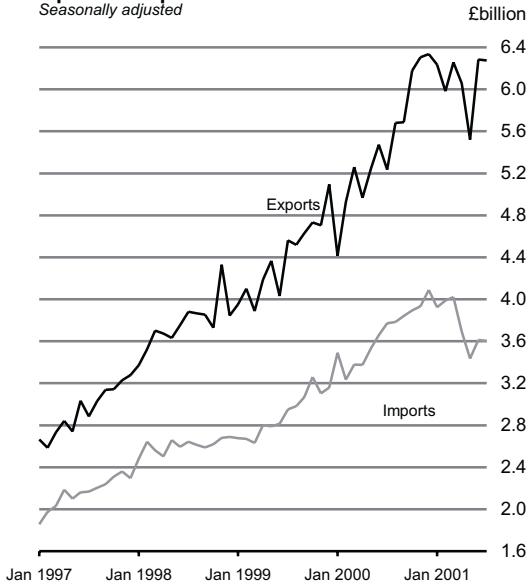




External Trade

July 2001 (Details),
August 2001 (First estimate)

Imports v Exports
Seasonally adjusted



	Seasonally Adjusted		
	Imports	Exports	Surplus
May 2001	£3,435m	£5,521m	£2,086m
June 2001	£3,613m	£6,284m	£2,671m
July 2001	£3,604m	£6,275m	£2,671m
August 2001 (Preliminary)	£3,670m	£6,010m	£2,340m

Trade static in July

On a seasonally adjusted basis (*see graph and Table 2*), July exports of £6,275m were marginally down from the June figure of £6,284m. July imports were also static at £3,604m (£3,613m in June). The adjusted surplus for July was £2,671m, the same as June.

The unadjusted exports (*see Table 1*) were valued at £6,071m in July 2001 (£7,013m in June) and imports were valued at £3,518m (£3,478m in June), giving a surplus of £2,554m. The corresponding surplus in July 2000 was £1,582m.

Initial indications for August 2001 show unadjusted exports at £5,420m, with imports of £3,270m resulting in a surplus of £2,150m. The corresponding seasonally adjusted figures are exports of £6,010m, imports of £3,670m with a surplus of £2,340m.

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

Comparing the January-July 2001 figures with the same period in 2000 shows that (*see Tables 3-4*):

- ◆ Exports increased from £35,768m to £42,622m (+19%). Exports of Medical and pharmaceutical products increased from £2,345m to £3,984m (+70%), of Electrical machinery and parts from £2,972m to £4,643m (+56%) and of Computer equipment from £8,206m to £9,930m (+21%).
- ◆ Exports to the USA increased from £5,758m to £7,472m (+30%) and exports to Germany increased from £3,955m to £5,541m (+40%). There was also a large increase in exports to Switzerland and the Philippines. Exports to Northern Ireland decreased from £833m to £735m (-12%).
- ◆ Imports increased from £24,524m to £26,462m (+8%). Imports of Electrical machinery and parts increased from £2,739m to £3,690m (+35%), of Computer equipment from £4,617m to £5,426m (+18%) and of Telecommunications and sound equipment from £1,174m to £1,475m (+26%). Road vehicle imports decreased from £2,096m to £1,677m (-20%).
- ◆ Imports from Great Britain increased from £7,046m to £8,101m (+15%) and imports from the USA increased from £4,080m to £4,381m (+7%). Imports declined from both South Korea and Japan.

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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	34,910.4	52,732.3	17,821.9	236.5	336.5	118.0	109.5	92.8
2000 ²	43,888.9	65,914.2	22,025.3	274.3	400.5	128.0	115.0	89.9
1999 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	3,010.6	5,049.9	2,039.4	247.5	380.9	116.7	111.2	95.3
October	3,323.5	4,823.5	1,500.0	272.2	364.5	117.1	111.0	94.7
November	3,457.3	4,736.9	1,279.6	279.3	367.9	118.8	108.0	90.9
December	3,132.2	5,106.5	1,974.4	248.6	392.3	120.9	109.2	90.3
2000 ² January	3,375.0	4,085.2	710.2	254.0	303.3	122.5	112.3	91.7
February	3,212.6	4,749.9	1,537.3	249.9	357.1	123.0	111.4	90.6
March	3,720.0	5,834.9	2,114.9	284.7	421.1	125.4	116.2	92.7
April	3,298.6	4,765.5	1,466.9	254.9	339.3	124.2	117.8	94.8
May	3,757.6	5,177.7	1,420.1	283.4	365.3	127.2	118.9	93.4
June	3,612.2	6,027.1	2,414.9	267.2	437.5	129.7	115.5	89.1
July ³	3,548.0	5,129.5	1,581.5	264.8	374.7	128.6	114.8	89.3
August	3,392.8	5,090.2	1,697.4	252.6	372.7	128.9	114.5	88.8
September	3,680.9	6,172.6	2,491.6	270.4	447.9	130.6	115.6	88.5
October	4,119.0	6,161.9	2,042.9	299.5	447.2	132.0	115.5	87.6
November	4,313.1	6,502.7	2,189.6	309.8	485.0	133.6	112.4	84.2
December	3,859.1	6,217.0	2,357.9	285.2	452.0	129.9	115.3	88.8
2001 ² January ³	4,026.8	5,860.7	1,833.9	292.3	419.5	130.9	116.0	88.6
February	3,763.3	5,587.1	1,823.8	281.4	402.8	128.3	116.3	90.6
March	4,311.5	6,907.6	2,596.2	316.0	489.3	130.9	118.4	90.4
April	3,725.8	5,716.1	1,990.4	272.9	401.7	131.0	119.3	91.1
May	3,638.9	5,466.0	1,827.1	266.1	386.9	131.2	118.5	90.3
June	3,477.8	7,013.3	3,535.5	252.3	485.8	132.3	121.1	91.5
July	3,517.6	6,071.2	2,553.6	253.5	419.8	133.2	121.3	91.1
August ⁴	3,270.0	5,420.0	2,150.0

¹ Export Price Index divided by Import Price Index² Provisional³ Revised⁴ 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
1998					
January	2,482.6	3,371.6	889.0	204.6	259.1
February	2,643.1	3,524.9	881.8	224.6	273.5
March	2,560.5	3,702.5	1,142.0	215.5	281.7
April	2,504.0	3,672.3	1,168.4	209.6	278.2
May	2,656.7	3,629.6	973.0	224.2	281.2
June	2,593.2	3,752.6	1,159.4	216.2	286.1
July	2,642.1	3,882.4	1,240.4	218.6	294.8
August	2,613.0	3,866.3	1,253.3	219.0	295.8
September	2,588.8	3,853.3	1,264.5	210.3	293.4
October	2,619.2	3,728.3	1,109.1	224.1	291.7
November	2,680.5	4,329.1	1,648.6	227.5	338.3
December	2,689.8	3,845.5	1,155.7	226.0	300.8
1999					
January	2,675.9	3,950.5	1,274.6	220.0	302.6
February	2,670.3	4,101.0	1,430.8	222.3	309.5
March	2,631.2	3,888.1	1,256.9	216.4	309.4
April	2,801.9	4,185.1	1,383.1	230.5	329.6
May	2,788.2	4,366.4	1,578.2	229.8	336.1
June	2,812.9	4,030.1	1,217.1	228.9	300.9
July	2,952.2	4,561.7	1,609.5	241.6	359.7
August	2,981.4	4,519.3	1,537.9	238.9	339.5
September	3,067.5	4,628.0	1,560.5	247.6	353.9
October	3,259.5	4,732.3	1,472.8	264.7	350.9
November	3,103.6	4,704.9	1,601.3	247.3	356.4
December	3,157.3	5,095.0	1,937.8	250.0	391.0
2000					
January	3,491.4	4,414.1	922.7	262.7	328.5
February	3,234.3	4,927.6	1,693.3	251.0	372.2
March	3,377.5	5,260.1	1,882.5	259.4	385.4
April	3,373.8	4,967.4	1,593.6	263.5	349.5
May	3,530.6	5,241.3	1,710.7	267.6	371.5
June	3,657.4	5,471.6	1,814.2	274.9	396.8
July	3,770.3	5,235.4	1,465.1	284.2	388.8
August	3,783.8	5,679.1	1,895.3	282.6	418.0
September	3,841.9	5,685.2	1,843.3	278.3	415.7
October	3,892.6	6,176.3	2,283.7	279.5	441.3
November	3,932.4	6,305.8	2,373.5	277.8	459.7
December	4,089.3	6,334.7	2,245.5	301.5	458.5
2001					
January	3,924.9	6,234.7	2,309.8	284.3	446.8
February	3,986.9	5,982.9	1,996.0	299.2	433.8
March	4,020.5	6,256.5	2,236.0	294.2	450.5
April	3,692.1	6,057.2	2,365.0	276.1	420.9
May	3,435.4	5,521.2	2,085.7	250.1	394.3
June	3,612.9	6,284.4	2,671.5	266.5	432.0
July	3,604.0	6,274.8	2,670.8	261.8	441.4
August	3,670.0	6,010.0	2,340.0

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2000. 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			
	Jul	Jul	Jan-Jul	Jan-Jul	Jul	Jul	Jan-Jul	Jan-Jul
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
0 Food and live animals	174.2	181.5	1,209.0	1,308.3	409.3	381.2	2,665.0	2,537.7
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	16.3	16.9	50.2	49.3	17.7	5.3	157.2	53.4
01 Meat & meat preparations	20.3	25.3	126.7	172.0	120.7	94.0	786.8	642.6
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	25.5	18.1	139.1	113.4	102.6	88.8	534.7	488.6
03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and preparations thereof	5.5	6.3	44.2	45.5	21.0	22.9	138.1	192.4
04 Cereals & cereal preparations	28.1	27.0	216.8	211.6	21.8	20.3	134.4	130.5
05 Vegetables & fruit	33.6	34.6	225.7	259.9	10.7	15.9	75.6	98.5
06 Sugars, sugar preparations & honey	8.5	9.4	61.3	70.1	5.2	6.1	46.2	49.3
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices & manufactures thereof	10.7	15.9	99.3	110.9	14.9	16.8	119.8	122.8
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl unmilled cereals)	13.7	12.3	154.9	166.5	6.9	9.0	54.9	57.2
09 Miscellaneous edible products & preparations	12.1	15.8	90.8	109.0	87.9	102.0	617.5	702.5
1 Beverages and tobacco	35.9	38.7	209.2	246.0	57.6	50.8	377.5	344.3
11 Beverages	30.5	32.3	175.9	207.4	50.5	42.2	335.2	288.6
12 Tobacco & tobacco manufactures	5.4	6.4	33.3	38.6	7.0	8.6	42.2	55.7
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	54.8	54.5	373.5	382.4	62.6	52.5	426.4	428.3
21 Hides, skins & furskins, raw	0.6	0.3	4.5	2.6	4.3	5.2	39.1	43.3
22 Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits	0.4	3.1	4.9	7.5	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.6
23 Crude rubber (incl synthetic & reclaimed)	1.7	1.3	12.4	9.7	0.3	0.0	0.5	0.8
24 Cork & wood	18.6	21.0	135.3	133.1	4.3	4.1	28.9	28.5
25 Pulp & waste paper	1.4	2.1	12.6	14.5	0.9	0.6	6.3	6.1
26 Textile fibres & their wastes	4.4	4.6	31.5	31.0	8.4	7.8	52.3	56.5
27 Crude fertilisers & minerals (excl coal, petroleum and precious stones)	8.6	8.7	60.7	59.0	2.4	1.7	18.0	11.2
28 Metalliferous ores & metal scrap	14.7	9.0	68.5	79.0	37.4	28.6	238.6	238.6
29 Crude animal & vegetable materials nes	4.4	4.4	43.1	45.9	4.5	4.3	42.3	42.6
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	127.9	136.4	967.6	1,034.1	17.2	7.4	129.1	139.4
32 Coal, coke & briquettes	6.9	11.5	46.1	72.4	2.2	2.4	25.3	30.0
33 Petroleum, petroleum products & related materials	109.2	107.5	800.5	803.0	14.8	4.9	102.6	107.9
34 Gas, natural & manufactured	11.7	17.2	119.6	157.8	0.1	0.1	1.1	1.5
35 Electric Current	0.2	0.1	1.3	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	8.2	7.9	56.5	56.2	1.2	1.4	12.5	9.3
41 Animal oils & fats	0.5	0.9	4.6	5.4	1.0	1.0	10.2	6.7
42 Fixed vegetable fats & oils	4.2	4.5	29.9	30.6	0.1	0.4	1.9	2.2
43 Animal or vegetable fats & oils, processed; waxes	3.5	2.5	22.0	20.2	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.4
5 Chemicals and related products nes	373.7	387.8	2,901.5	2,952.6	1,842.7	2,296.2	11,752.9	15,165.1
51 Organic chemicals	63.3	79.5	846.9	749.0	1,079.1	1,052.1	7,043.4	8,177.8
52 Inorganic chemicals	15.1	11.0	128.0	133.8	13.8	12.9	145.1	128.8
53 Dyeing, tanning & colouring materials	16.9	12.9	109.2	86.8	3.7	3.0	28.4	23.2
54 Medical & pharmaceutical products	101.8	136.0	673.9	828.3	379.3	786.9	2,345.1	3,983.9
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet & cleansing preparations	49.2	49.7	311.0	369.5	175.3	236.9	1,091.0	1,498.0
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	6.9	8.9	125.6	103.2	2.1	2.7	16.6	22.8
57 Plastics in primary forms	36.3	35.9	254.8	257.0	15.0	12.1	92.0	89.7
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	27.6	30.0	185.5	200.1	14.7	16.3	101.3	111.4
59 Chemical materials & products nes	56.6	23.8	266.6	224.9	159.6	173.4	889.9	1,129.4

Table 3 Trade classified by Commodity - continued

£ million

SITC (Rev 3)	Imports				Exports			
	Jul 2000	Jul 2001	Jan-Jul 2000	Jan-Jul 2001	Jul 2000	Jul 2001	Jan-Jul 2000	Jan-Jul 2001
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	279.6	297.9	1,970.5	2,046.1	123.6	125.4	899.1	936.2
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	1.5	0.7	5.9	5.3	4.8	4.5	31.4	33.0
62 Rubber manufactures nes	14.6	15.6	105.7	99.8	7.7	7.6	55.3	53.2
63 Cork & wood manufactures (excl furniture)	15.2	16.4	102.3	109.3	6.6	10.3	59.9	76.2
64 Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	51.9	56.0	375.3	376.9	11.4	14.5	82.2	93.1
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles & related products	40.3	36.3	276.5	285.8	34.8	32.4	235.2	234.6
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	39.4	39.4	254.9	252.1	21.5	20.9	155.3	155.2
67 Iron & steel	32.6	37.0	257.4	272.4	4.9	2.3	59.6	59.3
68 Non-ferrous metals	25.4	36.7	170.4	217.4	5.9	5.4	44.8	43.9
69 Manufactures of metals nes	58.7	59.7	422.1	427.0	25.8	27.6	175.4	187.7
7 Machinery and transport equipment	1,905.6	1,814.5	12,823.7	14,455.0	1,884.7	2,382.9	14,026.2	17,504.3
71 Power generating machinery & equipment	39.5	35.7	312.1	359.7	32.8	27.8	163.8	188.5
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	80.7	61.4	516.0	501.5	19.4	18.3	153.3	159.9
73 Metalworking machinery	11.5	12.8	100.7	73.2	3.5	4.6	31.3	25.2
74 General industrial machinery & equipment nes & parts nes	91.4	77.0	634.0	567.0	59.6	69.3	470.3	469.1
75 Office machines & automatic data processing machines	662.1	818.4	4,616.8	5,425.8	1,015.4	1,402.2	8,206.0	9,930.4
76 Telecommunications & sound equipment	144.3	156.6	1,174.3	1,475.0	175.5	178.1	1,589.9	1,654.0
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus & appliances nes & parts	394.3	506.0	2,739.2	3,690.2	474.4	634.0	2,971.9	4,643.2
78 Road vehicles (incl air-cushion vehicles)	219.5	127.7	2,095.9	1,677.1	36.7	43.8	286.9	323.1
79 Other transport equipment	262.4	19.0	634.7	685.5	67.4	4.9	152.9	110.8
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	367.3	399.7	2,508.2	2,709.0	518.6	547.2	3,917.2	4,125.0
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing & electrical fixtures & fittings	12.2	14.6	96.3	98.0	5.5	5.4	40.6	41.3
82 Furniture & parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	19.2	22.3	142.7	150.3	5.7	7.4	52.1	48.1
83 Travel goods, handbags & similar containers	5.9	6.6	34.7	51.3	0.7	1.3	7.8	8.7
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	82.1	84.9	556.7	563.2	22.3	22.7	157.1	154.0
85 Footwear	20.6	18.2	126.2	120.2	2.7	1.6	15.2	15.5
87 Professional, scientific & controlling apparatus nes	75.4	67.3	497.0	477.5	98.8	114.5	760.7	850.3
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches & clocks	27.4	25.6	158.6	155.5	33.0	38.4	218.4	214.3
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	124.5	160.2	896.0	1,092.9	350.0	355.9	2,665.2	2,792.9
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	79.2	72.9	503.0	565.2	148.8	158.3	1,157.0	1,249.3
Unclassified estimates¹	141.6	125.8	1,001.3	706.5	63.3	67.8	405.0	183.2
Total	3,548.0	3,517.6	24,524.0	26,461.6	5,129.5	6,071.2	35,767.7	42,622.1

¹ Estimates for which a commodity classification is not available.

Table 4 Trade by Country

£ million

Country	Imports				Exports			
	Jul 2000	Jul 2001	Jan-Jul 2000	Jan-Jul 2001	Jul 2000	Jul 2001	Jan-Jul 2000	Jan-Jul 2001
Great Britain	967.7	1,205.4	7,046.1	8,101.4	977.4	1,371.0	7,083.2	8,655.4
Northern Ireland	75.7	78.8	535.9	554.3	110.6	111.3	832.7	735.3
Austria	9.9	11.7	65.3	75.9	26.2	23.0	228.9	188.4
Belgium	54.7	48.2	453.0	398.8	299.8	250.5	1,808.6	1,992.0
Luxembourg	0.7	0.6	4.0	4.5	1.6	4.1	11.8	53.9
Denmark	45.7	50.0	251.3	338.7	37.9	37.6	275.0	279.0
Finland	23.3	16.9	163.2	126.4	19.6	18.4	180.2	162.9
France	121.5	138.0	1,167.8	1,386.6	341.5	330.9	2,800.0	2,741.2
Germany	204.1	208.5	1,539.4	1,624.0	510.8	809.8	3,954.6	5,541.0
Greece	3.4	2.6	18.4	21.6	18.4	24.6	141.3	166.4
Italy	69.4	73.6	567.7	553.3	203.1	191.9	1,503.3	1,564.5
Netherlands	109.5	165.7	753.8	942.1	268.5	242.9	2,143.2	2,128.7
Portugal	8.4	9.6	58.5	71.1	16.7	15.5	109.3	126.7
Spain	38.4	28.4	365.2	335.6	165.0	170.8	915.6	1,082.0
Sweden	29.8	30.9	289.0	233.9	73.9	55.0	590.9	586.2
EU Country not specified	43.2	40.3	277.9	242.6	0.0	0.1	0.6	0.9
Total EU	1,805.4	2,109.2	13,556.6	15,010.8	3,071.0	3,657.4	22,579.1	26,004.4
Australia	3.8	4.5	33.7	37.9	33.2	37.7	213.5	304.6
Brazil	5.6	5.7	42.1	62.8	11.3	18.6	88.6	120.6
Canada	32.1	36.9	215.5	301.7	17.5	32.4	163.3	256.2
China	52.5	63.1	351.9	467.7	7.6	17.3	69.0	109.5
Czech Republic	7.0	6.1	49.3	58.6	17.8	16.1	168.5	122.7
Egypt	1.2	1.7	5.9	16.4	18.7	6.8	120.7	67.1
Hong Kong	34.7	31.8	286.9	243.6	34.9	42.1	249.6	312.4
Hungary	16.3	28.4	119.5	203.3	13.5	9.6	98.3	81.0
India	8.4	11.1	59.2	72.2	4.2	4.6	40.4	47.6
Israel	21.6	13.6	117.0	123.5	23.2	17.0	185.4	183.4
Japan	182.6	117.9	1,254.0	1,012.2	157.9	137.8	1,366.8	1,532.9
Malaysia	39.1	39.9	292.3	346.5	44.6	69.3	342.9	541.5
Mexico	8.5	14.4	49.8	102.2	12.2	32.6	101.9	265.0
Norway	62.3	56.4	454.8	471.7	36.8	43.8	270.0	293.4
Philippines	21.4	7.0	149.3	181.1	34.2	25.8	231.6	456.2
Poland	9.4	7.7	44.6	55.5	25.9	21.0	154.6	146.8
Russia	0.2	1.2	4.6	12.8	10.6	14.5	75.3	100.1
Saudi Arabia	0.1	0.0	1.1	1.3	20.0	25.0	169.5	191.1
Singapore	119.0	106.5	780.6	685.6	29.7	35.8	224.8	266.8
South Africa	6.6	10.1	43.7	48.1	27.6	31.6	172.3	195.8
South Korea	74.2	49.9	619.5	412.0	83.5	58.2	390.9	337.0
Switzerland	27.0	36.1	172.8	206.1	196.0	299.9	841.2	1,268.9
Taiwan	50.7	72.5	419.0	479.7	13.4	16.0	87.3	167.5
Thailand	13.1	22.0	93.5	149.6	9.2	5.9	57.0	64.1
Turkey	6.8	9.7	52.2	62.7	21.9	31.2	173.2	153.8
USA	775.1	476.6	4,080.5	4,380.9	900.4	1,071.9	5,758.5	7,472.1
Other countries ¹	63.0	89.8	473.0	545.3	178.9	194.4	877.0	976.5
Country unknown ²	5.5	7.9	40.1	49.2	22.8	29.3	138.3	199.7
Unclassified estimates ³	94.6	79.8	660.9	660.6	51.0	67.8	358.1	383.3
Total	3,548.0	3,517.6	24,524.0	26,461.6	5,129.5	6,071.2	35,767.7	42,622.1

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	44,327.1	66,956.2	22,629.1			
2000 ³	55,727.4	83,693.8	27,966.4			
2000 ³ January	4,285.4	5,187.1	901.8	4,433.2	5,604.8	1,171.6
February	4,079.2	6,031.1	1,952.0	4,106.7	6,256.8	2,150.0
March	4,723.4	7,408.8	2,685.4	4,288.5	6,678.9	2,390.3
April	4,188.4	6,050.9	1,862.6	4,283.8	6,307.3	2,023.5
May	4,771.2	6,574.3	1,803.2	4,482.9	6,655.1	2,172.1
June	4,586.5	7,652.8	3,066.3	4,643.9	6,947.5	2,303.6
July ⁴	4,505.0	6,513.1	2,008.1	4,787.3	6,647.6	1,860.3
August	4,308.0	6,463.2	2,155.3	4,804.4	7,211.0	2,406.5
September	4,673.8	7,837.6	3,163.7	4,878.2	7,218.7	2,340.5
October	5,230.1	7,824.0	2,593.9	4,942.6	7,842.3	2,899.7
November	5,476.5	8,256.7	2,780.2	4,993.1	8,006.7	3,013.7
December	4,900.0	7,894.0	2,993.9	5,192.3	8,043.4	2,851.2
2001 ³ January ⁴	5,113.0	7,441.6	2,328.6	4,983.6	7,916.4	2,932.8
February	4,778.4	7,094.2	2,315.7	5,062.3	7,596.7	2,534.4
March	5,474.5	8,770.8	3,296.5	5,105.0	7,944.1	2,839.1
April	4,730.8	7,257.9	2,527.3	4,688.0	7,691.1	3,002.9
May	4,620.4	6,940.4	2,319.9	4,362.1	7,010.5	2,648.3
June	4,415.9	8,905.1	4,489.2	4,587.4	7,979.5	3,392.1
July	4,466.4	7,708.8	3,242.4	4,576.1	7,967.4	3,391.2
August ⁵	4,150.0	6,880.0	2,730.0	4,660.0	7,630.0	2,970.0

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

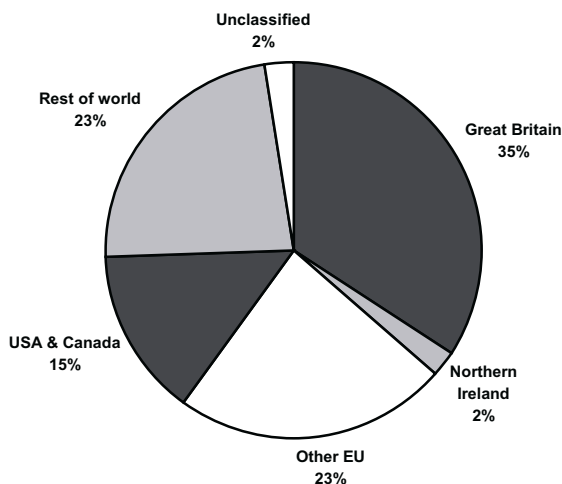
² Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2000

³ Provisional

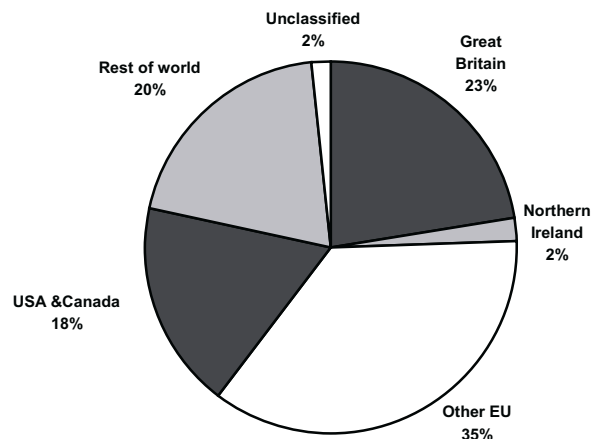
⁴ Revised

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

Imports, July 2001 (See Table 4)



Exports, July 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 6,810 while about 1,990 must make an export return. The response rate in terms of number of traders in July 2001 was 80%, covering an estimated 96% 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.