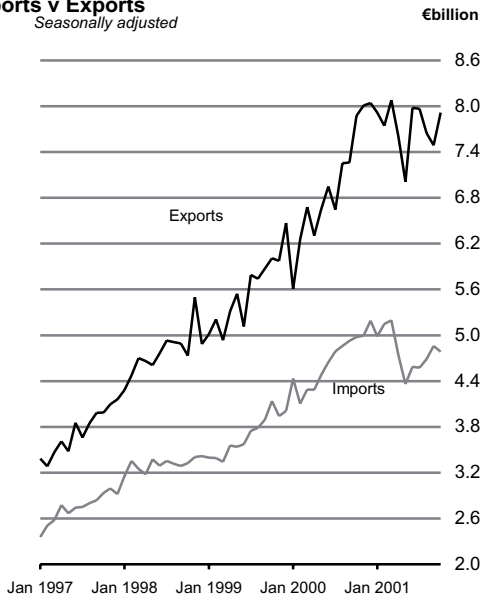




Imports v Exports
Seasonally adjusted



External Trade

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

	Seasonally Adjusted		
	Imports	Exports	Surplus
August 2001	€4,686m	€7,647m	€2,961m
September 2001	€4,858m	€7,487m	€2,629m
October 2001	€4,783m	€7,917m	€3,134m
November 2001 (Preliminary)	€4,330m	€7,440m	€3,110m

Exports fall back in November

Initial indications for November 2001 show unadjusted exports of €7,550m and imports of €4,750m resulting in a surplus of €2,800m. The corresponding seasonally adjusted figures are exports of €7,440m (down €477m on October) and imports of €4,330m (down €453m on October) giving a surplus of €3,110m.

On a seasonally adjusted basis (see graph and Table 2) the more final October figures, relative to September 2001, show imports decreased to €4,783m from €4,858m (down €75m) while exports increased to €7,917m from €7,487m (up €431m) giving an adjusted merchandise trade surplus of €3,134m (up €506m).

On an unadjusted basis (see Table 1) imports in October were €5,188m (€4,522m in September) and exports were €8,141m (€7,999m in September), giving a surplus of €2,952m (€3,476m in September).

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

- ◆ Imports increased from €45,484m to €47,706m (+5%). Imports of Computer equipment increased from €9,015m to €10,036m (+11%), Electrical machinery and parts increased from €5,573m to €6,438m (+16%), and of Telecommunications and sound equipment from €2,216m to €2,659m (+20%). Road vehicle imports decreased from €3,280m to €2,636m (-20%).
- ◆ Imports from Great Britain increased from €13,229m to €15,584m (+18%) and imports from France increased from €2,084m to €2,345m (+12%). Imports from Germany and the Netherlands also increased while those from Japan, Singapore and South Korea declined.
- ◆ Exports increased from €67,657m to €77,359m (+14%). Exports of Medical and pharmaceutical products increased from €4,211m to €7,653m (+82%), of Computer equipment from €15,433m to €18,286m (+18%) and of Electrical machinery and parts from €6,177m to €7,893m (+28%).
- ◆ Exports to Great Britain increased from €13,696m to €16,854m (+23%), to Germany increased from €7,318m to €10,168m (+39%) and to USA increased from €11,543m to €13,525m (+17%). Exports to France decreased from €5,163m to €4,643m (-10%).

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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	8,352.9	6,066.3	-2,286.6	63.7	43.0	82.8	77.4	93.5
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	-537.0	63.5	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	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 ²	55,860.1	83,810.0	27,949.9	274.9	401.2	128.0	115.0	89.9
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 ² 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 ³	5,267.1	7,854.7	2,587.6	299.5	447.2	132.0	115.5	87.6
November	5,476.5	8,256.7	2,780.2	309.8	485.0	133.6	112.4	84.2
December	4,900.0	7,894.0	2,993.9	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 ³	4,779.2	7,173.7	2,394.5	272.9	401.7	131.0	119.3	91.1
May	4,620.5	6,940.4	2,319.9	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
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	4,750.0	7,550.0	2,800.0

¹ Export Price Index divided by Import Price Index

² Provisional

³ Revised

⁴ 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	3,152.3	4,281.0	1,128.7	204.6	259.1
February	3,356.0	4,475.7	1,119.7	224.6	273.5
March	3,251.1	4,701.2	1,450.1	215.5	281.7
April	3,179.4	4,662.9	1,483.6	209.6	278.2
May	3,373.3	4,608.7	1,235.4	224.2	281.2
June	3,292.7	4,764.9	1,472.2	216.2	286.1
July	3,354.8	4,929.7	1,574.9	218.6	294.8
August	3,317.8	4,909.2	1,591.3	219.0	295.8
September	3,287.1	4,892.7	1,605.6	210.3	293.4
October	3,325.7	4,733.9	1,408.2	224.1	291.7
November	3,403.5	5,496.8	2,093.3	227.5	338.3
December	3,415.4	4,882.8	1,467.5	226.0	300.8
1999					
January	3,397.7	5,016.1	1,618.4	220.0	302.6
February	3,390.6	5,207.3	1,816.7	222.3	309.5
March	3,340.9	4,936.9	1,596.0	216.4	309.4
April	3,557.7	5,313.9	1,756.2	230.5	329.6
May	3,540.3	5,544.2	2,003.9	229.8	336.1
June	3,571.7	5,117.1	1,545.4	228.9	300.9
July	3,748.5	5,792.1	2,043.6	241.6	359.7
August	3,785.6	5,738.4	1,952.7	238.9	339.5
September	3,894.9	5,876.3	1,981.4	247.6	353.9
October	4,138.8	6,008.8	1,870.0	264.7	350.9
November	3,940.8	5,974.0	2,033.2	247.3	356.4
December	4,008.9	6,469.3	2,460.4	250.0	391.0
2000					
January	4,433.2	5,604.8	1,171.6	262.7	328.5
February	4,106.7	6,256.8	2,150.0	251.0	372.2
March	4,288.5	6,678.9	2,390.3	259.4	385.4
April	4,283.8	6,307.3	2,023.5	263.5	349.5
May	4,482.9	6,655.1	2,172.1	267.6	371.5
June	4,643.9	6,947.5	2,303.6	274.9	396.8
July	4,787.3	6,647.6	1,860.3	284.2	388.8
August	4,859.3	7,254.8	2,395.5	282.6	418.0
September	4,926.8	7,261.4	2,334.5	278.3	415.7
October	4,977.6	7,873.0	2,895.4	279.5	441.3
November	4,993.1	8,006.7	3,013.7	277.8	459.7
December	5,192.3	8,043.4	2,851.2	301.5	458.5
2001					
January	4,983.6	7,916.4	2,932.8	284.3	446.8
February	5,147.0	7,745.4	2,598.4	299.2	433.8
March	5,195.5	8,081.8	2,886.4	294.2	450.5
April	4,736.1	7,601.7	2,865.6	276.1	420.9
May	4,362.1	7,010.5	2,648.3	250.1	394.3
June	4,587.4	7,979.5	3,392.1	266.5	432.0
July	4,576.1	7,967.4	3,391.2	261.8	441.4
August	4,685.8	7,647.0	2,961.2	271.6	420.9
September	4,858.1	7,486.8	2,628.6	272.0	413.7
October	4,783.1	7,917.4	3,134.3	271.7	428.3
November	4,330.0	7,440.0	3,110.0

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2000. 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			
	Oct 2000	Oct 2001	Jan-Oct 2000	Jan-Oct 2001	Oct 2000	Oct 2001	Jan-Oct 2000	Jan-Oct 2001
0 Food and live animals	296.8	284.7	2,293.4	2,442.5	533.6	496.3	4,931.6	4,687.7
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	65.7	34.7	174.4	122.0	75.2	11.8	338.6	98.1
01 Meat & meat preparations	26.8	31.2	240.3	315.9	151.6	148.7	1,463.4	1,251.1
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	16.7	21.9	232.9	214.8	91.8	91.5	986.5	926.5
03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and preparations thereof	8.6	7.7	80.8	85.0	27.0	31.5	253.5	329.1
04 Cereals & cereal preparations	43.8	43.3	396.6	400.9	23.7	24.3	238.5	243.2
05 Vegetables & fruit	49.3	49.2	418.1	465.3	14.8	21.3	139.9	186.6
06 Sugars, sugar preparations & honey	13.8	18.0	116.3	139.5	7.4	8.6	81.6	90.6
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices & manufactures thereof	23.5	24.5	184.5	198.6	18.0	20.7	204.3	211.2
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl unmilled cereals)	28.3	32.2	279.0	304.9	10.3	11.6	99.2	105.2
09 Miscellaneous edible products & preparations	20.4	21.8	170.5	195.7	113.7	126.4	1,126.1	1,246.2
1 Beverages and tobacco	58.5	78.5	417.1	508.0	107.7	87.7	758.9	746.9
11 Beverages	52.0	71.1	356.9	438.0	96.0	78.3	675.2	647.3
12 Tobacco & tobacco manufactures	6.6	7.4	60.3	70.0	11.6	9.4	83.7	99.6
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	70.8	68.3	681.1	679.5	76.3	73.0	778.8	770.0
21 Hides, skins & furskins, raw	0.7	0.2	7.9	4.2	9.7	9.2	77.3	82.3
22 Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits	0.5	1.5	9.0	14.5	0.1	0.1	0.5	1.0
23 Crude rubber (incl synthetic & reclaimed)	1.8	1.3	21.3	17.1	0.3	0.1	7.6	1.4
24 Cork & wood	24.9	20.6	248.1	233.5	5.3	5.8	51.9	52.9
25 Pulp & waste paper	2.7	2.5	23.3	24.0	1.4	1.3	11.6	10.9
26 Textile fibres & their wastes	6.8	5.3	56.3	54.4	10.8	10.2	96.5	99.2
27 Crude fertilisers & minerals (excl coal, petroleum and precious stones)	13.7	15.1	112.0	111.3	1.6	5.8	28.9	26.3
28 Metalliferous ores & metal scrap	10.1	12.8	126.3	134.5	37.1	36.8	427.8	419.6
29 Crude animal & vegetable materials nes	9.5	8.9	76.9	86.0	10.2	3.8	76.5	76.5
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	176.3	254.4	1,825.7	1,902.5	26.2	35.4	230.2	250.3
32 Coal, coke & briquettes	5.9	10.5	79.9	125.4	2.1	4.3	36.9	49.1
33 Petroleum, petroleum products & related materials	148.5	217.7	1,539.8	1,499.1	23.8	31.0	191.3	198.4
34 Gas, natural & manufactured	20.2	26.2	201.8	275.4	0.2	0.1	2.0	2.7
35 Electric Current	1.6	0.0	4.2	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	9.6	10.8	102.3	102.7	2.4	2.6	22.6	18.6
41 Animal oils & fats	0.9	1.2	8.6	10.4	2.0	2.1	18.4	13.7
42 Fixed vegetable fats & oils	5.4	6.1	53.9	56.0	0.3	0.3	3.3	4.0
43 Animal or vegetable fats & oils, processed; waxes	3.3	3.5	39.8	36.2	0.1	0.2	1.0	0.8
5 Chemicals and related products nes	477.3	597.1	5,084.2	5,364.4	2,793.2	2,975.6	22,431.4	27,499.2
51 Organic chemicals	118.8	141.3	1,399.5	1,308.4	1,846.0	1,578.3	13,921.4	14,574.5
52 Inorganic chemicals	23.3	19.0	227.7	218.1	30.7	13.6	278.6	206.7
53 Dyeing, tanning & colouring materials	14.7	16.2	182.3	154.8	4.7	3.7	49.9	40.7
54 Medical & pharmaceutical products	124.8	213.4	1,246.4	1,605.5	485.8	908.5	4,210.7	7,653.1
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet & cleansing preparations	68.0	77.9	582.4	693.9	204.4	250.8	1,959.2	2,645.9
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	9.5	10.1	188.7	171.5	2.7	2.1	30.4	37.9
57 Plastics in primary forms	46.4	46.4	458.2	460.6	16.9	15.8	165.3	164.0
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	33.5	35.5	335.1	351.9	14.7	15.4	180.8	192.3
59 Chemical materials & products nes	38.3	37.1	464.0	399.7	187.2	187.4	1,635.1	1,984.1

Table 3 Trade classified by Commodity - continued

EUR million

SITC (Rev 3)	Imports				Exports			
	Oct 2000	Oct 2001	Jan-Oct 2000	Jan-Oct 2001	Oct 2000	Oct 2001	Jan-Oct 2000	Jan-Oct 2001
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	389.9	384.6	3,616.2	3,678.6	182.7	164.3	1,641.6	1,655.4
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	0.8	1.5	10.0	9.8	7.3	7.6	60.2	64.3
62 Rubber manufactures nes	21.4	19.9	195.4	182.8	9.5	8.9	96.7	98.3
63 Cork & wood manufactures (excl furniture)	21.6	23.6	192.5	199.9	14.2	15.5	111.0	143.5
64 Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	75.6	76.9	690.9	692.6	16.7	14.6	154.2	158.8
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles & related products	54.5	52.3	501.8	500.9	46.3	41.8	416.4	402.5
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	49.2	46.3	473.5	453.3	36.3	27.3	292.7	287.1
67 Iron & steel	49.1	48.9	463.1	473.7	10.9	3.8	108.3	85.7
68 Non-ferrous metals	31.3	36.9	309.5	397.8	6.8	4.3	78.7	69.5
69 Manufactures of metals nes	86.4	78.1	779.4	767.9	34.7	40.5	323.6	345.8
7 Machinery and transport equipment	2,946.0	2,613.8	23,910.9	25,350.3	3,008.0	3,311.3	26,759.6	31,472.0
71 Power generating machinery & equipment	73.3	39.9	628.2	587.4	35.3	38.9	305.1	351.3
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	82.5	79.8	896.5	907.8	22.3	22.7	266.3	277.9
73 Metalworking machinery	15.4	11.2	176.7	123.0	4.4	7.9	52.0	48.8
74 General industrial machinery & equipment nes & parts nes	116.7	95.5	1,126.7	996.1	72.7	83.0	851.5	845.0
75 Office machines & automatic data processing machines	1,241.8	1,209.6	9,015.5	10,035.6	1,662.0	2,023.6	15,432.7	18,286.0
76 Telecommunications & sound equipment	270.1	281.9	2,215.9	2,659.0	244.6	333.6	2,925.3	3,010.6
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus & appliances nes & parts	829.2	647.8	5,573.5	6,438.4	893.5	735.6	6,177.2	7,893.4
78 Road vehicles (incl air-cushion vehicles)	279.1	208.5	3,280.3	2,635.7	47.9	51.3	501.3	579.4
79 Other transport equipment	37.8	39.6	997.7	967.5	25.2	14.7	248.2	179.5
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	558.8	608.1	4,804.4	5,118.4	812.0	671.0	7,168.0	7,343.1
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing & electrical fixtures & fittings	19.3	21.3	175.5	184.9	7.1	7.7	70.8	73.5
82 Furniture & parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	30.4	29.8	265.8	275.0	10.0	11.5	92.8	92.8
83 Travel goods, handbags & similar containers	10.0	9.4	70.0	91.5	1.6	1.4	13.7	14.5
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	137.9	150.6	1,103.4	1,123.2	30.6	33.7	289.9	291.8
85 Footwear	23.9	26.7	236.1	228.7	2.4	3.6	27.3	29.5
87 Professional, scientific & controlling apparatus nes	112.8	104.1	972.8	846.2	163.7	174.7	1,395.1	1,527.4
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches & clocks	32.1	21.4	302.5	262.1	38.9	45.9	386.2	396.0
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	192.4	244.9	1,678.3	2,106.9	557.7	392.6	4,892.2	4,917.6
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	101.5	116.5	938.3	1,020.0	232.9	248.9	2,160.0	2,312.2
Unclassified estimates¹	181.6	171.2	1,810.1	1,539.1	79.7	74.3	773.9	603.3
Total	5,267.1	5,188.1	45,483.6	47,706.1	7,854.7	8,140.6	67,656.7	77,358.6

¹ Estimates for which a commodity classification is not available.

Table 4 Trade by Country

EUR million

Country	Imports				Exports			
	Oct 2000	Oct 2001	Jan-Oct 2000	Jan-Oct 2001	Oct 2000	Oct 2001	Jan-Oct 2000	Jan-Oct 2001
Great Britain	1,660.5	1,914.3	13,229.1	15,583.6	1,756.3	2,110.9	13,695.9	16,854.1
Northern Ireland	104.6	101.2	999.8	1,025.8	143.3	133.0	1,508.8	1,405.3
Austria	10.1	8.8	114.2	127.5	35.3	28.1	389.7	331.8
Belgium	70.9	64.1	767.5	702.2	387.7	260.2	3,481.7	3,295.6
Luxembourg	2.8	1.0	9.2	8.7	4.5	5.9	26.9	90.0
Denmark	62.5	99.4	520.2	621.8	50.7	44.1	494.0	484.6
Finland	34.2	60.0	291.5	349.1	32.5	32.3	323.8	302.5
France	222.0	192.9	2,084.3	2,344.6	542.7	416.4	5,163.1	4,643.2
Germany	268.1	301.8	2,692.8	2,950.1	683.8	956.0	7,318.1	10,168.3
Greece	2.2	3.8	32.3	36.0	20.8	24.5	246.2	280.0
Italy	137.5	101.3	1,044.6	948.9	270.6	321.1	2,670.5	2,726.0
Netherlands	190.2	175.0	1,426.5	1,621.3	341.7	282.9	3,777.8	3,512.2
Portugal	15.5	14.6	112.6	128.5	29.5	29.2	208.8	233.4
Spain	54.1	48.9	594.2	539.2	202.5	194.8	1,677.0	1,895.8
Sweden	47.1	37.7	509.6	428.6	121.7	114.8	1,094.6	1,033.5
EU Country not specified	62.6	46.6	517.0	472.8	0.1	0.1	0.9	1.5
Total EU	2,945.0	3,171.4	24,945.6	27,888.8	4,623.8	4,954.3	42,077.7	47,257.7
Australia	8.4	8.0	63.0	75.4	51.4	122.8	481.6	719.2
Brazil	12.6	10.4	97.9	109.4	12.8	9.0	162.4	194.0
Canada	50.5	39.7	410.8	518.4	29.7	69.8	291.9	487.1
China	107.3	113.8	704.4	870.2	19.1	58.0	131.4	232.6
Czech Republic	9.7	8.5	88.5	99.4	25.4	24.2	278.3	216.7
Egypt	1.3	0.8	11.1	23.8	24.3	8.7	199.5	105.3
Hong Kong	60.6	43.6	528.0	436.4	53.7	54.7	472.8	564.4
Hungary	29.4	35.3	224.4	344.8	19.5	14.2	189.2	146.2
India	14.0	13.9	108.9	129.6	18.8	8.3	93.9	93.5
Israel	32.4	39.4	252.2	224.8	34.4	19.8	336.3	300.7
Japan	202.3	160.5	2,202.4	1,708.6	279.8	189.2	2,554.0	2,683.6
Malaysia	69.6	36.7	538.1	548.4	55.8	94.9	604.9	933.3
Mexico	16.6	22.7	107.0	196.3	18.7	36.1	216.3	473.4
Norway	54.8	112.5	899.8	829.9	57.2	48.8	499.4	501.3
Philippines	88.4	13.1	362.7	253.7	73.4	53.6	485.2	694.0
Poland	7.5	9.8	82.5	100.7	37.9	31.7	287.2	258.9
Russia	1.2	1.0	8.2	22.1	16.1	26.6	140.5	198.3
Saudi Arabia	0.1	0.2	1.6	1.8	25.3	26.9	296.2	335.1
Singapore	216.9	99.4	1,576.1	1,152.8	44.0	57.2	420.5	516.2
South Africa	6.1	12.7	90.8	88.7	37.2	46.6	327.9	349.9
South Korea	127.8	69.5	1,095.8	687.3	95.9	53.2	854.0	593.9
Switzerland	34.5	39.0	320.8	385.2	205.1	218.4	1,608.2	2,502.8
Taiwan	96.9	106.5	789.4	862.2	16.1	30.4	159.3	305.4
Thailand	30.6	33.2	191.0	273.5	11.4	18.2	111.5	119.9
Turkey	12.7	14.6	100.8	115.9	35.1	33.5	313.6	266.1
USA	797.9	706.6	7,524.5	7,459.8	1,646.8	1,544.5	11,542.7	13,524.5
Other countries ¹	89.4	140.0	860.4	1,050.0	185.2	169.9	1,594.8	1,707.9
Country unknown ²	9.0	14.5	78.8	99.5	35.0	46.6	273.4	377.7
Unclassified estimates ³	133.7	110.8	1,218.3	1,148.6	66.1	70.8	652.0	699.1
Total	5,267.1	5,188.1	45,483.6	47,706.1	7,854.7	8,140.6	67,656.7	77,358.6

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			
	Oct 2000	Oct 2001	Jan-Oct 2000	Jan-Oct 2001	Oct 2000	Oct 2001	Jan-Oct 2000	Jan-Oct 2001
0 Food and live animals	233.8	224.2	1,806.2	1,923.6	420.3	390.9	3,884.0	3,691.8
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	51.7	27.3	137.3	96.1	59.2	9.3	266.7	77.3
01 Meat & meat preparations	21.1	24.6	189.2	248.8	119.4	117.1	1,152.5	985.3
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	13.1	17.3	183.5	169.2	72.3	72.0	776.9	729.7
03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and preparations thereof	6.8	6.1	63.6	66.9	21.3	24.8	199.6	259.2
04 Cereals & cereal preparations	34.5	34.1	312.4	315.7	18.7	19.2	187.8	191.5
05 Vegetables & fruit	38.8	38.8	329.2	366.4	11.7	16.7	110.2	146.9
06 Sugars, sugar preparations & honey	10.9	14.2	91.6	109.9	5.8	6.8	64.3	71.3
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices & manufactures thereof	18.5	19.3	145.3	156.4	14.2	16.3	160.9	166.3
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl unmilled cereals)	22.3	25.4	219.7	240.1	8.1	9.1	78.1	82.9
09 Miscellaneous edible products & preparations	16.1	17.1	134.3	154.1	89.6	99.5	886.9	981.5
1 Beverages and tobacco	46.1	61.8	328.5	400.1	84.8	69.1	597.7	588.3
11 Beverages	40.9	56.0	281.1	345.0	75.6	61.7	531.7	509.8
12 Tobacco & tobacco manufactures	5.2	5.8	47.5	55.2	9.2	7.4	65.9	78.5
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	55.7	53.8	536.4	535.1	60.1	57.5	613.3	606.4
21 Hides, skins & furskins, raw	0.5	0.1	6.2	3.3	7.6	7.3	60.9	64.8
22 Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits	0.4	1.2	7.1	11.4	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.8
23 Crude rubber (incl synthetic & reclaimed)	1.4	1.1	16.8	13.4	0.2	0.1	6.0	1.1
24 Cork & wood	19.6	16.2	195.4	183.9	4.1	4.6	40.9	41.7
25 Pulp & waste paper	2.2	2.0	18.4	18.9	1.1	1.0	9.1	8.6
26 Textile fibres & their wastes	5.3	4.2	44.3	42.9	8.5	8.0	76.0	78.1
27 Crude fertilisers & minerals (excl coal, petroleum and precious stones)	10.8	11.9	88.2	87.6	1.3	4.5	22.8	20.7
28 Metalliferous ores & metal scrap	8.0	10.1	99.5	105.9	29.2	29.0	336.9	330.4
29 Crude animal & vegetable materials nes	7.5	7.0	60.6	67.8	8.0	3.0	60.2	60.2
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	138.8	200.4	1,437.8	1,498.4	20.6	27.9	181.3	197.1
32 Coal, coke & briquettes	4.6	8.3	62.9	98.7	1.7	3.4	29.1	38.7
33 Petroleum, petroleum products & related materials	117.0	171.4	1,212.7	1,180.7	18.8	24.4	150.7	156.3
34 Gas, natural & manufactured	15.9	20.6	158.9	216.9	0.2	0.1	1.5	2.1
35 Electric Current	1.3	0.0	3.3	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	7.6	8.5	80.6	80.9	1.9	2.1	17.8	14.6
41 Animal oils & fats	0.7	0.9	6.8	8.2	1.6	1.6	14.5	10.8
42 Fixed vegetable fats & oils	4.2	4.8	42.4	44.1	0.2	0.3	2.6	3.2
43 Animal or vegetable fats & oils, processed; waxes	2.6	2.8	31.4	28.5	0.1	0.2	0.8	0.7
5 Chemicals and related products nes	375.9	470.2	4,004.1	4,224.8	2,199.8	2,343.5	17,666.1	21,657.4
51 Organic chemicals	93.6	111.3	1,102.2	1,030.5	1,453.8	1,243.0	10,964.0	11,478.4
52 Inorganic chemicals	18.4	15.0	179.3	171.8	24.2	10.7	219.5	162.8
53 Dyeing, tanning & colouring materials	11.6	12.7	143.6	121.9	3.7	2.9	39.3	32.0
54 Medical & pharmaceutical products	98.3	168.1	981.6	1,264.4	382.6	715.5	3,316.2	6,027.3
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet & cleansing preparations	53.6	61.3	458.7	546.5	161.0	197.5	1,543.0	2,083.8
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	7.4	8.0	148.6	135.1	2.1	1.7	23.9	29.8
57 Plastics in primary forms	36.5	36.6	360.8	362.8	13.3	12.5	130.2	129.2
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	26.4	28.0	263.9	277.1	11.6	12.1	142.4	151.4
59 Chemical materials & products nes	30.1	29.3	365.4	314.8	147.5	147.6	1,287.7	1,562.6

Table 5 Trade classified by Commodity - continued

£ million

SITC (Rev 3)	Imports				Exports			
	Oct 2000	Oct 2001	Jan-Oct 2000	Jan-Oct 2001	Oct 2000	Oct 2001	Jan-Oct 2000	Jan-Oct 2001
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	307.0	302.9	2,848.0	2,897.1	143.9	129.4	1,292.9	1,303.7
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	0.6	1.2	7.9	7.7	5.7	6.0	47.4	50.6
62 Rubber manufactures nes	16.8	15.7	153.9	144.0	7.5	7.0	76.2	77.4
63 Cork & wood manufactures (excl furniture)	17.0	18.6	151.6	157.5	11.2	12.2	87.4	113.0
64 Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	59.5	60.6	544.2	545.4	13.2	11.5	121.4	125.1
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles & related products	43.0	41.2	395.2	394.5	36.5	32.9	328.0	317.0
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	38.8	36.5	372.9	357.0	28.6	21.5	230.5	226.1
67 Iron & steel	38.6	38.5	364.7	373.0	8.6	3.0	85.3	67.5
68 Non-ferrous metals	24.6	29.1	243.8	313.3	5.3	3.4	61.9	54.7
69 Manufactures of metals nes	68.1	61.5	613.8	604.8	27.4	31.9	254.8	272.3
7 Machinery and transport equipment	2,320.1	2,058.6	18,831.4	19,965.0	2,369.0	2,607.9	21,074.9	24,786.2
71 Power generating machinery & equipment	57.8	31.4	494.8	462.6	27.8	30.7	240.3	276.6
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	65.0	62.8	706.0	714.9	17.6	17.9	209.7	218.8
73 Metalworking machinery	12.1	8.8	139.2	96.9	3.5	6.2	40.9	38.5
74 General industrial machinery & equipment nes & parts nes	91.9	75.2	887.3	784.5	57.3	65.4	670.6	665.5
75 Office machines & automatic data processing machines	978.0	952.7	7,100.2	7,903.7	1,309.0	1,593.7	12,154.2	14,401.4
76 Telecommunications & sound equipment	212.7	222.0	1,745.1	2,094.1	192.6	262.8	2,303.9	2,371.0
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus & appliances nes & parts	653.1	510.2	4,389.5	5,070.6	703.7	579.3	4,865.0	6,216.6
78 Road vehicles (incl air-cushion vehicles)	219.8	164.2	2,583.5	2,075.8	37.7	40.4	394.8	456.3
79 Other transport equipment	29.8	31.2	785.7	762.0	19.9	11.6	195.5	141.3
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	440.1	478.9	3,783.7	4,031.1	639.5	528.5	5,645.3	5,783.1
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing & electrical fixtures & fittings	15.2	16.8	138.2	145.6	5.6	6.1	55.8	57.9
82 Furniture & parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	23.9	23.5	209.4	216.6	7.8	9.1	73.1	73.1
83 Travel goods, handbags & similar containers	7.9	7.4	55.1	72.0	1.3	1.1	10.8	11.4
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	108.6	118.6	869.0	884.6	24.1	26.6	228.3	229.8
85 Footwear	18.8	21.0	185.9	180.1	1.9	2.8	21.5	23.2
87 Professional, scientific & controlling apparatus nes	88.9	82.0	766.1	666.4	129.0	137.5	1,098.7	1,202.9
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches & clocks	25.3	16.8	238.2	206.4	30.6	36.2	304.1	311.8
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	151.5	192.9	1,321.7	1,659.3	439.2	309.2	3,852.9	3,873.0
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	80.0	91.8	739.0	803.3	183.4	196.0	1,701.1	1,821.0
Unclassified estimates¹	143.1	134.9	1,425.6	1,212.2	62.8	58.5	609.5	475.1
Total	4,148.2	4,085.9	35,821.2	37,571.6	6,186.1	6,411.2	53,283.9	60,924.9

¹ Estimates for which a commodity classification is not available.

Table 6 Trade by Country

£ million

Country	Imports				Exports			
	Oct 2000	Oct 2001	Jan-Oct 2000	Jan-Oct 2001	Oct 2000	Oct 2001	Jan-Oct 2000	Jan-Oct 2001
Great Britain	1,307.8	1,507.6	10,418.8	12,273.1	1,383.2	1,662.4	10,786.4	13,273.7
Northern Ireland	82.4	79.7	787.4	807.9	112.9	104.8	1,188.3	1,106.8
Austria	7.9	6.9	90.0	100.4	27.8	22.1	306.9	261.3
Belgium	55.9	50.5	604.5	553.0	305.4	204.9	2,742.0	2,595.5
Luxembourg	2.2	0.8	7.3	6.9	3.6	4.7	21.2	70.9
Denmark	49.2	78.2	409.7	489.7	39.9	34.8	389.0	381.7
Finland	26.9	47.2	229.6	274.9	25.6	25.4	255.0	238.2
France	174.9	151.9	1,641.5	1,846.5	427.4	327.9	4,066.3	3,656.8
Germany	211.2	237.7	2,120.7	2,323.4	538.5	752.9	5,763.5	8,008.2
Greece	1.8	3.0	25.4	28.4	16.4	19.3	193.9	220.5
Italy	108.3	79.8	822.7	747.3	213.1	252.9	2,103.2	2,146.9
Netherlands	149.8	137.8	1,123.5	1,276.9	269.1	222.8	2,975.2	2,766.0
Portugal	12.2	11.5	88.7	101.2	23.3	23.0	164.4	183.8
Spain	42.6	38.5	467.9	424.7	159.5	153.4	1,320.7	1,493.1
Sweden	37.1	29.7	401.3	337.6	95.8	90.4	862.0	814.0
EU Country not specified	49.3	36.7	407.2	372.3	0.1	0.1	0.7	1.2
Total EU	2,319.4	2,497.7	19,646.2	21,964.2	3,641.5	3,901.8	33,138.9	37,218.5
Australia	6.6	6.3	49.6	59.4	40.5	96.7	379.3	566.4
Brazil	10.0	8.2	77.1	86.2	10.1	7.1	127.9	152.8
Canada	39.8	31.3	323.5	408.3	23.4	55.0	229.9	383.7
China	84.5	89.6	554.8	685.3	15.1	45.7	103.5	183.2
Czech Republic	7.7	6.7	69.7	78.3	20.0	19.1	219.2	170.7
Egypt	1.0	0.7	8.7	18.7	19.1	6.8	157.2	82.9
Hong Kong	47.7	34.3	415.8	343.7	42.3	43.1	372.3	444.5
Hungary	23.1	27.8	176.7	271.6	15.4	11.2	149.0	115.1
India	11.0	10.9	85.7	102.1	14.8	6.5	73.9	73.7
Israel	25.5	31.0	198.6	177.1	27.1	15.6	264.8	236.8
Japan	159.3	126.4	1,734.5	1,345.6	220.3	149.0	2,011.4	2,113.5
Malaysia	54.8	28.9	423.8	431.9	43.9	74.7	476.4	735.0
Mexico	13.0	17.9	84.3	154.6	14.7	28.4	170.3	372.8
Norway	43.2	88.6	708.6	653.6	45.1	38.4	393.3	394.8
Philippines	69.6	10.3	285.7	199.8	57.8	42.2	382.1	546.6
Poland	5.9	7.7	65.0	79.3	29.8	24.9	226.2	203.9
Russia	0.9	0.8	6.4	17.4	12.7	20.9	110.6	156.1
Saudi Arabia	0.1	0.1	1.2	1.4	19.9	21.2	233.2	263.9
Singapore	170.8	78.3	1,241.3	907.9	34.6	45.0	331.2	406.6
South Africa	4.8	10.0	71.5	69.9	29.3	36.7	258.3	275.6
South Korea	100.7	54.7	863.0	541.3	75.5	41.9	672.6	467.7
Switzerland	27.1	30.7	252.6	303.4	161.5	172.0	1,266.6	1,971.1
Taiwan	76.3	83.8	621.7	679.1	12.7	23.9	125.5	240.5
Thailand	24.1	26.2	150.4	215.4	9.0	14.3	87.8	94.4
Turkey	10.0	11.5	79.4	91.3	27.6	26.4	247.0	209.6
USA	628.4	556.5	5,926.0	5,875.1	1,297.0	1,216.4	9,090.6	10,651.4
Other countries ¹	70.4	110.3	677.6	827.0	145.8	133.8	1,256.0	1,345.1
Country unknown ²	7.1	11.4	62.0	78.4	27.6	36.7	215.3	297.5
Unclassified estimates ³	105.3	87.3	959.5	904.6	52.1	55.8	513.5	550.6
Total	4,148.2	4,085.9	35,821.2	37,571.6	6,186.1	6,411.2	53,283.9	60,924.9

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 ²	43,993.4	66,005.7	22,012.3			
2000 ² 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 ³	4,148.2	6,186.1	2,037.9	3,920.2	6,200.5	2,280.3
November	4,313.1	6,502.7	2,189.6	3,932.4	6,305.8	2,373.5
December	3,859.1	6,217.0	2,357.9	4,089.3	6,334.7	2,245.5
2001 ² 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	3,763.9	5,649.7	1,885.8	3,730.0	5,986.8	2,256.8
May	3,638.9	5,466.0	1,827.1	3,435.4	5,521.2	2,085.7
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 ⁴	3,740.0	5,950.0	2,210.0	3,410.0	5,860.0	2,450.0

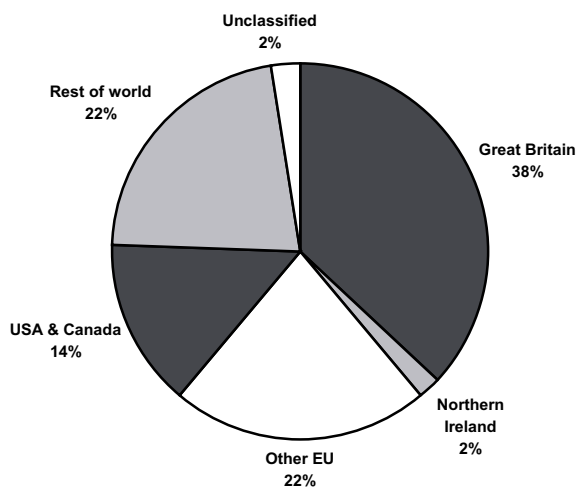
¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2000

² Provisional

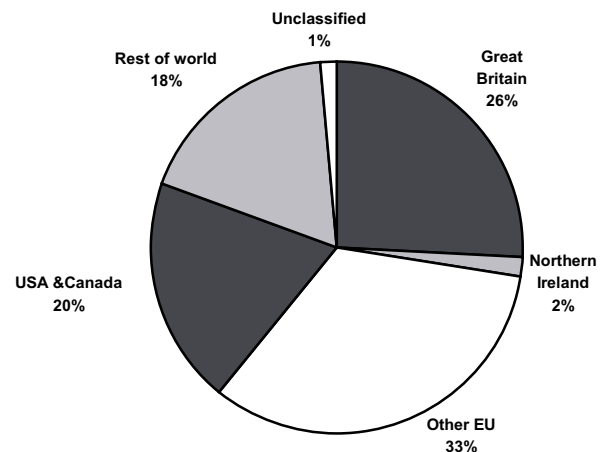
³ Revised

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

Imports, October 2001 (See Table 4)



Exports, October 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 6,780 while about 2,000 must make an export return. The response rate in terms of number of traders in October 2001 was 77%, covering an estimated 94% 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.