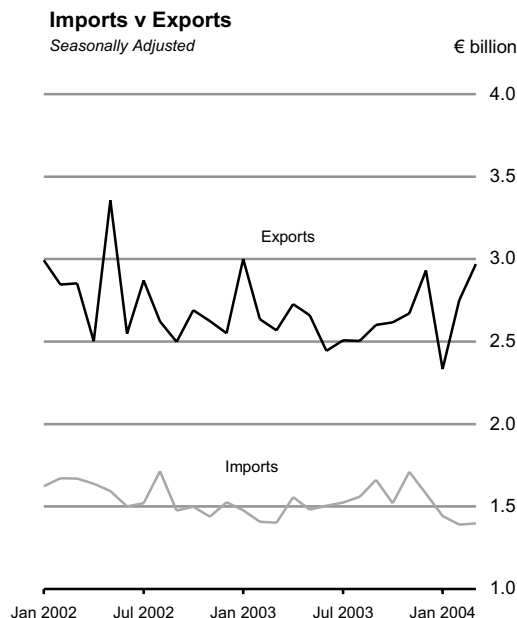




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## Trade with Non-EU Countries March 2004



	Imports	Exports
		<i>Unadjusted</i>
<b>Jan-Mar 2003</b>	€4,427m	€8,231m
<b>Jan-Mar 2004</b>	€4,449m	€8,159m
		<i>Seasonally adjusted<sup>1</sup></i>
<b>January 2004</b>	€1,442m	€2,332m
<b>February 2004</b>	€1,389m	€2,750m
<b>March 2004</b>	€1,398m	€2,970m

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

### Non-EU exports increase in March

On a seasonally adjusted basis (*see graph & Table 2*), Ireland's exports to non-EU countries increased to €2,970m in March 2004 from the February 2004 figure of €2,750m. Imports showed a marginal increase from €1,389m to €1,398m in the same month.

The unadjusted exports were valued at €3,288m in March 2004, 16% higher than the €2,832m recorded in March of last year while imports increased by 6% from €1,498m to €1,582m in the same period.

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

- Exports fell from €8,231m to €8,159m (-1%). Exports of organic chemicals decreased from €2,755m to €2,442m (-11%) and computers decreased from €1,261m to €987m (-22%). However exports of professional, scientific & controlling apparatus increased from €304m to €744m.
- Exports to the USA decreased from €4,247m to €4,136m (-3%) and to Mexico decreased from €184m to €90m (-51%) while exports to Switzerland increased from €826m to €888m (+7%).
- Imports increased marginally from €4,427m to €4,449m. Imports of transport equipment other than road vehicles (which includes aviation) increased from €51m to €160m while imports of computers decreased from €1,281m to €1,193m (-7%).
- Imports from China increased from €417m to €537m (+29%) and Norway increased from €179m to €222m (+24%) while imports from South Korea decreased from €197m to €151m (-23%).

*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.*

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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	18,345.3	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	1,331.0	2,631.6	...	...	...	...	...
March	1,581.5	3,288.0	...	...	...	...	...

**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	1,476.8	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	1,389.2	2,749.9	...	...
March	1,398.0	2,970.1	...	...

<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			
	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Jan-Mar 2003	Jan-Mar 2004	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Jan-Mar 2003	Jan-Mar 2004
Australia	6.5	14.0	23.7	34.5	58.4	69.2	156.9	171.1
Brazil	7.9	42.8	34.8	61.7	8.7	15.8	27.0	30.8
Canada	29.0	29.9	110.1	71.6	38.2	37.6	114.2	91.5
China	127.7	178.7	417.3	537.3	58.6	55.0	133.8	147.0
Czech Republic	13.7	14.6	43.4	37.0	13.3	17.3	38.4	47.4
Egypt	3.0	0.5	7.6	1.2	5.5	5.8	17.8	19.6
Hong Kong	29.7	32.9	87.4	79.3	62.4	81.6	156.1	188.7
Hungary	4.4	11.2	14.9	33.2	11.9	14.0	32.7	39.3
India	11.6	10.9	32.5	28.7	8.0	16.8	21.9	35.0
Israel	6.6	13.5	15.5	25.9	21.6	44.7	57.6	84.8
Japan	153.2	147.2	428.4	436.3	223.9	240.1	541.0	568.5
Malaysia	32.2	25.6	103.0	79.6	48.0	42.8	134.9	119.5
Mexico	19.7	12.1	69.2	33.2	75.4	37.4	184.0	90.5
Norway	62.3	68.3	179.3	221.5	76.3	41.2	185.1	126.2
Philippines	22.2	12.1	46.7	28.6	17.9	13.9	53.1	49.9
Poland	11.9	12.7	38.2	31.6	20.5	21.0	56.3	62.5
Russia	5.2	7.0	13.0	22.9	15.8	16.8	53.7	46.9
Saudi Arabia	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.4	22.8	17.9	86.3	58.8
Singapore	84.1	83.3	247.4	212.2	103.7	103.8	194.0	239.9
South Africa	11.4	10.4	30.3	25.4	25.5	32.0	73.8	72.6
South Korea	73.5	50.3	196.6	150.6	58.1	67.4	133.0	150.1
Switzerland	33.9	37.4	105.5	107.2	294.9	388.5	826.0	887.8
Taiwan	72.5	75.3	191.8	197.9	25.6	30.3	70.7	68.2
Thailand	25.3	27.0	73.0	88.9	10.6	18.1	32.9	38.6
Turkey	12.0	16.6	51.9	48.2	24.8	16.7	83.5	67.5
United Arab Emirates	2.8	1.6	6.4	4.4	10.1	15.3	37.8	41.9
USA	545.6	546.7	1,596.1	1,570.7	1,293.5	1,638.5	4,246.7	4,135.7
EU Member States <sup>1</sup>	14.8	21.4	27.0	43.8	–	–	–	–
Other countries <sup>2</sup>	65.9	68.7	203.0	207.8	132.8	160.1	351.7	392.8
Country unknown <sup>3</sup>	9.7	8.7	32.2	27.8	65.6	28.3	129.8	85.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,498.3</b>	<b>1,581.5</b>	<b>4,426.5</b>	<b>4,449.1</b>	<b>2,832.4</b>	<b>3,288.0</b>	<b>8,230.8</b>	<b>8,158.5</b>

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

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

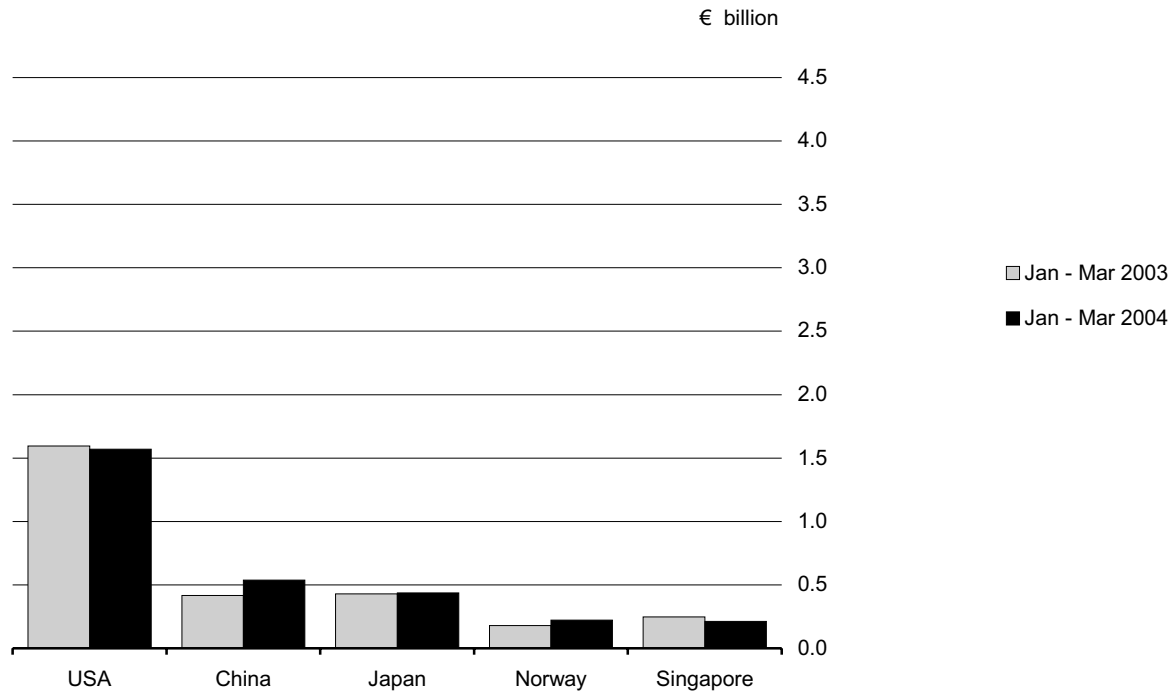
EUR million

SITC (Rev 3)	Imports				Exports			
	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Jan-Mar 2003	Jan-Mar 2004	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Jan-Mar 2003	Jan-Mar 2004
<b>0 Food and live animals</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>47.0</b>	<b>109.2</b>	<b>110.5</b>	<b>106.5</b>	<b>100.7</b>	<b>318.5</b>	<b>292.1</b>
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	0.7	0.5	4.9	2.0	2.9	1.0	7.9	2.8
01 Meat & meat preparations	1.3	1.6	3.1	3.9	9.6	8.3	27.7	21.2
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.5	12.3	12.2	35.2	33.1
03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and preparations thereof	0.7	0.4	1.4	1.3	12.4	11.1	33.0	30.1
04 Cereals & cereal preparations	0.9	2.3	2.1	4.3	1.1	5.8	5.0	11.5
05 Vegetables & fruit	4.9	5.6	15.0	13.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.6
06 Sugars, sugar preparations & honey	6.0	0.6	9.0	2.9	1.9	2.2	4.7	8.0
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices & manufactures thereof	4.2	3.5	14.3	10.8	3.9	4.9	12.3	14.7
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl unmilled cereals)	11.9	31.4	56.7	69.4	0.6	0.8	1.6	2.9
09 Miscellaneous edible products & preparations	0.7	0.6	2.3	2.2	61.9	54.1	190.9	167.2
<b>1 Beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>71.5</b>	<b>63.4</b>
11 Beverages	6.1	6.8	17.9	18.2	24.3	17.4	69.2	60.8
12 Tobacco & tobacco manufactures	0.4	0.1	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.9	2.3	2.6
<b>2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>32.5</b>	<b>75.2</b>	<b>78.9</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>53.7</b>
21 Hides, skins & furskins, raw	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	1.8	3.7	6.5
22 Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
23 Crude rubber (incl synthetic & reclaimed)	0.8	0.8	2.3	2.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
24 Cork & wood	9.0	13.1	22.8	30.6	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.1
25 Pulp & waste paper	0.9	1.5	4.4	4.4	0.8	2.0	2.8	6.7
26 Textile fibres & their wastes	0.7	0.7	2.6	2.2	1.5	1.6	4.2	5.7
27 Crude fertilisers & minerals (excl coal, petroleum and precious stones)	5.9	5.6	17.3	12.5	0.8	2.5	2.3	5.0
28 Metalliferous ores & metal scrap	4.7	7.9	20.0	20.5	5.7	12.6	16.7	27.2
29 Crude animal & vegetable materials nes	2.3	2.9	5.6	6.5	0.5	0.9	1.1	2.3
<b>3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials</b>	<b>41.3</b>	<b>50.3</b>	<b>145.2</b>	<b>186.0</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>36.7</b>	<b>26.5</b>
32 Coal, coke & briquettes	3.6	9.7	14.5	41.3	0.4	0.3	1.3	0.8
33 Petroleum, petroleum products & related materials	37.7	40.6	130.7	144.7	20.2	0.0	35.3	25.7
34 Gas, natural & manufactured	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>2.0</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.0</b>
41 Animal oils & fats	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.1	1.8	1.0
42 Fixed vegetable fats & oils	0.6	1.1	2.4	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
43 Animal or vegetable fats & oils, processed; waxes	1.4	1.4	3.2	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>5 Chemicals and related products nes</b>	<b>199.2</b>	<b>236.4</b>	<b>611.3</b>	<b>626.8</b>	<b>1,367.7</b>	<b>1,574.0</b>	<b>4,114.9</b>	<b>3,777.7</b>
51 Organic chemicals	70.0	95.6	259.6	302.6	968.1	1,046.6	2,754.8	2,442.0
52 Inorganic chemicals	2.8	4.3	7.4	11.9	0.2	5.4	4.3	9.2
53 Dyeing, tanning & colouring materials	1.3	2.1	3.0	5.8	1.9	1.2	5.3	3.5
54 Medical & pharmaceutical products	77.0	87.0	209.7	162.4	211.3	287.0	889.0	686.4
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet & cleansing preparations	6.0	7.0	17.4	19.6	120.2	181.1	277.8	499.7
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	14.3	16.3	36.7	52.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
57 Plastics in primary forms	7.2	9.2	21.5	22.9	5.6	3.4	15.0	11.0
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	9.2	8.6	26.8	23.9	1.8	3.1	7.4	8.9
59 Chemical materials & products nes	11.5	6.4	29.0	25.3	58.5	46.3	161.3	116.9

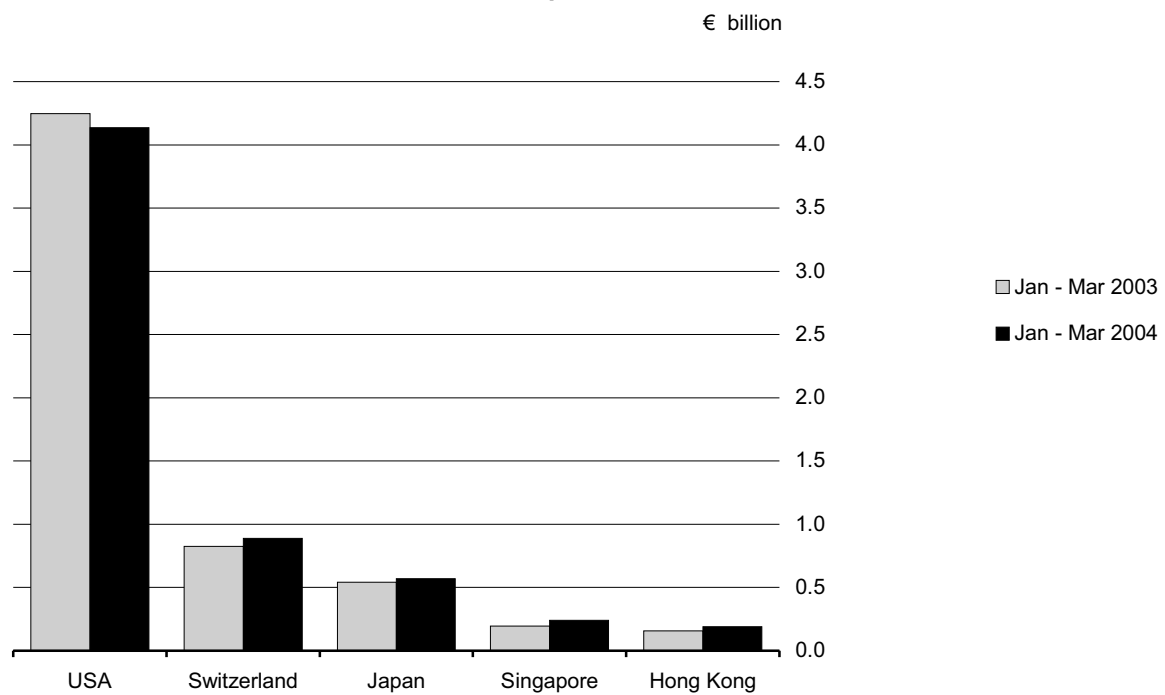
**Table 4 Trade with Non-EU Countries classified by Commodity — Continued**

EUR million								
SITC (Rev 3)	Imports				Exports			
	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Jan-Mar 2003	Jan-Mar 2004	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Jan-Mar 2003	Jan-Mar 2004
<b>6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</b>	<b>65.8</b>	<b>62.6</b>	<b>206.0</b>	<b>177.3</b>	<b>34.3</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>102.1</b>	<b>106.3</b>
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.8	1.3	1.7	5.8	3.2
62 Rubber manufactures nes	5.3	5.6	16.2	15.3	1.9	2.0	4.5	5.3
63 Cork & wood manufactures (excl furniture)	6.3	9.5	22.9	26.0	2.2	5.1	7.6	7.1
64 Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	6.6	5.4	20.6	14.7	1.8	2.5	5.7	7.4
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles & related products	7.6	7.2	21.0	21.1	7.4	6.6	20.9	16.3
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	8.9	8.5	25.6	22.1	9.2	9.5	29.4	30.7
67 Iron & steel	6.3	5.6	23.9	20.9	0.5	0.7	1.2	2.5
68 Non-ferrous metals	6.1	4.7	20.0	12.4	0.8	2.0	2.4	4.0
69 Manufactures of metals nes	18.6	15.8	55.3	43.9	9.2	11.2	24.7	30.0
<b>7 Machinery and transport equipment</b>	<b>876.6</b>	<b>869.5</b>	<b>2,513.2</b>	<b>2,424.5</b>	<b>875.5</b>	<b>912.1</b>	<b>2,351.4</b>	<b>2,179.3</b>
71 Power generating machinery & equipment	19.8	29.5	72.9	73.4	13.7	22.8	50.0	58.6
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	16.5	19.4	49.2	45.7	11.3	13.5	26.4	33.3
73 Metalworking machinery	11.1	9.3	18.2	23.2	4.1	4.5	12.7	12.4
74 General industrial machinery & equipment nes & parts nes	32.2	19.9	104.6	67.7	31.2	36.0	89.4	110.4
75 Office machines & automatic data processing machines	441.9	444.2	1,280.6	1,192.5	490.8	419.5	1,260.7	986.7
76 Telecommunications & sound equipment	51.5	47.2	143.4	131.0	38.3	44.4	146.5	120.4
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus & appliances nes & parts	207.5	193.9	595.2	546.8	276.8	364.0	744.7	828.6
78 Road vehicles (incl air-cushion vehicles)	64.3	60.6	198.3	183.8	2.1	4.7	4.6	10.2
79 Other transport equipment	31.9	45.6	50.8	160.4	7.2	2.6	16.3	18.8
<b>8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b>	<b>202.7</b>	<b>217.7</b>	<b>599.6</b>	<b>651.3</b>	<b>290.0</b>	<b>523.3</b>	<b>903.3</b>	<b>1,385.2</b>
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing & electrical fixtures & fittings	2.0	3.0	5.6	9.7	1.5	0.5	4.1	1.4
82 Furniture & parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	8.9	10.9	22.3	29.9	1.6	1.3	4.1	2.7
83 Travel goods, handbags & similar containers	2.6	1.3	7.3	4.5	0.1	0.3	1.1	0.5
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	26.9	23.2	81.7	68.9	7.9	8.4	21.7	23.6
85 Footwear	2.9	3.4	10.6	8.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.6
87 Professional, scientific & controlling apparatus nes	34.8	31.2	100.2	86.2	103.1	281.2	303.8	743.7
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches & clocks	5.8	4.9	17.3	12.8	30.2	39.9	86.8	123.1
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	118.9	139.8	354.6	430.9	145.5	191.6	481.3	489.6
<b>9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere</b>	<b>48.4</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>142.4</b>	<b>168.8</b>	<b>102.1</b>	<b>96.1</b>	<b>299.1</b>	<b>273.1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,498.3</b>	<b>1,581.5</b>	<b>4,426.5</b>	<b>4,449.1</b>	<b>2,832.4</b>	<b>3,288.0</b>	<b>8,230.8</b>	<b>8,158.5</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.

**Revisions** Data from February 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.