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# **External Trade**

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

Seasonally Adjusted

	Imports	Exports	Surplus
April 2001	£3,692m	£6,057m	£2,365m
May 2001	£3,435m	£5,521m	£2,086m
June 2001	£3,613m	£6,284m	£2,672m
July 2001	£3,570m	£6,250m	£2,680m
(Preliminary)			

# Seasonally adjusted exports of £6.3 billion in June

Seasonally adjusted June exports (see graph and Table 2) increased to £6,284m from £5,521m in May and June imports increased to £3,613m from £3,435m in May, giving an adjusted surplus for June of £2,672m.

Unadjusted exports (see Table 1) were valued at £7,013m in June 2001 and imports were valued at £3,478m giving a surplus of £3,536m. The corresponding surplus in June 2000 was £2,415m.

Initial indications for July 2001 show exports at £6,050m, with imports of £3,490m resulting in a surplus of £2,560m. The corresponding seasonally adjusted figures are exports of £6,250m, imports of £3,570m with a surplus of £2,680m.

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-June 2001 figures with the same period in 2000 shows that (see Tables 3-4):

- ♦ Exports increased from £30,638m to £36,493m (+19%). Exports of Electrical machinery and parts increased from £2,498m to £3,993m (+60%) and exports of Computer equipment increased from £7,191m to £8,528m (+19%). Exports of Medical and pharmaceutical products increased from £1,966m to £3,198m (+63%). Exports of Live animals and Meat and meat preparations both declined.
- ◆ Exports to the USA increased from £4,858m to £6,400m (+32%) and exports to Germany increased from £3,444m to £4,732m (+37%). There was also a large increase in exports to Switzerland. Exports to Northern Ireland decreased from £722m to £607m (-16%).
- ◆ Imports increased from £20,976m to £22,904m (+9%). Imports of Electrical machinery and parts increased from £2,345m to £3,180m (+36%) and Computer equipment imports increased from £3,955m to £4,597m (+16%). Imports of Other transport equipment increased from £372m to £667m (+79%), while Road vehicle imports decreased from £1,876m to £1,550m (-17%).
- ◆ Imports from Great Britain increased from £6,078m to £6,868m (+13%) and imports from the USA increased from £3,305m to £3,902m (+18%). Imports from South Korea declined from £545m to £362m (-34%).

Exports V Exports
Seasonally adjusted

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Table 1 Summary of trade

_		Value		Volume	ndex Price Index				
Period	Imports	Exports	Trade Surplus <sup>–</sup>	,			=100		
	£M	£M	£M	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Terms of Trade <sup>1</sup>	
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	
2000²	43,861.1	65,881.3	22,020.1	272.7	398.5	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 December	3,457.3 3,132.2	4,736.9 5,106.5	1,279.6 1,974.4	279.3 248.6	367.9 392.3	118.8 120.9	108.0 109.2	90.9 90.3	
2000 <sup>2</sup> 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	254.7	339.3	123.4	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 <sup>3</sup>	3,612.2	6,027.1	2,414.9	267.2	437.5	129.7	115.5	89.1	
July	3,520.3	5,096.6	1,576.3	263.6	367.4	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 <sup>3</sup>	3,859.1	6,217.0	2,357.9	285.2	452.0	129.9	115.3	88.8	
2001 <sup>2</sup> January	3,987.2	5,803.2	1,816.0	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 <sup>4</sup>	3,490.0	6,050.0	2,560.0					2	

Export Price Index divided by Import Price Index
 Provisional
 Revised
 Based on current Intrastat response levels. Figures rounded to the nearest £10 million.
 Data not yet available

Table 2 Seasonally adjusted¹ Series

			Value		Volume Index			
	Period			Trade	Base year 199	0=100		
		Imports £M	Exports £M	Surplus £M	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	,	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	3,740.8 3,783.8	5,201.7	1,461.0 1,895.3	283.0 282.6	381.3 418.0		
	August September	·	5,679.1	1,843.3	278.3	415.7		
		3,841.9	5,685.2	•				
	October November	3,892.6	6,176.3	2,283.7	279.5	441.3		
	December	3,932.4 4,089.3	6,305.8 6,334.7	2,373.5 2,245.5	277.8 301.5	459.7 458.5		
2001	January	3,886.3	6,173.5	2,287.2	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	3,570.0	6,250.0	2,680.0				

 $<sup>^1</sup>$  Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2000. All values in this table are subject to revision  $\cdot\cdot\cdot$  Data not yet available

Table 3 Trade classified by Commodity

£ million

_		Impo	rts			Expo	rts	
SITC (Rev 3)	Jun 2000		Jan-Jun 2000	Jan-Jun 2001	Jun 2000	Jun 2001	Jan-Jun 2000	Jan-Jun 2001
0 Food and live animals	177.1	196.5	1,034.8	1,127.4	431.3	404.3	2,255.7	2,158.4
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	4.7	2.9	33.9	32.4	19.8	5.5	139.5	49.2
01 Meat & meat preparations	19.6	26.0	106.4	145.8	123.5	98.6	666.1	548.4
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	16.8	21.6	113.6	95.3	106.5	96.5	432.1	398.3
03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and preparations thereof	6.9	6.7	38.8	39.0	20.3	27.5	117.1	170.3
04 Cereals & cereal preparations	33.8	32.8	188.7	187.1	18.2	18.4	117.1	109.9
05 Vegetables & fruit	36.6	40.0	192.1	224.3	11.7	15.4	64.9	82.6
06 Sugars, sugar preparations & honey	9.9	10.6	52.7	60.5	7.7	7.0	41.0	43.1
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices & manufactures								
thereof	13.7	16.2	88.6	95.4	16.5	17.8	104.9	106.0
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl unmilled cereals)	20.7	23.5	141.2	154.4	6.8	7.8	48.0	48.3
09 Miscellaneous edible products & preparations	14.4	16.2	78.7	93.2	100.1	109.9	529.5	602.2
1 Beverages and tobacco	36.2	44.8	173.3	208.5	59.1	56.4	319.9	285.6
11 Beverages	30.2	38.3	145.4	176.2	51.8	49.0	284.7	238.5
12 Tobacco & tobacco manufactures	6.0	6.5	28.0	32.3	7.3	7.3	35.2	47.1
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	58.3	54.9	318.7	328.3	68.0	67.4	363.8	377.3
21 Hides, skins & furskins, raw	0.5	0.7	3.9	2.3	6.4	7.5	34.8	38.5
22 Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits	0.5	1.2	4.5	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.6
23 Crude rubber (incl synthetic & reclaimed)	5.0	1.4	10.7	8.4	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.8
24 Cork & wood	20.5	17.7	116.7	111.9	4.1	4.6	24.6	24.5
25 Pulp & waste paper	1.8	1.7	11.2	12.4	1.3	0.9	5.4	5.5
26 Textile fibres & their wastes	4.5	4.3	27.0	26.4	8.4	7.7	43.9	48.8
27 Crude fertilisers & minerals (excl coal,								
petroleum and precious stones)	10.1	10.9	52.1	50.8	3.3	2.1	15.6	9.5
28 Metalliferous ores & metal scrap	10.1	10.8	53.8	70.0	38.2	38.4	201.2	210.9
29 Crude animal & vegetable materials nes	5.3	6.2	38.8	41.7	6.2	5.8	37.8	38.2
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	141.6	145.5	839.7	895.5	22.0	25.5	111.9	132.0
32 Coal, coke & briquettes	9.9	4.5	39.2	60.7	2.1	4.7	23.1	27.6
33 Petroleum, petroleum products & related	0.0	1.0	00.2	00.1			20.1	21.0
materials	113.4	123.1	691.4	693.4	19.8	20.7	87.8	103.0
34 Gas, natural & manufactured	18.2	17.8	108.0	140.7	0.1	0.1	1.0	1.3
35 Electric Current	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.7	0.0	_	0.1	_
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	8.4	8.1	48.3	49.0	1.8	1.6	11.2	7.8
41 Animal oils & fats	0.3	0.6	4.1	4.3	1.5	1.1	9.1	5.7
42 Fixed vegetable fats & oils	5.1	4.5	25.7	26.3	0.3	0.4	1.7	1.8
43 Animal or vegetable fats & oils, processed;								
waxes	2.9	3.0	18.5	18.5	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.3
5 Chemicals and related products nes	439.4	407.9	2,527.8	2,561.1	2,026.0	2,647.7	9,910.2	12,868.0
51 Organic chemicals	143.6	107.6	783.6	668.3	1,281.1	1,415.1	5,964.2	7,124.3
52 Inorganic chemicals	14.3	14.0	113.0	122.8	22.0	19.3	131.3	115.9
53 Dyeing, tanning & colouring materials	18.8	13.0	92.2	74.4	5.5	4.8	24.7	20.3
54 Medical & pharmaceutical products 55 Essential oils; perfume materials;	88.5	110.6	572.1	691.0	356.0	779.6	1,965.8	3,198.2
toilet & cleansing preparations	57.3	57.4	261.8	320.1	175.4	229.5	915.7	1,260.6
56 Fertilisers (other than those of	12.0	F 0	110 7	00.7	4.0	2.6	115	20.4
Division 27)	13.9	5.9	118.7	90.7	1.8	3.6	14.5	20.1
57 Plastics in primary forms	36.9 29.6	37.9 29.9	218.5 158.0	222.1 170.0	12.3 15.3	12.6 15.4	77.0 86.7	77.7 95.1
58 Plastics in non-primary forms								
59 Chemical materials & products nes	36.5	31.6	209.9	201.7	156.7	168.0	730.2	955.8

Table 3 Trade classified by Commodity - continued

 ${\bf £} \ million$ 

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_		Impo	rts			Ехро	orts	
SITC (Rev 3)	Jun 2000	Jun 2001	Jan-Jun 2000	Jan-Jun 2001	Jun 2000	Jun 2001	Jan-Jun 2000	Jan-Jun 2001
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by								
material	300.4	306.5	1,690.9	1,751.7	136.7	131.0	775.5	811.1
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed								
furskins	0.6	1.0	4.4	4.6	5.6	5.2	26.6	28.4
62 Rubber manufactures nes	16.2	13.2	91.1	84.8	8.6	8.5	47.6	45.6
63 Cork & wood manufactures (excl furniture)	16.3	15.9	87.1	92.4	8.5	10.9	53.3	65.8
<ul><li>64 Paper, paperboard &amp; articles thereof</li><li>65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles &amp; related</li></ul>	59.3	54.3	323.4	320.6	11.8	11.3	70.9	77.5
products	41.7	40.0	236.2	249.4	34.5	32.6	200.4	202.6
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	41.0	41.5	215.5	210.7	24.4	20.7	133.7	135.6
67 Iron & steel	39.5	41.8	224.8	238.0	9.1	5.7	54.6	57.1
68 Non-ferrous metals	23.8	37.1	145.0	182.1	7.6	6.5	38.9	38.4
69 Manufactures of metals nes	62.0	61.7	363.4	369.1	26.6	29.7	149.5	159.9
7 Machinery and transport equipment	1,878.5	1,760.0	10,918.1	12,627.3	2,418.9	2,782.5	12,141.5	15,104.0
71 Power generating machinery & equipment	56.3	42.6	272.6	324.3	30.4	29.0	131.0	160.6
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	80.5	62.1	435.3	440.1	20.6	32.0	133.8	141.8
73 Metalworking machinery	16.3	8.4	89.2	60.5	7.9	2.9	27.8	20.7
74 General industrial machinery & equipment nes								
& parts nes	103.2	77.3	542.6	488.4	63.3	77.4	410.7	399.8
75 Office machines & automatic data processing								
machines	682.0	594.5	3,954.7	4,597.0	1,494.8	1,615.9	7,190.5	8,528.2
76 Telecommunications & sound equipment	189.1	221.6	1,030.0	1,320.8	275.3	214.7	1,414.5	1,476.2
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus & appliances								
nes & parts	403.9	553.9	2,344.9	3,180.1	469.8	729.6	2,497.5	3,993.4
78 Road vehicles (incl air-cushion vehicles)	263.3	167.1	1,876.3	1,549.6	43.9	53.1	250.2	277.3
79 Other transport equipment	83.8	32.4	372.3	666.5	12.8	27.9	85.5	105.9
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles 81 Prefab buildings; plumbing & electrical fixtures &	371.9	386.3	2,140.9	2,322.5	619.1	713.3	3,398.6	3,581.6
fittings	16.7	13.8	84.1	83.6	7.7	6.4	35.0	36.4
82 Furniture & parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	19.7	21.0	123.5	130.3	6.7	8.6	46.4	41.1
83 Travel goods, handbags & similar containers	6.3	6.4	28.9	45.0	1.3	1.2	7.1	7.4
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	70.9	69.5	474.6	478.0	19.7	18.4	134.9	131.4
85 Footwear	16.5	15.0	105.6	102.1	1.6	1.7	12.5	13.8
87 Professional, scientific & controlling apparatus								
nes	64.2	68.8	421.7	415.8	97.6	120.5	661.9	733.4
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches								
& clocks	27.3	19.8	131.2	130.9	39.0	30.2	185.5	175.6
89 Miscellaneous manufactured								
articles nes	150.3	171.9	771.4	936.7	445.5	526.3	2,315.3	2,442.6
9 Commodities and transactions not classified								
elsewhere	69.9	84.6	423.8	493.2	193.5	179.4	1,008.2	1,091.1
Unclassified estimates <sup>1</sup>	130.6	82.7	859.7	540.0	50.4	4.2	341.7	76.4
Total	3,612.2	3,477.8	20,975.9	22,904.4	6,027.1	7,013.3	30,638.2	36,493.3

 $<sup>^{\</sup>mbox{\scriptsize 1}}$  Estimates for which a commodity classification  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) =\left($ 

Table 4 Trade by Country

 ${\bf £} \ million$ 

		Impo	orts			Expo	orts	
Country	Jun 2000	Jun 2001	Jan-Jun 2000	Jan-Jun 2001	Jun 2000	Jun 2001	Jan-Jun 2000	Jan-Jun 2001
Great Britain	998.9	1,203.2	6,078.5	6,868.3	1,154.4	1,398.6	6,105.8	7,228.0
Northern Ireland	83.7	79.5	460.2	471.7	125.7	111.0	722.1	606.8
Austria	6.1	12.2	55.4	64.1	26.8	28.4	202.8	166.9
Belgium	60.1	48.1	398.3	340.5	226.0	262.2	1,508.8	1,746.0
Luxembourg	1.2	0.6	3.3	3.7	2.4	10.0	10.2	47.2
Denmark	28.8	38.9	205.6	283.3	46.7	44.1	237.1	241.4
Finland	24.1	28.2	139.8	108.6	35.4	23.3	160.6	143.9
France	220.9	161.6	1,046.3	1,239.0	483.4	442.5	2,458.5	2,406.7
Germany	233.5	206.7	1,335.2	1,419.0	827.6	1,106.6	3,443.8	4,731.6
Greece	2.1	4.5	15.0	18.4	16.8	21.7	122.9	141.6
Italy	74.3	75.9	498.3	472.8	236.0	317.0	1,300.2	1,370.5
Netherlands	115.0	109.5	644.4	782.7	298.8	309.6	1,874.7	1,897.7
Portugal	7.6	10.4	50.1	61.4	16.4	19.0	92.6	111.5
Spain	45.3	40.4	326.8	308.6	136.2	159.3	750.5	911.1
Sweden	43.0	32.0	259.3	201.6	85.7	77.8	516.9	534.5
EU Country not specified	52.8	36.8	234.8	208.2	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.8
Total EU	1,997.6	2,088.3	11,751.2	12,851.9	3,718.5	4,331.2	19,508.1	22,286.0
Australia	7.7	7.3	29.8	33.5	45.2	53.6	180.3	266.9
Brazil	4.4	11.8	36.4	57.2	24.7	32.3	77.3	102.0
Canada	33.2	43.1	183.3	264.8	18.3	53.6	145.8	223.8
China	52.3	60.4	299.4	407.7	8.9	12.9	61.4	92.2
Czech Republic	7.3	7.4	42.4	52.5	53.6	18.3	150.7	106.6
Egypt	0.6	5.0	4.6	14.7	13.8	8.2	102.0	60.3
Hong Kong	32.1	29.4	252.2	211.9	59.1	57.4	214.8	270.3
Hungary	14.2	26.6	103.2	174.9	15.4	10.4	84.8	71.4
India	7.6	7.0	50.8	61.2	15.4	7.3	36.2	43.0
Israel	16.2	11.2	95.3	110.0	29.2	18.7	162.2	166.4
Japan	162.3	110.9	1,071.4	894.2	174.9	373.3	1,208.8	1,395.1
Malaysia	38.5	29.8	253.2	306.7	45.4	86.8	298.3	472.2
Mexico	7.8	12.2	41.4	87.7	15.3	44.0	89.7	232.4
Norway	55.4	82.5	392.6	415.3	48.3	39.7	233.2	249.6
Philippines	20.6	30.3	127.8	170.6	32.0	47.6	197.4	430.5
Poland	8.1	6.8	35.2	47.7	25.4	22.2	128.7	125.9
Russia	0.4	0.7	4.4	11.6	13.1	14.0	64.7	85.6
Saudi Arabia	0.4	0.3	0.9	1.2	21.4	24.5	149.5	166.2
Singapore	115.5	55.0	661.5	588.8	53.1	45.3	195.1	231.0
South Africa	4.0	7.5	37.1	37.9	28.6	29.4	144.7	164.2
South Korea	93.8	41.7	545.3	362.2	77.1	75.7	307.4	278.8
Switzerland	24.0	23.8	145.8	170.1	153.9	185.0	645.3	969.0
Taiwan	56.4	60.1	368.3	407.6	15.2	18.4	73.9	151.5
Thailand	16.6	15.4	80.4	127.6	10.0	11.3	47.8	58.2
Turkey	8.6	8.3	45.4	53.2	29.0	21.5	151.3	122.5
USA	658.4	542.8	3,305.4	3,901.5	1,079.2	1,157.8	4,858.0	6,400.2
Other countries <sup>1</sup>	67.9	72.1	410.1	455.6	130.0	139.9	698.1	782.2
Country unknown <sup>2</sup>	5.1	7.1	34.6	41.4	22.4	22.5	115.5	170.4
Unclassified estimates <sup>3</sup>	95.3	73.1	566.3	583.1	50.7	50.7	307.1	318.9
Total	3,612.2	3,477.8	20,975.9	22,904.4	6,027.1	7,013.3	30,638.2	36,493.3

Other non-EU countries not listed individually.
 Trade for which the country of origin or country of final destination is unknown.
 Estimates not allocated by country.

Table 5 Summary of trade (in Euro currency)

€ million¹

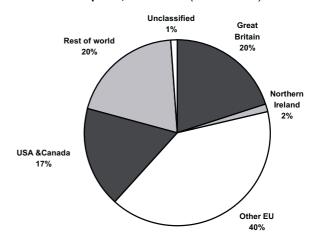
		Unadjusted			Seasonally Adjusted <sup>2</sup>				
	Imports	Exports	Trade Surplus	Imports	Exports	Trade Surplus			
1990	15,832.1	18,203.9	2,371.7						
1991	16,317.2	19,070.1	2,752.9						
1992	16,753.9	21,260.2	4,506.3						
1993	18,899.7	25,178.5	6,278.9						
1994	21,945.4	28,890.9	6,945.5						
1995	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						
2000³	55,692.1	83,652.0	27,959.9						
2000 <sup>3</sup> 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 <sup>4</sup>	4,586.5	7,652.8	3,066.3	4,643.9	6,947.5	2,303.6			
July	4,469.9	6,471.3	2,001.5	4,749.8	6,604.8	1,855.1			
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			
December⁴	4,900.0	7,894.0	2,993.9	5,192.3	8,043.4	2,851.2			
2001 <sup>3</sup> January	5,062.7	7,368.5	2,305.8	4,934.6	7,838.7	2,904.1			
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 <sup>5</sup>	4,430.0	7,680.0	3,250.0	4,530.0	7,940.0	3,410.0			

Converted at the EU official Exchange rate conversion factor, fixed at 0.787564, effective from 1 January 1999
 Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2000
 Provisional

### Imports, June 2001 (See Table 4)

# Unclassified Rest of world 21% **Great Britain** 35% USA & Canada 17% Northern Ireland 2% Other EU 23%

## Exports, June 2001 (See Table 4)



Revised

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Based on current Intrastat response levels. Figures rounded to the nearest EUR 10 million

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# **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 6,780 while about 1,925 must make an export return. The response rate in terms of number of traders in June 2001 was 82%, 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.