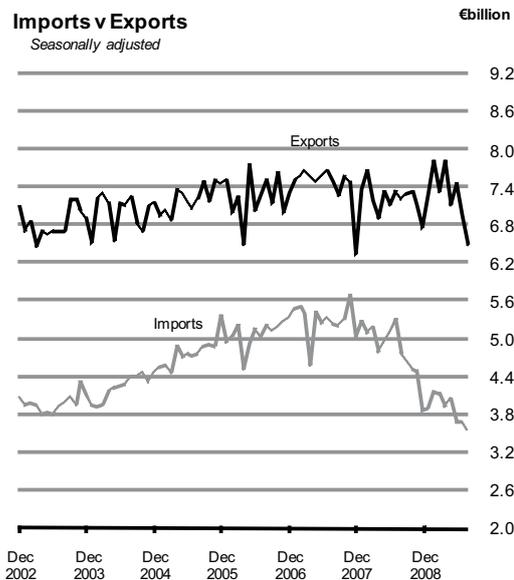




Imports v Exports
Seasonally adjusted



External Trade
July 2009 (Provisional details)
August 2009 (Preliminary)

Seasonally adjusted

	€ million		
	Imports	Exports	Surplus
May 2009	4,064	7,140	3,076
June 2009	3,709	7,462	3,753
July 2009	3,698	6,946	3,248
August 2009	3,551	6,503	2,952

Trade down in August

Seasonally adjusted exports fell by 6% in August, relative to July 2009 and imports fell 4% to a new low point for recent years. July 2009 exports declined by 7% relative to June 2009 while imports held steady (*see graph and Table 2*).

On an **unadjusted** basis, the value of exports in August 2009 was 11% down on August 2008, while the value of imports was down 25%. The value of exports in July 2009 was down 4% on July 2008 and the value of imports was down 31% (*see Table 1*).

Comparison of the **Preliminary August 2009** to August 2008 data shows drops in imports of Machinery from the EU and China, Manufactured goods from the EU and Fuel from the UK. Chemical exports to the rest of the EU grew while exports of Machinery to the EU and Chemicals to the USA fell (*see Table 5*).

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

Exports increased from €50,526m to €51,288m (+2%) –

- ◆ Medical and pharmaceutical products increased by 23%, Organic chemicals by 16%, Other transport equipment (including aircraft) by 170% and Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus by 11%.

Computer equipment decreased by 27%, Electrical machinery by 28%, Metalliferous ores by 54% and Industrial machinery by 35%.

- ◆ Goods to Belgium increased by 35%, the United States by 16%, Spain by 6% and Bermuda by €119m.

Goods to Great Britain decreased by 14%, Germany by 19%, Northern Ireland by 22% and the Philippines by 68%.

Imports decreased from €35,370m to €27,300m (-23%) –

- ◆ Road vehicles decreased by 79%, Computer equipment by 41%, Petroleum products by 40% and Specialised machinery by 54%.

Other transport equipment (including aircraft) increased by 54%, Power generating machinery by 12%, Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus by 7% and Organic chemicals by 3%.

- ◆ Goods from Great Britain decreased by 32%, Germany by 44%, China by 29% and Japan by 50%.

Goods from the United States increased by 20%, Canada by 21%, India by 23% and Argentina by 55%.

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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 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	4,157.2	6,758.0	2,600.8	259.5	438.0	120.4	102.1	84.8
2009 ³ January	3,947.8	6,988.8	3,041.0	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 ⁴	3,657.3	7,770.7	4,113.4	231.2	495.0	119.7	103.6	86.5
May	3,857.0	7,037.3	3,180.2	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 ⁵	3,077.8	5,781.3	2,703.5

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	3,909.4	7,281.8	3,372.4	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	4,064.0	7,139.6	3,075.6	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	3,550.9	6,502.5	2,951.6

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			
	Jul 2008	Jul 2009	Jan-Jul 2008	Jan-Jul 2009	Jul 2008	Jul 2009	Jan-Jul 2008	Jan-Jul 2009
0 Food and live animals	359.5	355.8	2,624.8	2,476.2	604.1	504.8	4,089.7	3,564.5
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	6.0	4.5	83.9	38.9	10.6	12.8	85.9	95.5
01 Meat and meat preparations	57.6	50.9	390.4	364.9	189.5	170.2	1,327.6	1,222.9
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	37.3	32.2	296.0	231.6	171.2	96.7	826.4	638.3
03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and preparations thereof	14.7	13.0	96.2	87.3	23.5	21.7	203.8	177.6
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	59.1	60.4	445.7	423.4	22.7	17.7	177.5	132.9
05 Vegetables and fruit	75.3	73.6	543.5	510.9	22.1	19.6	159.4	146.9
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	18.2	21.7	138.5	143.0	8.1	8.2	58.8	57.8
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	21.2	30.2	175.5	185.7	21.2	21.0	144.5	144.9
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl unmilled cereals)	38.7	31.9	232.6	263.5	11.7	12.5	100.5	92.3
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	31.3	37.2	222.5	227.0	123.6	124.5	1,005.4	855.5
1 Beverages and tobacco	68.5	68.6	447.7	416.9	113.3	93.5	638.5	552.9
11 Beverages	61.9	61.8	405.3	361.7	107.5	87.3	594.4	507.4
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	6.6	6.8	42.4	55.1	5.8	6.2	44.1	45.4
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	68.8	41.2	518.9	335.4	121.8	71.1	819.2	486.3
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.1	4.8	4.2	39.0	25.9
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	2.0	1.2	14.0	13.2	0.1	0.0	2.8	1.0
23 Crude rubber (incl synthetic and reclaimed)	1.2	0.9	9.3	5.2	0.1	0.1	1.2	0.6
24 Cork and wood	19.0	10.4	150.4	71.3	7.0	6.3	47.3	34.8
25 Pulp and waste paper	2.2	2.9	15.9	20.1	5.7	3.6	37.1	25.0
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	1.5	1.1	9.9	7.5	10.2	9.2	68.4	57.0
27 Crude fertilisers and minerals (excl coal, petroleum and precious stones)	21.2	10.8	140.6	75.6	8.9	5.9	34.3	47.1
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	13.4	6.0	87.0	57.2	75.4	37.8	527.3	242.8
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials nes	8.2	8.0	91.3	85.1	9.6	4.0	62.0	52.2
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	635.3	329.9	4,035.5	2,588.7	94.1	44.0	518.6	363.9
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	7.5	7.9	126.7	118.3	3.8	3.1	41.2	38.6
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	525.3	260.3	3,071.0	1,829.1	86.9	38.8	464.3	320.6
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	97.5	59.1	783.0	611.8	2.7	2.1	8.2	3.8
35 Electric current	5.0	2.6	54.8	29.6	0.6	0.0	4.8	1.0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	15.6	16.0	114.8	109.3	3.4	1.5	24.9	10.4
41 Animal oils and fats	1.6	0.5	5.3	4.4	3.0	1.3	22.3	8.8
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	12.0	13.3	92.5	91.1	0.3	0.1	1.7	1.0
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed; waxes	2.0	2.2	17.0	13.8	0.1	0.1	0.9	0.7
5 Chemicals and related products nes	658.6	568.8	4,915.7	4,369.1	3,549.4	3,923.5	25,917.7	29,649.3
51 Organic chemicals	124.7	125.8	1,039.5	1,075.0	1,171.5	1,018.9	10,489.4	12,127.7
52 Inorganic chemicals	16.0	10.6	115.9	85.2	11.4	5.2	89.2	29.6
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	18.6	12.5	119.7	83.5	5.4	6.4	40.7	35.1
54 Medical and pharmaceutical products	254.8	212.5	1,570.4	1,599.2	1,475.9	1,931.9	9,482.6	11,682.3
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet and cleansing preparations	91.0	81.2	658.6	559.7	501.1	537.1	3,379.0	3,394.1
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	18.0	15.9	359.5	176.7	0.1	0.2	2.1	1.0
57 Plastics in primary forms	54.6	36.8	427.2	280.7	21.2	18.4	150.1	130.3
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	36.0	33.9	266.6	220.1	23.0	15.7	158.1	137.1
59 Chemical materials and products nes	44.8	39.5	358.3	289.1	339.8	389.8	2,126.5	2,112.1

Table 3 Trade classified by Commodity - continued

€ million

SITC (Rev 4)	Imports				Exports			
	Jul 2008	Jul 2009	Jan-Jul 2008	Jan-Jul 2009	Jul 2008	Jul 2009	Jan-Jul 2008	Jan-Jul 2009
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	498.1	281.6	3,394.1	2,014.5	142.9	109.6	1,013.0	721.2
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	1.7	1.4	9.2	7.8	0.7	0.9	9.6	8.3
62 Rubber manufactures nes	25.6	18.2	183.8	128.1	4.4	3.3	35.5	24.2
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl furniture)	27.1	13.4	181.1	98.4	16.3	12.7	139.4	94.0
64 Paper, paperboard and articles thereof	82.3	61.7	545.7	407.2	12.0	10.7	88.0	66.8
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	36.4	26.1	264.0	199.8	15.7	10.1	115.3	82.5
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	59.6	35.7	430.5	243.3	23.8	21.4	163.5	125.3
67 Iron and steel	112.4	28.5	663.4	242.3	9.0	4.3	55.3	31.7
68 Non-ferrous metals	46.9	32.5	367.6	191.7	7.0	7.4	64.3	39.3
69 Manufactures of metals nes	106.2	64.0	748.7	495.8	54.0	38.8	342.1	249.1
7 Machinery and transport equipment	1,928.3	1,073.6	13,264.9	9,439.0	1,571.0	1,188.1	10,959.6	8,485.6
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	45.5	47.5	359.2	401.3	56.4	69.0	385.5	252.1
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	100.5	42.4	796.0	364.3	49.6	48.7	313.6	305.6
73 Metalworking machinery	7.2	3.4	66.9	26.7	2.7	4.5	29.2	19.2
74 General industrial machinery and equipment nes and parts nes	110.5	66.4	807.7	511.5	107.9	78.2	758.3	491.3
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	493.7	259.7	4,080.3	2,419.8	781.4	574.4	5,499.7	4,034.7
76 Telecommunications and sound equipment	144.7	102.9	993.8	697.1	106.9	76.8	782.9	599.0
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances nes and parts	229.3	202.3	1,668.4	1,405.2	380.6	275.2	2,789.8	2,011.5
78 Road vehicles (incl air-cushion vehicles)	188.8	43.0	2,498.4	536.2	18.0	34.0	174.6	161.6
79 Other transport equipment	608.0	305.9	1,994.3	3,076.9	67.6	27.3	226.1	610.6
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	558.6	491.8	3,826.7	3,393.8	842.8	808.4	5,058.0	5,403.1
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing and electrical fixtures and fittings	23.6	12.2	170.6	107.0	9.9	10.8	75.1	74.4
82 Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	40.3	25.1	322.6	189.1	8.3	6.9	60.2	45.2
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	10.2	7.9	63.7	51.4	1.0	1.1	6.6	9.3
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	145.4	132.1	925.3	884.9	12.7	12.2	88.1	84.7
85 Footwear	29.9	27.0	191.4	167.7	1.9	2.0	15.7	13.6
87 Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus nes	76.6	83.4	518.0	553.7	253.4	283.5	1,516.5	1,686.7
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches and clocks	20.0	17.8	143.0	104.6	77.9	80.1	525.3	578.8
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	212.7	186.3	1,492.1	1,335.4	477.7	411.8	2,770.5	2,910.6
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	212.3	205.4	1,569.7	1,432.0	169.0	136.6	1,101.2	1,518.2
Unclassified estimates¹	109.9	94.5	656.7	724.6	70.0	76.9	385.8	532.5
Total	5,113.5	3,527.1	35,369.7	27,299.5	7,281.8	6,958.0	50,526.2	51,288.0

¹ Estimates for which a commodity classification is not available

Table 4 Trade by Country

€ million

Country	Imports				Exports			
	Jul 2008	Jul 2009	Jan-Jul 2008	Jan-Jul 2009	Jul 2008	Jul 2009	Jan-Jul 2008	Jan-Jul 2009
Great Britain	1,510.0	957.6	10,788.2	7,322.5	1,310.2	860.7	8,534.2	7,361.3
Northern Ireland	104.3	75.6	763.5	534.7	129.2	109.3	925.5	720.8
Austria	14.8	10.4	117.3	123.2	37.2	26.6	246.5	194.8
Belgium	117.8	62.0	802.8	535.7	785.2	1,222.9	6,832.2	9,203.3
Bulgaria	0.9	1.4	4.3	5.4	8.0	3.2	41.3	23.6
Cyprus	1.8	0.4	15.4	5.8	2.2	3.9	22.2	28.0
Czech Republic	14.0	11.3	121.2	71.4	30.8	21.4	201.4	162.2
Denmark	117.4	113.5	595.0	537.1	37.8	32.9	291.6	231.4
Estonia	0.1	0.4	2.2	2.7	5.5	1.6	29.1	11.8
Finland	32.6	15.7	207.0	120.2	23.0	26.9	201.0	147.6
France	191.5	171.2	1,528.5	1,389.5	356.6	304.2	2,904.7	2,804.9
Germany	382.9	237.2	3,103.9	1,738.4	519.0	408.4	3,603.6	2,905.9
Greece	3.0	2.4	20.5	19.0	39.2	45.1	223.6	238.2
Italy	129.0	78.0	869.2	566.5	272.6	245.2	1,782.7	1,750.4
Latvia	3.2	0.9	33.8	14.4	1.1	0.7	24.6	16.4
Lithuania	1.9	2.1	18.1	17.3	4.8	1.6	16.6	8.1
Luxembourg	3.7	1.7	27.0	16.6	11.0	9.3	79.7	80.9
Hungary	33.3	21.7	183.2	161.0	14.0	14.8	102.6	105.7
Malta	0.6	1.0	4.4	4.6	1.7	1.6	14.2	10.8
Netherlands	245.6	162.7	1,657.2	1,377.3	249.7	198.8	1,768.6	1,613.1
Poland	50.8	35.6	254.7	237.8	71.6	54.4	420.7	357.7
Portugal	16.4	8.0	90.3	56.9	41.7	36.4	260.3	225.3
Romania	2.8	3.9	28.3	26.4	24.4	40.5	146.3	148.6
Slovakia	2.6	1.7	16.5	14.8	5.9	4.6	42.1	35.4
Slovenia	1.2	0.8	11.0	6.0	2.0	1.2	18.1	15.7
Spain	82.1	53.9	650.5	345.2	303.3	301.2	2,111.8	2,238.2
Sweden	31.2	36.3	301.7	210.1	56.9	53.5	504.1	409.9
EU Country not specified	29.9	27.8	256.3	204.8	2.8	2.4	37.1	20.8
Total EU	3,125.6	2,095.2	22,472.0	15,665.5	4,347.3	4,033.1	31,386.3	31,070.6
<i>of which Euro-Zone¹</i>	1,254.5	834.4	9,369.5	6,519.1	2,650.3	2,836.1	20,111.3	21,492.3
Australia	8.1	8.2	77.1	45.6	78.5	88.3	436.0	393.5
Brazil	14.0	19.9	130.0	79.0	14.4	20.7	96.8	124.0
Canada	16.5	15.5	184.4	222.5	37.3	48.3	229.2	250.2
China ²	336.7	219.6	2,356.6	1,669.8	222.2	228.1	1,393.5	1,404.9
India	22.6	18.0	142.1	174.1	13.2	15.3	88.9	98.6
Japan	71.5	49.0	780.0	389.9	157.1	141.3	962.2	1,057.4
Malaysia	26.6	29.0	218.1	149.8	80.6	84.4	558.6	475.9
Mexico	13.8	14.4	121.5	96.2	58.0	53.2	319.5	281.9
Norway	118.3	59.5	838.3	610.1	65.3	51.2	336.2	317.2
Philippines	5.5	3.0	51.2	27.4	38.6	13.4	246.0	79.6
Russia	3.9	0.9	95.6	38.1	28.1	22.9	218.2	134.3
Saudi Arabia	1.0	0.4	3.4	2.6	29.0	36.7	256.6	242.2
Singapore	56.8	70.6	452.3	315.8	50.1	51.7	318.3	262.6
South Africa	15.9	8.1	75.2	61.3	23.0	16.7	165.8	115.8
South Korea	31.9	15.3	366.0	164.0	31.1	37.3	299.7	230.0
Switzerland	27.6	44.7	283.4	248.6	215.9	128.4	1,615.8	1,529.3
Taiwan	28.2	16.1	304.4	190.3	37.7	34.9	150.4	150.9
Thailand	24.5	19.2	227.7	159.7	15.7	14.5	89.1	106.9
Turkey	38.1	21.6	265.5	143.3	52.5	39.2	261.4	232.3
USA	936.5	614.6	4,508.8	5,400.6	1,448.2	1,558.5	9,595.9	11,162.2
Other countries ³	81.8	92.5	686.4	723.4	224.3	220.4	1,389.5	1,397.4
Country unknown ⁴	12.7	15.9	95.4	130.0	13.2	9.0	108.2	95.4
Unclassified estimates ⁵	95.4	75.7	634.3	592.0	0.6	10.4	4.0	75.1
Total	5,113.5	3,527.1	35,369.7	27,299.5	7,281.8	6,958.0	50,526.2	51,288.0

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	
	Aug 2008	Aug 2009	Aug 2008	Aug 2009
Great Britain & Northern Ireland				
0 Food and live animals	181	165	284	235
1 Beverages and tobacco	29	30	54	44
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	19	10	34	20
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	236	128	60	3
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	6	4	2	1
5 Chemicals and related products nes	178	140	233	229
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	205	113	66	52
7 Machinery and transport equipment	229	125	189	114
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	215	157	115	98
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	79	60	69	57
Other EU				
0 Food and live animals	121	111	185	165
1 Beverages and tobacco	27	22	19	19
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	20	12	56	26
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	113	47	6	2
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	11	6	1	1
5 Chemicals and related products nes	265	199	1,622	1,698
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	133	83	41	32
7 Machinery and transport equipment	345	227	465	300
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	99	78	221	212
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	86	76	80	68
USA				
0 Food and live animals	8	4	7	5
1 Beverages and tobacco	1	1	27	29
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	7	3	3	1
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0	0	0	0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	1	0	0	0
5 Chemicals and related products nes	65	72	975	788
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	26	21	6	5
7 Machinery and transport equipment	145	200	123	115
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	78	69	180	215
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	13	64	52	109
China ¹				
0 Food and live animals	2	2	6	3
1 Beverages and tobacco	0	0	0	0
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	3	1	6	5
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	9	10	34	34
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	30	21	1	1
7 Machinery and transport equipment	218	102	108	129
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	91	86	6	9
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	6	5	2	1
Japan				
0 Food and live animals	0	0	2	1
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	23	16	68	39
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1	1	0	0
7 Machinery and transport equipment	36	17	23	16
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	6	4	39	40
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	1	1	6	2
Switzerland				
0 Food and live animals	1	1	1	1
1 Beverages and tobacco	1	1	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	13	14	283	206
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2	1	1	0
7 Machinery and transport equipment	9	5	8	5
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5	4	2	3
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	1	0	4	1
Rest of World				
0 Food and live animals	38	29	78	59
1 Beverages and tobacco	12	11	19	13
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	15	8	10	5
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	84	171	16	6
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	3	2	0	0
5 Chemicals and related products nes	111	43	232	273
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	34	22	8	5
7 Machinery and transport equipment	224	126	287	197
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	70	72	43	59
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	119	77	17	22
Total	4,107	3,078	6,486	5,780

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 July 2009 was 80%, covering an estimated 96% of the total value of intra-EU trade. For August 2009 the respective response rates being 74% and 88%.

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.