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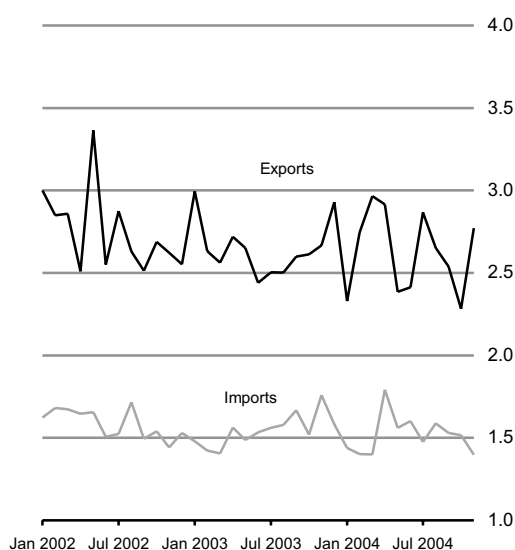
## Trade with Non-EU Countries

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

### Imports v Exports

Seasonally Adjusted

€ billion



	Imports	Exports
		<i>Unadjusted</i>
<b>Jan-Nov 2003</b>	€16,909m	€29,207m
<b>Jan-Nov 2004</b>	€16,738m	€29,215m
<b>% change</b>	-1%	0%
		<i>Seasonally adjusted</i> <sup>1</sup>
<b>September 2004</b>	€1,529m	€2,538m
<b>October 2004</b>	€1,516m	€2,282m
<b>November 2004</b>	€1,398m	€2,772m

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

### Non-EU exports increase in November

Seasonally adjusted non-EU trade for November 2004, as based on seasonal patterns up to December 2003 (*see graph & Table 2*), shows exports increased by 21% to €2,772m and imports decreased by 8% to €1,398m relative to October 2004.

The unadjusted non-EU trade for November 2004 gives exports of €2,766m, an increase of 4% on November 2003 and imports of €1,547m, a decrease of 14% over the same period.

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

**Exports** marginally increased from €29,207m to €29,215m.

- Exports of professional, scientific & controlling apparatus increased from €1,477m to €2,464m (+67%) and essential oils (which include those used in the food and drink industries) increased from €1,559m to €2,047m (+31%). Organic chemicals decreased from €8,891m to €7,572m (-15%).
- Exports to Japan increased from €1,881m to €2,116m (+12%) and to Hong Kong increased from €624m to €762m (+22%) while exports to the USA decreased from €15,685m to €15,407m (-2%).

**Imports** decreased from €16,909m to €16,738m (-1%).

- Electrical machinery, apparatus & appliances decreased from €2,221m to €1,945m (-12%) and general industrial machinery decreased from €429m to €248m (-42%). Transport equipment other than road vehicles (which includes aviation) increased from €573m to €943m (+65%).
- Imports from the USA decreased from €6,452m to €5,894m (-9%) and from Canada decreased from €404m to €244m (-40%) while imports from China increased from €1,782m to €2,329m (+31%).

<sup>†</sup> See background notes for details.

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**Table 1 Summary of trade with non-EU Countries**

Period	Value		Volume Index		Price Index			
	Imports €m	Exports €m	Base 1990=100					
			Imports	Exports	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	19,031.4	32,991.2	335.3	525.3	121.2	136.8	112.8	
2003	18,519.4	31,716.8	...	...	...	...	...	
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	1,412.6	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	1,410.1	2,282.5	328.2	470.7	109.9	127.1	115.7
	September	1,632.2	2,737.5	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	1,795.4	2,666.6	420.5	560.7	107.4	124.7	116.1
	December	1,610.3	2,509.9	387.1	532.5	107.3	123.5	115.1
2004	January	1,531.6	2,235.9	...	...	...	...	...
	February	1,343.0	2,626.3	...	...	...	...	...
	March	1,583.9	3,283.8	...	...	...	...	...
	April	1,845.2	2,828.6	...	...	...	...	...
	May	1,556.4	2,383.3	...	...	...	...	...
	June	1,504.0	2,615.0	...	...	...	...	...
	July	1,394.6	2,943.6	...	...	...	...	...
	August	1,487.1	2,409.6	...	...	...	...	...
	September	1,440.6	2,667.6	...	...	...	...	...
	October	1,505.1	2,455.5	...	...	...	...	...
	November	1,546.7	2,766.0	...	...	...	...	...

**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	1,534.6	2,440.0	360.7	501.4
July	1,560.6	2,504.5	357.2	507.9
August	1,578.0	2,502.7	371.3	518.4
September	1,667.2	2,599.8	402.3	534.7
October	1,521.0	2,611.7	363.8	539.5
November	1,758.1	2,666.6	415.1	554.6
December	1,582.7	2,928.7	391.1	619.9
2004 January	1,437.6	2,329.1	...	...
February	1,401.7	2,744.4	...	...
March	1,400.2	2,966.4	...	...
April	1,791.2	2,916.1	...	...
May	1,561.7	2,385.7	...	...
June	1,601.9	2,412.3	...	...
July	1,475.2	2,866.2	...	...
August	1,588.1	2,650.8	...	...
September	1,529.3	2,538.2	...	...
October	1,515.7	2,282.1	...	...
November	1,397.9	2,771.6	...	...

<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			
	Nov 2003	Nov 2004	Jan-Nov 2003	Jan-Nov 2004	Nov 2003	Nov 2004	Jan-Nov 2003	Jan-Nov 2004
Australia	8.4	20.4	94.8	138.8	46.9	64.9	598.0	670.4
Brazil	21.2	16.0	179.6	193.5	9.9	12.3	130.4	133.9
Canada	35.0	23.4	403.5	244.1	98.0	25.4	443.8	301.0
China	178.8	238.9	1,781.8	2,328.5	43.5	66.0	505.0	577.9
Egypt	3.3	1.0	18.7	6.3	3.7	5.6	50.2	59.9
Hong Kong	24.7	59.3	296.8	404.1	63.3	56.4	623.9	762.3
India	8.9	14.5	110.8	122.5	5.9	11.0	87.7	98.1
Indonesia	5.0	4.7	56.7	56.6	1.8	3.5	44.6	92.2
Israel	6.4	6.2	71.6	97.5	12.0	21.3	186.6	287.0
Japan	141.0	189.8	1,783.2	1,629.8	177.3	176.9	1,881.2	2,116.2
Malaysia	32.4	35.1	334.7	325.8	44.2	36.4	526.4	406.7
Mexico	11.4	9.6	183.2	124.8	24.9	30.0	492.6	378.8
Morocco	0.6	0.5	22.7	13.4	8.2	11.1	101.4	118.0
Nigeria	0.0	0.1	0.4	1.0	7.6	8.6	110.2	114.2
Norway	71.5	87.8	689.2	798.3	30.3	46.0	488.0	442.0
Philippines	10.5	9.1	156.8	95.8	17.3	21.0	190.5	173.6
Russia	2.5	3.0	36.0	47.1	22.6	19.6	233.0	187.8
Saudi Arabia	0.6	0.1	3.1	1.6	14.1	16.5	254.5	235.6
Singapore	87.1	56.7	895.6	751.3	63.2	87.8	677.1	797.6
South Africa	10.8	9.1	127.8	124.8	17.9	18.8	247.4	234.1
South Korea	41.6	52.7	500.1	529.8	39.0	47.9	468.0	539.0
Switzerland	45.9	43.4	421.0	468.0	275.3	194.4	2,388.4	2,510.4
Taiwan	62.5	87.7	678.8	833.3	21.3	39.9	264.4	315.6
Thailand	30.6	27.1	277.7	288.4	6.9	9.9	133.9	153.3
Turkey	10.3	33.8	167.6	215.7	14.8	27.9	285.1	281.1
United Arab Emirates	1.8	2.7	25.1	26.2	7.9	7.5	109.0	138.5
USA	852.8	446.3	6,452.1	5,894.3	1,430.7	1,571.1	15,685.2	15,407.4
EU <sup>1</sup> - New Member States <sup>2</sup>	38.7	1.3	446.4	214.8	61.3	0.0	667.4	266.0
- Other Member States	7.6	5.9	124.1	131.1	0.0	0.0	0.8	1.1
Other countries <sup>3</sup>	35.2	52.4	461.1	535.9	66.7	102.8	863.3	1,033.6
Country unknown <sup>4</sup>	8.3	8.0	108.2	95.0	30.3	25.2	469.0	382.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,795.4</b>	<b>1,546.7</b>	<b>16,909.1</b>	<b>16,738.0</b>	<b>2,666.6</b>	<b>2,766.0</b>	<b>29,207.0</b>	<b>29,215.3</b>

<sup>1</sup> EU member state products imported from a non-EU country.<sup>2</sup> Countries which joined the EU in May 2004.<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

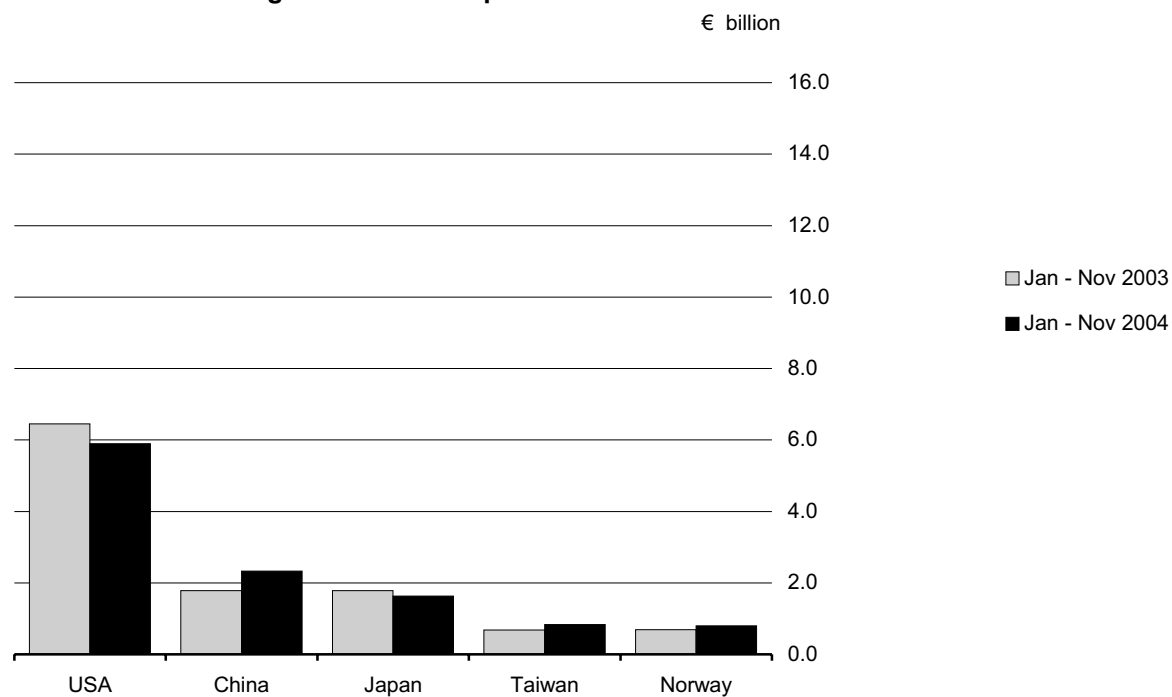
SITC (Rev 3)	Imports				Exports			
	Nov 2003	Nov 2004	Jan-Nov 2003	Jan-Nov 2004	Nov 2003	Nov 2004	Jan-Nov 2003	Jan-Nov 2004
<b>0 Food and live animals</b>	<b>34.3</b>	<b>43.0</b>	<b>361.9</b>	<b>372.7</b>	<b>85.2</b>	<b>94.6</b>	<b>1,116.3</b>	<b>1,083.2</b>
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	3.3	8.7	40.2	32.8	2.0	3.3	34.2	12.7
01 Meat & meat preparations	1.0	1.5	13.0	20.4	12.3	17.0	114.6	99.6
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	0.1	0.1	1.5	1.3	18.1	16.1	160.7	169.3
03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and preparations thereof	0.7	1.2	6.9	7.7	5.0	8.1	78.0	70.1
04 Cereals & cereal preparations	0.9	0.2	6.1	11.8	0.6	1.3	16.7	24.9
05 Vegetables & fruit	5.1	5.9	59.8	59.1	0.3	0.4	2.1	3.2
06 Sugars, sugar preparations & honey	0.5	0.8	17.3	17.3	0.9	0.8	18.0	25.1
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices & manufactures thereof	3.0	3.1	42.7	36.6	1.4	2.7	36.2	36.1
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl unmilled cereals)	19.1	20.3	164.1	175.7	0.5	1.3	8.7	11.9
09 Miscellaneous edible products & preparations	0.6	1.3	10.1	10.1	44.0	43.5	647.1	630.3
<b>1 Beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>90.8</b>	<b>102.8</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>31.8</b>	<b>306.7</b>	<b>295.9</b>
11 Beverages	11.9	12.8	88.8	101.2	29.6	31.0	300.7	285.7
12 Tobacco & tobacco manufactures	0.1	0.1	2.1	1.6	0.1	0.8	6.0	10.3
<b>2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>30.4</b>	<b>323.2</b>	<b>311.6</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>149.0</b>	<b>189.8</b>
21 Hides, skins & furskins, raw	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	1.9	2.0	19.2	24.0
22 Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits	0.3	1.6	2.8	3.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
23 Crude rubber (incl synthetic & reclaimed)	0.8	0.7	7.6	6.9	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4
24 Cork & wood	10.2	10.7	119.0	108.8	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.7
25 Pulp & waste paper	1.2	0.8	14.3	13.3	0.9	1.9	8.9	21.2
26 Textile fibres & their wastes	0.5	0.7	9.2	7.3	1.2	3.1	17.5	22.4
27 Crude fertilisers & minerals (excl coal, petroleum and precious stones)	5.7	6.1	70.1	59.7	1.3	1.5	18.4	18.2
28 Metalliferous ores & metal scrap	5.6	8.7	83.0	94.2	6.6	10.6	78.4	97.4
29 Crude animal & vegetable materials nes	2.2	1.1	17.1	17.7	1.0	0.5	4.6	5.3
<b>3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials</b>	<b>62.1</b>	<b>71.2</b>	<b>584.8</b>	<b>668.8</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>76.9</b>	<b>65.2</b>
32 Coal, coke & briquettes	1.8	16.9	85.2	138.3	0.1	0.3	3.9	2.9
33 Petroleum, petroleum products & related materials	60.3	54.3	499.6	530.5	0.0	21.3	73.0	62.2
34 Gas, natural & manufactured	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
35 Electric Current	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>22.9</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>2.6</b>
41 Animal oils & fats	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.1	5.6	2.5
42 Fixed vegetable fats & oils	1.4	1.2	10.0	11.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
43 Animal or vegetable fats & oils, processed; waxes	1.2	0.9	14.4	11.7	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
<b>5 Chemicals and related products nes</b>	<b>224.0</b>	<b>215.5</b>	<b>2,216.1</b>	<b>2,328.9</b>	<b>1,330.4</b>	<b>1,327.4</b>	<b>13,781.2</b>	<b>13,367.0</b>
51 Organic chemicals	97.5	87.9	948.9	1,105.4	948.8	712.9	8,891.1	7,571.8
52 Inorganic chemicals	4.1	3.6	33.4	43.4	1.0	0.7	13.8	17.1
53 Dyeing, tanning & colouring materials	1.4	1.7	19.5	20.3	1.0	1.2	19.2	14.4
54 Medical & pharmaceutical products	87.3	80.7	802.7	755.8	184.4	352.5	2,644.3	3,104.7
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet & cleansing preparations	4.6	8.7	63.9	75.5	143.5	204.2	1,559.2	2,047.2
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	6.3	7.6	72.1	84.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
57 Plastics in primary forms	7.8	6.4	84.7	76.8	3.1	4.1	46.3	45.4
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	7.1	7.3	89.7	86.6	2.7	4.1	34.1	38.2
59 Chemical materials & products nes	7.8	11.5	101.0	81.1	45.8	47.7	572.9	528.3

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

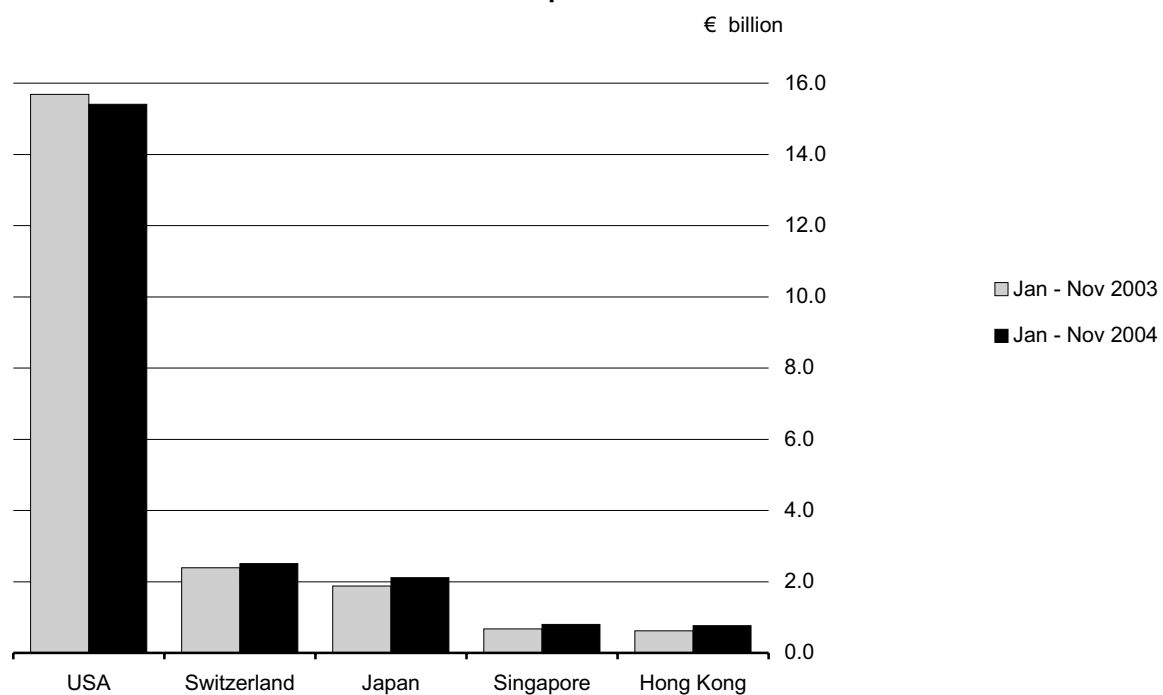
EUR million

SITC (Rev 3)	Imports				Exports			
	Nov 2003	Nov 2004	Jan-Nov 2003	Jan-Nov 2004	Nov 2003	Nov 2004	Jan-Nov 2003	Jan-Nov 2004
<b>6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</b>	<b>55.2</b>	<b>73.2</b>	<b>745.0</b>	<b>729.5</b>	<b>34.1</b>	<b>45.6</b>	<b>411.3</b>	<b>428.6</b>
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	0.4	0.4	3.1	3.5	0.7	1.4	15.9	23.2
62 Rubber manufactures nes	4.0	4.7	55.7	52.5	1.5	1.9	18.3	18.9
63 Cork & wood manufactures (excl furniture)	6.5	8.0	79.3	91.1	3.7	3.4	47.0	38.4
64 Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	5.6	5.3	71.7	57.2	3.0	0.8	28.8	26.7
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles & related products	7.9	8.3	82.9	84.7	5.6	15.3	75.4	96.2
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	7.5	9.3	98.4	91.5	11.7	10.6	115.1	103.5
67 Iron & steel	4.4	15.6	103.0	123.4	0.7	0.7	8.4	9.0
68 Non-ferrous metals	3.9	4.2	63.9	50.1	0.9	2.1	9.7	11.5
69 Manufactures of metals nes	15.0	17.4	187.0	175.5	6.4	9.3	92.8	101.2
<b>7 Machinery and transport equipment</b>	<b>1,083.0</b>	<b>801.1</b>	<b>9,541.2</b>	<b>9,235.4</b>	<b>672.4</b>	<b>636.9</b>	<b>8,382.4</b>	<b>7,751.0</b>
71 Power generating machinery & equipment	54.1	23.2	381.6	299.7	13.5	17.5	195.7	176.7
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	15.8	12.2	256.8	175.6	10.5	9.0	122.4	122.7
73 Metalworking machinery	11.4	5.1	126.4	66.8	6.1	3.1	48.2	45.1
74 General industrial machinery & equipment nes & parts nes	22.1	22.8	428.6	248.1	19.7	25.8	333.1	424.7
75 Office machines & automatic data processing machines	444.7	410.8	4,605.6	4,534.1	313.2	273.3	4,385.4	3,455.1
76 Telecommunications & sound equipment	52.5	70.9	467.7	502.7	39.4	25.1	495.1	376.0
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus & appliances nes & parts	185.3	164.8	2,220.8	1,945.2	262.4	271.4	2,703.6	3,046.0
78 Road vehicles (incl air-cushion vehicles)	25.0	72.4	480.6	520.0	3.6	1.0	33.8	27.4
79 Other transport equipment	272.0	18.8	573.2	943.1	3.8	10.6	65.0	77.3
<b>8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b>	<b>234.7</b>	<b>200.6</b>	<b>2,398.6</b>	<b>2,233.0</b>	<b>378.9</b>	<b>469.8</b>	<b>3,758.8</b>	<b>4,820.5</b>
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing & electrical fixtures & fittings	3.1	3.8	27.1	37.5	0.3	2.6	8.9	10.4
82 Furniture & parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	9.4	14.7	98.2	133.6	1.2	1.2	15.8	10.2
83 Travel goods, handbags & similar containers	2.3	1.5	25.5	20.1	0.2	0.1	2.7	1.6
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	20.1	22.9	267.8	241.7	8.4	8.7	88.9	87.6
85 Footwear	2.5	2.8	32.8	32.0	0.1	0.2	1.9	2.3
87 Professional, scientific & controlling apparatus nes	36.4	35.6	468.3	330.0	151.8	219.7	1,476.5	2,464.0
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches & clocks	3.9	4.8	64.8	54.2	47.2	45.9	396.5	469.2
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	157.1	114.5	1,414.1	1,383.8	169.8	191.5	1,767.4	1,775.2
<b>9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere</b>	<b>61.1</b>	<b>96.6</b>	<b>623.0</b>	<b>732.4</b>	<b>122.3</b>	<b>118.8</b>	<b>1,218.6</b>	<b>1,209.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,795.4</b>	<b>1,546.7</b>	<b>16,909.1</b>	<b>16,738.0</b>	<b>2,666.6</b>	<b>2,766.0</b>	<b>29,207.0</b>	<b>29,215.3</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 include 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 October 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.

