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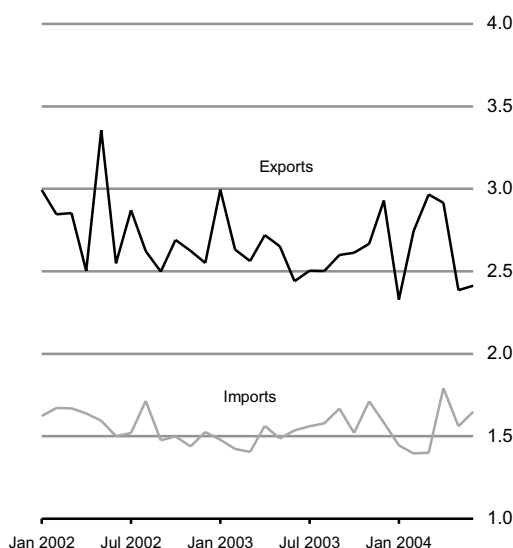
## Trade with Non-EU Countries

Excludes new EU Member States from May 2004<sup>†</sup>  
June 2004

### Imports v Exports

Seasonally Adjusted

€ billion



**Jan-Jun 2003**

**Jan-Jun 2004**

**% change**

**Imports**

**Exports**

*Unadjusted*

€8,983m

€9,408m

+5%

€16,141m

€15,973m

-1%

*Seasonally adjusted<sup>1</sup>*

**April 2004**

**May 2004**

**June 2004**

€1,791m

€1,562m

€1,649m

€2,916m

€2,386m

€2,412m

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

### Marginal decrease in year to date non-EU exports

Non-EU merchandise trade for June 2004, relative to June 2003, shows exports fell slightly from €2,643m to €2,615m while imports increased from €1,413m to €1,548m. On a year to date basis, exports decreased marginally from €16,141m to €15,973m (-1%) and imports increased from €8,983m to €9,408m (+5%) – imports of Other transport equipment increased by €531m.

Seasonally adjusted figures (*see graph & Table 2*) for June 2004, relative to the previous month, shows exports increased from €2,386m to €2,412m and imports increased from €1,562m to €1,649m.

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

- Exports of computers decreased from €2,514m to €1,881m (-25%), organic chemicals decreased from €5,053m to €4,529m (-10%) while professional, scientific & controlling apparatus increased from €688m to €1,422m.
- Exports to the USA decreased from €8,543m to €8,370 (-2%) and exports to Mexico decreased from €343m to €198m (-42%). Exports to Hong Kong and Japan increased by 37% and 10% respectively.
- Imports of transport equipment other than road vehicles (which includes aviation) increased from €176m to €707m while imports of general industrial machinery & equipment decreased from €240m to €136m (-43%).
- Imports from China increased from €827m to €1,195m (+44%) and the USA increased from €3,301m to €3,519m (+7%) while imports from Japan decreased from €1,022m to €868m (-15%).

<sup>†</sup> On 1<sup>st</sup> May 2004, ten countries became new members of the EU – Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia. The data in this release therefore no longer includes trade with these countries in respect of the months from May 2004 onwards. As a result, the historical time series contain marginal discontinuities.

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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 <sup>1</sup>	
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	18,472.1	31,718.8	...	...	...	...	...	
2003	January	1,595.8	2,866.6	368.8	564.9	111.7	133.1	119.2
	February	1,351.0	2,521.3	304.3	503.4	113.6	131.4	115.7
	March	1,502.1	2,826.4	341.3	554.0	114.5	133.9	117.0
	April	1,621.3	2,638.5	372.6	536.5	112.0	129.1	115.3
	May	1,499.9	2,645.6	345.9	539.6	110.6	128.7	116.3
	June	1,412.8	2,642.6	326.2	545.5	109.8	127.1	115.7
	July	1,512.7	2,577.1	350.1	533.8	108.8	126.6	116.4
	August	1,410.5	2,282.5	328.2	470.7	109.9	127.1	115.7
	September	1,632.3	2,737.6	387.7	561.4	108.6	127.8	117.7
	October	1,575.9	2,802.3	378.1	578.9	107.7	127.0	117.9
	November	1,748.1	2,667.8	420.5	560.7	107.4	124.7	116.1
	December	1,609.7	2,510.6	387.1	532.5	107.3	123.5	115.1
2004	January	1,537.9	2,235.9	...	...	...	...	...
	February	1,336.5	2,626.3	...	...	...	...	...
	March	1,583.7	3,283.8	...	...	...	...	...
	April	1,845.2	2,828.6	...	...	...	...	...
	May	1,556.4	2,383.3	...	...	...	...	...
	June	1,548.2	2,615.0	...	...	...	...	...

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

Period		Value		Volume Index	
		Imports €m	Exports €m	Base 1990=100	
				Imports	Exports
2003	January	1,479.8	2,995.4	336.7	602.2
	February	1,423.0	2,631.9	313.3	523.3
	March	1,405.1	2,562.5	318.5	512.5
	April	1,562.9	2,720.1	351.2	553.7
	May	1,486.7	2,650.9	342.5	539.1
	June	1,534.8	2,440.0	360.7	501.4
	July	1,560.6	2,504.5	357.2	507.9
	August	1,578.4	2,502.7	371.3	518.4
	September	1,667.3	2,599.9	402.3	534.7
	October	1,521.0	2,611.7	363.8	539.5
	November	1,711.8	2,667.8	415.1	554.6
	December	1,582.1	2,929.5	391.1	619.9
2004	January	1,443.5	2,329.1	...	...
	February	1,394.9	2,744.4	...	...
	March	1,400.0	2,966.4	...	...
	April	1,791.2	2,916.1	...	...
	May	1,561.7	2,385.7	...	...
	June	1,649.0	2,412.3	...	...

<sup>1</sup> Export Price Index divided by Import Price Index

... Data not yet available

<sup>2</sup> Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2003

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

EUR million

Country	Imports				Exports			
	Jun	Jun	Jan-Jun	Jan-Jun	Jun	Jun	Jan-Jun	Jan-Jun
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Australia	6.5	15.0	49.1	69.2	59.0	76.8	315.6	353.1
Brazil	14.7	15.0	72.2	118.3	11.2	20.7	61.7	69.9
Canada	44.0	23.3	214.2	139.1	23.6	30.5	208.3	172.0
China	133.9	168.1	827.4	1,195.3	38.7	75.8	254.3	300.6
Egypt	0.5	0.6	9.8	3.0	2.7	4.5	32.1	33.6
Hong Kong	20.6	34.1	155.2	168.3	69.5	100.8	324.0	444.7
India	9.2	10.2	63.6	61.5	11.5	6.8	46.5	55.3
Indonesia	4.5	4.9	29.6	33.0	3.4	12.3	24.0	41.8
Israel	8.2	12.8	40.1	54.7	14.4	26.4	109.3	166.6
Japan	176.8	134.6	1,022.1	868.1	196.3	254.8	1,017.1	1,121.0
Malaysia	24.2	20.2	188.3	151.3	48.9	28.7	282.3	215.8
Mexico	15.1	11.0	122.8	68.0	53.3	42.5	343.0	197.6
Morocco	2.4	0.6	15.7	8.1	9.0	3.9	55.6	56.9
Nigeria	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	6.1	10.9	55.7	70.3
Norway	53.6	103.2	377.6	450.4	32.7	33.4	300.2	232.0
Philippines	22.0	7.6	102.1	56.0	12.5	18.3	101.8	95.0
Russia	1.7	1.2	22.9	34.2	17.9	17.2	118.1	103.9
Saudi Arabia	0.3	0.2	0.8	0.9	20.7	24.9	161.3	137.1
Singapore	66.1	66.1	479.9	435.0	79.7	53.5	375.7	417.4
South Africa	7.2	10.9	66.1	66.9	20.7	24.9	143.5	137.9
South Korea	36.6	42.1	316.7	283.7	59.4	54.3	264.8	291.2
Switzerland	22.7	37.2	236.9	243.5	237.5	217.4	1,442.5	1,400.9
Taiwan	50.1	84.7	363.6	449.5	28.3	25.7	148.9	142.5
Thailand	16.4	20.1	145.0	163.0	18.1	23.4	68.2	107.7
Turkey	16.0	25.3	107.0	112.4	32.5	28.4	179.1	135.3
United Arab Emirates	3.2	3.4	14.0	15.0	6.5	14.4	65.9	83.7
USA	557.7	604.5	3,300.8	3,518.9	1,351.6	1,237.0	8,543.2	8,370.1
EU - Former Accession Countries <sup>1</sup>	43.6	6.2	249.1	209.7	62.8	0.0	359.3	266.0
- Other Member States <sup>2</sup>	15.3	22.1	59.6	94.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other countries <sup>3</sup>	34.7	52.9	269.3	281.9	67.2	98.9	488.8	541.0
Country unknown <sup>4</sup>	5.0	10.0	61.1	54.2	46.8	48.2	250.2	212.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,412.8</b>	<b>1,548.2</b>	<b>8,982.9</b>	<b>9,407.8</b>	<b>2,642.6</b>	<b>2,615.0</b>	<b>16,141.0</b>	<b>15,973.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Countries which joined the EU in May 2004 - trade in respect of May 2004 and June 2004 is part of the transition process.

A historical profile of trade with these countries is available from the Trade Help Desk (trade@cso.ie).

<sup>2</sup> EU member state products imported from a non-EU country.

<sup>3</sup> Other non-EU countries not listed individually.

<sup>4</sup> Trade for which the country of origin or country of final destination is unknown.

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

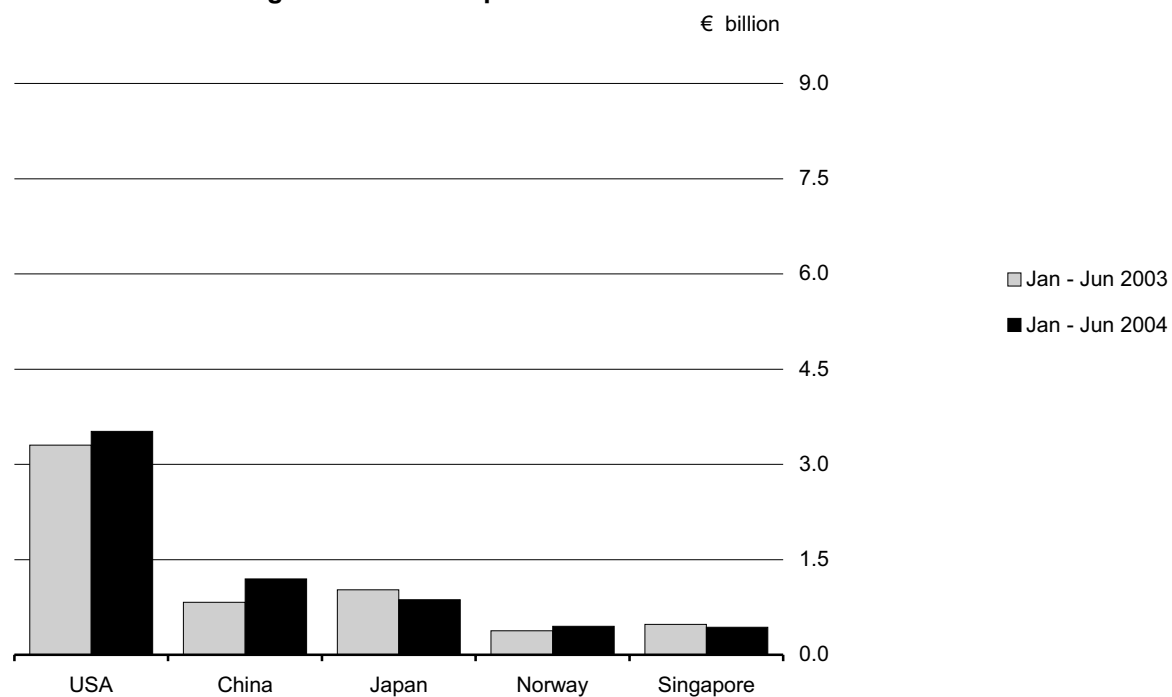
EUR million								
SITC (Rev 3)	Imports				Exports			
	Jun 2003	Jun 2004	Jan-Jun 2003	Jan-Jun 2004	Jun 2003	Jun 2004	Jan-Jun 2003	Jan-Jun 2004
<b>0 Food and live animals</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>34.1</b>	<b>190.4</b>	<b>205.6</b>	<b>84.9</b>	<b>111.6</b>	<b>606.3</b>	<b>622.8</b>
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	2.0	3.9	7.4	6.5	2.1	0.2	12.8	3.8
01 Meat & meat preparations	1.2	2.4	6.9	10.9	8.1	7.8	51.9	43.6
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.9	10.6	20.4	72.3	85.2
03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and preparations thereof	0.9	0.6	4.2	3.3	3.1	6.2	52.5	47.1
04 Cereals & cereal preparations	1.0	0.6	3.8	8.0	2.4	2.1	9.3	16.3
05 Vegetables & fruit	4.6	6.8	31.6	33.7	0.0	0.5	0.5	1.5
06 Sugars, sugar preparations & honey	1.6	1.4	12.9	12.4	1.5	2.6	8.9	16.1
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices & manufactures thereof	3.7	2.4	26.4	20.3	2.8	2.9	22.2	24.9
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl unmilled cereals)	12.6	14.6	91.6	104.5	0.8	0.7	3.3	5.8
09 Miscellaneous edible products & preparations	1.1	1.3	5.1	5.1	53.4	68.2	372.7	378.4
<b>1 Beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>40.5</b>	<b>43.2</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>133.0</b>	<b>122.5</b>
11 Beverages	6.9	8.3	39.1	42.3	21.0	21.4	128.5	116.5
12 Tobacco & tobacco manufactures	0.2	0.2	1.3	0.9	0.8	1.0	4.5	6.0
<b>2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>172.1</b>	<b>169.1</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>71.7</b>	<b>98.4</b>
21 Hides, skins & furskins, raw	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	1.5	2.6	7.5	15.1
22 Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits	0.1	1.7	1.1	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
23 Crude rubber (incl synthetic & reclaimed)	0.8	0.6	4.5	4.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3
24 Cork & wood	11.9	10.0	60.7	60.8	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.4
25 Pulp & waste paper	0.8	1.5	8.3	8.0	0.7	1.1	4.9	10.1
26 Textile fibres & their wastes	0.8	0.8	5.8	4.1	1.4	1.3	8.1	9.7
27 Crude fertilisers & minerals (excl coal, petroleum and precious stones)	6.2	5.9	36.7	29.2	2.7	1.8	9.3	9.1
28 Metalliferous ores & metal scrap	5.8	8.0	44.7	48.7	5.5	5.1	37.6	50.5
29 Crude animal & vegetable materials nes	1.6	1.7	10.1	12.2	0.6	0.2	2.4	3.2
<b>3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials</b>	<b>40.8</b>	<b>79.3</b>	<b>319.3</b>	<b>364.0</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>48.4</b>	<b>35.0</b>
32 Coal, coke & briquettes	2.5	15.9	47.0	86.2	0.2	0.1	2.7	1.3
33 Petroleum, petroleum products & related materials	38.3	63.4	272.3	277.8	3.7	2.2	45.7	33.7
34 Gas, natural & manufactured	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
35 Electric Current	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>1.8</b>
41 Animal oils & fats	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.2	3.0	1.7
42 Fixed vegetable fats & oils	0.6	1.2	4.3	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
43 Animal or vegetable fats & oils, processed; waxes	1.3	1.1	8.7	6.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>5 Chemicals and related products nes</b>	<b>177.9</b>	<b>274.2</b>	<b>1,266.7</b>	<b>1,392.7</b>	<b>1,213.0</b>	<b>1,045.6</b>	<b>7,941.0</b>	<b>7,296.9</b>
51 Organic chemicals	74.2	164.8	568.4	703.8	728.8	528.9	5,052.6	4,528.5
52 Inorganic chemicals	1.7	3.2	14.3	23.8	0.8	0.9	7.3	12.2
53 Dyeing, tanning & colouring materials	1.1	2.8	6.2	12.1	0.8	1.9	13.3	8.6
54 Medical & pharmaceutical products	71.5	72.8	437.2	415.6	250.4	271.1	1,642.2	1,422.8
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet & cleansing preparations	5.8	7.9	38.5	39.5	175.6	170.9	854.2	1,015.3
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	1.8	1.1	54.1	61.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
57 Plastics in primary forms	6.0	6.0	44.2	43.2	2.8	4.1	26.1	22.7
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	8.3	8.5	52.2	48.0	3.6	3.7	20.3	20.3
59 Chemical materials & products nes	7.4	7.2	51.7	45.6	50.1	64.1	324.9	266.5

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

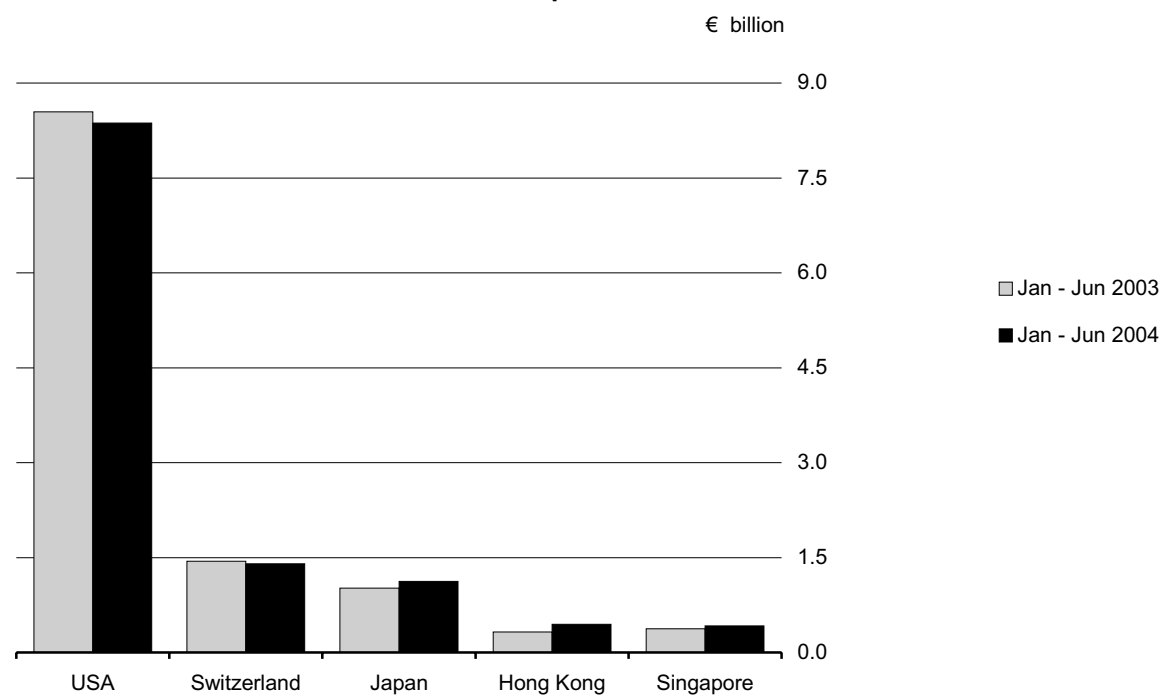
EUR million

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>68.0</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>423.8</b>	<b>391.2</b>	<b>32.9</b>	<b>35.8</b>	<b>210.5</b>	<b>209.8</b>
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	0.4	0.2	1.3	1.7	1.0	2.8	8.2	7.2
62 Rubber manufactures nes	5.0	4.5	32.1	29.8	1.4	1.5	9.2	10.3
63 Cork & wood manufactures (excl furniture)	6.6	7.9	43.8	49.1	3.2	2.3	20.0	19.3
64 Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	6.4	4.2	42.9	30.2	2.8	2.6	12.8	15.2
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles & related products	7.5	8.1	43.7	46.7	9.4	7.6	44.9	33.7
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	9.1	8.1	55.0	46.7	6.4	7.3	53.6	54.4
67 Iron & steel	11.4	18.4	60.3	66.5	1.2	0.7	4.3	4.9
68 Non-ferrous metals	5.9	5.0	38.1	30.2	0.8	0.6	5.3	6.6
69 Manufactures of metals nes	15.7	15.6	106.6	90.4	6.9	10.4	52.2	58.2
<b>7 Machinery and transport equipment</b>	<b>796.1</b>	<b>785.9</b>	<b>4,996.4</b>	<b>5,284.2</b>	<b>860.5</b>	<b>826.1</b>	<b>4,654.3</b>	<b>4,326.8</b>
71 Power generating machinery & equipment	29.4	30.7	182.9	162.5	14.0	20.2	100.4	105.2
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	30.6	13.8	142.0	86.8	10.7	15.5	66.3	70.7
73 Metalworking machinery	19.7	9.3	58.3	42.3	3.1	3.3	23.8	27.3
74 General industrial machinery & equipment nes & parts nes	45.4	24.5	240.1	136.5	31.1	72.3	179.3	242.8
75 Office machines & automatic data processing machines	351.4	371.3	2,429.3	2,483.9	498.4	370.2	2,514.0	1,880.7
76 Telecommunications & sound equipment	43.7	32.6	262.3	240.6	51.9	36.4	284.7	230.4
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus & appliances nes & parts	183.5	174.2	1,141.5	1,091.4	240.2	303.7	1,440.3	1,705.7
78 Road vehicles (incl air-cushion vehicles)	41.2	37.1	363.7	332.7	2.1	1.7	13.4	18.2
79 Other transport equipment	51.0	92.4	176.4	707.5	8.9	2.8	32.2	45.7
<b>8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b>	<b>213.2</b>	<b>192.2</b>	<b>1,228.7</b>	<b>1,225.5</b>	<b>306.5</b>	<b>419.2</b>	<b>1,860.6</b>	<b>2,685.2</b>
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing & electrical fixtures & fittings	1.7	3.2	12.1	20.1	0.6	0.6	6.4	4.3
82 Furniture & parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	9.5	12.5	48.2	70.8	1.0	0.7	9.3	4.2
83 Travel goods, handbags & similar containers	2.4	2.2	14.6	11.2	0.1	0.1	1.7	0.9
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	20.5	20.1	144.8	126.6	8.6	2.5	45.3	40.9
85 Footwear	2.3	2.4	17.8	16.8	0.2	0.2	0.9	1.2
87 Professional, scientific & controlling apparatus nes	51.9	26.7	248.5	173.2	126.9	210.1	687.9	1,421.9
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches & clocks	6.6	4.5	37.1	27.2	38.8	47.4	194.7	259.0
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	118.2	120.6	705.7	779.7	130.3	157.6	914.4	952.8
<b>9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere</b>	<b>51.0</b>	<b>69.7</b>	<b>332.0</b>	<b>319.9</b>	<b>106.1</b>	<b>138.8</b>	<b>612.1</b>	<b>571.2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,412.8</b>	<b>1,548.2</b>	<b>8,982.9</b>	<b>9,407.8</b>	<b>2,642.6</b>	<b>2,615.0</b>	<b>16,141.0</b>	<b>15,973.0</b>

## 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.

On 1<sup>st</sup> May 2004, ten countries became new members of the EU – Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia. The data in this release therefore no longer includes trade with these countries in respect of the months from May 2004 onwards. As a result, the historical time series contain marginal discontinuities.

**Revisions** Data from May 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.

