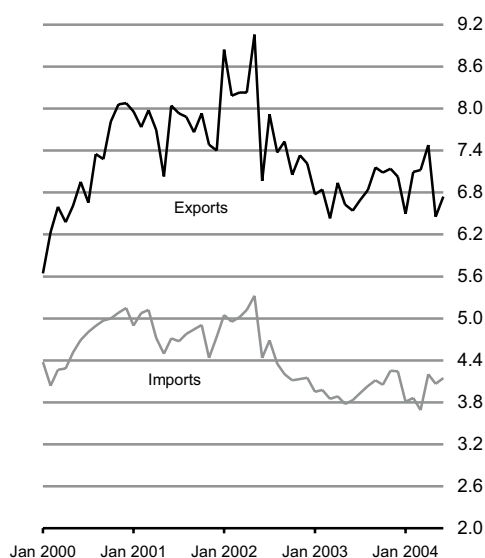




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	Imports	Exports	Surplus
<b>April 2004</b>	€4,200m	€7,478m	€3,278m
<b>May 2004</b>	€4,063m	€6,456m	€2,393m
<b>June 2004</b>	€4,146m	€6,774m	€2,598m
<b>July 2004</b>	€4,060m	€6,970m	€2,910m
<i>(Preliminary)</i>			

## Exports increase in July

Seasonally adjusted merchandise trade (*see Table 2*) for July 2004 (preliminary) show exports increased by 3% to €6,970m on June 2004 and imports decreased by 2% to €4,060m. In addition, exports increased by 4% to €6,744m in June 2004 and imports increased by 2% to €4,146m relative to May 2004.

The unadjusted merchandise trade (*see Table 1*) for July 2004 (preliminary) give exports of €6,960m, an increase of 4% on the July 2003 level of €6,697m, and imports of €3,860m, a marginal change on the previous year. The June exports are €7,602m, an increase of €505m (+7%) on June 2003, while imports are €4,089m, an increase of €426m (+12%).

Comparing the aggregate January to June 2004 figures with the same period in 2003 shows (*see Tables 3-4*):

Exports increased from €40,267m to €41,864m (+4%).

- ◆ Medical and pharmaceutical products increased from €6,767m to €7,613m (+13%) and Professional, scientific & controlling apparatus from €1,339m to €1,899m (+42%) but Computer equipment decreased from €7,084m to €6,412m (-9%).
- ◆ Exports increased to Belgium from €4,829m to €6,570m (+36%) and to Italy from €1,750m to €1,971m (+13%) while exports decreased to Great Britain from €6,679m to €6,443m (-4%), to Germany from €3,304m to €3,091m (-6%) and to the USA from €8,543m to €8,370m (-2%).

Imports increased from €23,598m to €24,295m (+3%).

- ◆ Other transport equipment (including aviation) increased from €212m to €816m and Organic chemicals from €905m to €1,244m (+37%) while Computer equipment decreased from €3,840m to €3,767m (-2%) and Medical and pharmaceutical products from €1,128m to €945m (-16%).
- ◆ Imports from the USA increased from €3,490m to €3,644m (+4%) and from China from €919m to €1,306m (+42%) while imports from Great Britain decreased from €6,710m to €6,620m (-1%) and from Japan from €1,151m to €1,044m (-9%).

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**Table 1 Summary of trade**

Period	Value			Volume Index		Price Index		Terms of Trade <sup>1</sup>
	Imports	Exports	Trade Surplus	Base year 1990=100				
				Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	
	€m	€m	€m					
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	55,908.8	83,888.9	27,980.1	275.2	401.4	128.0	115.0	89.9
2001	57,384.2	92,689.9	35,305.7	274.2	422.0	131.8	120.9	91.7
2002	55,628.1	93,675.2	38,047.1	275.7	434.9	126.7	118.5	93.5
2003 <sup>2</sup>	47,861.3	82,040.8	34,179.5	258.0	418.6	116.1	108.0	93.0
2002 January	5,227.7	8,251.9	3,024.2	304.4	456.5	129.8	119.3	91.9
February	4,784.1	7,668.4	2,884.3	279.2	427.5	129.2	118.4	91.6
March	5,327.8	9,099.0	3,771.3	314.8	503.6	127.8	119.3	93.4
April	5,405.6	7,789.0	2,383.5	318.7	437.3	128.0	117.5	91.8
May	5,499.4	9,122.3	3,623.0	325.3	504.5	126.3	119.3	94.5
June	4,113.8	7,662.6	3,548.8	246.9	431.6	125.8	117.2	93.2
July	4,643.0	7,915.6	3,272.5	282.5	443.1	124.1	117.9	95.0
August	3,760.5	6,437.0	2,676.5	227.5	360.2	124.8	117.9	94.5
September	3,984.2	7,895.8	3,911.6	236.5	442.5	126.7	117.6	92.8
October	4,338.8	7,347.0	3,008.3	257.5	407.4	126.0	119.1	94.5
November	4,408.6	7,645.9	3,237.3	264.0	426.2	126.0	118.6	94.1
December	4,134.6	6,840.6	2,706.0	248.5	378.0	125.6	119.6	95.2
2003 <sup>2</sup> January	4,055.0	6,350.7	2,295.7	261.2	375.3	117.3	111.8	95.4
February	3,857.6	6,410.2	2,552.5	243.4	383.5	119.7	110.6	92.4
March	4,127.1	7,058.2	2,931.0	260.9	422.0	119.6	110.9	92.7
April	4,082.4	6,725.8	2,643.4	263.2	408.0	117.4	109.1	92.9
May	3,812.7	6,625.3	2,812.6	246.9	411.9	116.7	106.9	91.7
June <sup>3</sup>	3,662.6	7,096.6	3,433.9	239.9	439.8	115.2	107.1	93.0
July	3,858.3	6,697.0	2,838.8	253.3	411.2	114.0	107.6	94.4
August	3,400.0	5,884.9	2,484.9	221.6	360.3	115.3	107.9	93.5
September	4,042.1	7,621.1	3,579.0	263.6	469.4	114.7	107.3	93.5
October	4,206.4	7,413.7	3,207.3	272.7	459.2	115.4	106.4	92.2
November	4,413.4	7,305.0	2,891.7	285.9	456.7	113.8	105.5	92.7
December <sup>3</sup>	4,343.7	6,852.5	2,508.8	284.1	430.7	113.8	104.4	91.7
2004 <sup>2</sup> January	3,821.4	6,041.6	2,220.2	250.1	385.8	115.5	103.4	89.6
February	3,798.2	6,767.1	2,968.9	249.7	437.0	115.0	102.3	88.9
March	4,202.0	7,991.6	3,789.6	271.4	498.7	117.0	105.8	90.4
April	4,361.1	7,134.7	2,773.6	281.8	448.8	117.0	105.0	89.8
May	4,023.8	6,327.3	2,303.5	264.2	399.6	115.1	104.6	90.9
June	4,088.7	7,601.5	3,512.8	270.2	479.2	114.4	104.8	91.7
July <sup>4</sup>	3,860.0	6,960.0	3,100.0	..	..	..	..	..

<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.

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

Period		Value			Volume Index	
		Imports €m	Exports €m	Trade Surplus €m	Base year 1990=100	
					Imports	Exports
2001	January	4,895.3	7,959.4	3,064.1	280.8	447.2
	February	5,076.9	7,737.2	2,660.3	296.1	433.4
	March	5,119.6	7,976.3	2,856.8	295.6	446.2
	April	4,716.9	7,692.4	2,975.6	272.0	425.3
	May	4,494.4	7,031.5	2,537.1	256.1	390.6
	June	4,715.0	8,043.3	3,328.2	264.5	426.0
	July	4,672.2	7,932.3	3,260.1	259.1	428.0
	August	4,778.1	7,880.9	3,102.8	269.5	425.2
	September	4,840.3	7,663.8	2,823.5	276.9	407.9
	October	4,908.6	7,932.6	3,024.0	279.4	425.7
	November	4,434.6	7,483.5	3,048.9	259.3	392.6
	December	4,738.5	7,401.9	2,663.5	268.8	411.0
2002	January	5,049.6	8,842.1	3,792.6	290.0	487.9
	February	4,951.8	8,181.7	3,229.9	288.7	454.8
	March	5,017.1	8,230.5	3,213.4	297.4	457.7
	April	5,123.2	8,228.8	3,105.6	302.0	466.1
	May	5,321.7	9,057.9	3,736.2	316.6	505.7
	June	4,434.3	6,967.9	2,533.6	265.7	389.2
	July	4,686.8	7,919.6	3,232.8	282.9	441.5
	August	4,351.6	7,373.6	3,022.0	263.6	413.1
	September	4,203.1	7,529.6	3,326.5	249.2	423.7
	October	4,115.7	7,053.2	2,937.5	244.1	396.8
	November	4,133.2	7,332.0	3,198.8	251.2	400.2
	December	4,152.8	7,212.1	3,059.3	249.6	396.5
2003	January	3,951.4	6,774.3	2,822.9	252.6	400.0
	February	3,977.7	6,841.8	2,864.1	250.5	407.4
	March	3,849.0	6,429.8	2,580.7	244.6	387.5
	April	3,885.8	6,938.5	3,052.7	248.7	423.4
	May	3,776.8	6,626.9	2,850.1	246.2	414.6
	June	3,831.9	6,540.5	2,708.6	252.0	405.0
	July	3,932.0	6,692.6	2,760.6	253.9	409.9
	August	4,032.7	6,835.2	2,802.4	263.3	415.5
	September	4,116.5	7,160.8	3,044.2	267.4	441.7
	October	4,048.4	7,087.0	3,038.6	263.9	447.2
	November	4,253.3	7,140.0	2,886.8	278.9	437.5
	December	4,243.2	7,023.7	2,780.5	278.1	438.9
2004	January	3,809.4	6,495.7	2,686.4	247.3	413.8
	February	3,862.6	7,093.6	3,231.0	253.0	454.8
	March	3,687.7	7,120.7	3,432.9	238.6	447.5
	April	4,200.2	7,478.3	3,278.2	270.9	477.8
	May	4,062.6	6,455.7	2,393.2	269.8	408.7
	June	4,145.9	6,743.8	2,597.9	272.2	422.7
	July	4,060.0	6,970.0	2,910.0	..	..

<sup>1</sup> Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2003.

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**Table 3 Trade classified by Commodity**

€ million

SITC (Rev 3)	Imports				Exports			
	Jun 2003	Jun 2004	Jan-Jun 2003	Jan-Jun 2004	Jun 2003	Jun 2004	Jan-Jun 2003	Jan-Jun 2004
<b>0 Food and live animals</b>	<b>252.0</b>	<b>250.6</b>	<b>1,500.9</b>	<b>1,503.5</b>	<b>482.0</b>	<b>558.7</b>	<b>2,753.2</b>	<b>2,942.7</b>
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	9.1	10.4	35.0	33.8	11.4	12.8	73.1	72.5
01 Meat & meat preparations	32.7	38.6	201.4	207.6	154.8	164.0	862.9	919.7
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	31.5	25.3	169.5	164.7	93.8	131.4	449.0	504.4
03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and preparations thereof	8.0	8.2	48.2	48.6	21.9	28.5	190.4	188.7
04 Cereals & cereal preparations	46.5	41.6	242.3	257.8	21.5	17.9	106.6	109.7
05 Vegetables & fruit	48.4	53.3	314.6	307.6	20.3	15.1	113.0	92.1
06 Sugars, sugar preparations & honey	14.5	12.6	83.2	81.2	10.9	13.1	55.7	67.0
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices & manufactures thereof	17.9	18.2	121.9	117.5	25.2	29.1	127.8	140.0
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl unmilled cereals)	24.1	23.8	169.2	173.3	12.4	14.0	72.4	82.2
09 Miscellaneous edible products & preparations	19.3	18.6	115.6	111.3	109.8	132.8	702.5	766.3
<b>1 Beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>60.8</b>	<b>62.2</b>	<b>301.2</b>	<b>290.9</b>	<b>74.5</b>	<b>76.8</b>	<b>476.5</b>	<b>429.9</b>
11 Beverages	55.6	57.5	265.8	260.8	66.4	68.3	427.5	384.7
12 Tobacco & tobacco manufactures	5.2	4.7	35.3	30.1	8.1	8.5	49.0	45.1
<b>2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</b>	<b>63.0</b>	<b>71.4</b>	<b>393.1</b>	<b>397.2</b>	<b>67.6</b>	<b>74.3</b>	<b>429.1</b>	<b>493.4</b>
21 Hides, skins & furskins, raw	0.4	0.2	2.6	1.0	7.4	6.7	42.5	40.0
22 Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits	0.7	4.0	4.9	10.8	0.0	0.4	0.3	3.8
23 Crude rubber (incl synthetic & reclaimed)	2.0	1.6	10.3	9.1	0.1	0.0	0.7	0.9
24 Cork & wood	27.6	28.8	157.4	168.3	6.5	7.0	40.7	43.0
25 Pulp & waste paper	1.5	1.7	10.9	10.0	1.8	2.1	11.0	16.7
26 Textile fibres & their wastes	2.4	1.7	22.4	9.0	11.6	8.3	62.6	52.1
27 Crude fertilisers & minerals (excl coal, petroleum and precious stones)	13.6	14.4	78.6	74.9	5.0	4.6	25.5	25.3
28 Metalliferous ores & metal scrap	6.8	9.0	48.2	51.8	30.1	38.4	204.8	271.7
29 Crude animal & vegetable materials nes	8.1	9.8	57.8	62.2	5.1	6.7	40.9	39.9
<b>3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials</b>	<b>132.9</b>	<b>188.3</b>	<b>1,022.7</b>	<b>1,109.5</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>43.4</b>	<b>136.6</b>	<b>100.5</b>
32 Coal, coke & briquettes	3.4	20.6	61.7	103.9	6.7	5.1	43.3	23.2
33 Petroleum, petroleum products & related materials	114.3	155.7	816.3	902.6	5.2	36.6	91.0	70.8
34 Gas, natural & manufactured	13.3	9.1	130.4	85.0	0.1	0.9	1.4	1.9
35 Electric Current	1.9	2.9	14.1	18.0	0.3	0.8	0.9	4.5
<b>4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>61.1</b>	<b>56.9</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>12.4</b>
41 Animal oils & fats	0.3	0.4	1.8	2.2	1.8	1.4	12.0	9.7
42 Fixed vegetable fats & oils	6.1	6.5	37.7	35.6	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.6
43 Animal or vegetable fats & oils, processed; waxes	3.6	3.4	21.6	19.1	0.1	0.7	1.7	2.1
<b>5 Chemicals and related products nes</b>	<b>533.5</b>	<b>640.2</b>	<b>3,554.5</b>	<b>3,635.6</b>	<b>3,236.9</b>	<b>3,551.1</b>	<b>18,098.2</b>	<b>19,358.9</b>
51 Organic chemicals	124.3	227.8	904.6	1,243.6	1,234.3	1,193.1	7,669.7	7,948.0
52 Inorganic chemicals	11.5	14.8	76.3	88.3	7.9	12.8	57.8	88.9
53 Dyeing, tanning & colouring materials	14.1	17.0	83.9	86.6	4.4	6.9	33.2	35.0
54 Medical & pharmaceutical products	178.3	167.7	1,128.0	944.8	1,302.9	1,658.6	6,766.6	7,612.8
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet & cleansing preparations	71.2	73.0	438.1	417.3	426.2	414.0	2,116.1	2,318.0
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	5.3	11.4	155.3	143.8	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.6
57 Plastics in primary forms	40.7	48.7	267.1	273.5	14.0	16.5	90.5	95.8
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	40.2	41.2	223.5	214.1	17.7	20.6	106.7	110.1
59 Chemical materials & products nes	47.9	38.6	277.5	223.8	229.3	228.4	1,257.2	1,149.7

**Table 3 Trade classified by Commodity - continued**

€ million

SITC (Rev 3)	Imports				Exports			
	Jun 2003	Jun 2004	Jan-Jun 2003	Jan-Jun 2004	Jun 2003	Jun 2004	Jan-Jun 2003	Jan-Jun 2004
<b>6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</b>	<b>354.4</b>	<b>376.4</b>	<b>2,138.4</b>	<b>2,128.6</b>	<b>142.5</b>	<b>154.6</b>	<b>906.1</b>	<b>888.8</b>
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	0.9	0.9	4.9	5.4	2.1	3.9	23.6	11.7
62 Rubber manufactures nes	18.4	18.7	122.8	115.8	7.4	8.5	44.2	45.2
63 Cork & wood manufactures (excl furniture)	21.9	25.1	134.0	141.8	17.2	17.9	100.3	112.4
64 Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	70.6	61.0	412.3	358.2	17.0	16.3	103.2	97.7
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles & related products	40.2	41.4	246.3	240.3	32.8	26.3	186.6	158.2
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	45.7	49.9	267.0	286.8	26.2	30.0	183.4	180.8
67 Iron & steel	47.8	62.5	285.6	300.0	4.5	5.8	25.7	32.1
68 Non-ferrous metals	30.6	33.4	200.3	226.4	4.2	5.7	32.0	35.7
69 Manufactures of metals nes	78.2	83.5	465.3	454.0	30.9	40.1	207.2	215.1
<b>7 Machinery and transport equipment</b>	<b>1,532.3</b>	<b>1,711.2</b>	<b>10,250.7</b>	<b>10,704.9</b>	<b>1,974.2</b>	<b>1,908.9</b>	<b>11,433.2</b>	<b>10,964.5</b>
71 Power generating machinery & equipment	53.9	58.8	292.0	285.5	23.2	29.7	154.3	155.2
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	95.8	86.3	548.6	487.2	23.0	30.1	147.3	142.0
73 Metalworking machinery	22.9	13.5	84.0	68.9	4.1	6.7	30.5	46.2
74 General industrial machinery & equipment nes & parts nes	108.5	89.8	617.1	533.4	82.0	132.8	506.7	589.1
75 Office machines & automatic data processing machines	546.9	614.6	3,839.7	3,767.0	1,245.9	1,075.5	7,083.6	6,412.2
76 Telecommunications & sound equipment	102.2	106.7	639.4	710.9	115.5	111.5	685.9	649.1
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus & appliances nes & parts	364.1	392.0	2,271.0	2,325.0	439.9	489.8	2,577.3	2,752.8
78 Road vehicles (incl air-cushion vehicles)	180.2	199.8	1,747.0	1,711.3	29.5	28.1	197.5	155.9
79 Other transport equipment	57.7	149.7	211.9	815.9	11.0	4.8	50.0	61.9
<b>8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b>	<b>488.2</b>	<b>486.3</b>	<b>2,920.8</b>	<b>2,928.6</b>	<b>804.4</b>	<b>825.4</b>	<b>4,318.6</b>	<b>4,831.5</b>
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing & electrical fixtures & fittings	18.8	18.3	103.5	116.8	8.5	7.5	49.5	43.6
82 Furniture & parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	27.9	34.2	169.6	198.2	8.1	7.9	54.4	46.7
83 Travel goods, handbags & similar containers	5.1	5.9	32.2	29.6	1.1	1.3	8.6	7.3
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	82.1	87.1	601.7	585.1	22.8	14.6	152.7	139.4
85 Footwear	19.5	19.8	127.4	124.8	2.8	2.3	13.5	14.1
87 Professional, scientific & controlling apparatus nes	77.6	54.5	402.8	335.4	276.9	314.0	1,339.1	1,899.3
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches & clocks	24.5	19.7	144.9	104.4	60.5	67.1	320.4	364.6
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	232.7	246.8	1,338.7	1,434.2	423.8	410.7	2,380.5	2,316.5
<b>9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere</b>	<b>102.4</b>	<b>121.9</b>	<b>631.9</b>	<b>591.1</b>	<b>234.8</b>	<b>302.7</b>	<b>1,291.0</b>	<b>1,369.1</b>
<b>Unclassified estimates<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>132.9</b>	<b>169.7</b>	<b>822.5</b>	<b>948.5</b>	<b>65.4</b>	<b>103.5</b>	<b>410.0</b>	<b>472.1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,662.6</b>	<b>4,088.7</b>	<b>23,597.5</b>	<b>24,295.3</b>	<b>7,096.6</b>	<b>7,601.5</b>	<b>40,266.7</b>	<b>41,863.8</b>

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

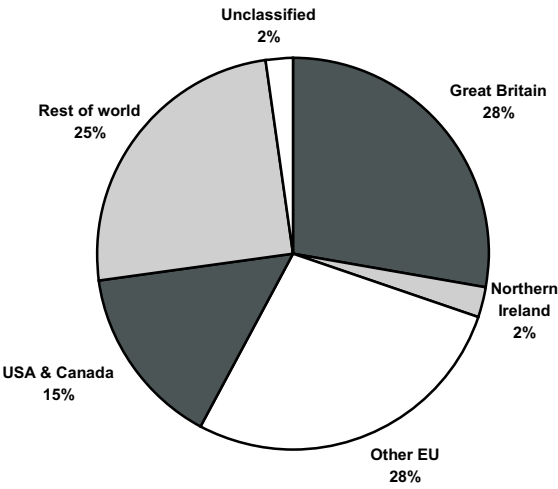
**Table 4 Trade by Country**

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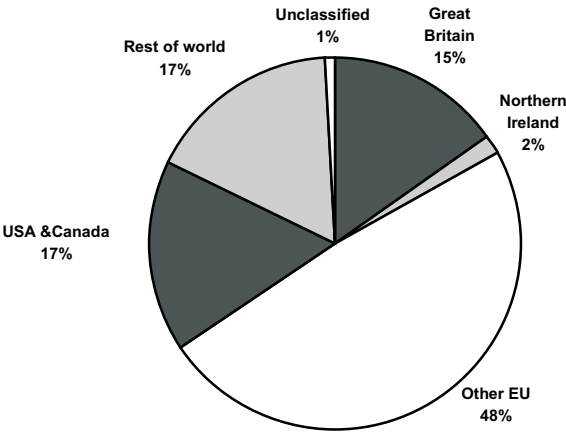
Country	Imports				Exports			
	Jun 2003	Jun 2004	Jan-Jun 2003	Jan-Jun 2004	Jun 2003	Jun 2004	Jan-Jun 2003	Jan-Jun 2004
Great Britain	1,102.1	1,137.8	6,709.7	6,620.4	1,111.6	1,159.6	6,678.6	6,442.9
Northern Ireland	96.6	97.9	512.2	528.4	127.1	129.3	716.4	699.3
Austria	16.7	8.9	83.2	66.5	27.6	28.7	153.9	161.5
Belgium	55.9	93.3	401.8	420.7	992.0	1,501.2	4,828.9	6,570.0
Cyprus	0.5	0.6	4.9	3.4	2.0	2.7	12.4	11.3
Czech Republic	12.0	5.2	80.5	63.2	12.4	12.4	78.0	89.7
Denmark	60.2	35.4	400.2	381.2	41.8	40.5	233.2	237.3
Estonia	3.3	0.8	18.2	14.0	2.6	0.8	13.9	7.4
Finland	20.9	16.5	140.4	115.9	23.2	24.1	140.9	148.8
France	145.3	264.8	965.5	1,081.4	471.6	473.5	2,420.3	2,511.2
Germany	242.3	299.2	1,825.1	1,908.1	572.1	565.0	3,303.7	3,091.0
Greece	4.9	3.5	23.3	21.2	28.2	28.9	160.0	173.5
Italy	84.9	94.1	564.7	527.9	333.9	322.9	1,749.6	1,970.7
Latvia	6.4	2.8	23.9	23.2	7.3	0.2	12.6	14.4
Lithuania	0.9	0.6	12.2	11.9	0.9	0.6	6.8	4.5
Luxembourg	1.4	2.6	10.2	12.4	13.3	12.2	58.1	51.7
Hungary	8.0	14.0	49.7	113.1	11.8	11.3	69.2	70.3
Malta	0.2	0.2	2.7	1.4	2.2	1.2	9.0	5.8
Netherlands	118.4	125.5	839.0	914.0	358.8	317.8	1,857.1	1,835.8
Poland	13.5	13.7	74.5	71.3	19.4	19.1	121.2	123.9
Portugal	10.8	14.7	88.3	90.4	25.6	31.0	138.8	177.2
Slovakia	2.2	0.7	8.7	14.5	2.5	1.9	17.2	20.0
Slovenia	1.5	1.2	9.2	7.1	1.7	0.9	19.0	16.0
Spain	42.3	51.3	331.8	323.4	246.8	216.1	1,163.8	1,169.3
Sweden	34.3	47.9	226.4	266.9	79.9	69.4	517.9	499.9
EU Country not specified	35.0	32.1	222.1	218.3	0.1	5.3	0.5	5.8
<b>Total EU<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>2,120.5</b>	<b>2,365.3</b>	<b>13,628.5</b>	<b>13,820.1</b>	<b>4,516.4</b>	<b>4,976.7</b>	<b>24,480.9</b>	<b>26,109.3</b>
<i>of which EU-15</i>	<b>2,072.0</b>	<b>2,325.6</b>	<b>13,343.8</b>	<b>13,497.0</b>	<b>4,453.6</b>	<b>4,925.4</b>	<b>24,121.6</b>	<b>25,745.8</b>
Australia	8.6	17.9	56.2	78.5	59.0	76.8	315.6	353.1
Brazil	17.4	17.4	86.4	130.2	11.2	20.7	61.7	69.9
Canada	44.3	23.5	216.1	140.3	23.6	30.5	208.3	172.0
China	148.6	188.7	918.9	1,305.9	38.7	75.8	254.3	300.6
Hong Kong	24.9	38.8	185.1	191.6	69.5	100.8	324.0	444.7
India	10.3	11.6	71.8	70.2	11.5	6.8	46.5	55.3
Japan	201.7	164.8	1,151.1	1,043.6	196.3	254.8	1,017.1	1,121.0
Malaysia	30.1	26.5	247.9	193.8	48.9	28.7	282.3	215.8
Mexico	16.2	12.2	131.5	76.4	53.3	42.5	343.0	197.6
Norway	54.2	104.9	379.6	458.9	32.7	33.4	300.2	232.0
Philippines	22.5	7.8	111.7	59.2	12.5	18.3	101.8	95.0
Russia	1.8	1.4	23.5	35.2	17.9	17.2	118.1	103.9
Singapore	68.9	70.4	506.1	467.7	79.7	53.5	375.7	417.4
South Africa	9.0	13.2	76.2	77.5	20.7	24.9	143.5	137.9
South Korea	41.1	74.2	390.9	407.5	59.4	54.3	264.8	291.2
Switzerland	26.3	41.0	255.6	266.2	237.5	217.4	1,442.5	1,400.9
Taiwan	53.3	88.4	379.8	465.5	28.3	25.7	148.9	142.5
Thailand	18.5	22.4	158.1	180.9	18.1	23.4	68.2	107.7
Turkey	25.9	29.8	161.8	160.6	32.5	28.4	179.1	135.3
USA	581.3	587.7	3,490.2	3,644.1	1,351.6	1,237.0	8,543.2	8,370.1
Other countries <sup>2</sup>	68.9	90.6	496.0	493.7	130.0	196.1	992.7	1,131.0
Country unknown <sup>3</sup>	5.0	10.0	61.1	54.2	46.7	48.2	249.9	211.7
Unclassified estimates <sup>4</sup>	63.4	80.5	413.3	473.5	0.5	9.9	4.3	47.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,662.6</b>	<b>4,088.7</b>	<b>23,597.5</b>	<b>24,295.3</b>	<b>7,096.6</b>	<b>7,601.5</b>	<b>40,266.7</b>	<b>41,863.8</b>

<sup>1</sup> On 1st May 2004, ten countries joined the EU - Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia.<sup>2</sup> Other non-EU countries not listed individually.<sup>3</sup> Trade for which the country of origin or country of final destination is unknown.<sup>4</sup> Estimates not allocated by country.

**Imports, June 2004** (See Table 4)



**Exports, June 2004** (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.

**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 6,695 while about 2,040 must make an export return. The response rate in terms of number of traders in June 2004 was 86%, covering an estimated 92% 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.