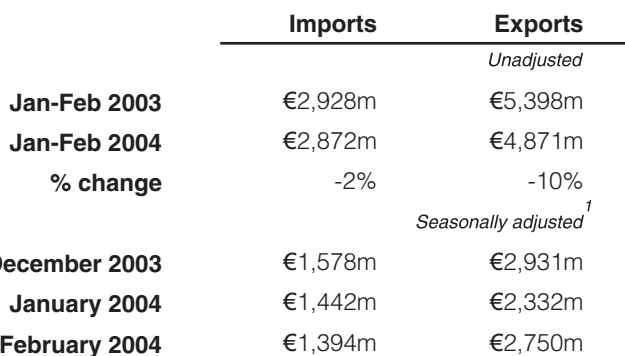




Trade with Non-EU Countries

February 2004



On a seasonally adjusted basis¹ (*see graph & Table 2*), Ireland's exports to non-EU countries increased to €2,750m in February 2004 from the January 2004 low of €2,332m while imports decreased further from €1,442m to €1,394m.

The unadjusted exports were valued at €2,632m in February 2004, 4% higher than the €2,526m recorded in February of last year while imports remain unchanged at €1,335m.

Comparing January - February 2004 with the corresponding period in 2003 (*see Tables 3 and 4*):

- Exports fell from €5,398m to €4,871m (-10%). Exports of organic chemicals decreased from €1,787m to €1,395m (-22%) and medical and pharmaceutical products decreased from €678m to €399m (-41%). However exports of professional, scientific and controlling apparatus increased from €201m to €462m (+130%).
- Exports to the USA decreased from €2,953m to €2,497m (-15%) and to Mexico decreased from €109m to €53m (-51%) while exports to Singapore increased from €90m to €136m (+51%).
- Imports fell from €2,928m to €2,872m (-2%). Imports of computers decreased from €839m to €748m (-11%) and medical and pharmaceutical products decreased from €133m to €75m (-43%). Imports of transport equipment other than road vehicles (which includes aviation) increased from €19m to €115m.
- Imports from Canada decreased from €81m to €42m (-49%) and from Singapore decreased from €163m to €129m (-21%) while imports from China increased from €290m to €359m (+24%).

Please note that imports in this context refer to goods which are imported directly from non-EU countries. They exclude goods which originate in non-EU countries and are subsequently consigned from within the EU.

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2003

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Table 1 Summary of trade with non-EU Countries

Period	Value		Volume Index		Price Index		
	Imports €m	Exports €m	Imports	Exports	Base 1990=100		
					Imports	Exports	Terms of Trade ¹
1999	17,137.3	22,799.1	315.8	428.0	117.0	116.2	99.3
2000	21,422.7	30,815.3	358.3	519.4	128.9	129.4	100.4
2001	20,293.4	34,340.3	337.1	545.5	129.8	137.3	105.8
2002	18,859.0	32,941.6	335.3	525.3	121.2	136.8	112.8
2003	18,345.3	31,769.1	...	...	...	...	...
2003 January	1,592.5	2,872.4	368.8	564.9	111.7	133.1	119.2
February	1,335.7	2,525.9	304.3	503.4	113.6	131.4	115.7
March	1,498.3	2,832.4	341.3	554.0	114.5	133.9	117.0
April	1,615.0	2,644.3	372.6	536.5	112.0	129.1	115.3
May	1,494.8	2,652.9	345.9	539.6	110.6	128.7	116.3
June	1,385.2	2,646.5	326.2	545.5	109.8	127.1	115.7
July	1,476.9	2,580.9	350.1	533.8	108.8	126.6	116.4
August	1,393.7	2,284.0	328.2	470.7	109.9	127.1	115.7
September	1,627.2	2,739.1	387.7	561.4	108.6	127.8	117.7
October	1,574.1	2,807.9	378.1	578.9	107.7	127.0	117.9
November	1,746.4	2,670.8	420.5	560.7	107.4	124.7	116.1
December	1,605.6	2,511.8	387.1	532.5	107.3	123.5	115.1
2004 January	1,536.6	2,238.9	...	...	...	...	...
February	1,335.5	2,631.6	...	...	...	...	...

Table 2 Seasonally adjusted ² trade with non-EU Countries

Period	Value		Volume Index	
	Imports €m	Exports €m	Base 1990=100	
			Imports	Exports
2002 January	1,622.2	2,993.5	332.1	585.2
February	1,670.9	2,846.1	347.3	552.8
March	1,668.8	2,852.7	354.6	560.1
April	1,637.6	2,502.8	339.0	486.7
May	1,593.3	3,356.4	337.2	638.1
June	1,501.2	2,547.8	315.3	483.5
July	1,520.1	2,870.9	330.1	544.8
August	1,713.3	2,622.2	365.5	498.8
September	1,474.5	2,498.4	315.3	470.8
October	1,497.8	2,690.1	319.6	509.4
November	1,438.2	2,624.9	314.0	496.6
December	1,526.2	2,551.4	332.0	482.8
2003 January	1,476.7	3,001.5	336.7	602.2
February	1,406.9	2,636.6	313.3	523.3
March	1,401.5	2,567.9	318.5	512.5
April	1,556.9	2,726.1	351.2	553.7
May	1,481.6	2,658.2	342.5	539.1
June	1,504.9	2,443.7	360.7	501.4
July	1,523.6	2,508.2	357.2	507.9
August	1,559.7	2,504.4	371.3	518.4
September	1,662.0	2,601.3	402.3	534.7
October	1,519.2	2,616.8	363.8	539.5
November	1,710.1	2,670.8	415.1	554.6
December	1,578.0	2,931.0	391.1	619.9
2004 January	1,442.3	2,332.2	...	...
February	1,393.9	2,749.9	...	...

¹ Export Price Index divided by Import Price Index

... Data not yet available

² Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2003 (the entire revised series, including years prior to 2002, are available electronically as required)

Table 3 Trade with Non-EU Countries classified by Country

EUR million

Country	Imports				Exports			
	Feb	Feb	Jan-Feb	Jan-Feb	Feb	Feb	Jan-Feb	Jan-Feb
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Australia	9.7	6.1	17.2	20.5	44.4	50.0	98.6	101.9
Brazil	9.8	7.4	26.8	18.9	8.6	5.9	18.3	15.0
Canada	26.5	23.9	81.1	41.6	47.6	22.0	76.0	53.9
China	130.2	167.8	289.7	358.6	40.1	34.9	75.2	92.0
Czech Republic	16.8	11.9	29.8	22.3	11.5	17.3	25.1	30.0
Egypt	0.7	0.3	4.6	0.8	5.3	6.6	12.3	13.8
Hong Kong	21.9	21.0	57.7	46.4	46.1	50.0	93.8	107.1
Hungary	4.4	13.3	10.4	22.1	8.9	14.5	20.8	25.3
India	9.5	8.3	20.9	17.8	6.7	11.6	13.9	18.3
Israel	4.0	4.6	8.8	12.3	17.2	17.5	35.9	40.1
Japan	139.7	141.5	275.1	289.1	175.4	171.1	317.2	328.4
Malaysia	28.2	25.6	70.8	54.0	37.4	32.6	86.8	76.7
Mexico	22.5	9.6	49.5	21.1	60.3	23.4	108.6	53.1
Norway	56.1	74.9	117.0	153.3	36.6	45.0	108.8	85.0
Philippines	11.6	6.8	24.5	16.6	16.7	14.2	35.2	36.0
Poland	16.5	9.9	26.3	18.9	16.1	22.4	35.8	41.5
Russia	5.0	6.2	7.8	15.9	19.5	18.8	37.9	30.1
Saudi Arabia	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.3	35.4	28.5	63.4	40.9
Singapore	69.4	57.4	163.3	128.8	40.7	47.3	90.3	136.1
South Africa	11.2	5.9	18.9	15.0	19.0	21.0	48.3	40.6
South Korea	60.3	41.1	123.1	100.3	30.7	46.2	74.9	82.7
Switzerland	40.6	25.9	71.7	69.8	241.0	176.9	531.2	499.3
Taiwan	50.1	60.3	119.3	122.6	23.4	18.9	45.1	37.9
Thailand	20.2	29.7	47.7	61.9	12.5	6.4	22.3	20.5
Turkey	14.0	10.5	40.0	31.5	29.3	28.1	58.8	50.9
United Arab Emirates	1.8	1.8	3.5	2.8	11.0	13.3	27.7	26.5
USA	490.1	467.7	1,050.5	1,023.9	1,351.4	1,566.2	2,953.3	2,497.2
EU Member States ¹	5.5	14.7	12.3	22.4	–	–	–	–
Other countries ²	50.7	72.4	137.1	143.6	106.1	95.0	218.9	232.8
Country unknown ³	8.5	8.8	22.5	19.1	26.9	26.2	64.2	57.0
Total	1,335.7	1,335.5	2,928.1	2,872.2	2,525.9	2,631.6	5,398.3	4,870.5

¹ EU member state products imported from a non-EU country.² Other non-EU countries not listed individually.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

EUR million

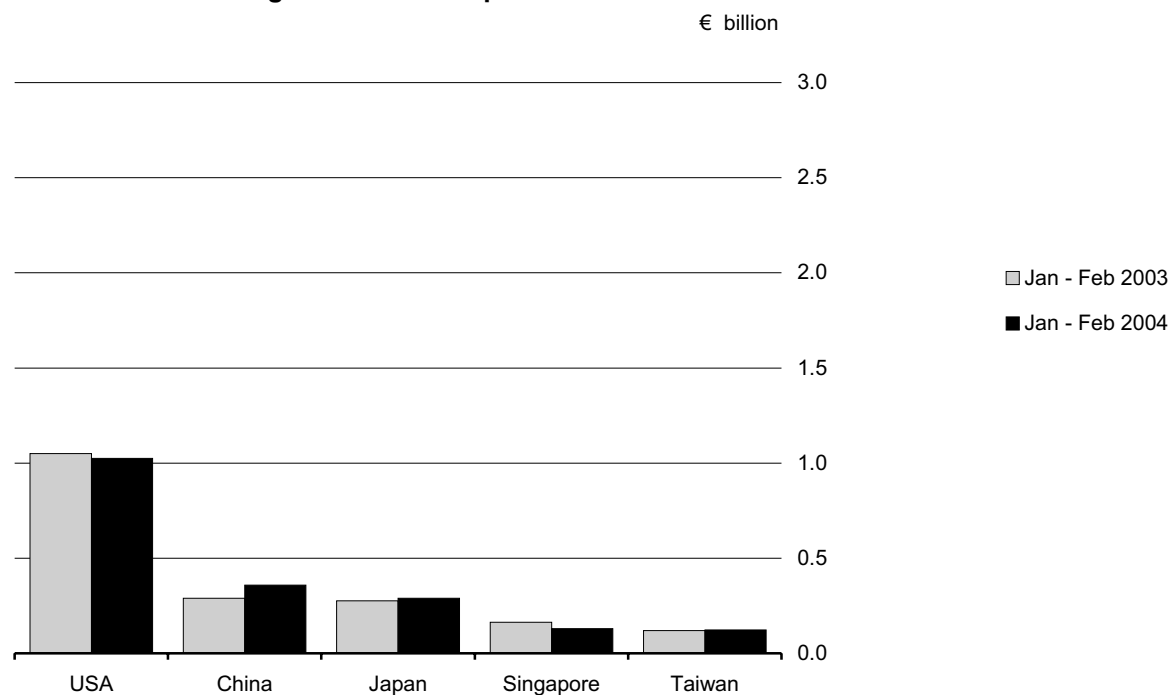
SITC (Rev 3)	Imports				Exports			
	Feb 2003	Feb 2004	Jan-Feb 2003	Jan-Feb 2004	Feb 2003	Feb 2004	Jan-Feb 2003	Jan-Feb 2004
0 Food and live animals	36.7	29.1	78.0	63.5	104.3	92.3	212.0	191.4
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	1.8	1.4	4.3	1.5	1.9	1.6	5.0	1.8
01 Meat & meat preparations	0.7	1.3	1.8	2.3	8.9	5.9	18.1	12.9
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.1	11.5	10.3	22.9	20.9
03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and preparations thereof	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.8	12.1	8.2	20.6	19.0
04 Cereals & cereal preparations	0.6	0.9	1.3	2.0	1.3	1.6	3.9	5.7
05 Vegetables & fruit	5.0	3.5	10.1	7.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3
06 Sugars, sugar preparations & honey	0.6	0.4	3.0	2.4	0.9	2.9	2.9	5.9
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices & manufactures thereof	5.1	4.0	10.1	7.3	4.2	4.9	8.4	9.8
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl unmilled cereals)	21.8	16.1	44.9	38.0	0.5	1.1	1.0	2.0
09 Miscellaneous edible products & preparations	0.5	0.9	1.6	1.7	63.0	55.8	129.1	113.1
1 Beverages and tobacco	5.8	5.6	12.2	11.7	22.6	19.4	46.5	45.0
11 Beverages	5.6	5.5	11.8	11.3	21.7	18.6	45.0	43.3
12 Tobacco & tobacco manufactures	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.4	1.0	0.9	1.6	1.7
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	22.9	23.2	50.7	46.4	8.6	14.5	21.2	32.2
21 Hides, skins & furskins, raw	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	2.3	3.1	4.8
22 Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
23 Crude rubber (incl synthetic & reclaimed)	0.4	0.6	1.5	1.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
24 Cork & wood	5.8	9.1	13.8	17.5	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
25 Pulp & waste paper	1.5	1.4	3.4	2.9	0.9	2.5	2.0	4.7
26 Textile fibres & their wastes	0.8	0.6	1.9	1.5	1.2	1.2	2.8	4.0
27 Crude fertilisers & minerals (excl coal, petroleum and precious stones)	6.3	3.2	11.4	6.8	1.1	1.3	1.5	2.4
28 Metalliferous ores & metal scrap	6.1	5.9	15.3	12.6	3.8	6.5	11.0	14.7
29 Crude animal & vegetable materials nes	1.8	2.2	3.3	3.6	0.5	0.6	0.7	1.4
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	46.4	58.4	103.9	140.3	6.0	11.0	16.0	26.2
32 Coal, coke & briquettes	6.8	9.7	10.9	36.1	0.5	0.2	0.9	0.5
33 Petroleum, petroleum products & related materials	39.7	48.7	93.0	104.2	5.6	10.8	15.1	25.7
34 Gas, natural & manufactured	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	–	0.0	–
35 Electric Current	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	1.7	1.3	3.6	3.9	0.6	0.3	1.4	0.9
41 Animal oils & fats	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.3	1.4	0.9
42 Fixed vegetable fats & oils	0.9	0.4	1.8	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
43 Animal or vegetable fats & oils, processed; waxes	0.9	0.9	1.8	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
5 Chemicals and related products nes	179.5	198.3	412.1	390.4	1,286.1	1,223.4	2,747.3	2,203.7
51 Organic chemicals	96.0	108.5	189.7	207.0	899.6	805.3	1,786.6	1,395.4
52 Inorganic chemicals	2.0	3.2	4.6	7.7	1.9	0.5	4.0	3.9
53 Dyeing, tanning & colouring materials	0.9	2.3	1.7	3.7	2.3	1.0	3.5	2.3
54 Medical & pharmaceutical products	40.5	38.8	132.8	75.4	263.8	220.4	677.7	399.4
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet & cleansing preparations	5.0	7.5	11.5	12.6	66.6	157.7	157.6	318.6
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	12.4	16.7	22.4	36.1	0.0	–	0.0	–
57 Plastics in primary forms	6.1	6.0	14.3	13.7	5.2	3.6	9.4	7.6
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	9.4	7.3	17.6	15.3	3.9	2.5	5.5	5.9
59 Chemical materials & products nes	7.2	8.2	17.5	18.9	42.8	32.5	102.8	70.6

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

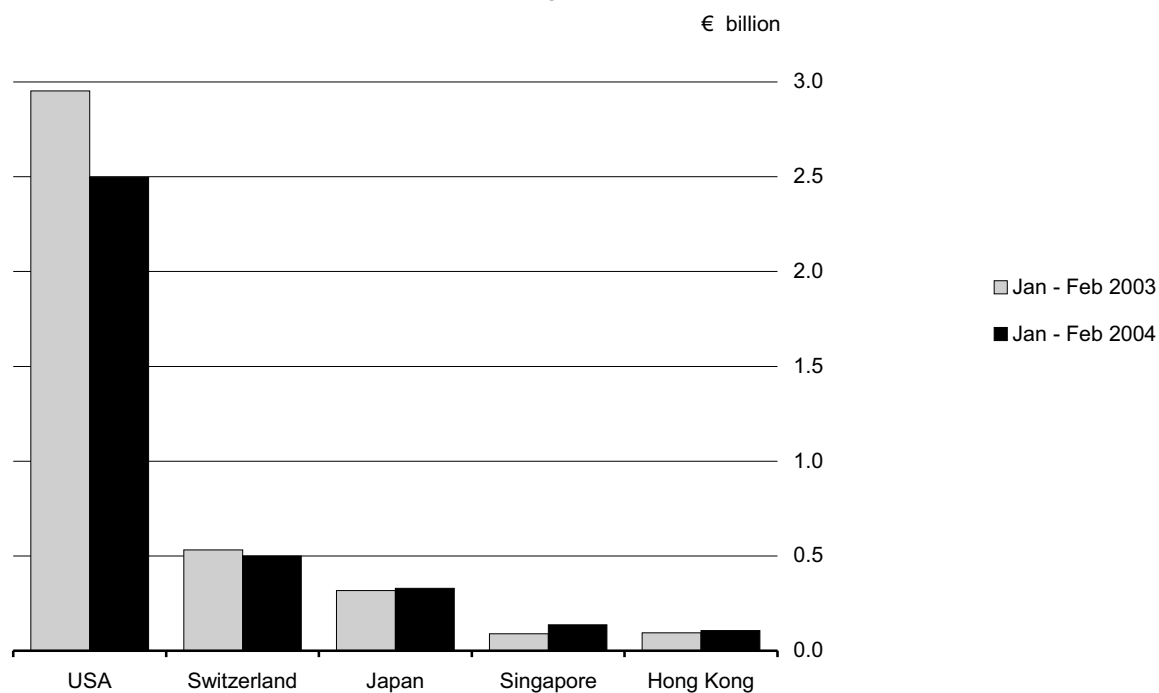
EUR million

SITC (Rev 3)	Imports				Exports			
	Feb 2003	Feb 2004	Jan-Feb 2003	Jan-Feb 2004	Feb 2003	Feb 2004	Jan-Feb 2003	Jan-Feb 2004
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	60.2	56.5	140.2	114.6	35.4	34.6	67.8	65.0
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.5	2.1	0.4	4.5	1.5
62 Rubber manufactures nes	4.6	5.0	10.9	9.8	1.3	1.8	2.5	3.2
63 Cork & wood manufactures (excl furniture)	5.1	7.1	16.6	16.4	4.0	1.0	5.4	2.0
64 Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	5.8	5.7	14.0	9.4	1.7	2.6	3.9	4.8
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles & related products	6.5	6.6	13.4	13.9	7.1	5.7	13.4	9.7
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	7.6	6.5	16.7	13.6	10.0	10.7	20.2	21.2
67 Iron & steel	8.5	7.6	17.6	15.3	0.4	0.7	0.7	1.7
68 Non-ferrous metals	6.6	4.2	13.9	7.7	0.8	0.9	1.6	2.0
69 Manufactures of metals nes	15.5	13.5	36.7	28.1	8.0	10.8	15.5	18.8
7 Machinery and transport equipment	745.3	670.5	1,636.6	1,555.0	688.8	632.5	1,475.8	1,267.3
71 Power generating machinery & equipment	22.4	21.5	53.1	43.9	12.8	20.3	36.3	35.8
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	14.0	9.3	32.7	26.4	6.9	12.2	15.1	19.8
73 Metalworking machinery	3.7	5.1	7.1	13.8	4.7	5.0	8.6	7.9
74 General industrial machinery & equipment nes & parts nes	36.5	21.1	72.4	47.9	26.6	43.1	58.2	74.3
75 Office machines & automatic data processing machines	383.1	354.9	838.7	748.3	346.1	277.5	769.9	567.2
76 Telecommunications & sound equipment	41.1	37.6	91.9	83.8	56.2	36.5	108.2	76.0
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus & appliances nes & parts	173.3	175.6	387.7	352.9	230.6	225.8	467.9	464.5
78 Road vehicles (incl air-cushion vehicles)	61.1	37.0	134.0	123.3	1.7	2.3	2.6	5.6
79 Other transport equipment	10.1	8.5	18.9	114.8	3.2	9.7	9.1	16.2
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	190.0	226.7	396.9	433.6	288.8	500.0	613.3	861.9
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing & electrical fixtures & fittings	1.7	3.6	3.6	6.7	1.1	0.5	2.6	0.9
82 Furniture & parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	6.7	9.9	13.4	19.0	1.4	0.7	2.4	1.4
83 Travel goods, handbags & similar containers	2.5	1.7	4.7	3.2	0.1	0.1	0.9	0.3
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	24.3	21.3	54.8	45.7	7.5	7.7	13.9	15.2
85 Footwear	4.6	2.7	7.7	4.9	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3
87 Professional, scientific & controlling apparatus nes	31.9	27.8	65.4	55.0	104.1	301.1	200.7	462.4
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches & clocks	4.6	4.5	11.6	7.9	27.5	37.3	56.6	83.2
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	113.5	155.3	235.8	291.2	146.8	152.4	335.9	298.0
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	47.0	65.9	94.0	112.8	84.8	103.6	197.0	177.0
Total	1,335.7	1,335.5	2,928.1	2,872.2	2,525.9	2,631.6	5,398.3	4,870.5

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 January 2003 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 arrangements 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 Volume Indices 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.