



External Trade

August 2009 (Provisional details)
September 2009 (Preliminary)

Seasonally adjusted

| | € million | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|---------|---------|
| | Imports | Exports | Surplus |
| June 2009 | 3,709 | 7,462 | 3,753 |
| July 2009 | 3,698 | 6,946 | 3,248 |
| August 2009 | 3,562 | 6,506 | 2,945 |
| September 2009 | 3,488 | 7,231 | 3,743 |

Trade surplus up in September

Seasonally adjusted exports rose by 11% in September, relative to August 2009 and imports fell by 2%. August 2009 exports declined by 6% relative to July 2009 while imports fell by 4% (*see graph and Table 2*).

On an **unadjusted** basis, the value of exports in September 2009 was unchanged from September 2008, while the value of imports was down 26%. The trade surplus was up 43% to €4bn. The value of exports in August 2009 was down 11% on August 2008 and the value of imports was down 25% (*see Table 1*).

Comparison of the **Preliminary September 2009** to September 2008 data shows an all round drop in trade with the UK and a rise in exports to the USA. Chemical exports to the rest of the EU and Switzerland grew as did Machinery imports from the USA. Imports of Machinery from the EU, China, Japan and Rest of World fell (*see Table 5*).

The **January-August** figures for 2009 when compared with those of 2008 (*see Tables 3-4*) show that:

Exports at €56,982m were €30m down from €57,012m –

- ◆ Computer equipment decreased by 27%, Electrical machinery by 28%, Metalliferous ores by 54% and Industrial machinery by 33%.

Medical and pharmaceutical products increased by 24%, Organic chemicals by 10%, Other transport equipment (including aircraft) by 167% and Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus by 12%.

- ◆ Goods to Great Britain decreased by 15%, Germany by 20%, Northern Ireland by 22% and the Philippines by 68%.

Goods to Belgium increased by 31%, the United States by 13%, Spain by 6% and Bermuda by €119m.

Imports decreased from €39,477m to €30,390m (-23%) –

- ◆ Road vehicles decreased by 78%, Computer equipment by 42%, Petroleum products by 38% and Iron and steel by 64%.

Other transport equipment (including aircraft) increased by 57%, Power generating machinery by 12%, Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus by 6% and Medical and pharmaceutical products by 2%.

- ◆ Goods from Great Britain decreased by 32%, Germany by 43%, China by 30% and Japan by 49%.

Goods from the United States increased by 20%, Canada by 22%, Kuwait by €42m and India by 17%.

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Table 1 Summary of trade

| Period | Value | | | Volume Index ¹ | | Price Index ¹ | | Terms of Trade ² | |
|-------------------|------------------------|----------|---------------|---------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|------|
| | Imports | Exports | Trade Surplus | Base year 1990=100 | | | | | |
| | | | | Imports | Exports | Imports | Exports | | |
| €m | €m | €m | | | | | | | |
| 1990 | 15,832.1 | 18,203.9 | 2,371.7 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | |
| 1991 | 16,317.2 | 19,070.1 | 2,752.9 | 100.8 | 105.6 | 102.3 | 99.3 | 97.0 | |
| 1992 | 16,753.9 | 21,260.2 | 4,506.4 | 105.6 | 121.1 | 100.2 | 96.6 | 96.4 | |
| 1993 | 18,899.7 | 25,178.5 | 6,278.9 | 113.0 | 133.4 | 105.4 | 103.9 | 98.6 | |
| 1994 | 21,945.4 | 28,890.9 | 6,945.6 | 127.9 | 153.2 | 108.1 | 103.8 | 96.0 | |
| 1995 | 26,180.9 | 35,330.1 | 9,149.2 | 146.3 | 184.0 | 112.7 | 105.7 | 93.7 | |
| 1996 | 28,479.5 | 38,608.9 | 10,129.6 | 160.9 | 202.2 | 111.4 | 105.1 | 94.3 | |
| 1997 | 32,863.5 | 44,868.0 | 12,004.5 | 184.8 | 232.4 | 112.0 | 106.3 | 94.9 | |
| 1998 | 39,715.0 | 57,321.8 | 17,606.7 | 218.3 | 289.2 | 114.6 | 109.1 | 95.2 | |
| 1999 | 44,327.1 | 66,956.2 | 22,629.1 | 236.5 | 336.5 | 118.0 | 109.5 | 92.8 | |
| 2000 | 55,908.8 | 83,888.9 | 27,980.1 | 275.2 | 401.4 | 128.0 | 115.0 | 89.9 | |
| 2001 | 57,384.2 | 92,689.9 | 35,305.7 | 274.2 | 422.0 | 131.8 | 120.9 | 91.7 | |
| 2002 | 55,628.1 | 93,675.2 | 38,047.1 | 276.6 | 435.1 | 126.7 | 118.5 | 93.5 | |
| 2003 | 47,864.6 | 82,076.1 | 34,211.5 | 259.7 | 418.4 | 116.1 | 108.0 | 93.0 | |
| 2004 | 51,105.4 | 84,409.5 | 33,304.1 | 283.6 | 446.5 | 113.5 | 104.0 | 91.7 | |
| 2005 | 57,464.9 | 86,732.3 | 29,267.3 | 316.3 | 456.7 | 114.4 | 104.5 | 91.3 | |
| 2006 | 60,857.4 | 86,772.0 | 25,914.6 | 325.2 | 458.0 | 117.7 | 104.4 | 88.7 | |
| 2007 | 63,485.7 | 89,226.1 | 25,740.5 | 340.9 | 481.8 | 117.3 | 101.9 | 86.9 | |
| 2008 | 57,584.8 | 86,394.4 | 28,809.6 | 300.5 | 484.5 | 119.7 | 98.0 | 81.9 | |
| 2007 | January | 5,694.4 | 7,279.2 | 1,584.8 | 365.5 | 463.4 | 115.8 | 104.0 | 89.8 |
| | February | 5,394.6 | 6,947.2 | 1,552.6 | 343.4 | 449.6 | 116.4 | 102.4 | 87.9 |
| | March | 5,645.4 | 8,419.8 | 2,774.3 | 355.9 | 541.6 | 117.6 | 102.3 | 87.0 |
| | April | 4,856.5 | 7,532.4 | 2,675.9 | 309.0 | 484.0 | 117.0 | 102.6 | 87.7 |
| | May | 5,462.5 | 7,491.9 | 2,029.3 | 344.6 | 481.3 | 117.0 | 102.5 | 87.6 |
| | June | 4,985.7 | 7,900.5 | 2,914.9 | 312.2 | 499.6 | 117.6 | 103.4 | 87.9 |
| | July | 5,037.3 | 7,388.9 | 2,351.7 | 318.9 | 477.2 | 116.9 | 102.2 | 87.4 |
| | August | 4,743.5 | 6,858.4 | 2,114.9 | 296.2 | 434.3 | 118.4 | 102.4 | 86.4 |
| | September | 4,840.8 | 7,367.8 | 2,527.0 | 305.9 | 476.0 | 117.4 | 101.1 | 86.1 |
| | October | 5,722.9 | 7,771.7 | 2,048.8 | 355.7 | 502.6 | 117.0 | 100.2 | 85.7 |
| | November | 6,008.2 | 8,103.9 | 2,095.7 | 380.7 | 532.6 | 117.5 | 98.7 | 84.0 |
| | December | 5,093.8 | 6,164.3 | 1,070.6 | 319.2 | 398.9 | 118.8 | 101.3 | 85.2 |
| 2008 | January | 5,447.9 | 7,119.6 | 1,671.7 | 337.4 | 471.1 | 119.9 | 98.2 | 81.9 |
| | February | 5,211.2 | 7,309.2 | 2,098.0 | 329.3 | 488.2 | 120.1 | 98.4 | 82.0 |
| | March | 4,952.3 | 7,053.9 | 2,101.5 | 316.9 | 494.8 | 118.4 | 96.4 | 81.5 |
| | April | 4,960.9 | 7,271.5 | 2,310.6 | 315.9 | 519.0 | 117.6 | 94.2 | 80.1 |
| | May | 4,825.8 | 7,298.9 | 2,473.1 | 306.2 | 518.2 | 118.5 | 94.4 | 79.7 |
| | June | 4,858.1 | 7,191.6 | 2,333.5 | 302.4 | 500.2 | 118.1 | 94.5 | 80.0 |
| | July | 5,113.5 | 7,281.8 | 2,168.3 | 318.1 | 494.0 | 117.1 | 94.7 | 80.9 |
| | August | 4,107.2 | 6,486.2 | 2,379.0 | 251.7 | 440.1 | 118.6 | 96.4 | 81.2 |
| | September | 4,616.3 | 7,456.1 | 2,839.8 | 277.3 | 496.9 | 122.1 | 98.6 | 80.8 |
| | October | 4,827.0 | 7,573.1 | 2,746.1 | 286.9 | 485.3 | 123.8 | 102.5 | 82.8 |
| | November | 4,507.3 | 7,594.6 | 3,087.3 | 270.6 | 467.9 | 121.6 | 105.8 | 87.0 |
| | December | 4,157.2 | 6,758.0 | 2,600.8 | 259.5 | 438.0 | 120.4 | 102.1 | 84.8 |
| 2009 ³ | January ⁴ | 3,939.8 | 6,932.7 | 2,992.8 | 240.5 | 441.3 | 123.7 | 103.7 | 83.9 |
| | February | 4,115.7 | 7,026.4 | 2,910.7 | 250.0 | 444.6 | 123.4 | 103.5 | 83.9 |
| | March | 4,492.3 | 7,944.3 | 3,452.0 | 275.5 | 497.7 | 123.5 | 104.7 | 84.8 |
| | April | 3,657.3 | 7,770.7 | 4,113.4 | 231.2 | 495.0 | 119.7 | 103.6 | 86.5 |
| | May ⁴ | 3,869.0 | 7,004.3 | 3,135.2 | 245.8 | 453.0 | 118.6 | 102.6 | 86.5 |
| | June | 3,702.3 | 7,562.6 | 3,860.3 | 236.5 | 492.0 | 118.3 | 101.5 | 85.8 |
| | July | 3,527.1 | 6,958.7 | 3,431.5 | 226.3 | 460.2 | 117.8 | 99.9 | 84.8 |
| | August | 3,087.0 | 5,784.4 | 2,697.4 | 201.1 | 382.4 | 116.0 | 99.9 | 86.1 |
| | September ⁵ | 3,429.9 | 7,477.6 | 4,047.7 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

¹ Monthly data for 2008 has been rescaled to make their average equal to the annual

² Export Price Index divided by Import Price Index

³ Provisional

⁴ Revised

⁵ Preliminary data based on current Intrastat response levels

.. Data not yet available

Table 2 Seasonally adjusted¹ Series

| Period | Value | | | Volume Index | |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------|
| | Imports €m | Exports €m | Trade Surplus €m | Base year 1990=100 | |
| | | | | Imports | Exports |
| 2006 | | | | | |
| January | 4,948.4 | 7,509.1 | 2,560.7 | 318.0 | 462.4 |
| February | 5,027.7 | 7,004.4 | 1,976.7 | 319.2 | 427.1 |
| March | 5,219.1 | 7,237.9 | 2,018.8 | 333.0 | 449.0 |
| April | 4,548.7 | 6,520.9 | 1,972.3 | 290.2 | 413.1 |
| May | 4,916.8 | 7,744.5 | 2,827.6 | 317.7 | 494.1 |
| June | 5,152.9 | 7,047.7 | 1,894.8 | 326.0 | 454.7 |
| July | 5,051.8 | 7,279.8 | 2,228.0 | 324.3 | 467.9 |
| August | 5,232.6 | 7,516.4 | 2,283.8 | 334.0 | 485.4 |
| September | 5,142.0 | 7,154.8 | 2,012.9 | 334.5 | 452.6 |
| October | 5,186.6 | 7,640.3 | 2,453.7 | 332.6 | 482.7 |
| November | 5,272.6 | 7,019.0 | 1,746.5 | 339.4 | 450.0 |
| December | 5,340.9 | 7,317.1 | 1,976.2 | 343.4 | 469.1 |
| 2007 | | | | | |
| January | 5,499.6 | 7,520.9 | 2,021.4 | 353.3 | 469.0 |
| February | 5,506.3 | 7,587.1 | 2,080.8 | 350.5 | 489.1 |
| March | 5,401.6 | 7,672.5 | 2,270.9 | 337.9 | 491.5 |
| April | 4,606.1 | 7,572.5 | 2,966.5 | 296.0 | 489.3 |
| May | 5,423.1 | 7,495.9 | 2,072.8 | 343.5 | 480.8 |
| June | 5,235.9 | 7,586.5 | 2,350.7 | 330.0 | 481.9 |
| July | 5,335.5 | 7,663.7 | 2,328.2 | 339.1 | 494.1 |
| August | 5,239.5 | 7,474.7 | 2,235.2 | 329.1 | 476.2 |
| September | 5,208.7 | 7,281.3 | 2,072.5 | 327.4 | 473.6 |
| October | 5,298.5 | 7,573.8 | 2,275.3 | 326.2 | 490.9 |
| November | 5,696.5 | 7,498.3 | 1,801.8 | 360.8 | 494.4 |
| December | 5,046.1 | 6,360.4 | 1,314.4 | 315.6 | 412.7 |
| 2008 | | | | | |
| January | 5,291.4 | 7,365.0 | 2,073.6 | 326.7 | 478.8 |
| February | 5,099.4 | 7,657.8 | 2,558.4 | 323.0 | 508.4 |
| March | 5,202.4 | 7,177.7 | 1,975.2 | 332.7 | 505.8 |
| April | 4,814.9 | 6,917.7 | 2,102.8 | 306.6 | 493.7 |
| May | 4,942.3 | 7,334.0 | 2,391.8 | 316.7 | 518.0 |
| June | 5,091.8 | 7,144.7 | 2,052.9 | 321.6 | 501.1 |
| July | 5,317.1 | 7,335.7 | 2,018.6 | 329.4 | 498.9 |
| August | 4,762.8 | 7,218.3 | 2,455.5 | 293.9 | 490.7 |
| September | 4,652.7 | 7,307.1 | 2,654.4 | 278.2 | 488.3 |
| October | 4,528.5 | 7,345.9 | 2,817.4 | 266.5 | 472.3 |
| November | 4,502.7 | 7,129.9 | 2,627.1 | 269.8 | 441.8 |
| December | 3,889.2 | 6,774.4 | 2,885.3 | 241.0 | 440.3 |
| 2009 | | | | | |
| January | 3,901.6 | 7,223.3 | 3,321.8 | 239.9 | 460.4 |
| February | 4,182.5 | 7,814.8 | 3,632.4 | 254.0 | 491.1 |
| March | 4,133.1 | 7,336.3 | 3,203.2 | 253.4 | 460.6 |
| April | 3,935.5 | 7,815.5 | 3,880.0 | 248.9 | 492.3 |
| May | 4,076.6 | 7,106.2 | 3,029.5 | 259.4 | 451.5 |
| June | 3,708.7 | 7,462.0 | 3,753.3 | 239.0 | 485.8 |
| July | 3,698.0 | 6,945.5 | 3,247.5 | 236.6 | 460.4 |
| August | 3,561.5 | 6,506.0 | 2,944.5 | 234.2 | 431.1 |
| September | 3,488.2 | 7,231.2 | 3,743.0 | .. | .. |

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2008. Accordingly all values in this table have been revised

.. Data not yet available

Table 3 Trade classified by Commodity

€ million

| SITC (Rev 4) | Imports | | | | Exports | | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Aug 2008 | Aug 2009 | Jan-Aug 2008 | Jan-Aug 2009 | Aug 2008 | Aug 2009 | Jan-Aug 2008 | Jan-Aug 2009 |
| 0 Food and live animals | 350.1 | 313.6 | 2,974.9 | 2,794.2 | 562.3 | 461.3 | 4,652.0 | 4,028.7 |
| 00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03 | 4.0 | 4.6 | 87.9 | 43.4 | 10.1 | 17.7 | 96.0 | 113.7 |
| 01 Meat and meat preparations | 54.2 | 51.9 | 444.6 | 421.4 | 201.2 | 176.9 | 1,528.8 | 1,400.1 |
| 02 Dairy products and birds' eggs | 36.1 | 29.0 | 332.1 | 261.1 | 140.2 | 85.0 | 966.6 | 723.2 |
| 03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and preparations thereof | 14.7 | 11.0 | 110.9 | 98.4 | 20.4 | 21.5 | 224.2 | 199.6 |
| 04 Cereals and cereal preparations | 64.6 | 57.8 | 510.3 | 482.0 | 20.8 | 16.9 | 198.3 | 152.5 |
| 05 Vegetables and fruit | 72.9 | 63.0 | 616.4 | 574.0 | 19.3 | 18.5 | 178.6 | 164.6 |
| 06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey | 19.3 | 19.2 | 157.8 | 160.8 | 8.3 | 8.2 | 67.0 | 65.0 |
| 07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof | 24.2 | 23.0 | 199.7 | 209.0 | 22.0 | 18.3 | 166.5 | 163.2 |
| 08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl unmilled cereals) | 31.3 | 23.2 | 263.9 | 287.3 | 11.7 | 11.0 | 112.2 | 104.4 |
| 09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations | 28.9 | 30.8 | 251.4 | 256.8 | 108.5 | 87.3 | 1,113.9 | 942.3 |
| 1 Beverages and tobacco | 69.9 | 64.8 | 517.6 | 478.5 | 119.5 | 106.8 | 758.0 | 649.3 |
| 11 Beverages | 62.1 | 58.8 | 467.4 | 418.6 | 114.2 | 103.0 | 708.5 | 600.1 |
| 12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures | 7.7 | 6.0 | 50.1 | 59.9 | 5.3 | 3.8 | 49.5 | 49.3 |
| 2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels | 64.0 | 38.6 | 582.9 | 375.0 | 109.9 | 58.4 | 929.1 | 545.9 |
| 21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 6.1 | 4.5 | 45.0 | 30.2 |
| 22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits | 1.3 | 0.8 | 15.2 | 14.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 2.8 | 1.0 |
| 23 Crude rubber (incl synthetic and reclaimed) | 1.2 | 0.4 | 10.5 | 5.5 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 0.6 |
| 24 Cork and wood | 17.8 | 8.3 | 168.2 | 79.9 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 52.8 | 40.1 |
| 25 Pulp and waste paper | 1.7 | 1.5 | 17.6 | 21.7 | 5.3 | 2.7 | 42.4 | 27.8 |
| 26 Textile fibres and their wastes | 1.2 | 1.0 | 11.2 | 8.5 | 8.3 | 5.6 | 76.7 | 62.6 |
| 27 Crude fertilisers and minerals (excl coal, petroleum and precious stones) | 23.4 | 13.7 | 164.0 | 89.7 | 9.3 | 4.1 | 43.6 | 50.9 |
| 28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap | 9.0 | 4.8 | 96.0 | 62.2 | 68.6 | 30.1 | 595.9 | 273.1 |
| 29 Crude animal and vegetable materials nes | 8.3 | 8.0 | 99.5 | 93.2 | 6.6 | 6.2 | 68.6 | 59.7 |
| 3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials | 433.9 | 337.2 | 4,469.4 | 2,930.0 | 82.1 | 11.8 | 600.7 | 376.4 |
| 32 Coal, coke and briquettes | 7.7 | 7.9 | 134.4 | 126.0 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 43.6 | 40.7 |
| 33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials | 319.7 | 283.6 | 3,390.7 | 2,116.8 | 76.5 | 8.8 | 540.8 | 330.0 |
| 34 Gas, natural and manufactured | 101.6 | 44.4 | 884.6 | 656.2 | 2.6 | 1.0 | 10.8 | 4.8 |
| 35 Electric current | 5.0 | 1.3 | 59.7 | 30.9 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 5.5 | 1.0 |
| 4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes | 19.9 | 12.9 | 134.7 | 122.4 | 3.2 | 1.3 | 28.2 | 11.8 |
| 41 Animal oils and fats | 0.9 | 0.8 | 6.2 | 5.4 | 2.3 | 1.1 | 24.6 | 9.9 |
| 42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils | 16.7 | 10.0 | 109.1 | 101.2 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 2.5 | 1.1 |
| 43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed; waxes | 2.3 | 2.0 | 19.3 | 15.8 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 0.8 |
| 5 Chemicals and related products nes | 664.4 | 499.9 | 5,580.1 | 4,872.4 | 3,447.4 | 3,276.9 | 29,365.1 | 32,938.3 |
| 51 Organic chemicals | 206.9 | 88.6 | 1,246.4 | 1,165.2 | 1,605.3 | 1,123.7 | 12,094.7 | 13,255.8 |
| 52 Inorganic chemicals | 15.8 | 9.1 | 131.7 | 94.4 | 5.5 | 3.9 | 94.6 | 33.5 |
| 53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials | 12.0 | 10.6 | 131.7 | 94.0 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 45.6 | 40.0 |
| 54 Medical and pharmaceutical products | 216.3 | 213.8 | 1,786.7 | 1,814.1 | 1,071.8 | 1,439.1 | 10,554.4 | 13,125.3 |
| 55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet and cleansing preparations | 79.9 | 70.0 | 738.6 | 629.6 | 408.6 | 444.4 | 3,787.6 | 3,837.8 |
| 56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27) | 10.4 | 11.6 | 369.9 | 188.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 2.2 | 1.1 |
| 57 Plastics in primary forms | 52.7 | 35.5 | 479.9 | 315.7 | 18.6 | 18.3 | 168.7 | 148.1 |
| 58 Plastics in non-primary forms | 32.5 | 28.1 | 299.0 | 248.7 | 14.4 | 15.3 | 172.5 | 152.9 |
| 59 Chemical materials and products nes | 37.9 | 32.8 | 396.2 | 322.9 | 318.3 | 227.1 | 2,444.7 | 2,343.8 |

Table 3 Trade classified by Commodity - continued

€ million

| SITC (Rev 4) | Imports | | | | Exports | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Aug 2008 | Aug 2009 | Jan-Aug 2008 | Jan-Aug 2009 | Aug 2008 | Aug 2009 | Jan-Aug 2008 | Jan-Aug 2009 |
| 6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material | 431.0 | 271.1 | 3,825.1 | 2,282.7 | 122.0 | 93.8 | 1,134.9 | 814.9 |
| 61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins | 1.5 | 1.0 | 10.7 | 8.8 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 11.4 | 10.3 |
| 62 Rubber manufactures nes | 22.3 | 16.4 | 206.2 | 144.0 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 38.8 | 27.7 |
| 63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl furniture) | 19.7 | 13.6 | 200.8 | 112.3 | 16.4 | 13.4 | 155.8 | 107.5 |
| 64 Paper, paperboard and articles thereof | 63.5 | 53.7 | 609.3 | 461.9 | 12.1 | 9.0 | 100.2 | 76.1 |
| 65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products | 30.7 | 24.3 | 294.6 | 223.7 | 10.1 | 9.5 | 125.4 | 91.0 |
| 66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes | 57.6 | 34.4 | 488.1 | 277.1 | 22.6 | 18.5 | 186.0 | 145.3 |
| 67 Iron and steel | 92.0 | 30.3 | 755.4 | 271.6 | 7.4 | 4.2 | 62.7 | 35.7 |
| 68 Non-ferrous metals | 42.7 | 32.0 | 410.2 | 223.6 | 7.2 | 4.6 | 71.5 | 44.0 |
| 69 Manufactures of metals nes | 101.0 | 65.4 | 849.8 | 559.9 | 41.0 | 29.5 | 383.1 | 277.3 |
| 7 Machinery and transport equipment | 1,204.7 | 803.9 | 14,469.5 | 10,230.8 | 1,202.5 | 879.0 | 12,162.1 | 9,345.2 |
| 71 Power generating machinery and equipment | 41.2 | 45.5 | 400.4 | 448.3 | 36.0 | 43.2 | 421.5 | 296.2 |
| 72 Machinery specialised for particular industries | 78.1 | 37.5 | 874.1 | 403.1 | 28.7 | 21.2 | 342.3 | 301.8 |
| 73 Metalworking machinery | 5.3 | 3.8 | 72.2 | 30.5 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 32.1 | 21.9 |
| 74 General industrial machinery and equipment nes and parts nes | 82.5 | 58.5 | 890.2 | 571.2 | 76.4 | 59.6 | 834.7 | 555.5 |
| 75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines | 505.7 | 254.8 | 4,586.0 | 2,675.5 | 582.4 | 386.0 | 6,082.1 | 4,418.4 |
| 76 Telecommunications and sound equipment | 129.0 | 90.0 | 1,122.8 | 782.6 | 84.0 | 78.2 | 866.9 | 677.8 |
| 77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances nes and parts | 233.8 | 155.8 | 1,902.2 | 1,546.5 | 371.5 | 264.1 | 3,161.3 | 2,277.4 |
| 78 Road vehicles (incl air-cushion vehicles) | 83.9 | 34.1 | 2,582.3 | 571.4 | 14.6 | 14.3 | 189.2 | 175.9 |
| 79 Other transport equipment | 45.1 | 123.9 | 2,039.4 | 3,201.7 | 5.9 | 9.8 | 232.0 | 620.4 |
| 8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 563.6 | 474.6 | 4,390.3 | 3,874.6 | 607.0 | 635.1 | 5,664.9 | 5,993.2 |
| 81 Prefab buildings; plumbing and electrical fixtures and fittings | 17.8 | 12.7 | 188.3 | 119.9 | 8.0 | 9.7 | 83.1 | 79.5 |
| 82 Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc | 37.4 | 25.0 | 360.0 | 215.1 | 7.2 | 4.9 | 67.3 | 50.4 |
| 83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers | 10.7 | 7.8 | 74.4 | 59.2 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 8.1 | 10.2 |
| 84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories | 158.8 | 148.6 | 1,084.1 | 1,034.4 | 13.2 | 13.7 | 101.3 | 98.2 |
| 85 Footwear | 37.1 | 27.5 | 228.5 | 195.8 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 17.8 | 15.4 |
| 87 Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus nes | 65.9 | 66.7 | 583.9 | 620.8 | 200.2 | 222.0 | 1,716.7 | 1,917.7 |
| 88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches and clocks | 19.7 | 13.1 | 162.7 | 117.8 | 64.9 | 64.1 | 590.2 | 643.2 |
| 89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes | 216.3 | 173.1 | 1,708.4 | 1,511.6 | 309.9 | 317.9 | 3,080.4 | 3,178.5 |
| 9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere | 195.6 | 183.9 | 1,765.3 | 1,615.8 | 154.8 | 188.0 | 1,256.1 | 1,706.6 |
| Unclassified estimates¹ | 110.3 | 86.4 | 767.0 | 814.0 | 75.5 | 71.0 | 461.3 | 572.1 |
| Total | 4,107.2 | 3,087.0 | 39,476.9 | 30,390.4 | 6,486.2 | 5,783.5 | 57,012.4 | 56,982.4 |

¹ Estimates for which a commodity classification is not available

Table 4 Trade by Country

€ million

| Country | Imports | | | | Exports | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Aug 2008 | Aug 2009 | Jan-Aug 2008 | Jan-Aug 2009 | Aug 2008 | Aug 2009 | Jan-Aug 2008 | Jan-Aug 2009 |
| Great Britain | 1,276.1 | 863.1 | 12,064.3 | 8,195.1 | 981.3 | 740.4 | 9,515.5 | 8,054.3 |
| Northern Ireland | 99.8 | 72.1 | 863.4 | 610.6 | 124.9 | 98.0 | 1,050.3 | 819.7 |
| Austria | 9.6 | 9.1 | 126.9 | 132.6 | 23.5 | 22.1 | 270.0 | 217.7 |
| Belgium | 97.2 | 71.0 | 899.9 | 608.7 | 873.5 | 914.7 | 7,705.7 | 10,131.2 |
| Bulgaria | 0.7 | 0.7 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 6.5 | 3.6 | 47.9 | 27.2 |
| Cyprus | 2.7 | 1.6 | 18.1 | 6.0 | 1.8 | 3.3 | 24.0 | 31.4 |
| Czech Republic | 9.5 | 6.2 | 130.7 | 76.9 | 20.5 | 28.3 | 221.8 | 190.8 |
| Denmark | 112.3 | 53.5 | 707.3 | 574.7 | 35.1 | 27.0 | 326.7 | 258.4 |
| Estonia | 0.4 | 8.1 | 2.6 | 10.8 | 3.6 | 1.6 | 32.7 | 13.4 |
| Finland | 27.8 | 15.0 | 234.7 | 133.1 | 21.1 | 18.8 | 222.1 | 166.0 |
| France | 146.3 | 102.0 | 1,674.8 | 1,490.3 | 343.8 | 261.1 | 3,248.5 | 3,066.6 |
| Germany | 324.5 | 221.9 | 3,428.5 | 1,962.0 | 432.4 | 346.7 | 4,036.0 | 3,242.0 |
| Greece | 1.9 | 3.7 | 22.4 | 22.5 | 18.2 | 29.9 | 241.8 | 269.2 |
| Italy | 76.0 | 59.5 | 945.2 | 627.3 | 192.3 | 171.9 | 1,975.0 | 1,911.8 |
| Latvia | 3.4 | 0.3 | 37.2 | 15.0 | 8.4 | 1.6 | 33.0 | 18.0 |
| Lithuania | 1.2 | 2.4 | 19.3 | 19.7 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 18.2 | 9.1 |
| Luxembourg | 4.2 | 1.8 | 31.2 | 18.4 | 14.1 | 10.9 | 93.8 | 91.8 |
| Hungary | 27.7 | 16.3 | 210.9 | 177.6 | 19.7 | 11.7 | 122.3 | 116.9 |
| Malta | 0.4 | 0.4 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 15.8 | 12.1 |
| Netherlands | 233.7 | 160.1 | 1,890.8 | 1,538.4 | 232.4 | 265.4 | 2,001.0 | 1,876.2 |
| Poland | 26.5 | 26.6 | 281.3 | 265.1 | 49.3 | 38.3 | 470.0 | 396.9 |
| Portugal | 10.8 | 8.0 | 101.1 | 64.9 | 33.4 | 30.5 | 293.6 | 255.0 |
| Romania | 3.4 | 4.5 | 31.7 | 30.4 | 24.2 | 11.0 | 170.5 | 159.5 |
| Slovakia | 3.2 | 1.7 | 19.6 | 16.6 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 47.0 | 40.0 |
| Slovenia | 1.2 | 1.1 | 12.3 | 7.2 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 19.9 | 17.2 |
| Spain | 50.9 | 40.1 | 701.3 | 385.8 | 266.5 | 282.8 | 2,378.4 | 2,509.3 |
| Sweden | 28.9 | 17.0 | 330.6 | 226.2 | 62.6 | 46.9 | 566.8 | 457.3 |
| EU Country not specified | 17.3 | 31.1 | 273.6 | 236.5 | 2.9 | 4.4 | 40.0 | 25.2 |
| Total EU | 2,597.6 | 1,799.1 | 25,069.6 | 17,463.1 | 3,801.6 | 3,378.9 | 35,188.0 | 34,384.0 |
| <i>of which Euro-Zone¹</i> | 1,006.6 | 727.5 | 10,376.1 | 7,249.1 | 2,461.1 | 2,365.3 | 22,572.4 | 23,837.5 |
| Australia | 9.4 | 8.1 | 86.5 | 53.9 | 61.4 | 50.3 | 497.4 | 443.8 |
| Brazil | 13.2 | 7.6 | 143.2 | 86.5 | 14.8 | 15.3 | 111.7 | 139.3 |
| Canada | 20.9 | 27.5 | 205.4 | 250.0 | 26.9 | 37.8 | 256.1 | 288.0 |
| China ² | 358.7 | 228.2 | 2,715.3 | 1,898.9 | 164.6 | 182.9 | 1,558.1 | 1,587.8 |
| India | 24.2 | 20.9 | 166.3 | 195.0 | 12.1 | 7.5 | 101.0 | 106.0 |
| Japan | 68.1 | 38.3 | 848.0 | 428.4 | 138.7 | 98.7 | 1,100.9 | 1,156.1 |
| Malaysia | 23.3 | 36.0 | 241.4 | 185.6 | 102.6 | 77.1 | 661.2 | 553.0 |
| Mexico | 14.9 | 16.2 | 136.4 | 112.5 | 50.6 | 43.2 | 370.1 | 325.1 |
| Norway | 60.2 | 74.2 | 898.5 | 686.3 | 37.6 | 22.6 | 373.9 | 339.8 |
| Philippines | 5.7 | 2.4 | 56.9 | 29.9 | 27.8 | 6.8 | 273.8 | 86.4 |
| Russia | 3.3 | 20.4 | 98.9 | 58.5 | 26.7 | 18.4 | 244.9 | 152.7 |
| Saudi Arabia | 1.8 | 0.4 | 5.2 | 3.4 | 25.2 | 31.5 | 281.9 | 273.7 |
| Singapore | 54.7 | 35.3 | 507.0 | 351.0 | 43.4 | 36.7 | 361.6 | 299.3 |
| South Africa | 11.2 | 8.5 | 86.4 | 69.8 | 16.4 | 14.6 | 182.2 | 130.3 |
| South Korea | 26.9 | 24.2 | 392.9 | 188.2 | 34.7 | 16.6 | 334.4 | 246.6 |
| Switzerland | 31.0 | 28.2 | 314.4 | 276.6 | 297.7 | 216.4 | 1,913.5 | 1,745.7 |
| Taiwan | 47.2 | 17.0 | 351.6 | 209.2 | 15.1 | 26.9 | 165.4 | 177.7 |
| Thailand | 35.1 | 21.0 | 262.8 | 180.7 | 7.1 | 8.2 | 96.3 | 115.1 |
| Turkey | 33.7 | 19.3 | 299.2 | 162.2 | 31.1 | 34.9 | 292.6 | 267.3 |
| USA | 343.1 | 435.5 | 4,851.9 | 5,835.8 | 1,372.9 | 1,267.7 | 10,968.8 | 12,429.9 |
| Other countries ³ | 129.8 | 143.2 | 816.2 | 866.2 | 164.1 | 172.5 | 1,553.6 | 1,569.9 |
| Country unknown ⁴ | 120.7 | 10.0 | 216.0 | 140.0 | 12.9 | 7.8 | 121.1 | 103.2 |
| Unclassified estimates ⁵ | 72.8 | 65.2 | 707.1 | 658.7 | 0.2 | 10.3 | 4.3 | 61.8 |
| Total | 4,107.2 | 3,087.0 | 39,476.9 | 30,390.4 | 6,486.2 | 5,783.5 | 57,012.4 | 56,982.4 |

¹ Euro-zone members from January 2009: Austria, Belgium, Germany, Spain, Finland, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Malta, Cyprus and Slovakia

² China includes Hong Kong and Macao

³ Other non-EU countries not listed individually

⁴ Trade for which the country of origin or country of final destination is unknown

⁵ Estimates not allocated by country

Table 5 Trade classified by Commodity and Principal Countries

€ million

| Country by Section level of SITC (data for the latest month is preliminary) | Imports | | Exports | |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Sep 2008 | Sep 2009 | Sep 2008 | Sep 2009 |
| Great Britain & Northern Ireland | | | | |
| 0 Food and live animals | 215 | 199 | 318 | 253 |
| 1 Beverages and tobacco | 36 | 32 | 47 | 50 |
| 2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels | 21 | 12 | 33 | 21 |
| 3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials | 344 | 197 | 54 | 6 |
| 4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes | 7 | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| 5 Chemicals and related products nes | 206 | 158 | 447 | 467 |
| 6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material | 214 | 126 | 75 | 54 |
| 7 Machinery and transport equipment | 264 | 159 | 224 | 157 |
| 8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 227 | 174 | 135 | 112 |
| 9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere | 75 | 60 | 79 | 60 |
| Other EU | | | | |
| 0 Food and live animals | 141 | 122 | 206 | 191 |
| 1 Beverages and tobacco | 35 | 28 | 22 | 21 |
| 2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels | 20 | 16 | 56 | 36 |
| 3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials | 111 | 22 | 33 | 18 |
| 4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes | 8 | 7 | 2 | 1 |
| 5 Chemicals and related products nes | 212 | 217 | 2,085 | 2,212 |
| 6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material | 132 | 90 | 55 | 35 |
| 7 Machinery and transport equipment | 428 | 340 | 660 | 493 |
| 8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 106 | 86 | 335 | 301 |
| 9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere | 82 | 69 | 99 | 81 |
| USA | | | | |
| 0 Food and live animals | 10 | 4 | 6 | 6 |
| 1 Beverages and tobacco | 1 | 1 | 38 | 32 |
| 2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels | 6 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| 3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 Chemicals and related products nes | 88 | 68 | 798 | 890 |
| 6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material | 26 | 23 | 8 | 10 |
| 7 Machinery and transport equipment | 223 | 262 | 156 | 183 |
| 8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 85 | 72 | 212 | 302 |
| 9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere | 39 | 67 | 60 | 117 |
| China ¹ | | | | |
| 0 Food and live animals | 3 | 2 | 9 | 7 |
| 1 Beverages and tobacco | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels | 3 | 1 | 6 | 10 |
| 3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 Chemicals and related products nes | 8 | 12 | 41 | 34 |
| 6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material | 35 | 24 | 1 | 1 |
| 7 Machinery and transport equipment | 224 | 118 | 127 | 166 |
| 8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 111 | 110 | 7 | 11 |
| 9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere | 6 | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| Japan | | | | |
| 0 Food and live animals | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 1 Beverages and tobacco | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes | 0 | 0 | - | - |
| 5 Chemicals and related products nes | 20 | 28 | 35 | 85 |
| 6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material | 2 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| 7 Machinery and transport equipment | 43 | 19 | 34 | 48 |
| 8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 6 | 5 | 50 | 53 |
| 9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere | 2 | 6 | 4 | 3 |
| Switzerland | | | | |
| 0 Food and live animals | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 Beverages and tobacco | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes | 0 | - | 0 | - |
| 5 Chemicals and related products nes | 58 | 14 | 69 | 176 |
| 6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| 7 Machinery and transport equipment | 6 | 11 | 7 | 6 |
| 8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 4 | 3 | 4 | 9 |
| 9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| Rest of World | | | | |
| 0 Food and live animals | 44 | 24 | 79 | 64 |
| 1 Beverages and tobacco | 13 | 9 | 27 | 16 |
| 2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels | 15 | 13 | 12 | 9 |
| 3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials | 112 | 61 | 0 | 23 |
| 4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 Chemicals and related products nes | 67 | 33 | 266 | 260 |
| 6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material | 38 | 18 | 9 | 8 |
| 7 Machinery and transport equipment | 232 | 125 | 327 | 260 |
| 8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 74 | 79 | 52 | 81 |
| 9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere | 110 | 80 | 26 | 23 |
| Total | 4,616 | 3,430 | 7,456 | 7,477 |

¹ China includes Hong Kong and Macao

Background Notes

Introduction The statistics are a combination of Customs-based non-EU trade statistics and estimates from the Intrastat Survey of Irish traders involved in trade with other EU member states.

Revisions All figures are estimates. They are subject to revision on the incorporation of late Intrastat and VAT returns and corrections made by traders to Intrastat returns already submitted.

When the results for a particular month are published, the results for the seventh preceding month are revised for the last time and may be considered final. However, further revisions are possible in very exceptional cases.

Intrastat System The Intrastat system has two components. Firstly, the Intrastat survey itself (conducted by the Revenue Commissioners), in which the larger traders make detailed monthly returns giving information on the quantity and value of all exports to or imports from EU countries.

The total number of traders required to make a detailed import return is about 7,700 while about 1,900 must make a detailed export return. The response rate in terms of number of traders in August 2009 was 83%, covering an estimated 96% of the total value of intra-EU trade. For September 2009 the respective response rates being 73% and 90%.

The second component of the Intrastat system is the regular VAT return, on which all traders are required to record the *total* value of goods imported from and exported to other EU member states. This information provides the basis for determining total EU trade for those traders below the Intrastat survey thresholds. It is also used to maintain the register of EU traders.

Extrastat System The statistics of trade with non-EU countries are compiled mainly from the documents supplied by importers and exporters to the Customs authorities. The document is the Single Administrative Document (SAD) used for Customs clearance purposes. The VIMA Office in Dundalk is the branch of Revenue responsible for editing and validation of the data supplied. The VIMA Office passes the edited data to the External Trade Statistics section of the Central Statistics Office (CSO).

Estimation The figures in this release include estimates for traders above the Intrastat thresholds who did not make detailed returns for the period and for traders below the thresholds who did not provide aggregate intra-EU trade figures on their VAT returns.

Estimates for Intrastat non-respondents are apportioned to individual commodities and countries whenever previous Intrastat returns are available. Estimates for traders below the Intrastat thresholds are assigned to partner country where possible, but not to commodity.

The estimate of imports incorporates an upward adjustment equivalent to about 1.75% of total imports, which is included in 'Unclassified estimates'. This special adjustment arises from the difficulty of comprehensively covering all EU imports through the Intrastat survey system.

The unclassified category also includes certain miscellaneous adjustments.

Price and Volume Indices The monthly price (unit value) index measures monthly price trends relative to the annual levels in the preceding year using value weights relating to that year's trade (Laspeyres index).

The annual index is compiled using value weights for both the current and previous year (Fisher index) to allow for change in the structure of external trade.

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.