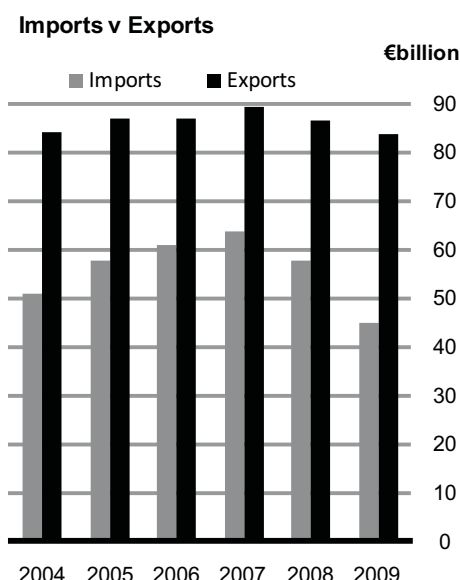
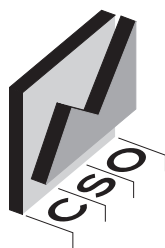




External Trade

December 2009 (Provisional details)

January 2010 (Preliminary)

	€ million		
	Imports	Exports	Surplus
Jan - Dec 2008	57,585	86,394	28,810
Jan - Dec 2009	44,809	83,477	38,667
% change	-22%	-3%	+34%
November 2009	3,754	6,556	2,801
December 2009	3,625	5,879	2,255
January 2010	3,303	6,744	3,441

Imports down 22% in 2009

Exports for 2009 were €83,477m, down 3% from €86,394m in 2008.

- Computer equipment decreased from €9,329m to €6,673m (-28%) (*see Table 3*). Electrical machinery decreased from €4,793m to €3,325m (-31%) and General industrial machinery from €1,211m to €862m (-29%).

Medical and pharmaceutical products increased from €16,750m to €19,559m (+17%). Organic chemicals increased from €17,816m to €18,241m (+2%) and Other transport equipment (including aviation equipment) increased from €333m to €707m (+113%).

- Goods to Great Britain decreased from €14,300m to €12,225m (-15%) and to Germany from €6,089m to €4,822m (-21%) (*see Table 4*).

Exports to Belgium increased from €12,253m to €14,644m (+20%), to the United States from €16,674m to €17,585m (+5%) and to China from €2,325m to €2,407m (+4%).

Imports for 2009 were €44,809m, down 22% from €57,585m in 2008.

- Computer equipment decreased from €6,749m to €3,670m (-46%) (*see Table 3*). Petroleum and related materials decreased from €4,913m to €3,291m (-33%) and Road vehicles from €3,228m to €892m (-72%).

The only increases in imports were in Other transport equipment (including aviation equipment), up 71% from €2,299m to €3,934m and Power generating machinery and equipment, up 14% from €626m to €715m.

- Imports from Great Britain decreased from €17,941m to €12,663m (-29%), Germany from €4,641m to €3,012m (-35%) and China from €4,275m to €2,868m (-33%) (*see Table 4*).

Goods from the United States increased from €6,763m to €7,838m (+16%).

In December 2009 exports were €5,879m, down €879m (-13%) on December 2008 and imports were €3,265m, down €533m (-13%) (*see Table 1*). **Seasonally adjusted** exports in December 2009 were €6,028m, 4% down on November 2009, while imports were €3,479m, down 4% (*see Table 2*).

Preliminary estimates for January 2010 show exports of €6,744m, down 3% on January 2009 and imports of €3,303m, down 16% (*see Table 1*). **Seasonally adjusted** exports for January 2010 were €6,914m, up 15% on December 2009, while imports were €3,170m, down 9% (*see Table 2*).

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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	
2009	44,809.3	83,476.7	38,667.4	..	..	..	..	..	
2007 ³ 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 ³ 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	3,939.8	6,932.7	2,992.8	240.5	441.3	123.7	103.7	83.9	
February	4,101.4	7,025.2	2,923.8	250.0	444.6	123.4	103.5	83.9	
March	4,485.3	7,952.7	3,467.4	275.5	497.7	123.5	104.7	84.8	
April	3,652.6	7,802.7	4,150.0	231.2	495.0	119.7	103.6	86.5	
May ⁴	3,877.3	7,024.5	3,147.2	245.8	453.0	118.6	102.6	86.5	
June	3,703.6	7,564.9	3,861.3	236.5	492.0	118.3	101.5	85.8	
July	3,541.1	6,953.9	3,412.8	226.3	460.2	117.8	99.9	84.8	
August	3,105.9	5,786.6	2,680.7	201.1	382.4	116.0	99.9	86.1	
September ⁴	3,526.1	7,493.1	3,967.0	225.2	501.0	116.2	98.2	84.5	
October	3,497.1	6,505.5	3,008.4	230.5	442.9	114.6	97.0	84.6	
November	3,754.4	6,555.7	2,801.3	246.8	447.9	115.0	96.7	84.1	
December	3,624.7	5,879.4	2,254.7	235.9	393.3	116.1	98.7	85.0	
2010 ³ January ⁵	3,302.8	6,743.6	3,440.8	..	..	..	..	..	

¹ Monthly data for 2008 has been rescaled to make their average equal to the annual² Export Price Index divided by Import Price Index³ Provisional⁴ Revised⁵ Preliminary data based on current Intrastat response levels

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	4,168.0	7,813.5	3,645.5	254.0	491.1
	March	4,126.7	7,344.0	3,217.3	253.4	460.6
	April	3,930.5	7,847.6	3,917.2	248.9	492.3
	May	4,085.4	7,126.7	3,041.3	259.4	451.5
	June	3,710.1	7,464.3	3,754.3	239.0	485.8
	July	3,712.7	6,940.8	3,228.1	236.6	460.4
	August	3,583.3	6,508.4	2,925.1	234.2	431.1
	September	3,586.1	7,246.2	3,660.1	227.1	487.4
	October	3,363.5	6,258.5	2,895.0	221.9	432.4
	November	3,621.8	6,256.6	2,634.8	237.8	436.1
	December	3,478.7	6,027.5	2,548.8	223.7	405.4
2010	January	3,169.8	6,913.5	3,743.7	..	..

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			
	Dec 2008	Dec 2009	Jan-Dec 2008	Jan-Dec 2009	Dec 2008	Dec 2009	Jan-Dec 2008	Jan-Dec 2009
0 Food and live animals	448.7	443.5	4,681.1	4,390.4	546.9	565.6	7,085.3	6,266.2
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	90.5	79.9	239.2	178.6	26.0	30.1	248.1	294.9
01 Meat and meat preparations	61.6	58.0	688.0	633.9	198.4	217.9	2,390.2	2,177.5
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	38.8	32.1	478.6	388.3	101.3	91.9	1,441.9	1,111.5
03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and preparations thereof	11.5	13.6	163.5	147.3	36.5	39.0	332.9	313.4
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	66.6	58.2	795.1	770.5	17.9	24.5	282.4	244.3
05 Vegetables and fruit	68.9	74.8	914.1	849.9	23.7	17.9	277.7	235.0
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	20.3	17.6	244.6	243.5	7.2	10.6	106.7	103.2
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	23.3	24.1	332.3	320.5	17.7	19.6	253.6	248.5
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl unmilled cereals)	39.1	49.3	444.3	464.3	16.2	16.8	169.1	163.8
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	28.1	35.9	381.4	393.5	102.1	97.2	1,582.6	1,374.2
1 Beverages and tobacco	56.9	66.3	835.8	760.3	87.1	87.7	1,236.8	1,069.9
11 Beverages	51.5	59.3	754.1	668.2	81.3	82.5	1,161.7	997.7
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	5.4	7.0	81.7	92.2	5.8	5.2	75.0	72.2
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	57.5	43.6	831.9	577.9	72.7	110.9	1,312.9	960.1
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	0.0	0.1	0.9	0.5	4.1	5.9	69.9	51.2
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	2.3	3.4	24.7	24.3	0.2	0.1	3.5	1.3
23 Crude rubber (incl synthetic and reclaimed)	2.5	0.6	17.0	9.3	0.0	0.1	1.9	1.0
24 Cork and wood	9.9	5.7	230.2	119.1	2.9	5.0	71.2	66.9
25 Pulp and waste paper	2.2	2.2	25.4	29.3	3.7	5.1	59.7	45.7
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	1.2	0.5	16.8	11.5	7.4	8.3	114.9	99.8
27 Crude fertilisers and minerals (excl coal, petroleum and precious stones)	13.2	6.8	226.8	140.3	8.3	6.7	81.3	80.6
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	13.7	15.0	147.9	111.9	40.9	69.9	808.7	525.4
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials nes	12.4	9.4	142.3	131.8	5.1	10.0	101.8	88.2
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	452.4	415.3	6,594.5	4,436.0	36.1	43.9	832.1	596.1
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	22.9	15.5	220.1	198.3	3.3	2.7	55.9	53.1
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	299.9	318.1	4,913.2	3,291.1	32.6	39.1	757.1	534.6
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	124.7	79.9	1,378.0	910.2	0.2	2.1	11.7	7.4
35 Electric current	5.0	1.8	83.1	36.4	0.0	0.0	7.5	1.0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	16.4	13.1	208.0	176.9	1.4	2.1	41.3	19.9
41 Animal oils and fats	0.5	0.6	9.5	8.3	1.2	1.7	36.4	16.7
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	13.6	10.8	168.8	145.2	0.1	0.3	3.3	2.0
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed; waxes	2.2	1.7	29.7	23.5	0.1	0.1	1.5	1.2
5 Chemicals and related products nes	590.1	617.0	8,282.1	7,337.8	3,277.2	2,820.9	44,225.5	47,241.6
51 Organic chemicals	131.2	134.8	1,748.7	1,672.7	1,346.1	773.2	17,815.8	18,241.4
52 Inorganic chemicals	12.1	14.1	201.2	149.4	3.7	5.6	115.5	57.7
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	8.5	9.1	181.3	140.9	3.7	5.2	61.8	59.1
54 Medical and pharmaceutical products	229.9	253.9	2,867.2	2,845.2	1,330.4	1,356.5	16,750.5	19,558.6
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet and cleansing preparations	83.5	80.3	1,094.7	954.0	392.0	407.8	5,455.1	5,461.4
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	23.1	23.4	474.6	242.9	0.1	0.4	2.4	1.8
57 Plastics in primary forms	36.4	39.0	689.5	493.2	14.5	12.5	246.7	214.0
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	29.2	25.9	438.8	368.1	23.2	20.5	261.4	228.7
59 Chemical materials and products nes	36.3	36.4	586.1	471.4	163.5	239.3	3,516.2	3,419.0

Table 3 Trade classified by Commodity - continued

€ million

SITC (Rev 4)	Imports				Exports			
	Dec 2008	Dec 2009	Jan-Dec 2008	Jan-Dec 2009	Dec 2008	Dec 2009	Jan-Dec 2008	Jan-Dec 2009
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	329.6	247.6	5,456.8	3,398.8	97.8	86.4	1,660.7	1,234.7
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	1.0	0.9	16.3	13.5	1.2	1.7	20.8	18.6
62 Rubber manufactures nes	19.0	16.4	291.2	216.2	2.4	3.6	52.3	43.8
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl furniture)	12.5	10.4	282.3	171.7	9.7	12.8	216.0	166.1
64 Paper, paperboard and articles thereof	67.7	57.3	906.3	700.9	10.1	8.2	149.2	114.9
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	27.9	26.8	433.5	337.5	9.5	8.8	182.6	135.5
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	46.9	28.9	717.5	413.1	18.4	13.9	282.0	218.1
67 Iron and steel	41.4	28.4	1,009.4	385.7	4.8	4.1	90.0	53.5
68 Non-ferrous metals	28.7	25.8	547.9	351.5	3.0	5.0	96.7	73.4
69 Manufactures of metals nes	84.5	52.9	1,252.4	808.7	38.8	28.2	571.1	410.7
7 Machinery and transport equipment	1,329.5	981.9	20,048.5	14,227.4	1,617.7	1,202.6	18,364.7	13,738.9
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	67.7	74.9	625.5	714.9	54.7	49.1	586.5	475.3
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	70.6	42.0	1,144.4	576.3	42.4	38.3	500.2	422.3
73 Metalworking machinery	5.8	3.1	100.1	43.8	3.2	2.0	44.7	30.8
74 General industrial machinery and equipment nes and parts nes	75.0	61.5	1,252.4	839.1	77.6	74.3	1,211.1	861.6
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	477.3	268.1	6,749.4	3,669.9	979.9	706.8	9,329.1	6,672.5
76 Telecommunications and sound equipment	144.6	107.5	1,762.5	1,262.1	109.0	68.7	1,318.4	988.2
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances nes and parts	222.8	171.3	2,886.8	2,295.7	309.3	233.6	4,792.7	3,325.0
78 Road vehicles (incl air-cushion vehicles)	210.6	131.4	3,228.5	892.1	10.1	12.4	249.2	255.7
79 Other transport equipment	55.1	122.3	2,299.0	3,933.5	31.6	17.4	332.6	707.4
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	552.3	507.6	6,860.6	6,038.0	793.4	735.1	8,902.5	9,114.2
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing and electrical fixtures and fittings	15.9	15.1	269.4	188.4	14.8	7.5	135.1	105.3
82 Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	37.0	28.6	516.3	332.9	8.4	6.6	102.2	86.4
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	8.6	7.7	110.9	88.9	1.0	1.0	13.6	15.8
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	133.1	124.6	1,705.0	1,627.7	9.7	11.0	153.0	160.7
85 Footwear	24.8	20.4	346.7	297.0	2.3	2.4	28.1	25.7
87 Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus nes	83.3	74.7	911.8	907.1	229.8	214.8	2,805.7	2,957.7
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches and clocks	18.1	17.6	247.8	184.3	70.7	81.5	900.5	934.1
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	231.5	218.9	2,752.7	2,411.8	456.6	410.3	4,764.2	4,828.6
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	221.1	197.8	2,592.6	2,390.6	160.8	161.2	1,981.3	2,464.8
Unclassified estimates¹	102.9	90.9	1,192.7	1,075.1	66.9	63.1	751.5	770.2
Total	4,157.2	3,624.7	57,584.8	44,809.3	6,758.0	5,879.4	86,394.4	83,476.7

¹ Estimates for which a commodity classification is not available

Table 4 Trade by Country

€ million

Country	Imports				Exports			
	Dec 2008	Dec 2009	Jan-Dec 2008	Jan-Dec 2009	Dec 2008	Dec 2009	Jan-Dec 2008	Jan-Dec 2009
Great Britain	1,394.4	1,171.4	17,941.4	12,662.6	1,191.3	1,019.3	14,299.8	12,225.2
Northern Ireland	93.5	79.1	1,261.3	926.9	113.4	104.9	1,564.5	1,269.8
Austria	11.9	11.1	186.6	183.0	29.5	23.1	393.3	324.9
Belgium	82.7	79.7	1,320.5	924.7	902.7	778.7	12,253.1	14,644.2
Bulgaria	0.5	1.9	7.2	10.4	5.1	4.0	65.2	40.0
Cyprus	1.0	0.4	24.6	4.2	1.5	3.0	32.1	46.6
Czech Republic	11.8	10.6	187.3	118.3	30.3	21.1	332.7	288.3
Denmark	75.2	38.0	1,042.3	763.5	37.5	29.4	528.1	396.7
Estonia	0.3	0.2	4.0	27.2	3.2	1.4	47.3	21.0
Finland	27.0	9.3	331.5	194.1	25.4	30.0	335.0	270.5
France	168.9	166.9	2,388.4	2,173.4	462.3	359.9	5,019.4	4,607.5
Germany	317.4	279.6	4,640.7	3,011.5	523.8	424.0	6,089.4	4,821.9
Greece	2.4	1.6	33.3	30.2	27.4	25.2	361.8	378.1
Italy	91.3	63.9	1,343.6	899.2	187.6	194.3	3,006.6	2,784.7
Latvia	8.7	0.5	59.1	25.6	11.9	1.8	56.2	33.3
Lithuania	1.4	4.9	36.3	31.7	0.8	0.9	24.4	14.1
Luxembourg	2.1	1.7	45.8	26.4	17.9	11.0	145.3	139.1
Hungary	18.5	11.6	318.6	253.4	19.6	15.5	196.6	176.2
Malta	0.7	0.5	6.7	6.7	1.0	0.8	21.7	20.3
Netherlands	249.7	200.5	2,892.2	2,297.6	254.8	243.3	3,028.4	2,836.9
Poland	42.3	27.1	438.7	395.0	59.6	47.7	747.1	615.1
Portugal	7.8	8.1	138.6	94.7	30.8	43.2	421.6	405.0
Romania	5.0	4.1	56.5	45.3	10.0	12.3	257.0	282.5
Slovakia	3.4	3.8	34.2	28.1	4.5	4.4	69.8	61.3
Slovenia	1.3	0.4	18.7	10.2	2.1	3.0	28.0	25.5
Spain	58.7	46.4	936.6	562.3	305.2	238.8	3,589.9	3,479.8
Sweden	43.7	44.2	482.9	384.3	72.7	57.1	872.9	686.9
EU Country not specified	22.5	27.4	377.9	371.7	2.6	5.5	53.3	41.8
Total EU	2,743.9	2,294.8	36,555.7	26,462.1	4,334.5	3,703.6	53,840.6	50,937.2
<i>of which Euro-Zone¹</i>	1,048.1	900.6	14,708.0	10,809.4	2,776.4	2,382.8	34,795.4	34,846.3
Australia	6.2	8.5	120.4	87.6	53.3	75.3	746.4	745.6
Brazil	14.9	15.2	214.5	156.3	16.0	13.2	183.3	213.7
Canada	26.2	25.7	341.2	385.7	24.2	34.4	394.3	436.4
China ²	323.6	198.3	4,275.1	2,868.1	126.4	230.8	2,324.9	2,407.0
India	27.3	17.5	265.2	281.6	18.1	16.8	161.0	161.2
Japan	68.0	50.8	1,144.4	653.3	148.4	151.4	1,708.2	1,737.2
Malaysia	18.9	39.1	351.0	285.4	78.9	67.4	1,063.0	836.0
Mexico	15.9	16.1	212.1	175.1	26.6	26.5	541.3	463.1
Norway	42.8	35.5	1,306.5	868.5	30.0	26.2	498.5	472.7
Philippines	4.0	2.3	74.7	43.2	11.8	7.7	362.6	121.8
Russia	4.3	9.1	134.1	81.0	14.0	15.9	344.5	245.0
Saudi Arabia	0.3	0.3	6.8	5.0	21.4	40.9	378.2	398.4
Singapore	48.5	57.8	745.9	537.0	31.5	52.2	555.8	484.5
South Africa	19.2	12.4	148.2	103.1	28.4	22.4	311.7	218.7
South Korea	29.8	18.3	507.6	276.9	37.1	28.6	485.0	354.6
Switzerland	32.4	34.7	525.2	448.9	182.7	186.2	2,560.8	2,447.9
Taiwan	36.7	16.2	535.8	278.7	15.8	12.1	224.5	253.0
Thailand	25.6	25.0	375.0	262.8	13.6	15.7	141.2	161.4
Turkey	21.7	21.4	411.6	251.1	25.5	33.9	401.7	390.6
USA	448.5	486.8	6,762.8	7,838.2	1,329.5	930.9	16,674.3	17,584.6
Other countries ³	101.1	141.2	1,231.9	1,405.8	171.6	173.6	2,282.7	2,225.9
Country unknown ⁴	20.7	28.8	293.5	226.2	17.4	10.1	195.8	146.6
Unclassified estimates ⁵	76.7	69.0	1,045.5	827.7	1.3	3.4	14.0	33.4
Total	4,157.2	3,624.7	57,584.8	44,809.3	6,758.0	5,879.4	86,394.4	83,476.7

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	
	Jan 2009	Jan 2010	Jan 2009	Jan 2010
Great Britain & Northern Ireland				
0 Food and live animals	172	169	226	212
1 Beverages and tobacco	19	20	30	27
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	12	12	21	23
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	361	306	18	25
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	6	5	1	1
5 Chemicals and related products nes	154	126	395	391
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	144	103	52	45
7 Machinery and transport equipment	196	176	188	97
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	158	138	88	90
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	66	59	101	67
Other EU				
0 Food and live animals	115	109	151	164
1 Beverages and tobacco	19	20	13	13
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	14	14	34	46
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	42	51	5	2
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	8	5	1	1
5 Chemicals and related products nes	201	249	1,915	1,840
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	102	75	37	35
7 Machinery and transport equipment	382	243	479	329
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	89	78	259	260
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	83	76	74	170
USA				
0 Food and live animals	7	23	9	3
1 Beverages and tobacco	0	1	17	17
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	3	3	2	1
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	5	1	0	0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	1	0	—	—
5 Chemicals and related products nes	71	83	1,006	1,174
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	24	21	5	5
7 Machinery and transport equipment	411	102	116	70
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	76	62	227	292
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	45	65	104	53
China¹				
0 Food and live animals	0	2	7	4
1 Beverages and tobacco	0	0	0	0
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	2	1	4	8
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	12	10	37	52
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	26	22	0	1
7 Machinery and transport equipment	174	67	97	132
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	83	73	14	11
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	6	4	1	1
Japan				
0 Food and live animals	0	0	1	2
1 Beverages and tobacco	—	0	0	0
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	0	0	0	0
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	—	—	0	0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	—	—	—	—
5 Chemicals and related products nes	58	27	56	45
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2	2	0	0
7 Machinery and transport equipment	27	31	41	13
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	4	4	48	50
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	1	4	3	2
Switzerland				
0 Food and live animals	0	1	0	1
1 Beverages and tobacco	0	1	1	1
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	0	0	0	0
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	—	—	—	—
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	—	—	—	0
5 Chemicals and related products nes	18	63	336	296
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2	1	0	1
7 Machinery and transport equipment	4	3	6	6
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2	2	2	6
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	1	0	2	1
Rest of World				
0 Food and live animals	40	31	62	76
1 Beverages and tobacco	3	8	8	10
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	15	12	10	19
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	36	127	6	11
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	2	2	0	0
5 Chemicals and related products nes	77	111	246	262
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	23	19	5	5
7 Machinery and transport equipment	198	140	304	193
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	59	67	42	62
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	80	75	15	19
Total	3,940	3,303	6,933	6,744

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 provisional 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 December 2009 was 81%, covering an estimated 97% of the total value of intra-EU trade. For January 2010 the respective response rates being 68% and 89%.

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.