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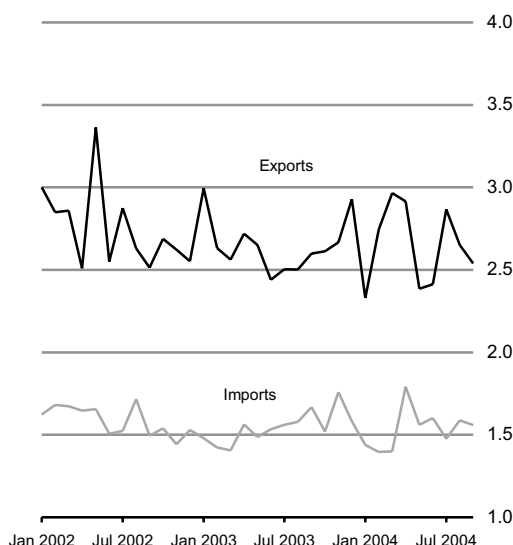
Trade with Non-EU Countries

Excludes new EU Member States from May 2004[†]
September 2004

Imports v Exports

Seasonally Adjusted

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	Imports	Exports
		<i>Unadjusted</i>
Jan-Sep 2003	€13,538m	€23,738m
Jan-Sep 2004	€13,707m	€23,994m
% change	+1%	+1%
		<i>Seasonally adjusted¹</i>
July 2004	€1,475m	€2,866m
August 2004	€1,588m	€2,651m
September 2004	€1,559m	€2,538m

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2003

Non-EU trade marginally higher for year-to-date

Non-EU merchandise trade for the aggregate period January to September 2004 was marginally higher than the level recorded for the same period last year – both flows up 1%.

The September exports were valued at €2,668m, 3% lower than the €2,738m recorded in September 2003 while imports fell by 10% to €1,468m in the same period.

Seasonally adjusted exports, as based on seasonal patterns up to December 2003 (see graph & Table 2), decreased by 4% in September relative to August 2004 from €2,651m to €2,538m while imports decreased from €1,588m to €1,559m (-2%).

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

Exports increased from €23,738m to €23,994m (+1%).

- Professional, scientific & controlling apparatus increased from €1,133m to €2,048m (+81%) while computer equipment decreased from €3,669m to €2,874m (-22%).
- Exports increased to Switzerland from €1,894m to €2,145m (+13%) and to Japan from €1,528m to €1,735m (+14%) while exports to Mexico decreased from €441m to €304m (-31%). In addition, exports to the USA decreased slightly from €12,744m to €12,561m (-1%).

Imports increased from €13,538m to €13,707m (+1%).

- Transport equipment other than road vehicles (which includes aviation) increased from €289m to €816m and imports of organic chemicals increased from €788m to €927m (+18%). General industrial machinery & equipment decreased from €381m to €203m (-47%).
- Imports from China increased from €1,381m to €1,893m (+37%) and from Taiwan from €543m to €660m (+22%) while imports from Japan decreased from €1,519m to €1,319m (-13%).

[†] 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	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	1,336.5	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	1,504.0	2,615.0	...	...	...	...	...
	July	1,394.6	2,943.6	...	...	...	...	...
	August	1,487.1	2,409.6	...	...	...	...	...
	September	1,468.3	2,667.9	...	...	...	...	...

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	1,394.9	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	1,601.9	2,412.3	...	...
	July	1,475.2	2,866.2	...	...
	August	1,588.1	2,650.8	...	...
	September	1,558.7	2,538.4	...	...

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			
	Sep 2003	Sep 2004	Jan-Sep 2003	Jan-Sep 2004	Sep 2003	Sep 2004	Jan-Sep 2003	Jan-Sep 2004
Australia	7.4	10.6	75.7	98.9	45.9	67.8	481.0	538.6
Brazil	18.3	8.2	147.2	168.2	12.9	20.2	102.9	109.9
Canada	30.1	23.4	333.0	203.0	37.6	25.1	306.8	247.3
China	243.5	269.8	1,380.7	1,892.8	55.7	54.6	410.2	455.9
Egypt	0.8	0.7	12.5	4.7	3.5	3.9	42.4	48.1
Hong Kong	27.6	42.4	236.3	281.8	82.1	73.7	504.8	656.5
India	8.3	13.0	92.2	94.7	12.6	7.1	74.2	78.5
Indonesia	4.7	5.0	43.9	47.7	5.4	14.2	36.9	79.5
Israel	7.7	8.4	59.9	83.1	21.0	19.7	154.8	245.9
Japan	160.8	140.4	1,518.9	1,318.6	218.3	227.6	1,528.1	1,734.7
Malaysia	28.8	32.5	267.3	247.5	57.1	39.9	424.5	328.5
Mexico	10.1	9.3	160.6	102.8	37.2	35.3	441.0	304.4
Morocco	1.1	1.9	21.4	11.9	13.1	13.2	84.3	94.6
Nigeria	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.4	10.6	7.6	90.5	94.7
Norway	69.4	65.1	558.5	636.8	50.6	40.6	410.6	357.0
Philippines	12.5	8.2	136.7	80.3	15.9	11.9	149.9	138.3
Russia	1.7	2.7	30.7	42.8	29.9	12.9	187.6	149.2
Saudi Arabia	0.5	0.1	2.0	1.4	22.4	25.5	220.1	197.3
Singapore	83.4	52.4	701.7	630.4	52.9	50.4	541.3	635.3
South Africa	10.1	8.3	100.8	106.5	23.4	21.3	209.5	193.0
South Korea	33.4	52.9	415.9	425.2	56.8	55.7	389.8	442.1
Switzerland	49.7	67.8	343.4	387.5	105.1	219.7	1,893.5	2,144.8
Taiwan	64.9	77.7	542.8	660.2	33.5	34.4	220.1	245.5
Thailand	23.4	24.3	213.1	237.6	22.3	8.7	114.3	136.0
Turkey	10.6	16.2	142.7	169.0	18.7	25.8	245.5	223.2
United Arab Emirates	1.9	2.2	20.3	21.4	8.0	10.5	92.3	123.5
USA	620.1	434.3	5,044.7	4,905.0	1,518.8	1,401.3	12,744.1	12,561.1
EU ¹ - New Member States ²	42.6	1.3	365.4	212.8	59.0	0.0	536.0	266.0
- Other Member States	7.8	7.4	96.0	120.9	0.0	0.0	0.7	1.1
Other countries ³	41.8	73.3	382.8	434.9	76.6	99.8	709.4	838.7
Country unknown ⁴	9.5	8.5	90.4	78.1	30.5	39.2	391.0	324.9
Total	1,632.3	1,468.3	13,537.8	13,707.3	2,737.6	2,667.9	23,738.2	23,994.1

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

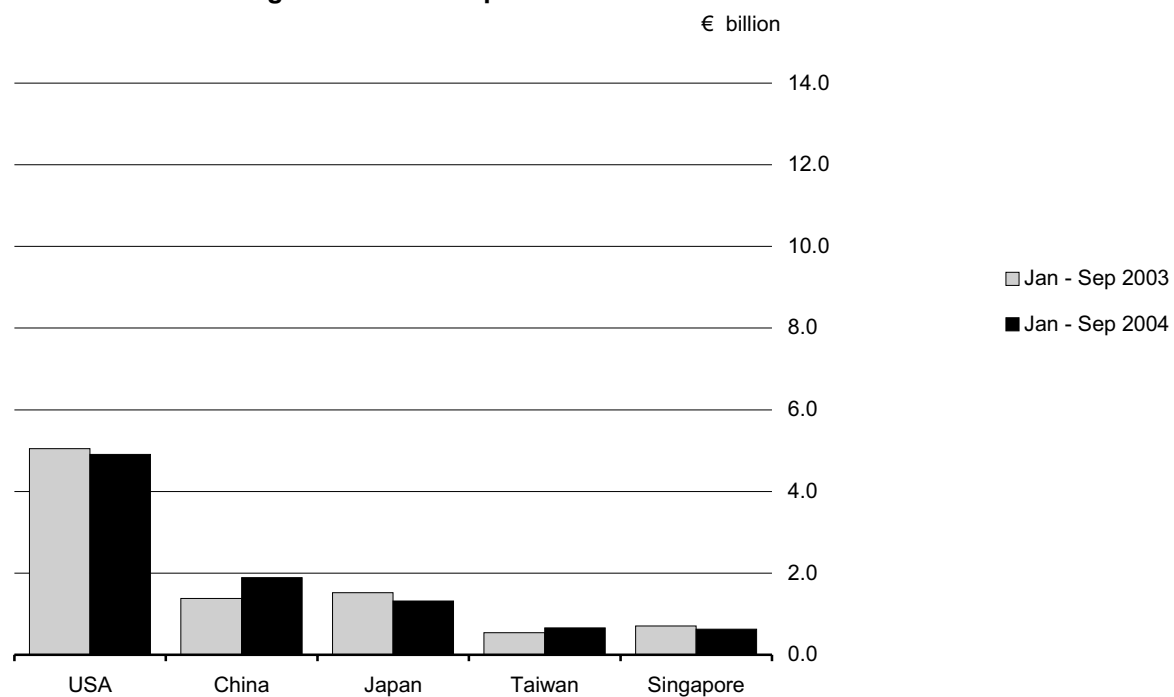
SITC (Rev 3)	Imports				Exports			
	Sep 2003	Sep 2004	Jan-Sep 2003	Jan-Sep 2004	Sep 2003	Sep 2004	Jan-Sep 2003	Jan-Sep 2004
0 Food and live animals	29.6	20.1	293.2	297.6	108.5	80.5	923.8	883.7
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	1.1	0.0	24.2	13.2	3.7	1.8	29.8	7.6
01 Meat & meat preparations	0.7	1.7	11.1	17.3	16.2	6.8	87.7	69.4
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	0.8	0.0	1.4	1.1	22.0	15.4	125.4	137.4
03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and preparations thereof	0.3	0.6	5.6	5.5	4.4	2.1	68.2	54.9
04 Cereals & cereal preparations	0.9	0.8	5.0	11.4	3.3	1.1	15.0	21.5
05 Vegetables & fruit	4.7	4.9	48.9	49.0	0.9	0.3	1.7	2.6
06 Sugars, sugar preparations & honey	0.6	1.1	15.0	14.4	3.6	1.9	15.7	23.9
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices & manufactures thereof	2.2	2.8	37.3	30.2	2.4	1.7	31.9	31.2
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl unmilled cereals)	16.9	7.1	136.2	147.7	2.1	1.1	6.6	9.4
09 Miscellaneous edible products & preparations	1.5	1.0	8.5	7.8	50.0	48.4	541.7	525.9
1 Beverages and tobacco	8.0	11.8	68.9	76.5	45.5	29.2	233.8	208.0
11 Beverages	7.9	11.6	67.2	75.1	45.0	28.6	228.1	199.6
12 Tobacco & tobacco manufactures	0.2	0.2	1.7	1.3	0.5	0.6	5.7	8.3
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	33.8	26.2	265.2	251.2	21.4	19.0	120.9	154.6
21 Hides, skins & furskins, raw	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	2.1	1.2	14.9	20.8
22 Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits	1.3	0.0	2.4	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
23 Crude rubber (incl synthetic & reclaimed)	0.4	0.6	6.0	5.6	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3
24 Cork & wood	11.2	10.3	96.7	89.2	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.7
25 Pulp & waste paper	1.2	1.2	12.4	11.3	0.7	1.5	7.0	16.6
26 Textile fibres & their wastes	1.1	0.8	8.1	6.1	1.7	2.4	15.0	16.5
27 Crude fertilisers & minerals (excl coal, petroleum and precious stones)	7.2	6.7	57.6	47.3	1.8	2.1	13.8	14.7
28 Metalliferous ores & metal scrap	10.2	6.2	68.5	75.1	15.0	11.5	65.2	80.8
29 Crude animal & vegetable materials nes	1.2	0.4	13.4	14.5	0.1	0.3	3.0	4.2
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	54.0	68.8	468.8	532.3	9.2	0.4	72.1	43.3
32 Coal, coke & briquettes	9.5	17.7	71.4	112.0	0.1	0.4	3.6	2.3
33 Petroleum, petroleum products & related materials	44.4	51.1	397.3	420.4	9.0	0.1	68.4	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	1.9	2.5	19.7	19.2	0.8	0.2	5.0	2.5
41 Animal oils & fats	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.8	0.2	4.7	2.4
42 Fixed vegetable fats & oils	0.8	1.4	7.5	9.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
43 Animal or vegetable fats & oils, processed; waxes	1.1	1.1	12.2	9.9	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
5 Chemicals and related products nes	200.3	204.7	1,810.5	1,910.6	1,079.2	1,094.4	11,198.6	10,924.6
51 Organic chemicals	110.4	114.3	787.5	927.3	690.9	539.2	7,087.9	6,353.4
52 Inorganic chemicals	4.2	3.7	25.1	34.4	1.4	1.7	11.9	15.5
53 Dyeing, tanning & colouring materials	7.0	2.0	15.4	17.0	1.1	1.1	16.8	12.3
54 Medical & pharmaceutical products	41.9	54.0	644.0	600.3	197.5	324.5	2,282.0	2,424.2
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet & cleansing preparations	3.8	7.0	53.5	61.0	145.1	172.2	1,258.1	1,624.4
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	3.6	4.3	60.6	72.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
57 Plastics in primary forms	10.0	6.2	68.3	63.1	3.6	4.1	38.0	35.5
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	7.4	7.3	74.3	72.0	2.5	2.1	28.8	30.8
59 Chemical materials & products nes	11.9	6.0	81.9	63.2	37.1	49.5	475.0	428.4

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

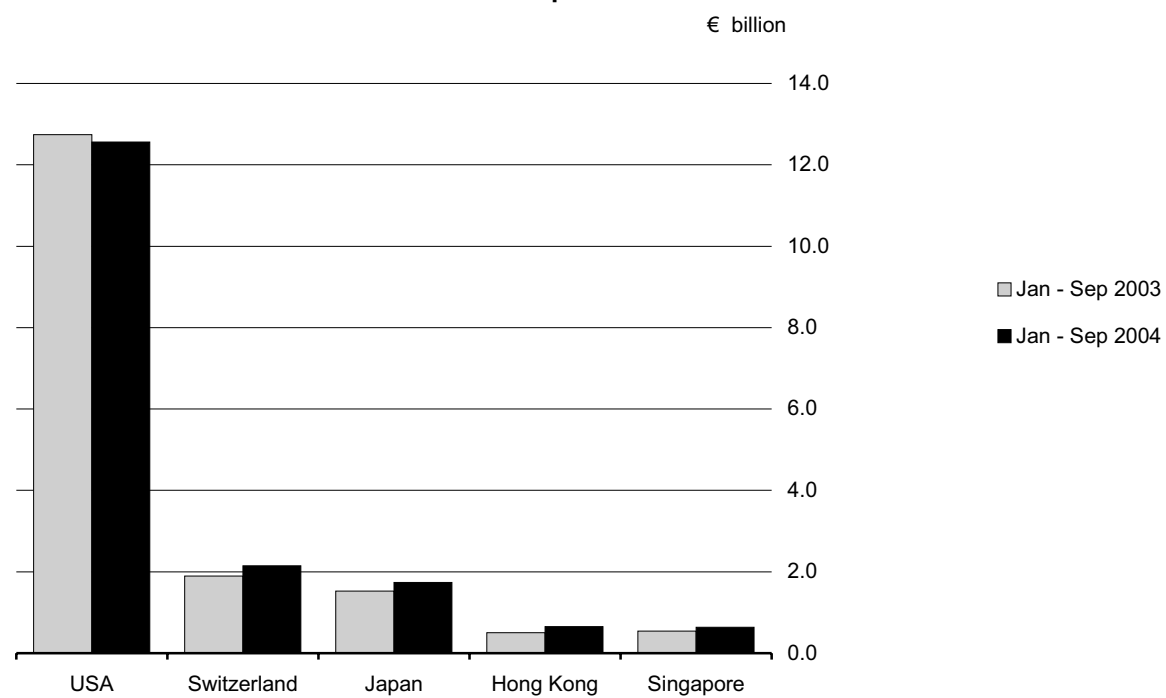
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SITC (Rev 3)	Imports				Exports			
	Sep 2003	Sep 2004	Jan-Sep 2003	Jan-Sep 2004	Sep 2003	Sep 2004	Jan-Sep 2003	Jan-Sep 2004
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	62.2	66.8	620.6	595.1	39.8	42.3	332.8	339.1
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	0.4	0.4	2.3	2.8	1.7	2.2	13.3	14.8
62 Rubber manufactures nes	4.2	4.1	46.8	42.9	2.5	1.9	15.0	15.4
63 Cork & wood manufactures (excl furniture)	6.3	7.2	65.1	74.6	5.1	4.6	37.1	32.0
64 Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	6.1	6.0	60.7	47.6	2.8	1.0	20.9	24.1
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles & related products	8.1	8.3	66.2	69.2	6.4	12.4	63.5	67.7
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	9.1	9.1	80.9	72.5	12.7	9.1	89.7	85.1
67 Iron & steel	6.0	8.6	87.5	101.8	0.6	0.7	6.9	7.7
68 Non-ferrous metals	6.2	3.4	55.1	42.6	0.9	0.6	7.9	8.7
69 Manufactures of metals nes	15.8	19.8	156.1	141.1	7.1	10.0	78.3	83.6
7 Machinery and transport equipment	978.8	766.0	7,561.0	7,597.4	926.6	829.2	6,923.9	6,489.3
71 Power generating machinery & equipment	43.1	21.9	294.7	256.4	23.4	17.6	165.7	145.6
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	16.3	14.2	219.1	144.0	10.4	9.5	95.6	104.2
73 Metalworking machinery	9.2	3.5	112.3	57.5	5.5	3.6	36.2	38.3
74 General industrial machinery & equipment nes & parts nes	43.2	19.2	381.2	203.1	31.7	27.6	275.4	370.5
75 Office machines & automatic data processing machines	504.8	450.1	3,661.2	3,703.0	515.9	462.1	3,669.0	2,873.7
76 Telecommunications & sound equipment	38.7	49.2	370.0	372.6	36.6	26.1	413.6	330.7
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus & appliances nes & parts	247.5	179.8	1,795.2	1,621.8	290.3	273.6	2,191.1	2,541.8
78 Road vehicles (incl air-cushion vehicles)	18.0	23.5	437.9	423.0	4.1	5.0	23.9	25.1
79 Other transport equipment	58.0	4.6	289.5	816.0	8.7	4.1	53.4	59.3
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	217.3	202.0	1,922.7	1,856.6	378.5	442.9	2,958.0	3,957.3
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing & electrical fixtures & fittings	2.9	3.4	20.7	29.7	0.5	0.9	8.4	6.7
82 Furniture & parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	9.8	12.2	78.4	106.1	1.2	0.4	13.1	8.5
83 Travel goods, handbags & similar containers	2.0	1.8	21.3	17.4	0.3	0.1	2.3	1.3
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	26.6	22.8	223.1	198.0	10.4	9.5	71.5	70.6
85 Footwear	3.2	2.8	27.0	26.7	0.3	0.2	1.6	1.8
87 Professional, scientific & controlling apparatus nes	42.6	30.2	383.2	264.1	147.3	216.7	1,132.5	2,047.9
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches & clocks	7.9	3.8	56.0	44.5	40.0	50.8	305.4	385.5
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	122.3	125.0	1,113.0	1,170.3	178.6	164.3	1,423.1	1,434.9
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	46.4	99.3	507.1	570.6	128.1	129.7	969.3	989.0
Total	1,632.3	1,468.3	13,537.8	13,707.3	2,737.6	2,667.9	23,738.2	23,994.1

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 1st 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 August 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.

