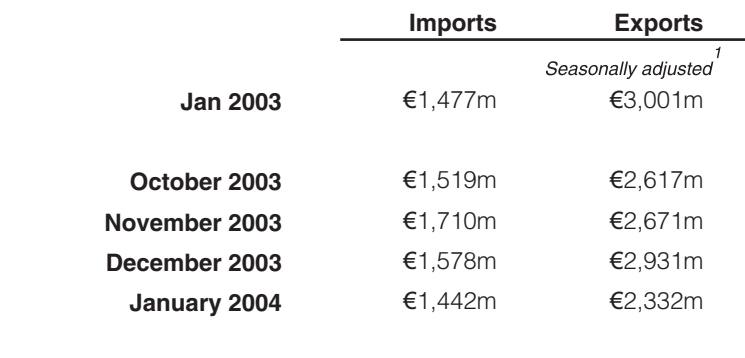




Trade with Non-EU Countries



On a seasonally adjusted basis¹ (*see graph & Table 2*), Ireland's exports to non-EU countries fell to €2,332m in January 2004 from the December value of €2,931m while imports fell to €1,442m from €1,578m.

- Exports fell from €2,872m to €2,239m (-22%). Exports of organic chemicals decreased from €887m to €590m (-33%) and medical and pharmaceutical products decreased from €414m to €179m (-57%). However exports of essential oils (which include those used in the food and drink industries) increased from €91m to €161m (+77%).
- Exports to the USA decreased from €1,602m to €931m (-42%) and exports to Norway decreased from €72m to €40m (-45%) while exports to Singapore increased from €50m to €89m (+79%) and exports to Switzerland increased from €290m to €322m (+11%).
- Imports fell from €1,592m to €1,537m (-4%). Computers decreased from €456m to €393m (-14%) and medical and pharmaceutical products decreased from €92m to €37m (-60%) while imports of transport equipment other than road vehicles (which includes aviation) increased from €9m to €106m.
- Imports from Canada decreased from €55m to €18m (-68%) and imports from Singapore decreased from €94m to €71m (-24%) while imports from China increased from €159m to €191m (+20%).

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			Terms of Trade ¹
	Imports €m	Exports €m	Base 1990=100					
			Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports		
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	32,936.6	335.3	525.3	121.2	136.8	112.8	
2003	18,340.2	31,770.3	...	...	...	...	...
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	1,384.8	2,647.2	326.2	545.5	109.8	127.1	115.7
	July	1,472.1	2,581.5	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	...	...	...	...	...

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	1,504.4	2,444.3	360.7	501.4
July	1,518.7	2,508.7	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	...	...

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

Country	EUR million			
	Imports		Exports	
	Jan 2003	Jan 2004	Jan 2003	Jan 2004
Australia	7.5	14.3	54.2	51.9
Brazil	17.0	11.5	9.6	9.0
Canada	54.6	17.7	28.4	31.9
China	159.5	190.8	35.1	57.2
Czech Republic	13.0	10.5	13.6	12.7
Egypt	3.9	0.4	7.0	7.1
Hong Kong	35.8	25.4	47.7	57.1
Hungary	6.0	8.8	11.9	10.8
India	11.4	9.5	7.2	6.7
Israel	4.9	7.7	18.7	22.6
Japan	135.5	147.6	141.8	157.3
Malaysia	42.6	28.4	49.4	44.1
Mexico	27.0	11.5	48.3	29.7
Norway	60.8	78.3	72.3	40.0
Philippines	12.9	9.8	18.5	21.8
Poland	9.8	8.9	19.7	19.1
Russia	2.8	9.7	18.4	11.3
Saudi Arabia	0.3	0.2	28.0	12.5
Singapore	93.8	71.4	49.6	88.8
South Africa	7.7	9.1	29.3	19.6
South Korea	62.8	59.1	44.1	36.5
Switzerland	31.0	43.9	290.1	322.4
Taiwan	69.2	62.3	21.7	19.0
Thailand	27.6	32.2	9.7	14.1
Turkey	26.0	21.1	29.5	22.8
United Arab Emirates	1.7	0.9	16.7	13.2
USA	560.4	556.2	1,601.9	931.0
EU Member States ¹	6.7	7.7	–	–
Other countries ²	86.4	71.2	112.8	137.8
Country unknown ³	14.0	10.3	37.2	30.7
Total	1,592.5	1,536.6	2,872.4	2,238.9

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.

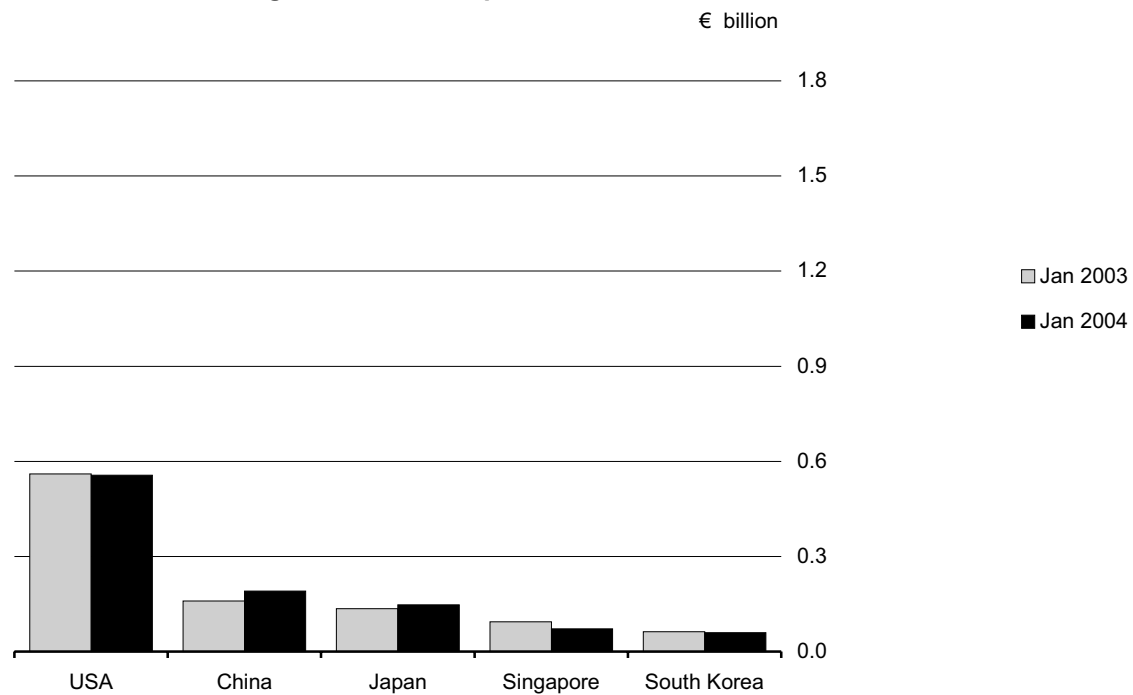
Table 4 Trade with Non-EU Countries classified by Commodity

EUR million				
SITC (Rev 3)	Imports		Exports	
	Jan 2003	Jan 2004	Jan 2003	Jan 2004
0 Food and live animals	41.2	34.4	107.7	99.1
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	2.5	0.0	3.1	0.2
01 Meat & meat preparations	1.1	0.9	9.3	7.0
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	0.0	0.0	11.5	10.6
03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and preparations thereof	0.3	0.4	8.5	10.8
04 Cereals & cereal preparations	0.7	1.1	2.5	4.1
05 Vegetables & fruit	5.1	4.0	0.0	0.3
06 Sugars, sugar preparations & honey	2.4	1.9	1.9	3.0
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices & manufactures thereof	5.0	3.3	4.3	4.9
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl unmilled cereals)	23.0	21.9	0.5	1.0
09 Miscellaneous edible products & preparations	1.1	0.8	66.1	57.3
1 Beverages and tobacco	6.3	6.1	23.9	25.6
11 Beverages	6.2	5.9	23.3	24.8
12 Tobacco & tobacco manufactures	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.8
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	27.8	23.2	12.6	17.7
21 Hides, skins & furskins, raw	0.0	—	2.1	2.5
22 Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
23 Crude rubber (incl synthetic & reclaimed)	1.1	0.6	0.1	0.0
24 Cork & wood	8.0	8.4	0.0	0.0
25 Pulp & waste paper	1.9	1.4	1.1	2.3
26 Textile fibres & their wastes	1.1	0.9	1.5	2.9
27 Crude fertilisers & minerals (excl coal, petroleum and precious stones)	5.1	3.6	0.4	1.1
28 Metalliferous ores & metal scrap	9.2	6.7	7.1	8.2
29 Crude animal & vegetable materials nes	1.5	1.4	0.2	0.8
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	57.5	81.9	10.0	15.2
32 Coal, coke & briquettes	4.1	26.4	0.5	0.4
33 Petroleum, petroleum products & related materials	53.3	55.5	9.6	14.8
34 Gas, natural & manufactured	0.0	—	0.0	—
35 Electric Current	—	—	—	—
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	1.9	2.6	0.8	0.6
41 Animal oils & fats	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.6
42 Fixed vegetable fats & oils	0.9	1.7	0.0	0.0
43 Animal or vegetable fats & oils, processed; waxes	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.0
5 Chemicals and related products nes	232.6	192.0	1,461.2	980.3
51 Organic chemicals	93.7	98.5	887.1	590.1
52 Inorganic chemicals	2.6	4.5	2.1	3.4
53 Dyeing, tanning & colouring materials	0.8	1.4	1.2	1.3
54 Medical & pharmaceutical products	92.2	36.6	413.9	179.0
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet & cleansing preparations	6.4	5.1	91.0	160.9
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	10.0	19.5	0.0	—
57 Plastics in primary forms	8.3	7.8	4.2	4.0
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	8.2	8.0	1.7	3.3
59 Chemical materials & products nes	10.3	10.7	60.0	38.2

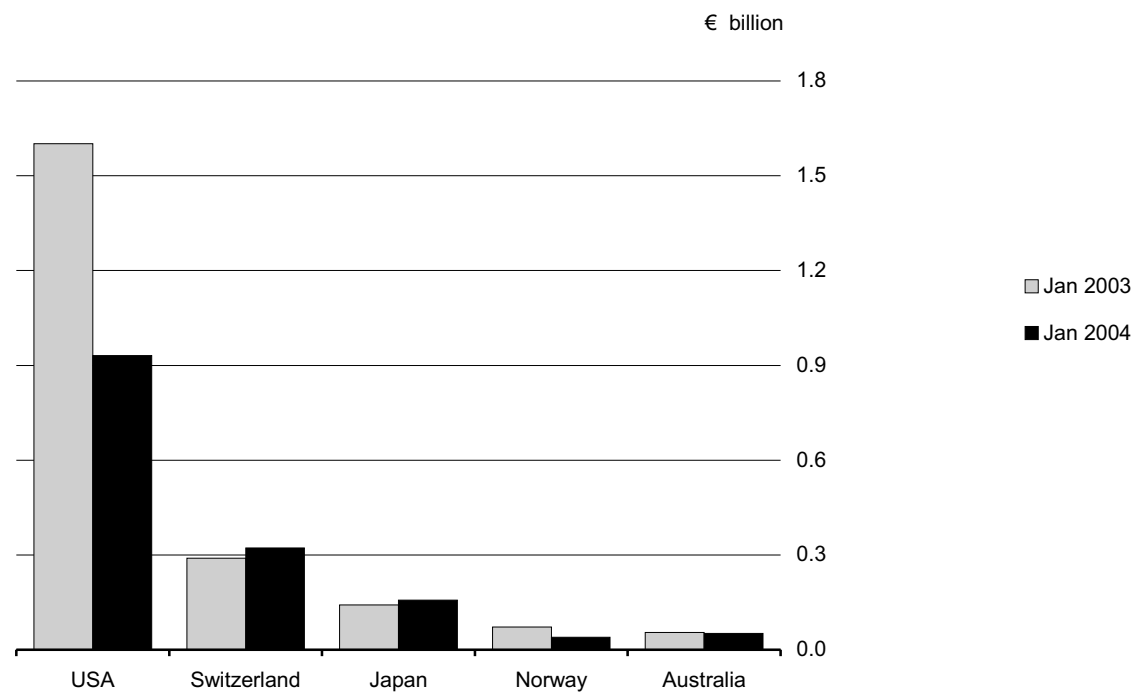
Table 4 Trade with Non-EU Countries classified by Commodity — Continued

EUR million				
SITC (Rev 3)	Imports		Exports	
	Jan 2003	Jan 2004	Jan 2003	Jan 2004
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	80.0	58.1	32.4	30.4
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	0.2	0.2	2.4	1.1
62 Rubber manufactures nes	6.3	4.8	1.2	1.4
63 Cork & wood manufactures (excl furniture)	11.6	9.3	1.4	1.1
64 Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	8.2	3.6	2.2	2.2
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles & related products	6.8	7.3	6.3	4.0
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	9.1	7.1	10.3	10.5
67 Iron & steel	9.2	7.7	0.2	1.0
68 Non-ferrous metals	7.3	3.4	0.8	1.1
69 Manufactures of metals nes	21.3	14.6	7.5	8.0
7 Machinery and transport equipment	891.2	884.5	787.1	634.8
71 Power generating machinery & equipment	30.7	22.4	23.5	15.5
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	18.7	17.1	8.2	7.6
73 Metalworking machinery	3.4	8.7	3.9	2.9
74 General industrial machinery & equipment nes & parts nes	35.9	26.8	31.6	31.2
75 Office machines & automatic data processing machines	455.5	393.4	423.8	289.7
76 Telecommunications & sound equipment	50.8	46.2	52.0	39.5
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus & appliances nes & parts	214.3	177.3	237.3	238.7
78 Road vehicles (incl air-cushion vehicles)	72.9	86.2	0.8	3.3
79 Other transport equipment	8.8	106.3	6.0	6.5
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	206.9	206.8	324.5	361.9
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing & electrical fixtures & fittings	1.8	3.1	1.5	0.4
82 Furniture & parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	6.7	9.2	1.0	0.8
83 Travel goods, handbags & similar containers	2.1	1.4	0.8	0.2
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	30.5	24.5	6.4	7.5
85 Footwear	3.1	2.2	0.0	0.2
87 Professional, scientific & controlling apparatus nes	33.5	27.2	96.6	161.3
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches & clocks	6.9	3.3	29.1	45.9
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	122.2	135.9	189.0	145.6
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	47.0	47.0	112.2	73.3
Total	1,592.5	1,536.6	2,872.4	2,238.9

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 2002 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.