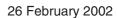
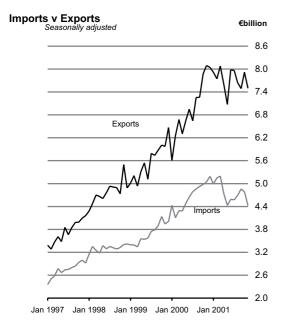
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# External Trade

November 2001 (Details), December 2001 (First estimate)

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	Imports	Exports	Surplus
September 2001	€4,858m	€7,487m	€2,629m
October 2001	€4,783m	€7,917m	€3,134m
November 2001	€4,418m	€7,496m	€3,078m
December 2001	€4,740m	€7,430m	€2,690m
(Preliminary)			

### Exports remain weak in December

Initial indications for December 2001 show seasonally adjusted exports of  $\epsilon$ 7,430m, down  $\epsilon$ 66m on November and imports of  $\epsilon$ 4,740m, up  $\epsilon$ 322m on November. The corresponding unadjusted figures are exports of  $\epsilon$ 7,240m, imports of  $\epsilon$ 4,480m resulting in a surplus of  $\epsilon$ 2,760m. The preliminary position for the entire year 2001 is that exports grew by 10% in value while imports grew by 2%.

The November seasonally adjusted figures (*see graph and Table 2*), relative to October 2001, show exports decreased to  $\notin$ 7,496m from  $\notin$ 7,917m while imports decreased to  $\notin$ 4,418m from  $\notin$ 4,783m giving an adjusted surplus of  $\notin$ 3,078m.

The values of unadjusted trade in November *(see Table 1)* were exports of  $\notin$ 7,606m ( $\notin$ 8,141m in October) and imports of  $\notin$ 4,850m ( $\notin$ 5,188m in October) giving a surplus of  $\notin$ 2,756m ( $\notin$ 2,952m in October).

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

- Exports increased from €76,001m to €85,029m (+12%). Exports of Medical and pharmaceutical products increased from €4,740m to €8,427m (+78%), of Computer equipment from €17,180m to €19,921m (+16%) and of Electrical machinery and parts from €7,057m to €8,541m (+21%).
- Exports to Great Britain increased from €15,439m to €18,554m (+20%) and exports to Germany increased from €8,236m to €10,984m (+33%). Exports to France decreased from €5,697m to €5,112m (-10%).
- Imports increased from €51,017m to €52,625m (+3%). Imports of Electrical machinery and parts increased from €6,366m to €7,021m (+10%), of Computer equipment from €10,243m to €11,030m (+8%). Beverage imports increased by 27% while Non-ferrous metals increased by 30%. Road vehicle imports decreased from €3,652m to €2,906m (-20%).
- Imports from Great Britain increased from €14,914m to €17,285m (+16%) while those from France increased from €2,361m to €2,615m (+11%). USA imports decreased from €8,363m to €8,149m (-3%).

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#### Value Volume Index Price Index Trade Base year 1990=100 Period Exports Surplus Imports Terms Imports Exports Imports Exports €m €m €m of Trade<sup>1</sup> 1982 8,654.7 7,226.6 -1,428.1 61.5 46.1 88.9 86.0 96.8 1983 9.353.9 8.816.9 -537.063.5 51.7 93.1 93.6 100.6 1984 11,316.1 11,297.5 -18.6 70.0 61.2 102.1 101.5 99.3 1985 104.5 99.8 11.971.3 12.371.1 399.8 72.3 65.2 104.3 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 9,149.2 146.3 105.7 184.0 112.7 93.7 28,479.5 10,129.6 160.9 202.2 105.1 1996 38.608.9 111.4 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<sup>2</sup> 55,916.9 83,897.7 27,980.8 274.9 401.0 128.0 115.0 89.9 2001<sup>2</sup> 57,105.0 92,269.0 35,164.0 .. .. ... ... .. 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 1.678.1 241.7 106.6 91.2 335.7 117.0 3,670.6 5,118.2 1,447.6 233.9 105.9 89.3 April 319.1 118.6 1,854.2 3,539,4 109.5 93.4 May 5.393.6 228.1 325.2 117.3 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 95.3 364.5 6,124.6 October 4.220.0 1.904.6 272.2 117 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 3,977.1 December 6,483.9 2,507.0 248.6 392.3 120.9 109.2 90.3 2000<sup>2</sup> January 4,285.4 5,187.1 901.8 254.0 303.3 122.5 112.3 91.7 4,079.2 6,031.1 249.9 February 1,952.0 357.1 123.0 111.4 90.6 March 4,723.4 7,408.8 2,685.4 284.7 421.1 125.4 116.2 92.7 April 94.8 4.188.4 6.050.9 1.862.6 254.9 339.3 124.2 117.8 May 4,771.2 6,574.3 1,803.2 283.4 365.3 127.2 118.9 93.4 4.586.5 7.652.8 3.066.3 267.2 437.5 129.7 115.5 89.1 June 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 7,883.8 88.5 4.720.3 3.163.4 270.4 447.9 130.6 115.6 October 5,267.1 7,854.7 2,587.6 299.5 447.2 132.0 115.5 87.6 November<sup>3</sup> 8,344.4 2,811.2 309.8 485.0 133.6 112.4 84.2 5.533.2 December 4,900.0 7,894.0 2,993.9 285.2 452.0 129.9 115.3 88.8 2001<sup>2</sup> 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 5,571.5 8.922.8 3,351.3 316.0 489.3 130.9 118.4 90.4 March April 4,779.2 7,173.7 2,394.5 272.9 401.7 131.0 119.3 91.1 May<sup>3</sup> 4,689.4 7,004.3 2,315.0 266.1 386.9 131.2 118.5 90.3 June 4,415.9 8,905.1 4,489.2 252.3 485.8 132.3 121.1 91.5 July 4,466.4 7,708.8 3,242.4 253.5 419.8 133.2 121.3 91.1 4,171.1 6.894.0 2,723.0 238.1 378.1 132.4 120.4 91.0 August 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<sup>4</sup> 4,480.0 7,240.0 2,760.0 •••

#### Table 1 Summary of trade

<sup>1</sup> Export Price Index divided by Import Price Index

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

<sup>3</sup> Revised

<sup>4</sup> Based on current Intrastat response levels. Figures rounded to the nearest EUR 10 million.

·· Data not yet available

			Value		Volume Inc	lex
	Period			Trade	Base year 199	0=100
		Imports	Exports	Surplus	las a sata	<b>F</b>
		€m	€m	€m	Imports	Export
1998	January	3,152.3	4,281.0	1,128.7	204.6	259.
	February	3,356.0	4,475.7	1,119.7	224.6	273.
	March	3,251.1	4,701.2	1,450.1	215.5	281
	April	3,179.4	4,662.9	1,483.6	209.6	278
	May	3,373.3	4,608.7	1,235.4	224.2	281
	June	3,292.7	4,764.9	1,472.2	216.2	286
	July	3,354.8	4,929.7	1,574.9	218.6	294
	August	3,317.8	4,909.2	1,591.3	219.0	295
	September	3,287.1	4,892.7	1,605.6	210.3	293
	October	3,325.7	4,733.9	1,408.2	224.1	291
	November	3,403.5	5,496.8	2,093.3	227.5	338
	December	3,415.4	4,882.8	1,467.5	226.0	300
999	,	3,397.7	5,016.1	1,618.4	220.0	302
	February	3,390.6	5,207.3	1,816.7	222.3	309
	March	3,340.9	4,936.9	1,596.0	216.4	309
	April	3,557.7	5,313.9	1,756.2	230.5	329
	May	3,540.3	5,544.2	2,003.9	229.8	336
	June	3,571.7	5,117.1	1,545.4	228.9	300
	July	3,748.5	5,792.1	2,043.6	241.6	359
	August	3,785.6	5,738.4	1,952.7	238.9	339
	September	3,894.9	5,876.3	1,981.4	247.6	353
	October	4,138.8	6,008.8	1,870.0	264.7	350
	November	3,940.8	5,974.0	2,033.2	247.3	356
	December	4,008.9	6,469.3	2,460.4	250.0	391
000	January	4,433.2	5,604.8	1,171.6	262.7	328
	February	4,106.7	6,256.8	2,150.0	251.0	372
	March	4,288.5	6,678.9	2,390.3	259.4	385
	April	4,283.8	6,307.3	2,023.5	263.5	349
	May	4,482.9	6,655.1	2,172.1	267.6	371
	June	4,643.9	6,947.5	2,303.6	274.9	396
	July	4,787.3	6,647.6	1,860.3	284.2	388
	August	4,859.3	7,254.8	2,395.5	282.6	418
	September	4,926.8	7,261.4	2,334.5	278.3	415
	October	4,977.6	7,873.0	2,895.4	279.5	441
	November	5,044.8	8,091.9	3,047.0	277.8	459
	December	5,192.3	8,043.4	2,851.2	301.5	458
001	January	4,983.6	7,916.4	2,932.8	284.3	446
	February	5,147.0	7,745.4	2,598.4	299.2	433
	March	5,195.5	8,081.8	2,886.4	294.2	450
	April	4,736.1	7,601.7	2,865.6	276.1	420
	May	4,427.1	7,075.0	2,647.9	250.1	394
	June	4,587.4	7,979.5	3,392.1	266.5	432
	July	4,576.1	7,967.4	3,391.2	261.8	441
	August	4,685.8	7,647.0	2,961.2	271.6	420
	September	4,858.1	7,486.8	2,628.6	272.0	413
	October	4,783.1	7,917.4	3,134.3	271.7	428
	November	4,417.7	7,495.6	3,077.9	252.8	397
	December	4,740.0	7,430.0	2,690.0		

### Table 2 Seasonally adjusted<sup>1</sup> Series

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

EUR million

_		Impo	rts			Expo	orts	
SITC (Rev 3)	Nov 2000	Nov 2001	Jan-Nov 2000	Jan-Nov 2001	Nov 2000	Nov 2001	Jan-Nov 2000	Jan-Nov 2001
0 Food and live animals	266.4	301.1	2,559.7	2,752.2	556.4	538.7	5,488.0	5,238.3
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	23.3	33.8	197.7	155.8	57.2	32.2	395.7	130.4
01 Meat & meat preparations	28.4	32.6	268.7	350.1	158.7	154.3	1,622.1	1,411.6
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	20.8	21.8	253.8	239.0	110.9	89.9	1,097.4	1,018.1
03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and preparations								
thereof	7.6	14.5	88.4	100.0	34.6	46.3	288.1	375.5
04 Cereals & cereal preparations	40.1	46.8	436.7	448.8	27.0	26.2	265.5	271.1
05 Vegetables & fruit	41.9	44.1	459.9	511.5	15.9	21.0	155.9	208.5
06 Sugars, sugar preparations & honey	16.6	14.6	132.9	154.3	10.3	11.6	91.9	102.5
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices & manufactures								
thereof	29.7	28.7	214.2	227.4	21.3	16.1	225.6	227.5
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl unmilled cereals)	37.8	41.1	316.8	346.2	11.9	14.6	111.1	119.9
09 Miscellaneous edible products & preparations	20.2	23.1	190.7	219.1	108.6	126.6	1,234.7	1,373.2
1 Beverages and tobacco	57.8	87.4	475.0	594.4	105.5	128.9	864.4	875.9
11 Beverages	50.7	79.7	407.6	516.7	97.3	121.9	772.5	769.3
12 Tobacco & tobacco manufactures	7.1	7.6	67.4	77.7	8.2	7.0	91.9	106.6
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	78.1	60.0	759.2	740.4	90.2	94.1	869.0	864.3
21 Hides, skins & furskins, raw	0.7	0.4	8.6	4.5	10.7	9.5	88.0	92.1
22 Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits	0.4	0.9	9.4	15.4	0.1	0.1	0.7	1.1
23 Crude rubber (incl synthetic & reclaimed)	1.6	1.8	22.9	19.0	0.2	0.1	7.9	1.5
24 Cork & wood	26.6	23.8	274.7	257.4	5.5	6.7	57.4	59.7
25 Pulp & waste paper	1.7	2.0	25.0	26.1	1.2	0.8	12.8	11.7
26 Textile fibres & their wastes	5.8	4.8	62.1	59.2	10.9	9.6	107.4	108.8
27 Crude fertilisers & minerals (excl coal,								
petroleum and precious stones)	12.6	12.1	124.7	123.1	2.6	4.7	31.5	31.0
28 Metalliferous ores & metal scrap	17.4	7.6	143.7	142.0	48.0	48.7	475.8	468.3
29 Crude animal & vegetable								
materials nes	11.2	6.5	88.1	93.7	11.0	13.7	87.5	90.2
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	209.7	143.9	2,035.3	2,045.8	32.2	24.4	262.5	274.6
<ul><li>32 Coal, coke &amp; briquettes</li><li>33 Petroleum, petroleum products &amp; related</li></ul>	12.0	6.4	91.9	131.7	2.1	3.4	39.0	52.5
materials	160.6	111.1	1,700.4	1,610.6	29.8	20.7	221.1	219.2
34 Gas, natural & manufactured	36.0	26.0	237.8	300.4	0.3	0.2	2.2	2.9
35 Electric Current	1.1	0.4	5.3	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	10.8	8.8	113.1	111.8	2.6	2.7	25.2	21.0
41 Animal oils & fats	0.8	1.0	9.5	11.4	1.8	2.2	20.2	15.7
42 Fixed vegetable fats & oils	5.1	4.8	59.0	60.8	0.3	0.4	3.6	4.5
43 Animal or vegetable fats & oils, processed;	0.1	1.0	00.0	00.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	1.0
waxes	4.8	3.0	44.6	39.6	0.4	0.0	1.4	0.9
5 Chemicals and related products nes	619.3	536.8	5,703.5	5,910.4	2,858.0	2,827.5	25,289.3	30,333.2
51 Organic chemicals	187.3	144.2	1,586.8	1,452.5	1,864.8	1,536.1	15,786.2	16,110.7
52 Inorganic chemicals	21.3	15.7	248.9	233.9	30.9	13.8	309.5	220.5
53 Dyeing, tanning & colouring materials	17.3	13.9	199.5	168.5	5.7	4.3	55.6	45.0
54 Medical & pharmaceutical products	174.7	147.4	1,421.1	1,754.3	529.7	772.9	4,740.4	8,427.1
55 Essential oils; perfume materials;	_	_	_	_	_	_		
toilet & cleansing preparations 56 Fertilisers (other than those of	74.1	74.3	656.5	769.0	215.6	270.9	2,174.8	2,919.3
Division 27)	18.4	22.6	207.1	198.3	2.7	2.2	33.1	39.9
57 Plastics in primary forms	46.9	47.5	505.1	508.3	17.1	15.4	182.4	179.5
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	33.8	36.6	368.9	389.3	14.9	18.8	195.7	211.1

EUR million

_		Impo	orts			Expo	orts	
SITC (Rev 3)	Nov 2000	Nov 2001	Jan-Nov 2000	Jan-Nov 2001	Nov 2000	Nov 2001	Jan-Nov 2000	Jan-Nov 2001
6 Manufactured goods algoritized shields by								
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	412.6	419.3	4,028.7	4,099.9	185.7	172.6	1,827.3	1,829.0
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed	412.0	419.3	4,020.7	4,099.9	103.7	172.0	1,027.3	1,029.0
furskins	0.9	1.2	10.9	11.0	7.8	5.9	68.0	70.2
62 Rubber manufactures nes	19.3	19.2	214.7	203.2	8.7	9.3	105.4	108.0
63 Cork & wood manufactures (excl furniture)	24.7	28.0	214.7	203.2	15.5	15.3	126.4	158.8
64 Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	84.1	77.4	775.0	769.2	19.5	19.2	120.4	178.5
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles & related	04.1	77.4	115.0	705.2	19.5	13.2	175.0	170.5
products	57.5	54.2	559.4	555.4	45.8	41.9	462.2	443.9
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	50.4	49.9	523.9	503.8	43.8 34.9	29.4	327.6	316.6
67 Iron & steel	50.4 50.3	49.9 55.6	523.9 513.4	503.8 529.7	34.9 11.3	29.4 4.0	327.6 119.6	90.3
68 Non-ferrous metals	50.3 33.1	55.6 49.8	342.6	529.7 447.0	7.5	4.0 5.9	86.2	90.3 74.7
69 Manufactures of metals nes	92.2	49.8 84.0	342.6 871.6	447.0 852.9	7.5 34.6	5.9 41.6	358.2	387.7
69 Manuactures of metals nes	92.2	04.0	071.0	002.9	54.0	41.0	300.Z	307.7
7 Machinery and transport equipment	3,026.5	2,440.8	26,937.4	27,785.5	3,364.1	2,819.8	30,123.7	34,274.5
71 Power generating machinery & equipment	54.5	49.7	682.8	637.1	42.6	33.7	347.8	385.2
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	86.8	83.0	983.2	991.3	25.0	24.3	291.3	303.5
73 Metalworking machinery	17.4	13.0	194.1	135.8	4.5	5.4	56.5	54.2
74 General industrial machinery & equipment nes	17.4	10.0	134.1	100.0	4.0	0.4	50.5	04.2
& parts nes	111.8	101.8	1,238.5	1,097.8	90.6	92.2	942.1	939.1
75 Office machines & automatic data processing	111.0	101.0	1,200.0	1,007.0	50.0	52.2	542.1	000.1
machines	1,227.6	997.9	10,243.0	11,030.3	1,747.1	1,640.1	17,179.8	19,920.6
76 Telecommunications & sound equipment	340.8	255.3	2,556.7	2,936.4	463.4	285.8	3,388.7	3,314.4
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus & appliances	040.0	200.0	2,000.7	2,000.4	400.4	200.0	0,000.7	0,014.4
nes & parts	792.4	609.1	6,365.8	7,021.2	879.9	684.8	7,057.2	8,541.0
78 Road vehicles (incl air-cushion vehicles)	371.9	269.5	3,652.3	2,906.0	42.5	46.2	543.8	628.8
79 Other transport equipment	23.2	61.5	1,020.9	1,029.6	68.4	7.2	316.5	187.7
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	574.0	574.4	5,378.3	5,704.0	809.4	666.5	7,977.4	8,023.3
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing & electrical fixtures &								
fittings	20.0	20.0	195.5	206.5	6.9	7.8	77.8	81.5
82 Furniture & parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	32.0	30.0	297.9	305.0	9.7	9.8	102.5	103.7
83 Travel goods, handbags & similar containers	11.4	7.6	81.4	99.2	1.4	1.6	15.1	16.2
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	130.5	137.2	1,233.8	1,261.4	31.6	32.9	321.4	324.8
85 Footwear	23.9	22.5	260.0	251.4	2.1	1.5	29.4	31.2
87 Professional, scientific & controlling apparatus								
nes	103.1	65.3	1,075.9	914.3	162.1	181.3	1,557.2	1,708.7
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches								
& clocks	25.6	26.7	328.1	288.6	33.4	52.0	419.6	447.9
89 Miscellaneous manufactured								
articles nes	227.5	265.1	1,905.8	2,377.7	562.3	379.6	5,454.5	5,309.2
9 Commodities and transactions not classified								
elsewhere	103.3	110.0	1,041.6	1,129.3	257.2	236.5	2,417.2	2,556.5
Unclassified estimates <sup>1</sup>	174.8	167.6	1,984.9	1,751.2	83.2	94.9	857.1	738.3
Total	5,533.2	4,850.0	51,016.8	52,625.0	8,344.4	7,606.5	76,001.1	85,029.0

<sup>1</sup> Estimates for which a commodity classification is not available.

### Table 4 Trade by Country

EUR million

		Impo	orts			Exports				
Country	Nov 2000	Nov 2001	Jan-Nov 2000	Jan-Nov 2001	Nov 2000	Nov 2001	Jan-Nov 2000	Jan-Nov 2001		
Great Britain	1,684.6	1,638.1	14,913.8	17,284.9	1,743.5	1,666.9	15,439.4	18,554.0		
Northern Ireland	111.3	107.6	1,111.1	1,139.2	147.9	150.4	1,656.7	1,580.1		
Austria	8.7	14.2	123.0	141.1	31.7	32.9	421.5	364.5		
Belgium	68.4	73.1	835.9	780.9	350.6	423.0	3,832.3	3,718.4		
Luxembourg	0.8	0.8	10.0	9.8	8.5	4.1	35.4	88.2		
Denmark	99.3	63.3	619.6	670.6	56.4	51.6	550.4	538.9		
Finland	29.1	43.4	320.6	399.3	39.6	40.0	363.4	343.2		
France	276.8	262.5	2,361.2	2,614.8	534.1	468.4	5,697.2	5,111.9		
Germany	346.4	302.8	3,039.2	3,267.1	917.7	811.1	8,235.8	10,983.5		
Greece	4.1	3.3	36.4	39.6	29.5	30.8	275.7	308.4		
Italy	112.7	108.2	1,157.3	1,061.4	323.0	329.2	2,993.5	3,052.4		
Netherlands	191.3	168.4	1,617.8	1,792.0	431.8	401.6	4,209.5	3,919.7		
Portugal	12.8	14.9	125.5	143.9	20.8	23.8	229.5	257.9		
Spain	87.1	54.7	681.2	595.3	227.9	193.1	1,904.9	2,091.9		
Sweden	52.6	48.1	562.1	476.4	113.0	119.7	1,207.5	1,153.3		
EU Country not specified	50.4	60.6	567.4	528.0	0.1	0.1	1.0	1.6		
Total EU	3,136.5	2,963.9	28,082.1	30,944.1	4,976.0	4,747.0	47,053.7	52,067.8		
Australia	6.1	9.9	69.1	85.3	51.3	65.1	532.9	784.3		
Brazil	12.6	17.5	110.5	127.1	26.0	16.7	188.4	210.7		
Canada	55.2	54.0	466.0	572.4	58.4	41.9	350.3	529.1		
China	107.6	113.2	812.0	983.6	14.3	37.2	145.7	269.7		
Czech Republic	9.5	10.2	98.0	109.6	41.2	21.9	319.5	238.6		
Egypt	1.5	3.4	12.6	27.1	32.5	9.5	232.0	114.8		
Hong Kong	71.5	53.4	599.5	489.8	57.1	53.4	529.9	617.8		
Hungary	39.8	39.0	264.2	384.0	20.3	14.9	209.6	161.1		
India	14.8	13.3	123.7	142.6	4.6	5.7	98.5	99.2		
Israel	26.5	7.9	278.7	232.6	39.2	20.4	375.5	321.1		
Japan	220.8	151.1	2,423.2	1,859.3	276.9	303.2	2,830.9	2,986.7		
Malaysia	65.0	33.8	603.1	550.2	60.0	122.3	665.0	1,055.6		
Mexico	15.1	28.2	122.1	224.5	23.5	53.5	239.8	526.9		
Norway	51.4	52.6	951.2	882.4	59.9	49.6	559.3	550.9		
Philippines	44.4	40.1	407.1	298.3	87.5	46.3	572.7	740.3		
Poland	10.7	9.9	93.2	110.5	29.7	29.9	316.9	288.8		
Russia	3.2	0.9	11.4	23.0	21.6	23.9	162.1	222.1		
Saudi Arabia	0.2	0.1	1.8	1.9	38.4	29.7	334.6	364.7		
Singapore	255.3	98.9	1,831.4	1,250.6	47.4	52.2	467.9	568.4		
South Africa	7.2	7.2	98.0	96.8	36.5	26.4	364.4	376.3		
South Korea	100.0	58.5	1,195.8	746.3	120.8	45.6	974.8	639.5		
Switzerland	32.4	58.4	353.2	443.4	176.7	186.4	1,784.9	2,689.2		
Taiwan	117.1	91.9	906.5	954.3	18.1	26.5	177.4	331.9		
Thailand	24.5	34.4	215.4	308.0	13.5	9.4	125.0	129.3		
Turkey	12.9	14.5	113.7	130.4	33.1	20.3	346.7	286.5		
USA	838.9	689.1	8,363.4	8,149.3	1,696.2	1,284.8	13,238.8	14,809.3		
Other countries <sup>1</sup>	104.2	80.7	964.6	1,133.5	183.3	159.5	1,778.1	1,867.4		
Country unknown <sup>2</sup>	8.3	9.7	87.0	109.2	32.6	34.3	306.0	412.0		
Unclassified estimates <sup>3</sup>	140.0	104.1	1,358.3	1,254.8	67.8	69.1	719.8	768.9		
Total	5,533.2	4,850.0	51,016.8	52,625.0	8,344.4	7,606.5	76,001.1	85,029.0		

Other non-EU countries not listed individually.
 <sup>2</sup> Trade for which the country of origin or country of final destination is unknown.
 <sup>3</sup> 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

_		Impo	rts			Expo	orts	
SITC (Rev 3)	Nov 2000	Nov 2001	Jan-Nov 2000	Jan-Nov 2001	Nov 2000	Nov 2001	Jan-Nov 2000	Jan-Nov 2001
0 Food and live animals	209.8	237.1	2,016.0	2,167.6	438.2	424.3	4,322.1	4,125.5
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	18.4	26.6	155.7	122.7	45.0	25.3	311.7	102.7
01 Meat & meat preparations	22.4	25.6	211.6	275.7	125.0	121.5	1,277.5	1,111.7
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	16.4	17.2	199.9	188.2	87.3	70.8	864.3	801.8
03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and preparations								
thereof	6.0	11.4	69.6	78.7	27.3	36.4	226.9	295.8
04 Cereals & cereal preparations	31.6	36.9	344.0	353.4	21.3	20.6	209.1	213.5
05 Vegetables & fruit	33.0	34.7	362.2	402.8	12.6	16.6	122.8	164.2
06 Sugars, sugar preparations & honey 07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices & manufactures	13.1	11.5	104.7	121.5	8.1	9.1	72.4	80.7
thereof	23.4	22.6	168.7	179.1	16.7	12.7	177.7	179.2
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl unmilled cereals)	29.8	32.4	249.5	272.6	9.3	11.5	87.5	94.4
09 Miscellaneous edible products & preparations	15.9	18.2	150.2	172.6	85.5	99.7	972.4	1,081.5
1 Beverages and tobacco	45.5	68.8	374.1	468.1	83.1	101.5	680.8	689.8
11 Beverages	39.9	62.8	321.0	406.9	76.6	96.0	608.4	605.9
12 Tobacco & tobacco manufactures	5.6	6.0	53.1	61.2	6.5	5.5	72.4	84.0
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	61.5	47.2	597.9	583.1	71.0	74.1	684.4	680.7
21 Hides, skins & furskins, raw	0.6	0.3	6.8	3.6	8.4	7.5	69.3	72.5
22 Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits	0.3	0.7	7.4	12.1	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.9
23 Crude rubber (incl synthetic & reclaimed)	1.3	1.4	18.1	14.9	0.2	0.1	6.2	1.2
24 Cork & wood	20.9	18.7	216.3	202.7	4.3	5.3	45.2	47.0
25 Pulp & waste paper	1.3	1.6	19.7	20.5	1.0	0.7	10.1	9.2
<ul><li>26 Textile fibres &amp; their wastes</li><li>27 Crude fertilisers &amp; minerals (excl coal,</li></ul>	4.6	3.8	48.9	46.7	8.6	7.6	84.6	85.7
petroleum and precious stones)	9.9	9.6	98.2	96.9	2.1	3.7	24.8	24.4
28 Metalliferous ores & metal scrap	13.7	6.0	113.1	111.9	37.8	38.4	374.7	368.8
29 Crude animal & vegetable materials nes	8.9	5.1	69.4	73.8	8.7	10.8	68.9	71.0
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	165.1	113.3	1,602.9	1,611.2	25.4	19.2	206.7	216.3
32 Coal, coke & briquettes	9.4	5.1	72.3	103.8	1.7	2.7	30.8	41.4
33 Petroleum, petroleum products & related	0.1	011	. 2.0				0010	
materials	126.5	87.5	1,339.2	1,268.5	23.5	16.3	174.1	172.6
34 Gas, natural & manufactured	28.4	20.4	187.3	236.6	0.2	0.2	1.8	2.2
35 Electric Current	0.8	0.3	4.1	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	8.5	6.9	89.1	88.0	2.0	2.1	19.8	16.6
41 Animal oils & fats	0.7	0.7	7.5	9.0	1.4	1.8	15.9	12.4
42 Fixed vegetable fats & oils	4.1	3.8	46.5	47.9	0.3	0.3	2.8	3.5
43 Animal or vegetable fats & oils, processed; waxes	3.8	2.4	35.2	31.2	0.3	0.0	1.1	0.7
5 Chemicals and related products nes	487.8	422.8	4,491.9	4,654.8	2,250.8	2,226.9	19,916.9	23,889.4
51 Organic chemicals	147.5	113.6	1,249.7	1,143.9	1,468.6	1,209.8	12,432.6	12,688.2
52 Inorganic chemicals	16.8	12.4	196.1	184.2	24.3	10.9	243.8	173.6
53 Dyeing, tanning & colouring materials	13.6	10.9	157.2	132.7	4.5	3.4	43.8	35.4
<ul><li>54 Medical &amp; pharmaceutical products</li><li>55 Essential oils; perfume materials;</li></ul>	137.6	116.1	1,119.2	1,381.6	417.2	608.7	3,733.3	6,636.9
toilet & cleansing preparations 56 Fertilisers (other than those of	58.4	58.5	517.0	605.7	169.8	213.3	1,712.8	2,299.1
Division 27)	14.5	17.8	163.1	156.2	2.2	1.7	26.1	31.5
57 Plastics in primary forms	37.0	37.4	397.8	400.3	13.5	12.1	143.7	141.4
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	26.6	28.8	290.5	306.6	11.8	14.8	154.1	166.2
59 Chemical materials & products nes	35.9	27.2	401.3	343.6	139.0	152.2	1,426.7	1,717.0

### Table 5 Trade classified by Commodity - continued

£ million

_		Impo	rts			Expo	orts	
SITC (Rev 3)	Nov 2000	Nov 2001	Jan-Nov 2000	Jan-Nov 2001	Nov 2000	Nov 2001	Jan-Nov 2000	Jan-Nov 2001
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by								
material	324.9	330.2	3,172.9	3,228.9	146.2	136.0	1,439.1	1,440.4
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed								
furskins	0.7	0.9	8.6	8.7	6.2	4.7	53.6	55.3
62 Rubber manufactures nes	15.2	15.1	169.1	160.0	6.9	7.4	83.0	85.1
63 Cork & wood manufactures (excl furniture)	19.4	22.0	171.0	179.4	12.2	12.1	99.6	125.1
64 Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	66.2	61.0	610.4	605.8	15.3	15.1	136.7	140.6
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles & related								
products	45.3	42.7	440.5	437.4	36.0	33.0	364.0	349.6
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	39.7	39.3	412.6	396.8	27.5	23.1	258.0	249.4
67 Iron & steel	39.6	43.8	404.4	417.2	8.9	3.2	94.2	71.1
68 Non-ferrous metals	26.1	39.3	269.8	352.0	5.9	4.7	67.9	58.9
69 Manufactures of metals nes	72.6	66.1	686.4	671.7	27.3	32.8	282.1	305.3
7 Machinery and transport equipment	2,383.5	1,922.3	21,214.9	21,882.9	2,649.4	2,220.7	23,724.4	26,993.4
71 Power generating machinery & equipment	42.9	39.1	537.7	501.7	33.6	26.5	273.9	303.4
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	68.3	65.4	774.4	780.7	19.7	19.2	229.4	239.1
73 Metalworking machinery	13.7	10.2	152.9	107.0	3.6	4.3	44.5	42.7
74 General industrial machinery & equipment nes			.02.0		0.0		1.110	
& parts nes	88.1	80.1	975.4	864.6	71.3	72.6	742.0	739.6
75 Office machines & automatic data processing								
machines	966.8	785.9	8,067.0	8,687.1	1,376.0	1,291.7	13,530.2	15,688.7
76 Telecommunications & sound equipment	268.4	201.1	2,013.6	2,312.6	365.0	225.1	2,668.8	2,610.3
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus & appliances							,	
nes & parts	624.1	479.7	5,013.5	5,529.7	693.0	539.3	5,558.0	6,726.6
78 Road vehicles (incl air-cushion vehicles)	292.9	212.3	2,876.4	2,288.6	33.5	36.4	428.3	495.2
79 Other transport equipment	18.3	48.4	804.0	810.9	53.8	5.7	249.3	147.8
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	452.1	452.4	4,235.8	4,492.3	637.5	524.9	6,282.7	6,318.9
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing & electrical fixtures &								
fittings	15.8	15.7	154.0	162.7	5.5	6.1	61.2	64.2
82 Furniture & parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	25.2	23.6	234.6	240.2	7.6	7.7	80.7	81.7
83 Travel goods, handbags & similar containers	9.0	6.0	64.1	78.1	1.1	1.3	11.9	12.8
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	102.7	108.1	971.7	993.4	24.9	25.9	253.1	255.8
85 Footwear	18.9	17.8	204.8	198.0	1.7	1.2	23.2	24.6
87 Professional, scientific & controlling apparatus								
nes	81.2	51.4	847.3	720.1	127.7	142.8	1,226.4	1,345.7
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches								
& clocks	20.2	21.0	258.4	227.3	26.3	40.9	330.4	352.8
89 Miscellaneous manufactured								
articles nes	179.2	208.8	1,500.9	1,872.6	442.8	298.9	4,295.8	4,181.3
9 Commodities and transactions not classified								
elsewhere	81.3	86.6	820.3	889.4	202.6	186.3	1,903.7	2,013.4
Unclassified estimates <sup>1</sup>	137.7	132.0	1,563.2	1,379.2	65.5	74.7	675.0	581.5
Total	4,357.8	3,819.7	40,179.0	41,445.6	6,571.8	5,990.6	59,855.7	66,965.8

<sup>1</sup> Estimates for which a commodity classification is not available.

### Table 6 Trade by Country

£ million

		Impo	orts	Exports				
Country	Nov 2000	Nov 2001	Jan-Nov 2000	Jan-Nov 2001	Nov 2000	Nov 2001	Jan-Nov 2000	Jan-Nov 2001
Great Britain	1,326.7	1,290.1	11,745.5	13,612.9	1,373.1	1,312.8	12,159.5	14,612.5
Northern Ireland	87.6	84.8	875.1	897.2	116.5	118.5	1,304.8	1,244.4
Austria	6.9	11.2	96.8	111.1	25.0	25.9	331.9	287.0
Belgium	53.9	57.6	658.4	615.0	276.1	333.2	3,018.2	2,928.5
Luxembourg	0.6	0.6	7.9	7.7	6.7	3.3	27.9	69.4
Denmark	78.2	49.9	487.9	528.1	44.4	40.6	433.5	424.4
Finland	22.9	34.2	252.5	314.5	31.2	31.5	286.2	270.3
France	218.0	206.7	1,859.6	2,059.3	420.6	368.9	4,486.9	4,025.9
Germany	272.8	238.5	2,393.6	2,573.0	722.8	638.8	6,486.2	8,650.2
Greece	3.2	2.6	28.7	31.2	23.2	24.2	217.1	242.9
Italy	88.8	85.2	911.5	835.9	254.4	259.3	2,357.5	2,403.9
Netherlands	150.7	132.6	1,274.1	1,411.3	340.0	316.3	3,315.3	3,087.0
Portugal	10.1	11.7	98.8	113.3	16.4	18.8	180.8	203.1
Spain	68.6	43.1	536.5	468.9	179.5	152.1	1,500.2	1,647.5
Sweden	41.4	37.9	442.7	375.2	89.0	94.3	951.0	908.3
EU Country not specified	39.7	47.7	446.9	415.8	0.1	0.1	0.8	1.3
Total EU	2,470.2	2,334.2	22,116.4	24,370.5	3,918.9	3,738.5	37,057.8	41,006.8
Australia	4.8	7.8	54.4	67.2	40.4	51.2	419.7	617.7
Brazil	9.9	13.8	87.0	100.1	20.5	13.2	148.3	166.0
Canada	43.5	42.6	367.0	450.8	46.0	33.0	275.9	416.7
China	84.7	89.2	639.5	774.6	11.3	29.3	114.8	212.4
Czech Republic	7.5	8.1	77.2	86.3	32.5	17.2	251.7	187.9
Egypt	1.2	2.6	9.9	21.4	25.6	7.5	182.7	90.4
Hong Kong	56.3	42.1	472.2	385.8	45.0	42.0	417.3	486.5
Hungary	31.3	30.7	208.1	302.4	16.0	11.7	165.1	126.9
India	11.7	10.5	97.4	112.3	3.7	4.5	77.6	78.1
Israel	20.9	6.2	219.5	183.2	30.9	16.1	295.8	252.9
Japan	173.9	119.0	1,908.4	1,464.3	218.1	238.8	2,229.5	2,352.2
Malaysia	51.2	26.6	475.0	433.4	47.3	96.3	523.7	831.3
Mexico	11.9	22.2	96.2	176.8	18.5	42.1	188.8	414.9
Norway	40.5	41.4	749.1	695.0	47.2	39.1	440.5	433.9
Philippines	35.0	31.6	320.6	234.9	68.9	36.4	451.0	583.0
Poland	8.5	7.8	73.4	87.0	23.4	23.5	249.6	227.4
Russia	2.5	0.7	9.0	18.1	17.0	18.8	127.6	174.9
Saudi Arabia	0.1	0.1	1.4	1.5	30.3	23.4	263.5	287.2
Singapore	201.1	77.9	1,442.4	984.9	37.3	41.1	368.5	447.7
South Africa	5.7	5.7	77.2	76.3	28.8	20.8	287.0	296.4
South Korea	78.8	46.1	941.8	587.7	95.1	35.9	767.7	503.6
Switzerland	25.5	46.0	278.2	349.2	139.2	146.8	1,405.7	2,117.9
Taiwan	92.2	72.4	713.9	751.6	14.2	20.9	139.7	261.4
Thailand	19.3	27.1	169.7	242.6	10.6	7.4	98.4	101.8
Turkey	10.2	11.4	89.6	102.7	26.0	16.0	273.1	225.6
USA	660.7	542.7	6,586.7	6,418.1	1,335.8	1,011.9	10,426.4	11,663.3
Other countries <sup>1</sup>	82.1	63.6	759.7	892.7	144.4	125.6	1,400.3	1,470.7
Country unknown <sup>2</sup>	6.5	7.6	68.5	86.0	25.6	27.0	241.0	324.5
Unclassified estimates <sup>3</sup>	110.3	82.0	1,069.7	988.2	53.4	54.4	566.9	605.6
Total	4,357.8	3,819.7	40,179.0	41,445.6	6,571.8	5,990.6	59,855.7	66,965.8

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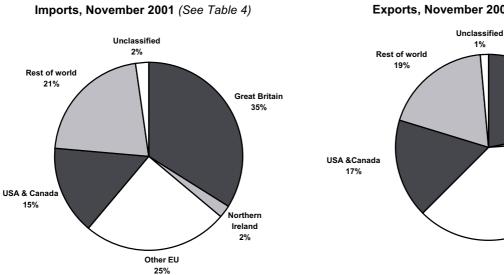
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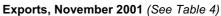
£ million

		Unadjusted			Seasonally Adjusted <sup>1</sup>	
	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 2000 <sup>2</sup>	34,910.4 44,038.1	52,732.3 66,074.8	17,821.9 22,036.7			
2000- 2001 <sup>2</sup>	44,038.1	72,668.0	27,694.0			
2001-	44,374.0	72,000.0	27,034.0			
2000 <sup>2</sup> January	3,375.0	4,085.2	710.2	3,491.4	4,414.1	922.7
February	3,212.6	4,749.9	1,537.3	3,234.3	4,927.6	1,693.3
March	3,720.0	5,834.9	2,114.9	3,377.5	5,260.1	1,882.5
April	3,298.6	4,765.5	1,466.9	3,373.8	4,967.4	1,593.6
May	3,757.6	5,177.7	1,420.1	3,530.6	5,241.3	1,710.7
June	3,612.2	6,027.1	2,414.9	3,657.4	5,471.6	1,814.2
July	3,548.0	5,129.5	1,581.5	3,770.3	5,235.4	1,465.1
August	3,431.5	5,121.2	1,689.6	3,827.0	5,713.6	1,886.6
September	3,717.5	6,209.0	2,491.4	3,880.2	5,718.8	1,838.6
October	4,148.2	6,186.1	2,037.9	3,920.2	6,200.5	2,280.3
November <sup>3</sup>	4,357.7	6,571.7	2,214.0	3,973.1	6,372.9	2,399.7
December	3,859.1	6,217.0	2,357.9	4,089.3	6,334.7	2,245.5
2001 <sup>2</sup> January	4,026.8	5,860.7	1,833.9	3,924.9	6,234.7	2,309.8
February	3,826.2	5,696.4	1,870.2	4,053.6	6,100.0	2,046.4
March	4,387.9	7,027.3	2,639.4	4,091.8	6,364.9	2,273.2
April	3,763.9	5,649.7	1,885.8	3,730.0	5,986.8	2,256.8
May <sup>3</sup>	3,693.2	5,516.3	1,823.2	3,486.6	5,572.0	2,085.4
June	3,477.8	7,013.3	3,535.5	3,612.9	6,284.4	2,671.5
July	3,517.6	6,071.2	2,553.6	3,604.0	6,274.8	2,670.8
August	3,285.0	5,429.5	2,144.5	3,690.4	6,022.5	2,332.1
September	3,561.7	6,299.5	2,737.8	3,826.1	5,896.3	2,070.2
October	4,086.0	6,411.2	2,325.3	3,767.0	6,235.5	2,468.5
November	3,819.7	5,990.6	2,170.8	3,479.2	5,903.3	2,424.0
December <sup>₄</sup>	3,530.0	5,700.0	2,170.0	3,730.0	5,850.0	2,120.0

<sup>1</sup> Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2000
 <sup>2</sup> Provisional

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





1%

Great Britain

22%

Other EU

39%

Northern Ireland 2%

## **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 6,760 while about 1,990 must make an export return. The response rate in terms of number of traders in November 2001 was 78%, covering an estimated 91% 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** 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.