

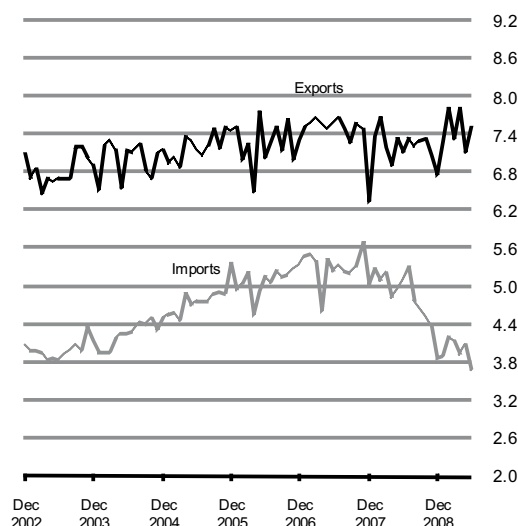


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Imports v Exports
Seasonally adjusted

€billion



External Trade

May 2009 (Provisional details)

June 2009 (Preliminary)

Seasonally adjusted
€ million

	Imports	Exports	Surplus
March 2009	4,139	7,333	3,194
April 2009	3,940	7,806	3,866
May 2009	4,064	7,140	3,076
June 2009	3,687	7,527	3,841

Exports recover in June

Seasonally adjusted exports increased by 5% in June, relative to May 2009 and imports decreased by 9% (*see graph and Table 2*). Relative to April 2009, exports decreased by 9% in May 2009 while imports grew by 3%.

On an **unadjusted** basis, the value of exports in June 2009 (*see Table 1*), was up 6% on June 2008, while the value of imports was down 24%. The value of exports in May 2009 was down 4% on May 2008 and the value of imports was down 20%.

The **Preliminary June 2009** data (*see Table 5*) show a 31% increase over 2008 in Chemical exports to the EU and decreased Machinery imports from the EU and China.

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

Exports increased from €36,053m to €36,755m (+2%) –

- ◆ Medical and pharmaceutical products increased by 17%, Organic chemicals by 22%, Other transport equipment (including aircraft) by 299% (€416m) and Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus by 13%.

Computer equipment decreased by 28%, Electrical machinery by 31%, Industrial machinery by 38%, Metalliferous ores by 55%, Chemical products by 12%, Telecommunications equipment by 27% and Power generating equipment by 49%.

- ◆ Goods to the United States increased by 18%, Belgium by 24%, Switzerland by 12%, Bermuda by €119m and Spain by 5%.

Goods to Great Britain decreased by 9%, Germany by 20%, Northern Ireland by 24%, the Philippines by 67% and the Netherlands by 8%.

Imports decreased from €25,398m to €20,081m (-21%) –

- ◆ Road vehicles decreased by 77%, Computer equipment by 36%, Petroleum products by 39%, Specialised machinery by 54%, Iron and steel by 58%, Telecommunications equipment by 31%, Industrial machinery by 37% and Electrical machinery by 16%.

Other transport equipment (including aircraft) increased by 92%, Organic chemicals by 6%, Power generating machinery by 17%, Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus by 5%, Animal feed by 10%, Coal by 17% and Tobacco by 28%.

- ◆ Goods from Great Britain decreased by 31%, Germany by 47%, China by 26%, Japan by 53%, Italy by 33% and Belgium by 32%.

Goods from the United States increased by 30%, Canada by 38%, India by 37%, Austria by 19% and Argentina by 69%.

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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	57,432.6	86,346.1	28,913.6	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	4,827.0	7,573.1	2,746.1	286.9	485.3	123.8	102.5	82.8
November	4,367.0	7,530.2	3,163.3	270.6	467.9	121.6	105.8	87.0
December	4,145.4	6,774.1	2,628.7	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	4,115.7	7,026.4	2,910.7	250.0	444.6	123.4	103.5	83.9
March	4,498.4	7,940.8	3,442.4	275.5	497.7	123.5	104.7	84.8
April	3,661.9	7,761.7	4,099.8	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 ⁵	3,680.1	7,628.5	3,948.4

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

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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	4,362.6	7,069.5	2,706.9	269.8	441.8
	December	3,878.1	6,790.5	2,912.5	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	4,138.8	7,333.1	3,194.3	253.4	460.6
	April	3,940.4	7,806.4	3,866.0	248.9	492.3
	May	4,064.0	7,139.6	3,075.6	259.4	451.5
	June	3,686.5	7,527.1	3,840.6

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			
	May 2008	May 2009	Jan-May 2008	Jan-May 2009	May 2008	May 2009	Jan-May 2008	Jan-May 2009
0 Food and live animals	361.2	338.0	1,894.6	1,746.9	591.2	528.4	2,857.1	2,530.4
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	6.7	2.6	61.1	28.5	13.3	12.7	59.8	65.8
01 Meat & meat preparations	57.3	54.9	275.6	262.5	194.9	175.1	928.9	862.1
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	36.5	32.3	204.6	161.1	137.1	99.7	504.0	432.7
03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and preparations thereof	13.5	12.0	68.8	59.5	23.7	27.9	156.1	133.6
04 Cereals & cereal preparations	59.0	57.1	328.9	301.0	27.5	19.2	133.6	96.7
05 Vegetables & fruit	88.2	74.8	390.8	359.4	24.0	20.9	113.6	103.7
06 Sugars, sugar preparations & honey	20.5	20.0	100.8	102.0	7.7	7.6	42.2	41.4
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices & manufactures thereof	20.5	19.6	130.3	130.4	21.1	21.0	104.5	104.5
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl unmilled cereals)	26.7	32.9	171.0	188.4	12.2	13.0	74.7	66.4
09 Miscellaneous edible products & preparations	32.3	31.8	162.8	154.1	129.7	131.4	739.7	623.5
1 Beverages and tobacco	62.2	60.3	309.2	275.1	93.1	77.2	438.5	372.8
11 Beverages	55.5	53.2	278.4	235.8	87.6	71.0	407.0	341.2
12 Tobacco & tobacco manufactures	6.6	7.1	30.8	39.3	5.5	6.2	31.6	31.6
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	76.6	41.0	377.3	246.6	117.4	67.4	578.4	343.0
21 Hides, skins & furskins, raw	0.2	0.0	0.6	0.1	5.4	3.8	29.0	18.0
22 Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits	1.3	1.2	10.6	8.9	0.1	0.1	2.5	0.8
23 Crude rubber (incl synthetic & reclaimed)	1.7	0.8	7.0	3.7	0.3	0.2	0.9	0.4
24 Cork & wood	21.2	8.8	110.5	51.7	6.9	5.4	32.8	22.1
25 Pulp & waste paper	2.4	2.8	11.3	13.5	7.2	3.0	26.2	18.2
26 Textile fibres & their wastes	1.1	1.0	7.3	5.4	10.7	7.7	48.3	39.2
27 Crude fertilisers & minerals (excl coal, petroleum and precious stones)	18.6	9.9	95.3	56.9	4.8	6.6	17.6	35.0
28 Metalliferous ores & metal scrap	16.3	4.6	62.7	42.0	75.1	32.6	376.0	169.5
29 Crude animal & vegetable materials nes	13.9	11.8	72.0	64.5	6.9	8.0	45.0	39.7
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	702.6	329.0	2,868.4	1,931.7	67.7	108.1	315.5	268.2
32 Coal, coke & briquettes	13.4	27.6	90.9	106.6	7.5	6.3	32.1	34.6
33 Petroleum, petroleum products & related materials	562.4	223.9	2,150.8	1,316.9	58.6	101.2	276.7	231.2
34 Gas, natural & manufactured	117.2	76.0	583.3	482.6	0.2	0.6	2.7	1.4
35 Electric Current	9.6	1.5	43.4	25.5	1.3	0.0	3.9	1.0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	15.4	15.0	81.7	79.9	2.4	1.5	18.3	7.4
41 Animal oils & fats	0.6	0.6	3.0	3.1	1.9	1.3	16.4	6.3
42 Fixed vegetable fats & oils	12.0	12.9	66.3	66.7	0.3	0.1	1.2	0.6
43 Animal or vegetable fats & oils, processed; waxes	2.8	1.5	12.4	10.1	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.4
5 Chemicals and related products nes	626.0	602.4	3,557.5	3,133.5	3,932.8	4,082.8	18,717.8	21,331.1
51 Organic chemicals	98.9	173.0	757.1	803.1	1,445.8	1,506.5	7,655.8	9,375.6
52 Inorganic chemicals	15.9	11.0	84.8	60.5	12.3	4.0	67.2	24.3
53 Dyeing, tanning & colouring materials	17.6	12.0	84.1	58.8	7.2	5.9	29.3	22.2
54 Medical & pharmaceutical products	199.7	197.7	1,099.3	1,104.3	1,499.4	1,610.7	6,837.7	8,010.9
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet & cleansing preparations	97.4	78.1	471.8	396.3	565.8	558.9	2,401.2	2,377.5
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	43.0	12.0	300.1	148.0	0.2	0.2	1.8	0.6
57 Plastics in primary forms	61.9	41.5	304.6	201.1	21.5	18.0	105.1	93.5
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	41.4	31.1	191.3	153.8	20.6	20.9	115.3	100.8
59 Chemical materials & products nes	50.2	46.0	264.4	207.5	360.0	357.8	1,504.4	1,325.7

Table 3 Trade classified by Commodity - continued

€ million

SITC (Rev 4)	Imports				Exports			
	May 2008	May 2009	Jan-May 2008	Jan-May 2009	May 2008	May 2009	Jan-May 2008	Jan-May 2009
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	494.8	274.7	2,409.3	1,467.6	145.6	93.9	719.8	510.4
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	1.1	0.8	6.4	5.3	1.3	1.0	8.0	6.6
62 Rubber manufactures nes	23.5	15.9	133.0	91.2	6.9	2.7	26.8	17.3
63 Cork & wood manufactures (excl furniture)	25.6	15.0	128.6	71.9	20.1	13.2	105.5	68.1
64 Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	86.7	55.9	384.0	286.5	12.1	9.1	63.2	46.3
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles & related products	38.3	27.0	188.0	144.0	15.8	12.4	83.1	62.7
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	69.2	32.8	311.4	176.7	23.0	16.6	114.5	88.7
67 Iron & steel	92.4	31.9	448.7	189.5	9.2	4.0	38.3	23.0
68 Non-ferrous metals	48.5	27.5	272.1	130.9	8.5	5.2	45.7	25.6
69 Manufactures of metals nes	109.6	67.8	536.9	371.5	48.8	29.6	234.8	172.1
7 Machinery and transport equipment	1,625.5	1,436.9	9,558.7	7,202.2	1,447.8	1,054.2	7,886.0	5,998.0
71 Power generating machinery & equipment	62.2	44.1	265.4	310.6	50.9	29.1	281.1	144.3
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	102.9	46.5	593.6	271.1	33.0	70.7	212.4	203.3
73 Metalworking machinery	9.8	3.6	52.0	20.4	4.6	2.6	22.7	12.4
74 General industrial machinery & equipment nes & parts nes	115.3	66.6	584.1	366.0	108.7	70.6	555.4	346.9
75 Office machines & automatic data processing machines	541.1	315.4	2,978.8	1,914.5	613.6	429.2	3,880.1	2,804.5
76 Telecommunications & sound equipment	132.1	98.7	720.0	494.8	101.7	69.8	584.5	429.3
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus & appliances nes & parts	220.1	183.7	1,208.6	1,011.4	430.3	284.0	2,077.5	1,428.4
78 Road vehicles (incl air-cushion vehicles)	251.8	53.0	1,916.0	433.3	24.7	14.0	133.1	73.4
79 Other transport equipment	190.3	625.2	1,240.2	2,380.0	80.3	84.1	139.3	555.5
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	539.2	463.0	2,735.1	2,406.8	690.3	733.7	3,517.2	3,818.7
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing & electrical fixtures & fittings	23.2	15.1	123.6	82.5	9.3	10.7	54.8	52.5
82 Furniture & parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	47.2	25.8	238.0	136.1	8.7	5.5	44.4	32.9
83 Travel goods, handbags & similar containers	8.1	6.5	42.0	35.0	0.9	1.2	4.9	6.3
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	115.3	108.7	665.8	624.5	11.1	11.3	64.5	62.8
85 Footwear	24.1	19.6	135.2	120.0	2.5	1.8	12.0	9.9
87 Professional, scientific & controlling apparatus nes	72.5	76.9	372.1	391.2	236.8	209.7	1,046.6	1,180.6
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches & clocks	23.1	13.3	103.5	72.5	85.3	81.8	371.0	399.5
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	225.7	197.0	1,054.8	945.0	335.7	411.5	1,918.8	2,074.2
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	217.0	189.9	1,165.1	1,018.7	146.1	202.8	756.7	1,105.0
Unclassified estimates¹	105.0	106.9	441.3	572.0	64.5	87.4	247.5	470.0
Total	4,825.7	3,857.0	25,398.1	20,080.8	7,298.9	7,037.3	36,052.8	36,754.9

¹ Estimates for which a commodity classification is not available

Table 4 Trade by Country

€ million

Country	Imports				Exports			
	May 2008	May 2009	Jan-May 2008	Jan-May 2009	May 2008	May 2009	Jan-May 2008	Jan-May 2009
Great Britain	1,547.0	988.7	7,800.5	5,346.9	1,175.7	1,018.8	5,929.4	5,400.0
Northern Ireland	106.5	73.9	549.1	373.6	136.6	101.2	657.1	501.3
Austria	16.7	10.4	84.6	100.5	30.0	27.6	171.7	141.3
Belgium	84.1	60.4	572.5	389.0	990.7	1,180.2	5,106.6	6,350.2
Bulgaria	1.0	0.3	2.8	2.8	4.9	5.0	29.2	16.4
Cyprus	2.3	1.7	10.7	4.9	3.8	3.4	15.5	19.5
Czech Republic	12.8	10.2	95.9	51.4	27.2	19.3	144.2	114.8
Denmark	117.3	111.8	391.3	367.3	38.3	29.6	206.3	162.4
Estonia	0.2	0.3	1.8	2.0	7.8	2.1	20.7	8.7
Finland	30.1	17.0	153.5	88.6	32.6	16.8	145.5	94.9
France	181.3	199.8	987.3	968.4	392.6	420.9	2,037.9	2,063.5
Germany	402.0	205.8	2,329.6	1,234.1	544.1	385.7	2,558.1	2,057.8
Greece	2.4	6.4	15.3	14.7	31.6	34.8	148.9	157.6
Italy	113.8	73.6	627.6	419.2	272.9	233.2	1,272.7	1,246.6
Latvia	3.0	0.8	25.1	11.7	8.0	0.4	22.5	15.1
Lithuania	1.7	1.3	13.1	12.9	2.9	0.7	10.3	4.5
Luxembourg	4.1	1.9	18.3	12.6	11.1	9.6	63.4	57.3
Hungary	29.2	29.7	124.7	122.0	14.5	18.3	74.8	76.4
Malta	0.7	0.5	3.2	3.1	1.2	1.5	11.0	7.1
Netherlands	241.4	185.3	1,150.8	1,041.7	242.1	219.2	1,298.6	1,201.2
Poland	29.3	37.1	166.0	174.3	55.7	60.9	298.9	255.0
Portugal	13.9	5.9	63.1	41.1	38.4	32.1	185.0	158.1
Romania	4.2	4.4	22.2	19.4	22.3	18.2	99.3	89.1
Slovakia	1.3	2.6	9.4	10.2	6.3	5.7	30.5	26.4
Slovenia	1.3	0.8	8.6	4.6	2.9	2.4	14.3	10.4
Spain	71.9	50.5	428.9	251.7	314.7	289.0	1,447.4	1,526.3
Sweden	34.8	30.5	237.7	131.1	75.1	52.5	368.0	284.9
EU Country not specified	37.7	21.1	183.0	142.5	4.5	2.2	28.6	12.8
Total EU	3,092.0	2,132.5	16,076.6	11,342.2	4,488.4	4,191.6	22,396.5	22,059.4
<i>of which Euro-Zone¹</i>	1,203.6	842.7	6,640.2	4,722.7	2,915.0	2,862.2	14,507.2	15,118.1
Australia	6.7	6.6	51.0	31.0	62.8	45.0	298.3	245.5
Brazil	21.3	9.3	103.0	51.6	9.7	13.4	65.3	79.9
Canada	31.3	31.8	121.2	167.7	27.1	29.3	161.3	170.3
China ²	319.8	195.0	1,675.4	1,238.3	176.9	201.9	992.8	974.8
India	18.8	25.3	98.2	134.9	11.3	11.8	63.3	69.5
Japan	96.8	41.4	608.7	288.1	132.2	147.3	679.5	745.4
Malaysia	26.2	18.9	166.1	102.3	81.1	87.9	396.8	311.6
Mexico	16.9	14.9	88.4	69.1	38.5	39.3	222.8	184.3
Norway	173.4	62.1	585.1	475.4	45.0	31.1	213.7	223.4
Philippines	6.9	2.8	39.2	18.7	28.7	9.5	175.7	58.2
Russia	17.1	2.4	81.9	34.5	35.1	17.4	162.3	92.7
Saudi Arabia	0.4	0.4	2.0	1.8	39.3	40.5	190.7	171.0
Singapore	58.5	43.7	329.2	217.8	38.4	30.4	231.0	174.9
South Africa	10.4	6.4	46.3	47.2	17.2	10.7	121.9	77.3
South Korea	30.4	33.3	290.8	126.6	28.6	21.6	204.4	144.5
Switzerland	35.1	31.0	212.8	162.2	282.9	239.7	1,105.4	1,240.1
Taiwan	47.3	23.6	240.4	129.4	20.0	11.5	94.5	91.8
Thailand	25.6	21.8	170.9	122.4	15.1	8.4	62.8	86.2
Turkey	37.4	17.3	194.1	101.5	43.6	29.6	172.7	147.3
USA	579.7	903.7	3,170.3	4,118.0	1,458.7	1,608.6	6,996.2	8,255.0
Other countries ³	74.9	122.6	533.8	538.0	205.3	175.7	964.6	1,006.0
Country unknown ⁴	11.3	15.6	59.7	85.5	12.7	15.9	78.4	70.9
Unclassified estimates ⁵	87.5	94.8	452.9	476.8	0.4	19.2	1.9	75.1
Total	4,825.7	3,857.0	25,398.1	20,080.8	7,298.9	7,037.3	36,052.8	36,754.9

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	
	Jun 2008	Jun 2009	Jun 2008	Jun 2009
Great Britain & Northern Ireland				
0 Food and live animals	197	188	295	251
1 Beverages and tobacco	30	32	43	42
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	26	12	42	19
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	257	215	84	26
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	7	4	2	1
5 Chemicals and related products nes	201	180	451	448
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	244	122	69	51
7 Machinery and transport equipment	334	140	249	188
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	213	156	129	111
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	79	59	69	77
Other EU				
0 Food and live animals	135	127	215	191
1 Beverages and tobacco	34	31	16	13
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	20	14	54	39
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	158	69	7	7
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	7	7	1	0
5 Chemicals and related products nes	282	250	1,863	2,579
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	156	87	53	34
7 Machinery and transport equipment	725	341	646	583
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	94	81	266	265
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	71	79	89	85
USA				
0 Food and live animals	5	11	6	7
1 Beverages and tobacco	1	1	16	18
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	8	5	2	1
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	5	0	0	0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	1	0	0	0
5 Chemicals and related products nes	86	90	753	782
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	24	21	14	5
7 Machinery and transport equipment	155	371	104	93
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	85	71	199	270
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	32	72	58	165
China ¹				
0 Food and live animals	1	1	7	11
1 Beverages and tobacco	0	0	0	0
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	4	1	6	4
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	13	7	49	50
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	28	20	2	1
7 Machinery and transport equipment	226	102	104	124
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	67	73	7	9
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	5	5	3	3
Japan				
0 Food and live animals	0	0	3	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	17	21	26	69
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1	1	1	0
7 Machinery and transport equipment	71	24	45	36
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	8	5	47	60
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	3	3	3	4
Switzerland				
0 Food and live animals	0	1	1	1
1 Beverages and tobacco	2	1	1	0
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	0	0	1	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	29	15	273	147
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2	1	1	0
7 Machinery and transport equipment	6	20	11	8
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3	2	4	4
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	1	1	3	1
Rest of World				
0 Food and live animals	33	44	102	61
1 Beverages and tobacco	3	9	10	10
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	15	13	14	8
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	112	64	18	23
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	3	2	0	0
5 Chemicals and related products nes	71	68	234	259
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	30	17	11	7
7 Machinery and transport equipment	261	151	344	284
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	62	70	47	53
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	107	101	19	40
Total	4,858	3,680	7,192	7,629

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 May 2009 was 77%, covering an estimated 96% of the total value of intra-EU trade. For June 2009 the respective response rates being 75% and 87%.

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.