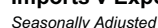




Trade with Non-EU Countries

**Excludes new EU Member States from May 2004†
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	Imports	Exports
		<i>Unadjusted</i>
Jan-Oct 2003	€15,114m	€26,541m
Jan-Oct 2004	€15,191m	€26,449m
% change	+0.5%	-0.3%
		<i>Seasonally adjusted¹</i>
August 2004	€1,588m	€2,651m
September 2004	€1,529m	€2,538m
October 2004	€1,516m	€2,282m

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2003

Non-EU exports fall in October

Seasonally adjusted non-EU trade for October 2004, as based on seasonal patterns up to December 2003 (*see graph & Table 2*), shows exports decreased by 10% to €2,282m and imports decreased by 1% to €1,516m relative to September 2004.

The unadjusted non-EU trade for October 2004, gives exports of €2,456m, a decrease of 12% on the October 2003 level of €2,802m and imports of €1,505m, an increase of 5% on the October 2003 figure of €1,576m.

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

Exports decreased from €26,541m to €26,449m (-0.3%).

- Exports of organic chemicals decreased from €7,942m to €6,859m (-14%), computer equipment decreased from €4,072m to €3,182m (-22%) while professional, scientific & controlling apparatus increased from €1,325m to €2,244m (+69%).
- Exports to the USA decreased from €14,255m to €13,836m (-3%) and to Mexico decreased from €468m to €340m (-27%) while exports to Japan increased from €1,704m to €1,939m (+14%).

Imports increased from €15,114m to €15,191m (+0.5%).

- Transport equipment other than road vehicles (which includes aviation) increased from €301m to €924m and imports of organic chemicals increased from €851m to €1,017m (+19%). Electrical machinery, apparatus & appliances decreased from €2,036m to €1,780m (-13%).
- Imports from China increased from €1,603m to €2,090m (+30%) and from Taiwan from €616m to €746m (+21%) while imports from Japan decreased from €1,642m to €1,440m (-12%).

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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	19,031.4	32,991.2	335.3	525.3	121.2	136.8	112.8
2003	18,519.4	31,716.9	...	...	...	...	...
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	1,632.3	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	1,795.4	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	1,583.7	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	...	...	...	...	...

Table 2 Seasonally adjusted ² 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	1,667.3	2,599.9	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	1,400.0	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	2,538.4	...	...
October	1,515.7	2,282.1	...	...

¹ Export Price Index divided by Import Price Index

... Data not yet available

² Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2003

Table 3 Trade with Non-EU Countries classified by Country

EUR million

Country	Imports				Exports			
	Oct	Oct	Jan-Oct	Jan-Oct	Oct	Oct	Jan-Oct	Jan-Oct
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Australia	10.7	19.5	86.4	118.3	70.1	66.9	551.1	605.5
Brazil	11.2	9.3	158.3	177.5	17.6	11.7	120.5	121.6
Canada	35.5	17.6	368.6	220.7	39.1	28.2	346.0	275.6
China	222.4	226.1	1,603.1	2,089.7	51.3	56.0	461.5	511.9
Egypt	2.9	0.5	15.3	5.3	4.2	6.2	46.6	54.3
Hong Kong	35.8	62.8	272.1	344.6	55.8	49.4	560.7	705.9
India	9.7	13.2	101.9	108.0	7.6	8.5	81.8	87.1
Indonesia	7.8	4.2	51.7	51.9	6.0	9.2	42.8	88.7
Israel	5.3	8.2	65.2	91.3	19.7	19.8	174.6	265.6
Japan	123.4	121.5	1,642.3	1,440.1	175.8	204.6	1,703.9	1,939.3
Malaysia	35.0	43.3	302.3	290.7	57.6	41.7	482.2	370.2
Mexico	11.2	12.3	171.7	115.1	26.6	35.2	467.6	339.6
Morocco	0.6	1.0	22.0	12.8	9.0	12.4	93.3	106.9
Nigeria	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.9	12.1	10.9	102.6	105.6
Norway	59.3	68.1	617.8	710.5	47.1	39.0	457.7	395.9
Philippines	9.5	6.3	146.2	86.6	23.3	14.4	173.2	152.6
Russia	2.7	0.7	33.5	44.1	22.9	19.0	210.4	168.2
Saudi Arabia	0.5	0.1	2.5	1.4	20.3	21.9	240.4	219.1
Singapore	106.8	64.1	808.5	694.5	72.6	74.5	613.9	709.8
South Africa	16.2	9.1	117.0	115.8	20.0	22.2	229.5	215.2
South Korea	42.6	51.9	458.5	477.1	39.2	49.0	429.0	491.1
Switzerland	31.7	37.1	375.1	424.6	219.5	171.1	2,113.0	2,315.9
Taiwan	73.5	85.3	616.3	745.6	23.0	30.2	243.0	275.7
Thailand	34.0	23.7	247.0	261.3	12.7	7.4	127.0	143.4
Turkey	14.5	12.8	157.3	181.9	24.8	30.0	270.3	253.2
United Arab Emirates	3.0	2.0	23.3	23.4	8.8	7.4	101.1	130.9
USA	554.6	541.5	5,599.4	5,447.9	1,510.5	1,275.5	14,254.5	13,836.3
EU ¹ - New Member States ²	42.3	0.7	407.8	213.5	70.2	0.0	606.1	266.0
- Other Member States	20.5	4.3	116.5	125.2	0.1	0.0	0.8	1.1
Other countries ³	43.1	48.6	425.9	483.5	87.1	101.3	796.6	940.0
Country unknown ⁴	9.6	8.9	100.0	87.0	47.7	32.1	438.8	357.0
Total	1,575.9	1,505.1	15,113.7	15,191.1	2,802.3	2,455.5	26,540.5	26,449.3

¹ EU member state products imported from a non-EU country.² Countries which joined the EU in May 2004.³ Other non-EU countries not listed individually.⁴ 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

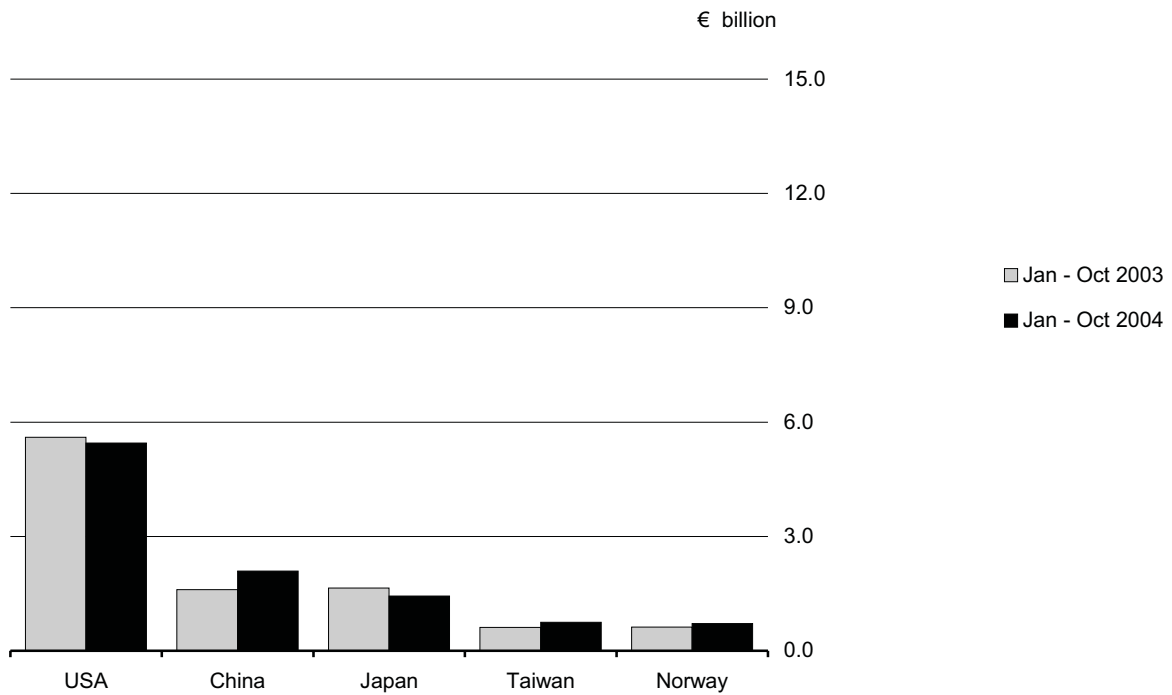
SITC (Rev 3)	Imports				Exports			
	Oct 2003	Oct 2004	Jan-Oct 2003	Jan-Oct 2004	Oct 2003	Oct 2004	Jan-Oct 2003	Jan-Oct 2004
0 Food and live animals	34.4	32.0	327.6	329.6	106.9	104.5	1,030.8	988.5
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	12.8	10.9	36.9	24.1	2.3	1.8	32.2	9.3
01 Meat & meat preparations	0.9	1.6	12.0	18.9	14.2	12.8	101.9	82.4
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	0.0	0.0	1.4	1.1	17.2	15.8	142.6	153.2
03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and preparations thereof	0.6	1.0	6.2	6.5	4.8	7.1	73.0	62.0
04 Cereals & cereal preparations	0.2	0.1	5.2	11.6	1.0	2.1	16.0	23.6
05 Vegetables & fruit	5.8	4.1	54.7	53.1	0.1	0.2	1.8	2.8
06 Sugars, sugar preparations & honey	1.8	2.1	16.8	16.5	1.4	0.5	17.1	24.4
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices & manufactures thereof	2.4	3.3	39.8	33.5	2.9	2.3	34.8	33.4
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl unmilled cereals)	8.8	7.7	145.0	155.4	1.6	1.2	8.2	10.5
09 Miscellaneous edible products & preparations	1.0	1.0	9.5	8.8	61.5	60.9	603.2	586.8
1 Beverages and tobacco	10.0	13.4	78.8	89.9	43.1	56.2	276.9	264.2
11 Beverages	9.7	13.2	76.9	88.4	42.9	55.1	271.0	254.7
12 Tobacco & tobacco manufactures	0.3	0.2	1.9	1.5	0.2	1.1	5.9	9.5
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	31.6	29.9	296.8	281.2	15.1	15.6	136.0	170.3
21 Hides, skins & furskins, raw	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	2.4	1.2	17.3	22.1
22 Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits	0.0	0.0	2.4	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
23 Crude rubber (incl synthetic & reclaimed)	0.9	0.6	6.9	6.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.4
24 Cork & wood	12.1	8.9	108.9	98.1	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.7
25 Pulp & waste paper	0.7	1.1	13.1	12.5	1.0	2.7	8.0	19.4
26 Textile fibres & their wastes	0.5	0.5	8.6	6.6	1.2	2.9	16.3	19.4
27 Crude fertilisers & minerals (excl coal, petroleum and precious stones)	6.9	6.2	64.4	53.6	3.3	2.0	17.1	16.7
28 Metalliferous ores & metal scrap	8.9	10.4	77.4	85.6	6.5	6.1	71.8	86.8
29 Crude animal & vegetable materials nes	1.6	2.1	14.9	16.5	0.6	0.7	3.6	4.9
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	53.9	59.6	522.7	597.6	4.8	0.3	76.8	43.6
32 Coal, coke & briquettes	12.0	9.4	83.4	121.3	0.2	0.3	3.8	2.6
33 Petroleum, petroleum products & related materials	41.9	50.3	439.3	476.2	4.6	0.0	73.0	41.0
34 Gas, natural & manufactured	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
35 Electric Current	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	2.1	1.6	21.8	20.8	0.9	0.4	5.8	2.6
41 Animal oils & fats	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.9	0.4	5.6	2.6
42 Fixed vegetable fats & oils	1.1	0.6	8.5	9.9	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
43 Animal or vegetable fats & oils, processed; waxes	1.0	0.9	13.3	10.8	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
5 Chemicals and related products nes	181.6	202.2	1,992.2	2,113.4	1,252.2	1,114.9	12,450.8	12,039.6
51 Organic chemicals	63.9	90.1	851.4	1,017.4	854.3	505.5	7,942.2	6,858.9
52 Inorganic chemicals	4.2	5.3	29.3	39.7	0.9	0.8	12.8	16.3
53 Dyeing, tanning & colouring materials	2.7	1.5	18.1	18.6	1.4	0.9	18.2	13.2
54 Medical & pharmaceutical products	71.5	74.9	715.5	675.2	177.9	328.0	2,459.9	2,752.2
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet & cleansing preparations	5.8	5.8	59.3	66.8	157.6	218.6	1,415.7	1,843.0
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	5.3	3.6	65.8	76.4	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
57 Plastics in primary forms	8.6	7.3	76.9	70.4	5.2	5.8	43.2	41.3
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	8.3	7.3	82.6	79.3	2.6	3.3	31.3	34.1
59 Chemical materials & products nes	11.4	6.4	93.2	69.6	52.1	52.2	527.1	480.6

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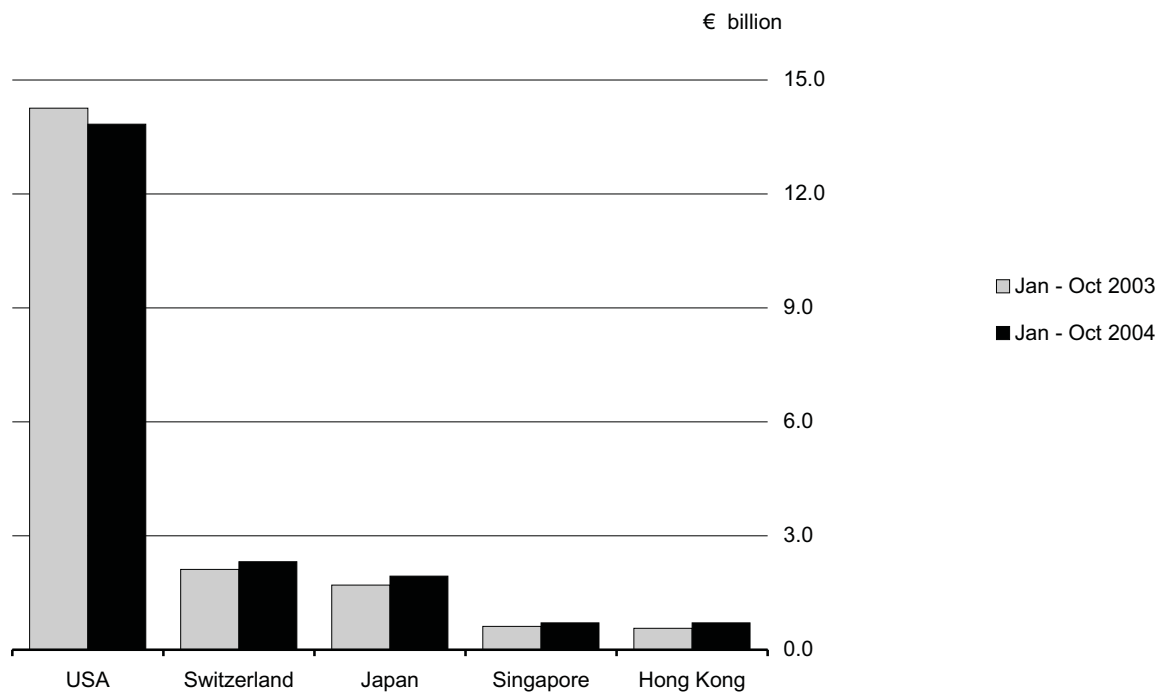
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SITC (Rev 3)	Imports				Exports			
	Oct 2003	Oct 2004	Jan-Oct 2003	Jan-Oct 2004	Oct 2003	Oct 2004	Jan-Oct 2003	Jan-Oct 2004
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	69.2	61.1	689.8	656.3	44.4	43.8	377.2	383.0
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	0.3	0.3	2.7	3.1	1.9	6.9	15.2	21.7
62 Rubber manufactures nes	4.9	4.8	51.8	47.8	1.8	1.6	16.9	17.0
63 Cork & wood manufactures (excl furniture)	7.7	8.5	72.8	83.1	6.2	2.9	43.3	35.0
64 Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	5.3	4.3	66.0	51.9	4.9	1.8	25.9	25.9
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles & related products	8.8	7.3	75.0	76.5	6.3	13.2	69.8	80.9
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	10.1	9.7	90.9	82.2	13.6	7.8	103.3	92.9
67 Iron & steel	11.1	5.9	98.6	107.8	0.7	0.6	7.6	8.3
68 Non-ferrous metals	5.0	3.3	60.0	45.9	1.0	0.7	8.8	9.4
69 Manufactures of metals nes	15.9	17.0	172.0	158.1	8.0	8.2	86.3	91.9
7 Machinery and transport equipment	897.3	864.4	8,458.3	8,434.1	786.1	624.9	7,710.0	7,114.2
71 Power generating machinery & equipment	32.8	20.1	327.5	276.5	16.6	13.6	182.2	159.2
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	21.9	19.4	241.0	163.4	16.2	9.5	111.8	113.7
73 Metalworking machinery	2.6	4.2	114.9	61.6	5.9	3.7	42.1	42.0
74 General industrial machinery & equipment nes & parts nes	25.3	20.6	406.5	225.2	38.1	28.4	313.4	398.9
75 Office machines & automatic data processing machines	499.7	449.5	4,160.9	4,123.3	403.2	308.1	4,072.2	3,181.8
76 Telecommunications & sound equipment	45.2	59.2	415.2	431.8	42.1	20.1	455.7	350.9
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus & appliances nes & parts	240.4	158.7	2,035.6	1,780.3	250.0	232.8	2,441.2	2,774.6
78 Road vehicles (incl air-cushion vehicles)	17.6	24.6	455.5	447.6	6.3	1.2	30.2	26.4
79 Other transport equipment	11.8	108.2	301.3	924.3	7.8	7.4	61.2	66.7
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	241.1	175.8	2,163.8	2,032.5	421.9	393.6	3,379.9	4,350.7
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing & electrical fixtures & fittings	3.3	4.0	24.0	33.6	0.2	1.2	8.6	7.9
82 Furniture & parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	10.4	12.9	88.8	118.9	1.6	0.6	14.7	9.0
83 Travel goods, handbags & similar containers	1.9	1.2	23.3	18.6	0.2	0.2	2.5	1.5
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	24.6	20.7	247.8	218.7	9.0	8.3	80.5	78.9
85 Footwear	3.3	2.6	30.3	29.3	0.2	0.3	1.8	2.1
87 Professional, scientific & controlling apparatus nes	48.6	30.4	431.9	294.5	192.2	196.4	1,324.7	2,244.3
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches & clocks	4.9	5.0	60.9	49.5	43.9	37.8	349.3	423.3
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	144.0	99.1	1,257.0	1,269.5	174.6	149.0	1,597.7	1,583.6
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	54.8	65.1	561.9	635.8	127.0	101.2	1,096.3	1,090.2
Total	1,575.9	1,505.1	15,113.7	15,191.1	2,802.3	2,455.5	26,540.5	26,449.3

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.

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Revisions Data from September 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.