.9	3.6	2.9	60.1	57.1
74 General industrial machinery & equipment nes & parts nes	85.9	79.6	1,324.5	1,178.5	75.1	88.6	1,017.2	1,031.3
75 Office machines & automatic data processing machines	1,120.2	1,164.7	11,363.2	12,196.0	2,437.0	2,455.4	19,616.8	22,393.9
76 Telecommunications & sound equipment	324.2	178.9	2,880.9	3,131.6	347.8	243.0	3,736.5	3,577.1
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus & appliances nes & parts	682.5	546.2	7,048.4	7,541.9	858.8	681.2	7,916.0	9,222.8
78 Road vehicles (incl air-cushion vehicles)	401.2	287.0	4,053.5	3,197.6	32.2	30.2	576.0	663.5
79 Other transport equipment	20.8	15.8	1,041.7	1,045.3	76.5	49.8	393.0	237.6
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	514.7	479.4	5,893.0	6,189.4	886.5	798.1	8,864.0	8,781.6
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing & electrical fixtures & fittings	17.7	16.6	213.2	223.2	6.5	6.2	84.3	87.8
82 Furniture & parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	28.4	25.2	326.3	330.5	7.3	9.3	109.8	113.1
83 Travel goods, handbags & similar containers	8.6	5.5	90.0	104.8	1.4	1.9	16.5	18.1
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	101.7	110.5	1,335.5	1,372.7	21.8	22.3	343.3	348.2
85 Footwear	18.8	17.1	278.9	268.4	2.4	1.6	31.8	32.4
87 Professional, scientific & controlling apparatus nes	100.1	81.4	1,175.9	996.3	146.0	152.5	1,703.2	1,872.0
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches & clocks	24.2	18.9	352.3	307.4	33.6	40.7	453.2	488.7
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	215.2	204.2	2,121.0	2,586.1	667.3	563.7	6,121.9	5,821.3
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	46.7	103.3	1,088.3	1,234.3	156.4	229.3	2,576.2	2,786.1
Unclassified estimates¹	158.1	162.5	2,143.0	1,963.2	84.6	68.1	941.7	875.6
Total	4,892.0	4,477.6	55,908.8	57,177.5	7,885.2	7,413.9	83,888.9	92,523.3

¹ Estimates for which a commodity classification is not available.

Table 4 Trade by Country

EUR million

Country	Imports				Exports			
	Dec 2000	Dec 2001	Jan-Dec 2000	Jan-Dec 2001	Dec 2000	Dec 2001	Jan-Dec 2000	Jan-Dec 2001
Great Britain	1,494.4	1,696.6	16,408.2	19,028.7	1,644.6	1,817.4	17,083.9	20,419.6
Northern Ireland	93.9	92.6	1,205.0	1,237.5	129.2	136.5	1,785.9	1,741.2
Austria	8.9	6.2	131.9	146.9	42.7	43.2	464.2	407.4
Belgium	66.4	56.3	902.3	840.0	280.9	709.6	4,113.2	4,428.3
Luxembourg	0.4	1.1	10.5	11.0	3.6	4.7	39.0	91.4
Denmark	38.0	60.4	657.5	732.3	71.4	63.3	621.8	602.0
Finland	21.0	33.9	341.6	445.4	41.9	53.2	405.3	396.4
France	215.8	192.2	2,577.0	2,811.0	645.4	501.0	6,342.6	5,614.6
Germany	297.0	254.6	3,336.2	3,525.6	1,178.9	724.7	9,414.7	11,718.6
Greece	2.8	4.4	39.2	44.3	18.8	19.8	294.4	327.6
Italy	95.7	92.2	1,253.1	1,160.6	323.4	261.0	3,316.8	3,312.9
Netherlands	160.2	132.9	1,778.0	1,924.6	477.4	364.3	4,687.0	4,277.3
Portugal	10.8	12.1	136.3	156.2	27.1	21.1	256.6	279.7
Spain	76.5	55.6	757.8	652.3	218.9	184.8	2,123.8	2,276.6
Sweden	45.7	27.3	607.8	507.3	128.6	152.8	1,336.1	1,307.2
EU Country not specified	40.2	45.4	607.7	581.8	0.1	0.1	1.1	1.7
Total EU	2,667.9	2,763.8	30,750.0	33,805.5	5,232.8	5,057.4	52,286.5	57,202.5
Australia	4.5	10.5	73.5	96.0	47.8	50.9	580.7	835.1
Brazil	16.8	8.5	127.3	135.6	17.7	15.0	206.0	225.8
Canada	38.3	63.0	504.3	635.5	44.3	63.5	394.5	592.5
China	88.4	95.2	900.4	1,079.2	20.8	80.4	166.5	350.2
Czech Republic	11.9	13.4	109.9	123.0	27.0	19.8	346.5	258.3
Egypt	1.1	2.6	13.7	29.7	11.0	5.7	243.0	120.5
Hong Kong	50.6	44.8	650.2	531.6	87.5	52.3	617.4	670.1
Hungary	35.4	24.8	299.7	408.9	14.8	8.2	224.4	169.3
India	11.7	9.6	135.3	152.4	11.2	7.8	109.7	107.0
Israel	29.7	8.4	308.4	241.0	33.3	23.5	408.8	344.6
Japan	212.0	144.5	2,635.2	2,004.0	291.9	279.5	3,122.9	3,266.2
Malaysia	54.9	36.6	657.9	583.4	88.6	84.6	753.6	1,140.2
Mexico	20.1	18.4	142.2	242.9	15.1	25.6	254.9	552.4
Norway	139.8	59.8	1,091.0	942.3	55.6	36.2	614.9	587.2
Philippines	42.5	46.8	449.6	325.6	119.1	29.2	691.8	769.5
Poland	9.4	13.4	102.6	124.0	44.1	30.3	361.0	319.1
Russia	0.8	1.0	12.1	23.9	15.6	18.6	177.6	240.8
Saudi Arabia	0.1	0.8	1.8	2.5	22.6	23.8	357.2	388.5
Singapore	195.6	106.3	2,027.0	1,357.2	38.4	72.9	506.4	641.3
South Africa	5.4	5.8	103.4	102.6	27.2	21.6	391.6	398.0
South Korea	95.2	51.1	1,291.0	797.4	71.0	56.3	1,045.8	695.8
Switzerland	27.8	37.7	381.0	481.2	248.2	122.6	2,033.2	2,811.9
Taiwan	105.4	118.9	1,011.9	1,073.4	22.4	45.3	199.8	377.2
Thailand	24.5	27.3	239.9	335.5	16.1	15.0	141.1	144.3
Turkey	11.3	13.3	125.0	143.8	40.3	24.0	387.0	310.4
USA	785.1	561.5	9,148.5	8,711.9	989.0	886.3	14,227.8	15,695.6
Other countries ¹	79.7	82.2	1,044.3	1,214.0	150.0	151.4	1,928.1	2,018.8
Country unknown ²	0.0	9.9	87.0	119.1	14.4	37.4	320.4	449.4
Unclassified estimates ³	126.2	97.3	1,484.5	1,354.4	67.4	68.7	789.7	840.8
Total	4,892.0	4,477.6	55,908.8	57,177.5	7,885.2	7,413.9	83,888.9	92,523.3

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.

Euro Changeover

The following tables are IR£ versions of the preceding tables. These will continue to be included until all the 2001 data is published.

Table 5 Trade classified by Commodity

£ million

SITC (Rev 3)	Imports				Exports			
	Dec 2000	Dec 2001	Jan-Dec 2000	Jan-Dec 2001	Dec 2000	Dec 2001	Jan-Dec 2000	Jan-Dec 2001
0 Food and live animals	209.5	239.1	2,225.4	2,410.2	362.6	376.7	4,684.7	4,509.3
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	23.8	37.6	179.5	160.4	19.1	18.6	330.8	121.2
01 Meat & meat preparations	24.3	25.3	235.9	302.4	102.5	134.0	1,380.0	1,247.1
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	15.8	19.9	215.6	207.8	49.8	42.4	914.1	846.5
03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and preparations thereof	6.3	6.9	76.0	85.8	28.2	28.9	255.1	324.9
04 Cereals & cereal preparations	31.0	30.7	375.0	384.4	21.0	24.2	230.1	238.4
05 Vegetables & fruit	35.6	39.1	397.8	442.5	12.9	14.7	135.7	180.3
06 Sugars, sugar preparations & honey	10.2	16.8	114.8	138.5	7.7	7.8	80.1	88.5
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices & manufactures thereof	23.3	22.2	192.0	201.6	25.7	24.0	203.4	203.4
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl unmilled cereals)	27.1	27.0	276.6	299.9	8.2	10.2	95.7	105.4
09 Miscellaneous edible products & preparations	12.1	13.5	162.2	186.7	87.4	71.9	1,059.8	1,153.6
1 Beverages and tobacco	37.1	44.1	411.2	516.7	73.9	64.8	754.7	754.6
11 Beverages	30.8	39.0	351.8	450.4	64.5	58.7	672.9	664.5
12 Tobacco & tobacco manufactures	6.3	5.0	59.4	66.2	9.4	6.1	81.8	90.1
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	47.6	41.8	645.6	626.7	57.8	47.0	742.1	727.6
21 Hides, skins & furskins, raw	0.5	0.1	7.3	3.7	6.7	5.8	76.0	78.5
22 Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits	1.9	1.9	9.3	14.1	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.9
23 Crude rubber (incl synthetic & reclaimed)	0.4	0.7	18.5	15.7	0.1	0.1	6.3	1.3
24 Cork & wood	15.4	13.2	231.8	216.0	3.0	3.3	48.2	50.3
25 Pulp & waste paper	2.2	1.9	21.8	22.4	0.8	0.8	10.9	9.9
26 Textile fibres & their wastes	4.4	2.2	53.3	48.9	5.8	5.2	90.4	90.9
27 Crude fertilisers & minerals (excl coal, petroleum and precious stones)	9.4	8.7	107.5	106.9	1.2	1.2	26.0	25.6
28 Metalliferous ores & metal scrap	5.8	6.9	118.9	118.8	33.1	27.1	407.8	395.6
29 Crude animal & vegetable materials nes	7.7	6.1	77.1	80.2	7.0	3.5	75.9	74.6
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	208.3	125.2	1,811.2	1,738.0	18.1	8.6	224.8	224.8
32 Coal, coke & briquettes	6.5	13.9	78.8	117.7	1.4	1.4	32.2	42.7
33 Petroleum, petroleum products & related materials	177.9	84.5	1,517.0	1,353.1	16.4	7.1	190.6	179.7
34 Gas, natural & manufactured	22.7	26.6	210.0	264.7	0.1	0.1	1.9	2.4
35 Electric Current	1.2	0.2	5.3	2.6	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	6.9	8.9	96.0	97.4	1.7	1.7	21.5	18.4
41 Animal oils & fats	0.5	0.8	7.9	10.0	1.4	1.3	17.3	13.8
42 Fixed vegetable fats & oils	4.2	5.8	50.6	53.7	0.2	0.3	3.1	3.8
43 Animal or vegetable fats & oils, processed; waxes	2.3	2.3	37.5	33.7	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.7
5 Chemicals and related products nes	316.3	357.9	4,808.2	5,017.3	1,631.2	1,532.4	21,548.2	25,418.3
51 Organic chemicals	65.1	78.2	1,314.8	1,223.9	875.2	796.3	13,307.9	13,484.5
52 Inorganic chemicals	16.6	9.1	212.7	193.5	36.6	8.0	280.4	181.7
53 Dyeing, tanning & colouring materials	8.6	8.5	165.8	141.2	2.5	2.4	46.3	37.9
54 Medical & pharmaceutical products	82.2	125.8	1,201.4	1,507.9	450.0	417.1	4,183.3	7,049.1
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet & cleansing preparations	47.7	51.7	564.7	658.2	142.0	177.3	1,854.8	2,476.9
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	14.8	14.2	177.9	171.6	2.3	2.7	28.3	34.2
57 Plastics in primary forms	33.3	27.1	431.1	427.5	11.4	10.8	155.1	152.2
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	19.5	20.3	310.1	327.0	9.4	9.4	163.5	176.5
59 Chemical materials & products nes	28.5	23.2	429.8	366.5	101.8	108.3	1,528.6	1,825.4

Table 5 Trade classified by Commodity - continued

£ million

SITC (Rev 3)	Imports				Exports			
	Dec 2000	Dec 2001	Jan-Dec 2000	Jan-Dec 2001	Dec 2000	Dec 2001	Jan-Dec 2000	Jan-Dec 2001
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	253.5	241.7	3,426.4	3,465.5	114.8	109.1	1,553.9	1,548.6
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	0.7	0.6	9.4	9.3	3.0	3.5	56.6	58.8
62 Rubber manufactures nes	12.7	11.7	181.8	172.5	5.8	6.4	88.9	91.1
63 Cork & wood manufactures (excl furniture)	11.7	12.0	182.8	191.6	7.5	9.0	107.1	134.1
64 Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	49.8	44.2	660.1	650.2	11.9	9.6	148.6	150.3
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles & related products	36.0	32.9	476.5	470.5	31.2	27.5	395.2	376.5
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	32.8	29.2	445.4	420.3	20.5	20.9	278.6	270.5
67 Iron & steel	28.6	34.7	432.9	451.5	7.9	2.2	102.1	73.4
68 Non-ferrous metals	23.6	27.3	293.5	378.8	5.2	2.3	73.1	61.1
69 Manufactures of metals nes	57.6	49.2	744.0	720.9	21.7	27.9	303.7	332.9
7 Machinery and transport equipment	2,206.8	1,880.8	23,421.7	23,766.3	3,062.0	2,835.8	26,786.4	29,866.6
71 Power generating machinery & equipment	42.4	31.7	580.1	533.8	27.2	17.0	301.1	320.4
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	76.7	52.4	851.1	837.5	17.7	22.1	247.2	262.0
73 Metalworking machinery	12.6	7.1	165.5	114.2	2.8	2.3	47.3	45.0
74 General industrial machinery & equipment nes & parts nes	67.7	62.7	1,043.1	928.1	59.1	69.8	801.1	812.2
75 Office machines & automatic data processing machines	882.2	917.3	8,949.3	9,605.2	1,919.3	1,933.8	15,449.5	17,636.6
76 Telecommunications & sound equipment	255.3	140.9	2,268.9	2,466.4	273.9	191.4	2,942.8	2,817.2
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus & appliances nes & parts	537.5	430.2	5,551.0	5,939.7	676.4	536.5	6,234.4	7,263.5
78 Road vehicles (incl air-cushion vehicles)	316.0	226.1	3,192.4	2,518.3	25.3	23.8	453.6	522.5
79 Other transport equipment	16.4	12.4	820.4	823.3	60.2	39.2	309.5	187.1
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	405.3	377.6	4,641.1	4,874.6	698.2	628.5	6,980.9	6,916.1
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing & electrical fixtures & fittings	13.9	13.1	167.9	175.8	5.1	4.9	66.4	69.1
82 Furniture & parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	22.4	19.8	256.9	260.3	5.8	7.3	86.5	89.1
83 Travel goods, handbags & similar containers	6.8	4.3	70.9	82.6	1.1	1.5	13.0	14.3
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	80.1	87.0	1,051.8	1,081.1	17.2	17.6	270.3	274.2
85 Footwear	14.8	13.5	219.6	211.4	1.9	1.2	25.1	25.6
87 Professional, scientific & controlling apparatus nes	78.8	64.1	926.1	784.6	115.0	120.1	1,341.4	1,474.3
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches & clocks	19.0	14.9	277.4	242.1	26.5	32.1	356.9	384.9
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	169.5	160.8	1,670.4	2,036.7	525.6	443.9	4,821.4	4,584.7
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	36.8	81.4	857.1	972.1	123.1	180.6	2,028.9	2,194.2
Unclassified estimates¹	124.5	128.0	1,687.7	1,546.1	66.7	53.6	741.6	689.6
Total	3,852.8	3,526.4	44,031.8	45,030.9	6,210.1	5,838.9	66,067.9	72,868.0

¹ Estimates for which a commodity classification is not available.

Table 6 Trade by Country

£ million

Country	Imports				Exports			
	Dec 2000	Dec 2001	Jan-Dec 2000	Jan-Dec 2001	Dec 2000	Dec 2001	Jan-Dec 2000	Jan-Dec 2001
Great Britain	1,176.9	1,336.2	12,922.5	14,986.3	1,295.2	1,431.3	13,454.7	16,081.8
Northern Ireland	74.0	72.9	949.0	974.6	101.7	107.5	1,406.5	1,371.3
Austria	7.0	4.8	103.8	115.7	33.6	34.0	365.6	320.9
Belgium	52.3	44.3	710.6	661.5	221.3	558.8	3,239.4	3,487.5
Luxembourg	0.3	0.9	8.2	8.7	2.8	3.7	30.7	72.0
Denmark	29.9	47.5	517.9	576.7	56.2	49.9	489.7	474.2
Finland	16.6	26.7	269.1	350.8	33.0	41.9	319.2	312.2
France	170.0	151.4	2,029.5	2,213.8	508.3	394.6	4,995.2	4,421.9
Germany	233.9	200.5	2,627.5	2,776.6	928.5	570.8	7,414.7	9,229.2
Greece	2.2	3.5	30.9	34.9	14.8	15.6	231.9	258.0
Italy	75.4	72.6	986.9	914.1	254.7	205.6	2,612.2	2,609.1
Netherlands	126.2	104.7	1,400.3	1,515.8	376.0	286.9	3,691.3	3,368.6
Portugal	8.5	9.5	107.3	123.0	21.3	16.6	202.1	220.2
Spain	60.3	43.8	596.8	513.7	172.4	145.5	1,672.6	1,792.9
Sweden	36.0	21.5	478.7	399.5	101.3	120.3	1,052.3	1,029.5
EU Country not specified	31.7	35.8	478.6	458.2	0.1	0.1	0.9	1.3
Total EU	2,101.2	2,176.7	24,217.6	26,624.0	4,121.2	3,983.1	41,179.0	45,050.6
Australia	3.5	8.3	57.9	75.6	37.7	40.1	457.4	657.7
Brazil	13.3	6.7	100.3	106.8	13.9	11.8	162.2	177.8
Canada	30.2	49.6	397.2	500.5	34.9	50.0	310.7	466.6
China	69.6	75.0	709.1	849.9	16.4	63.4	131.1	275.8
Czech Republic	9.3	10.6	86.5	96.9	21.3	15.6	272.9	203.5
Egypt	0.9	2.1	10.8	23.4	8.7	4.5	191.4	94.9
Hong Kong	39.9	35.3	512.0	418.7	68.9	41.2	486.2	527.7
Hungary	27.9	19.6	236.0	322.0	11.6	6.5	176.7	133.3
India	9.2	7.5	106.6	120.0	8.8	6.2	86.4	84.3
Israel	23.4	6.6	242.9	189.8	26.2	18.5	322.0	271.4
Japan	167.0	113.8	2,075.4	1,578.3	229.9	220.1	2,459.5	2,572.4
Malaysia	43.2	28.8	518.2	459.5	69.8	66.6	593.5	898.0
Mexico	15.8	14.5	112.0	191.3	11.9	20.1	200.7	435.1
Norway	110.1	47.1	859.2	742.1	43.8	28.5	484.3	462.4
Philippines	33.5	36.9	354.1	256.4	93.8	23.0	544.8	606.0
Poland	7.4	10.6	80.8	97.6	34.7	23.9	284.3	251.3
Russia	0.6	0.7	9.6	18.9	12.3	14.7	139.9	189.6
Saudi Arabia	0.0	0.6	1.4	1.9	17.8	18.7	281.3	306.0
Singapore	154.1	83.7	1,596.4	1,068.9	30.3	57.4	398.8	505.1
South Africa	4.3	4.6	81.5	80.8	21.4	17.0	308.4	313.4
South Korea	75.0	40.3	1,016.8	628.0	55.9	44.4	823.6	548.0
Switzerland	21.9	29.7	300.1	379.0	195.5	96.6	1,601.2	2,214.5
Taiwan	83.0	93.6	796.9	845.4	17.6	35.7	157.3	297.1
Thailand	19.3	21.5	189.0	264.2	12.7	11.8	111.1	113.6
Turkey	8.9	10.5	98.5	113.2	31.7	18.9	304.8	244.5
USA	618.3	442.2	7,205.0	6,861.2	778.9	698.0	11,205.3	12,361.3
Other countries ¹	62.8	64.7	822.5	956.1	118.2	119.2	1,518.5	1,589.9
Country unknown ²	0.0	7.8	68.5	93.8	11.3	29.4	252.3	353.9
Unclassified estimates ³	99.4	76.6	1,169.2	1,066.7	53.0	54.1	622.0	662.2
Total	3,852.8	3,526.4	44,031.8	45,030.9	6,210.1	5,838.9	66,067.9	72,868.0

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 7 Summary of trade (in Irish punts)

£ million

	Unadjusted			Seasonally Adjusted ¹		
	Imports	Exports	Trade Surplus	Imports	Exports	Trade Surplus
1990	12,468.8	14,336.7	1,867.9			
1991	12,850.8	15,018.9	2,168.1			
1992	13,194.8	16,743.8	3,549.0			
1993	14,884.7	19,829.7	4,945.0			
1994	17,283.4	22,753.4	5,470.0			
1995	20,619.1	27,824.7	7,205.6			
1996	22,429.4	30,407.0	7,977.6			
1997	25,882.1	35,336.4	9,454.3			
1998	31,278.1	45,144.6	13,866.5			
1999	34,910.4	52,732.3	17,821.9			
2000	44,031.8	66,067.9	22,036.1			
2001 ²	45,030.9	72,868.0	27,837.1			
2000 January	3,375.0	4,085.2	710.2	3,472.1	4,443.9	971.8
February	3,212.6	4,749.9	1,537.3	3,227.9	4,964.1	1,736.3
March	3,720.0	5,834.9	2,114.9	3,360.7	5,186.3	1,825.7
April	3,298.6	4,765.5	1,466.9	3,427.4	5,068.8	1,641.4
May	3,757.6	5,177.7	1,420.1	3,586.2	5,279.4	1,693.2
June	3,612.2	6,027.1	2,414.9	3,695.3	5,449.3	1,754.0
July	3,548.0	5,129.5	1,581.5	3,773.9	5,192.2	1,418.3
August	3,431.5	5,121.2	1,689.6	3,826.3	5,750.9	1,924.6
September	3,717.5	6,209.0	2,491.4	3,842.6	5,776.8	1,934.1
October	4,148.2	6,186.1	2,037.9	3,847.2	6,077.7	2,230.6
November	4,357.7	6,571.7	2,214.0	3,978.0	6,321.3	2,343.3
December ³	3,852.8	6,210.1	2,357.3	4,041.2	6,293.0	2,251.7
2001 ² January	4,026.8	5,860.7	1,833.9	3,920.5	6,276.3	2,355.8
February	3,826.2	5,696.4	1,870.2	4,047.2	6,145.0	2,097.8
March	4,387.9	7,027.3	2,639.4	4,053.7	6,280.3	2,226.6
April	3,763.9	5,649.7	1,885.8	3,802.3	6,158.1	2,355.8
May	3,693.2	5,516.3	1,823.2	3,553.1	5,602.7	2,049.5
June ³	3,536.7	7,076.7	3,539.9	3,703.8	6,302.3	2,598.4
July	3,517.6	6,071.2	2,553.6	3,629.8	6,216.3	2,586.5
August	3,285.0	5,429.5	2,144.5	3,698.7	6,076.5	2,377.7
September	3,561.7	6,299.5	2,737.8	3,767.5	5,972.3	2,204.8
October	4,086.0	6,411.2	2,325.3	3,688.1	6,083.7	2,395.7
November	3,819.7	5,990.6	2,170.8	3,499.4	5,865.3	2,365.9
December	3,526.4	5,838.9	2,312.5	3,662.7	5,950.6	2,287.9
2002 ² January ⁴	4,060.0	6,300.0	2,240.0	3,980.0	6,740.0	2,760.0

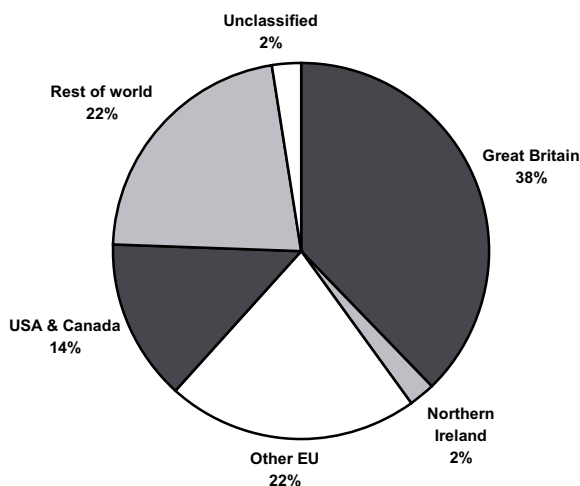
¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2001

² Provisional

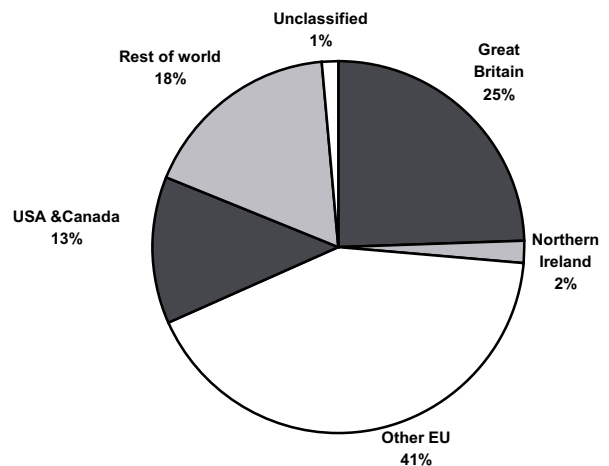
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⁴ Based on current Intrastat response levels. Figures rounded to the nearest £10 million

Imports, December 2001 (See Table 4)



Exports, December 2001 (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.

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 6,740 while about 1,980 must make an export return. The response rate in terms of number of traders in December 2001 was 81%, covering an estimated 89% 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.