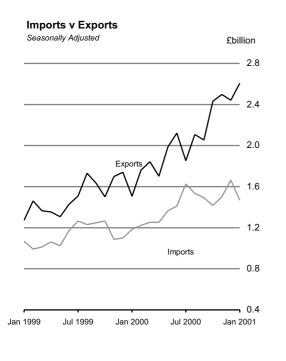


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# Trade with Non-EU Countries January 2001

		Seasonally Adjusted
	Imports	Exports
Oct 2000	£1,416m	£2,432m
Nov 2000	£1,502m	£2,497m
Dec 2000	£1,664m	£2,441m
Jan 2001	£1,467m	£2,607m

#### Non-EU trade maintains strength in January 2001

On a seasonally adjusted basis (*see graph*), Ireland's exports to non-EU countries rose to £2,607m in January 2001 from £2,441m in December 2000 and imports fell to £1,467m from £1,664m.

The unadjusted exports to non-EU countries were valued at  $\pounds 2,283$  m in January 2001, 73% higher than the low of  $\pounds 1,323$  m recorded in January 2000. Imports were  $\pounds 1,573$  m in January 2001, 31% higher than the  $\pounds 1,201$  m recorded in January 2000.

Comparing January 2001 with January 2000 shows (see Tables 3 and 4):

- ♦ Exports increased from £1,323m to £2,283m (+73%). Exports to the USA increased from £566m to £1,153m (+104%) and exports to Switzerland increased from £61m to £131m (+116%).
- Exports of Organic chemicals increased from £230m to £801m (+249%). Exports of Electrical Machinery increased from £185m to £313m (+69%). Exports of Telecommunications and sound equipment fell from £60m to £48m (-20%).
- ◆ Imports increased from £1201m to £1,573m (+31%). Imports from USA increased from £445m to £611m (+37%) and imports from Malaysia increased from £38m to £64m (+69%). Imports from Philippines fell from £14m to £11m (-23%).
- ◆ Imports of Computer equipment increased from £323m to £415m (+29%) and imports of Electrical machinery increased from £203m to £287m (+41%). Imports of Transport equipment other than road vehicles fell from £24m to £12m (-50%).

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Table 1	Summary	of trade with	non-EU Countries
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	Value		Volume Inc	dex	Price Ind	ex	
Period		· · ·		Bas	se 1990=100		
	Imports £m	Exports £m	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Terms of Trade <sup>1</sup>
1996	8,008.2	8,798.4	196.1	226.7	111.8	107.5	96.2
1997	9,975.4	11,105.4	245.6	282.6	111.2	108.9	97.9
1998	12,570.9	14,037.4	307.0	341.5	112.1	113.9	101.6
1999	13,465.4	17,958.5	315.1	428.1	117.0	116.2	99.3
2000	16,850.3	24,333.4					
2000 January	1,200.7	1,323.0	326.2	378.8	120.9	116.1	96.0
February	1,181.6	1,699.5	324.3	460.9	119.7	122.6	102.4
March	1,359.2	1,911.1	353.2	513.9	126.4	123.6	97.8
April	1,209.2	1,688.0	319.3	452.9	124.4	123.9	99.6
May	1,443.9	1,940.1	363.3	523.6	130.5	123.2	94.4
June	1,386.6	2,258.5	340.2	596.5	133.9	125.9	94.0
July	1,509.4	2,006.0	378.2	536.8	131.1	124.2	94.7
August	1,404.8	2,025.7	349.7	539.5	132.0	124.8	94.6
September	1,463.2	2,283.1	363.4	599.8	132.2	126.5	95.7
October	1,514.3	2,492.7	369.8	666.9	134.5	124.3	92.4
November	1,626.3	2,599.5	396.8	697.9	134.6	123.8	92.0
December	1,551.2	2,106.4	392.9	553.8	129.7	126.5	97.5
2001 January	1,573.2	2,283.4					

## Table 2 Seasonally adjusted<sup>2</sup> trade with non-EU Countries

	Valu	e	Volume Index	
Period			Base 1990=100	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
	£m	£m		
2000 January	1,183.8	1,506.8	323.1	434.4
February	1,223.0	1,761.1	335.5	477.6
March	1,252.0	1,842.9	335.4	503.8
April	1,252.3	1,701.6	335.2	472.3
May	1,365.0	1,985.8	347.5	551.7
June	1,410.9	2,122.7	357.7	571.9
July	1,626.3	1,852.3	408.5	488.9
August	1,534.0	2,107.9	389.4	561.4
September	1,492.9	2,053.1	374.2	525.2
October	1,416.0	2,431.9	327.3	640.0
November	1,501.7	2,497.1	362.1	651.6
December	1,664.0	2,440.8	396.5	632.9
2001 January	1,467.2	2,606.6		

Export Price Index divided by Import Price Index
 Data not yet available
 Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2000

				£ million	
	Impo	rts	Exports		
Country	Jan 2000	Jan 2001	Jan 2000	Jan 2001	
Australia	2.7	3.6	15.7	32.7	
Brazil	4.3	5.5	8.4	10.3	
Canada	38.9	35.7	23.0	33.9	
China	43.0	68.5	7.9	19.0	
Czech Republic	6.4	8.5	16.1	17.2	
Egypt	0.7	2.1	4.3	16.3	
Hong Kong	32.5	40.3	24.2	35.0	
Hungary	24.2	23.5	15.1	14.2	
India	6.7	11.1	3.8	8.4	
Israel	13.5	15.1	32.1	42.3	
Japan	160.4	167.5	146.1	174.8	
Malaysia	37.7	63.9	50.5	86.9	
Mexico	4.7	12.7	10.0	33.9	
Norway	31.6	57.8	42.1	51.5	
Philippines	14.2	10.9	30.7	39.4	
Poland	4.0	9.5	21.2	26.4	
Russia	0.2	3.2	13.7	14.5	
Saudi Arabia	0.0	0.1	18.9	26.8	
Singapore	98.7	122.4	25.3	33.6	
South Africa	11.5	6.7	18.2	25.3	
South Korea	57.1	77.9	35.3	50.0	
Switzerland	18.8	38.7	60.6	130.7	
Taiwan	54.7	61.4	8.0	15.8	
Thailand	11.6	20.3	5.9	12.1	
Turkey	6.1	10.0	20.2	25.5	
USA	444.8	611.4	565.9	1,153.5	
EU Member States <sup>1</sup>	11.4	8.3	-	_	
Other countries <sup>2</sup>	55.1	69.3	84.4	129.4	
Country unknown <sup>3</sup>	5.1	7.2	15.4	24.3	
Total	1,200.7	1,573.2	1,323.0	2,283.4	

## Table 3 Trade with Non-EU Countries classified by Country

<sup>1</sup> EU member state products imported from a non-EU country.

<sup>2</sup> Other non-EU countries not listed individually.

 $^{\mbox{\scriptsize 3}}$  Trade for which the country of origin or country of final destination is unknown.

#### Table 4 Trade with Non-EU Countries classified by Commodity

				£ million
-	Import	S	Expo	rts
SITC (Rev 3)	Jan 2000	Jan 2001	Jan 2000	Jan 2001
0 Food and live animals	37.7	24.4	68.6	94.4
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	11.1	3.6	5.8	1.1
01 Meat & meat preparations	0.4	1.1	9.1	12.6
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	0.1	0.0	5.3	6.3
03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and preparations				
thereof	0.3	0.3	4.3	9.4
04 Cereals & cereal preparations	0.2	0.2	2.3	2.3
05 Vegetables & fruit	2.9	2.6	0.1	0.0
06 Sugars, sugar preparations & honey	0.1	1.6	1.4	1.2
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices & manufactures				
thereof	3.3	3.0	2.3	3.3
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl unmilled cereals)	18.1	10.1	0.4	0.5
09 Miscellaneous edible products & preparations	1.4	1.9	37.5	57.7
1 Beverages and tobacco	3.1	4.0	15.0	22.0
11 Beverages	3.1	4.0	15.0	21.6
12 Tobacco & tobacco manufactures	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.4
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	20.3	26.6	8.3	18.4
21 Hides, skins & furskins, raw	_	0.0	0.9	1.1
22 Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits	0.2	0.1	-	0.0
23 Crude rubber (incl synthetic & reclaimed)	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.0
24 Cork & wood	7.9	8.1	-	0.0
25 Pulp & waste paper	3.2	1.8	0.2	0.2
26 Textile fibres & their wastes	1.3	2.0	0.9	0.5
27 Crude fertilisers & minerals (excl coal,				
petroleum and precious stones)	2.5	2.7	1.2	0.2
28 Metalliferous ores & metal scrap	4.0	9.6	4.7	11.8
29 Crude animal & vegetable	4.0	4 7	0.4	4.0
materials nes	1.0	1.7	0.4	4.6
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	16.6	45.6	8.9	7.6
32 Coal, coke & briquettes	5.5	4.4	0.2	0.5
33 Petroleum, petroleum products & related				
materials	11.1	41.2	8.7	7.1
34 Gas, natural & manufactured	0.1	0.0	-	-
35 Electric Current	-	—	_	-
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	0.7	1.5	0.0	_
41 Animal oils & fats	-	-	0.0	-
42 Fixed vegetable fats & oils	0.5	0.7	-	-
43 Animal or vegetable fats & oils, processed; waxes	0.2	0.8	_	_
5 Chemicals and related products nes	110.3	152.6	407.2	1,028.4
51 Organic chemicals	59.2	68.0	229.7	801.5
52 Inorganic chemicals	4.3	3.4	0.1	2.1
53 Dyeing, tanning & colouring materials	6.4	1.2	0.8	1.2
54 Medical & pharmaceutical products	16.6	42.3	125.8	125.5
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet & cleansing preparations	2.6	4.3	27.3	52.1
56 Fertilisers (other than those of	2.0	т.5	21.0	52.1

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## Table 4 Trade with Non-EU Countries classified by Commodity -- Continued

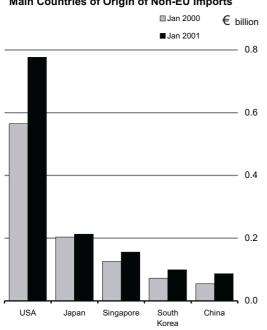
				£ million
	Impo	rts	Expo	rts
SITC (Rev 3)	Jan 2000	Jan 2001	Jan 2000	Jan 2001
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by	47.0	50.0	25.0	20.0
material 61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed	47.2	58.8	25.9	32.6
furskins	0.1	0.4	1.2	0.5
62 Rubber manufactures nes	3.8	4.1	1.2	1.1
63 Cork & wood manufactures (excl furniture)	4.7	6.7	0.9	0.8
64 Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	2.7	3.1	2.7	2.7
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles & related				
products	8.4	8.6	7.1	8.4
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	5.8	9.7	7.4	11.8
67 Iron & steel	3.1	6.2	0.4	0.6
68 Non-ferrous metals	3.8	6.2	0.7	1.1
69 Manufactures of metals nes	14.7	13.7	3.7	5.5
7 Machinery and transport equipment	786.3	1,028.5	570.9	788.4
71 Power generating machinery & equipment	32.7	54.7	8.5	14.0
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	15.5	19.3	11.7	10.2
73 Metalworking machinery	7.2	6.1	2.6	2.0
74 General industrial machinery & equipment nes				
& parts nes	28.7	23.6	13.7	26.0
75 Office machines & automatic data processing				
machines	323.3	415.4	274.0	364.4
76 Telecommunications & sound equipment	82.0	138.1	60.1	48.4
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus & appliances				
nes & parts	203.0	286.9	185.3	313.3
78 Road vehicles (incl air-cushion vehicles)	69.5	72.2	0.4	0.7
79 Other transport equipment	24.4	12.1	14.5	9.4
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	123.2	174.2	169.9	220.5
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing & electrical fixtures &	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
fittings 82 Furniture & parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	1.0 4.7	1.9 5.3	0.3 0.5	0.9 1.0
83 Travel goods, handbags & similar containers	4.7	5.3 6.5	0.5	0.3
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	20.7	29.5	3.9	5.3
85 Footwear	20.7	4.1	0.3	0.1
87 Professional, scientific & controlling apparatus	2.1	7.1	0.0	0.1
nes	43.4	52.9	52.6	52.1
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches	40.4	02.0	02.0	02.1
& clocks	11.2	19.3	10.8	13.2
89 Miscellaneous manufactured				
articles nes	38.3	54.7	101.4	147.7
9 Commodities and transactions not classified				
elsewhere	55.3	56.9	48.3	71.1
Total	1,200.7	1,573.2	1,323.0	2,283.4

				€ million <sup>1</sup>
	Unac	ljusted	Seasonally Adjusted	
Period	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
1995	9,630.1	9,288.1	·	
1996	10,168.3	11,171.7		
1997	12,666.1	14,100.9		
1998	15,961.8	17,823.8		
1999	17,097.5	22,802.6		
2000	21,395.5	30,897.0		
2000 January	1,524.6	1,679.9	1,503.2	1,913.3
February	1,500.3	2,157.9	1,552.9	2,236.2
March	1,725.8	2,426.6	1,589.7	2,340.0
April	1,535.4	2,143.3	1,590.0	2,160.6
May	1,833.4	2,463.4	1,733.2	2,521.4
June	1,760.6	2,867.7	1,791.4	2,695.2
July	1,916.5	2,547.1	2,065.0	2,351.9
August	1,783.7	2,572.1	1,947.8	2,676.5
September	1,857.9	2,898.9	1,895.6	2,607.0
October	1,922.8	3,165.1	1,797.9	3,087.9
November	2,065.0	3,300.7	1,906.7	3,170.7
December	1,969.6	2,674.6	2,112.9	3,099.2
2001 January	1,997.6	2,899.3	1,862.9	3,309.7

#### Table 5 Summary of trade with non-EU Countries (in Euro currency)

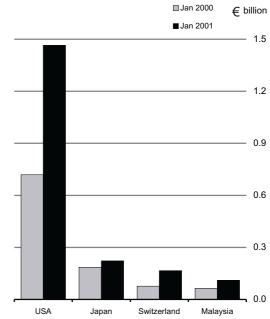
<sup>1</sup> Converted at the European Union official exchange rate conversion factor, fixed at 0.787564, effective from 1 January 1999

<sup>2</sup> Based on Seasonal patterns up to December 2000



#### Main Countries of Origin of Non-EU Imports

#### Main Countries of Destination of Non-EU Exports



# **Background Notes**

**Introduction** The data in this release relate only to trade with non-EU countries, which is subject to Customs documentation. Estimates for trade by companies operating in the Shannon Free Zone and for parcel post trade are also included. About 35% of total external trade is covered. Up to the end of 1992, statistics of Ireland's external trade were collected almost entirely from Customs documentation. Following the completion of the single market at the end of 1992, trade statistics with EU member states and trade statistics with non-EU countries are compiled from different sources.

The trade statistics with non-EU countries are for the most part compiled, in a similar manner as previously, from the returns provided by importers and exporters (or their agents) to the Customs authorities. These returns give value and quantity information classified according to the headings of the Customs and Excise Tariff of Ireland and to countries of origin or destination. This information is processed in the Office of the Revenue Commissioners and converted to the format required for statistical purposes.

- **Revisions** Data from December 1999 onwards are provisional and are subject to minor amendments.
  - **Imports** These are classified by country of origin. Goods imported directly into Ireland from a non-EU country are covered in this release since they are recorded on Customs documentation. Occasionally, goods from a non-EU country may be released for free circulation in another EU member state before being imported into Ireland. These "indirect" imports are not covered in this release, as they are not subject to Customs documentation. They are surveyed in the Intrastat system and, therefore, estimates of total imports from non-EU countries will become available only when the Intrastat estimates are to hand. However, the year-on-year percentage changes derived from the coverage of non-EU imports in this release give reasonable trend indications.
- **Exports** These are classified by country of final destination in so far as this is known. From 1993, there are some circumstances in which Customs documentation for Irish exports to a non-EU country may be completed at the external frontier of another member state. These "indirect" exports to non-EU countries are recorded in the Intrastat system and are not covered in this release. Furthermore, since in the Intrastat system a trader indicates only the EU member state to which these "indirect" exports are first despatched, with no indication of the non-EU country to which they are subsequently sent, the Intrastat results will not give rise to adjustments to the value of non-EU exports.
- Publication Estimates of trade with EU countries based on the Intrastat survey become available later than the mainly Customs-based non-EU trade statistics. Two releases are issued in respect of each month, one relating to non-EU trade and the other covering all trade including the Intrastat estimates of trade with EU countries.

# **Price and** 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.