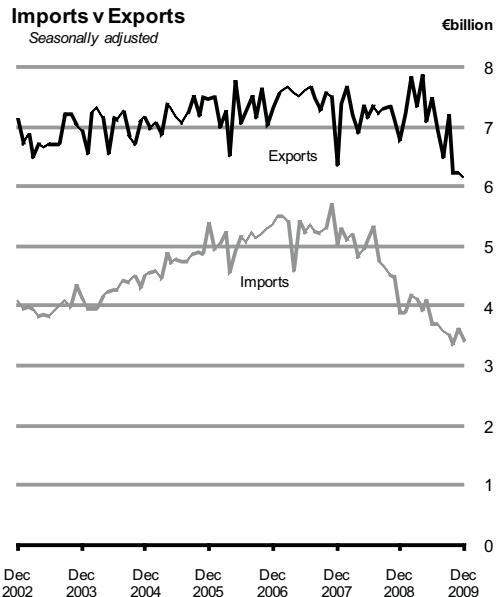




24 February 2010



External Trade

November 2009 (Provisional details)
December 2009 (Preliminary)

Seasonally adjusted

€ million

	Imports	Exports	Surplus
September 2009	3,523	7,204	3,681
October 2009	3,364	6,259	2,895
November 2009	3,622	6,257	2,635
December 2009	3,438	6,153	2,715

Trade down in December

Seasonally adjusted exports decreased by 2% in December, relative to November 2009 and imports also decreased by 5%. November 2009 exports remained unchanged from October 2009 while imports increased by 8% (see Graph and Table 2).

On an unadjusted basis, the value of exports in December 2009 fell by 11% from December 2008, while the value of imports was down 14%. The value of exports in November 2009 was down 14% on November 2008 and the value of imports was down 17% (see Table 1).

Comparison of the Preliminary December 2009 to December 2008 data shows a decrease in Chemical exports to the USA. Machinery imports decreased from all destinations except from the USA (see Table 5).

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

Exports decreased from €79,636m to €77,533m (-3%) –

- ◆ Computer equipment decreased by 29%, Electrical machinery by 31%, Industrial machinery by 31% and Metalliferous ores by 43%.
- Medical and pharmaceutical products increased by 18%, Organic chemicals by 6% and Other transport equipment (including aircraft) by 129%.
- ◆ Goods to Great Britain decreased by 14%, Germany by 21%, France by 7%, Northern Ireland by 20% and the Philippines by 67%.
- Goods to Belgium increased by 22%, the United States by 9% and Brazil by 20%.

Imports decreased from €53,428m to €41,114m (-23%) –

- ◆ Computer equipment decreased by 46%, Road vehicles by 75%, Petroleum products by 36% and Iron and steel by 63%.
- Other transport equipment (including aircraft) increased by 70% and Power generating machinery by 8%.
- ◆ Goods from Great Britain decreased by 31%, Germany by 38%, China by 32%, the Netherlands by 21% and Japan by 44%.
- Goods from the United States increased by 16%, Libya by 50% and Canada by 14%.

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Table 1 Summary of trade

Period	Value			Volume Index ¹		Price Index ¹			
	Imports €m	Exports €m	Trade Surplus €m	Base year 1990=100					
				Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Terms of Trade ²
1990	15,832.1	18,203.9	2,371.7	100.0	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	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 ⁴	3,652.6	7,802.7	4,150.0	231.2	495.0	119.7	103.6	86.5
	May	3,869.0	7,004.3	3,135.2	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 ⁴	3,105.9	5,786.6	2,680.7	201.1	382.4	116.0	99.9	86.1
	September	3,464.0	7,449.1	3,985.1	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 ⁵	3,582.2	6,001.3	2,419.2

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
	February	5,027.7	7,004.4	1,976.7	319.2
	March	5,219.1	7,237.9	2,018.8	333.0
	April	4,548.7	6,520.9	1,972.3	290.2
	May	4,916.8	7,744.5	2,827.6	317.7
	June	5,152.9	7,047.7	1,894.8	326.0
	July	5,051.8	7,279.8	2,228.0	324.3
	August	5,232.6	7,516.4	2,283.8	334.0
	September	5,142.0	7,154.8	2,012.9	334.5
	October	5,186.6	7,640.3	2,453.7	332.6
	November	5,272.6	7,019.0	1,746.5	339.4
	December	5,340.9	7,317.1	1,976.2	343.4
2007	January	5,499.6	7,520.9	2,021.4	353.3
	February	5,506.3	7,587.1	2,080.8	350.5
	March	5,401.6	7,672.5	2,270.9	337.9
	April	4,606.1	7,572.5	2,966.5	296.0
	May	5,423.1	7,495.9	2,072.8	343.5
	June	5,235.9	7,586.5	2,350.7	330.0
	July	5,335.5	7,663.7	2,328.2	339.1
	August	5,239.5	7,474.7	2,235.2	329.1
	September	5,208.7	7,281.3	2,072.5	327.4
	October	5,298.5	7,573.8	2,275.3	326.2
	November	5,696.5	7,498.3	1,801.8	360.8
	December	5,046.1	6,360.4	1,314.4	315.6
2008	January	5,291.4	7,365.0	2,073.6	326.7
	February	5,099.4	7,657.8	2,558.4	323.0
	March	5,202.4	7,177.7	1,975.2	332.7
	April	4,814.9	6,917.7	2,102.8	306.6
	May	4,942.3	7,334.0	2,391.8	316.7
	June	5,091.8	7,144.7	2,052.9	321.6
	July	5,317.1	7,335.7	2,018.6	329.4
	August	4,762.8	7,218.3	2,455.5	293.9
	September	4,652.7	7,307.1	2,654.4	278.2
	October	4,528.5	7,345.9	2,817.4	266.5
	November	4,502.7	7,129.9	2,627.1	269.8
	December	3,889.2	6,774.4	2,885.3	241.0
2009	January	3,901.6	7,223.3	3,321.8	239.9
	February	4,168.0	7,813.5	3,645.5	254.0
	March	4,126.7	7,344.0	3,217.3	253.4
	April	3,930.5	7,847.6	3,917.2	248.9
	May	4,076.6	7,106.2	3,029.5	259.4
	June	3,710.1	7,464.3	3,754.3	239.0
	July	3,712.7	6,940.8	3,228.1	236.6
	August	3,583.3	6,508.4	2,925.1	234.2
	September	3,522.9	7,203.6	3,680.7	227.1
	October	3,363.5	6,258.5	2,895.0	221.9
	November	3,621.8	6,256.6	2,634.8	237.8
	December	3,437.9	6,152.5	2,714.6	..

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			
	Nov 2008	Nov 2009	Jan-Nov 2008	Jan-Nov 2009	Nov 2008	Nov 2009	Jan-Nov 2008	Jan-Nov 2009
0 Food and live animals	391.5	378.2	4,232.4	3,914.8	610.2	595.1	6,538.4	5,695.1
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	20.9	24.0	148.7	96.2	43.1	89.9	222.1	261.3
01 Meat and meat preparations	58.5	50.4	626.4	579.6	198.3	174.9	2,191.8	1,960.3
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	32.8	32.1	439.8	355.7	113.3	105.4	1,340.6	1,018.9
03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and preparations thereof	14.3	11.9	152.0	133.7	26.8	25.5	296.5	271.9
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	70.5	62.3	728.5	684.7	22.8	20.6	264.5	220.0
05 Vegetables and fruit	71.0	63.2	845.2	774.8	26.1	15.5	254.0	217.1
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	20.1	19.9	224.3	225.7	11.2	9.5	99.5	92.6
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	29.6	23.6	309.0	296.3	23.3	19.5	235.9	228.8
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl unmilled cereals)	42.3	57.7	405.2	410.7	14.3	14.6	152.9	147.3
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	31.4	33.1	353.4	357.2	131.2	119.7	1,480.5	1,276.9
1 Beverages and tobacco	79.3	74.3	778.9	691.4	122.5	111.9	1,149.7	981.4
11 Beverages	74.8	64.8	702.6	606.1	116.9	106.1	1,080.4	914.4
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	4.6	9.5	76.3	85.2	5.6	5.8	69.2	67.0
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	61.1	48.4	774.5	533.5	92.4	89.7	1,240.2	833.7
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	0.0	0.1	0.8	0.4	5.4	5.5	65.9	45.2
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	2.5	1.9	22.4	20.9	0.1	0.0	3.3	1.2
23 Crude rubber (incl synthetic and reclaimed)	1.4	0.6	14.5	8.6	0.1	0.2	1.9	0.9
24 Cork and wood	14.7	8.9	220.2	112.8	4.4	6.9	68.4	61.9
25 Pulp and waste paper	2.0	1.4	23.2	27.2	3.1	4.3	56.0	40.3
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	1.1	0.8	15.7	11.0	8.9	9.9	107.5	91.6
27 Crude fertilisers and minerals (excl coal, petroleum and precious stones)	16.5	16.4	213.6	133.3	9.5	6.3	72.9	73.9
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	13.9	8.8	134.1	96.9	49.9	50.2	767.8	440.3
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials nes	9.0	9.4	129.8	122.4	10.9	6.2	96.6	78.5
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	462.8	433.6	6,142.0	4,019.9	43.2	89.0	796.0	552.0
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	15.7	12.6	197.2	182.7	3.1	3.2	52.5	50.3
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	305.7	352.3	4,613.4	2,972.6	39.9	85.6	724.5	495.4
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	135.3	67.0	1,253.3	829.9	0.2	0.2	11.5	5.3
35 Electric current	6.2	1.7	78.1	34.6	0.0	0.0	7.5	1.0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	18.1	13.9	191.6	164.2	2.7	1.9	39.9	17.7
41 Animal oils and fats	0.8	0.7	8.9	7.7	2.4	1.6	35.2	15.0
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	14.7	11.2	155.2	134.9	0.2	0.2	3.2	1.7
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed; waxes	2.6	2.0	27.4	21.6	0.1	0.1	1.5	1.1
5 Chemicals and related products nes	718.0	642.3	7,692.1	6,726.2	4,056.4	3,669.4	40,948.2	44,388.8
51 Organic chemicals	129.8	150.7	1,617.5	1,537.4	1,588.6	1,258.1	16,469.7	17,468.2
52 Inorganic chemicals	20.9	14.9	189.1	134.9	5.3	7.2	111.9	52.1
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	13.7	11.8	172.8	131.3	4.3	5.1	58.1	53.9
54 Medical and pharmaceutical products	306.4	262.8	2,637.3	2,604.0	1,722.2	1,700.8	15,420.1	18,173.7
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet and cleansing preparations	80.7	80.5	1,011.2	872.3	438.4	388.8	5,063.1	5,052.1
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	38.5	14.4	451.5	219.6	0.0	0.0	2.3	1.4
57 Plastics in primary forms	50.0	44.9	653.1	450.4	18.4	18.5	232.2	202.3
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	33.7	29.5	409.6	341.7	18.5	15.7	238.1	207.5
59 Chemical materials and products nes	44.3	32.9	549.8	434.7	260.6	275.2	3,352.7	3,177.6

Table 3 Trade classified by Commodity - continued

€ million

SITC (Rev 4)	Imports				Exports			
	Nov 2008	Nov 2009	Jan-Nov 2008	Jan-Nov 2009	Nov 2008	Nov 2009	Jan-Nov 2008	Jan-Nov 2009
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material								
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	399.2	281.4	5,127.2	3,155.6	133.3	104.5	1,562.8	1,144.2
62 Rubber manufactures nes	1.1	1.0	15.3	12.6	1.7	1.7	19.7	16.6
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl furniture)	20.0	18.0	272.3	199.2	3.3	3.9	49.9	39.9
64 Paper, paperboard and articles thereof	21.0	16.4	269.8	160.7	17.3	16.2	206.3	153.3
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	70.8	58.7	838.6	644.6	12.1	9.1	139.1	106.8
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	34.1	27.9	405.6	310.5	14.7	12.3	173.1	126.4
67 Iron and steel	62.4	32.7	670.6	383.5	25.1	17.0	263.7	203.7
68 Non-ferrous metals	57.7	29.2	968.0	357.5	5.6	4.5	85.2	49.3
69 Manufactures of metals nes	32.8	33.3	519.2	325.5	7.1	6.0	93.7	67.6
	99.5	64.2	1,167.8	761.5	46.3	33.8	532.2	380.7
7 Machinery and transport equipment								
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	1,453.5	1,081.7	18,719.0	13,186.0	1,441.4	881.3	16,747.0	12,530.9
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	41.5	42.2	557.8	601.2	32.3	38.6	531.9	426.6
73 Metalworking machinery	69.1	38.9	1,073.7	533.5	33.2	30.5	457.8	383.7
74 General industrial machinery and equipment nes and parts nes	5.6	3.6	94.4	40.8	1.8	1.8	41.6	28.6
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	92.3	62.1	1,177.4	777.4	91.2	72.8	1,133.5	786.3
76 Telecommunications and sound equipment	544.3	239.0	6,272.1	3,403.3	704.3	366.7	8,349.3	5,966.9
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances nes and parts	187.7	132.7	1,617.8	1,152.9	116.3	67.7	1,209.5	919.0
78 Road vehicles (incl air-cushion vehicles)	276.1	182.0	2,664.0	2,105.2	404.6	250.1	4,483.4	3,090.8
79 Other transport equipment	207.9	85.1	3,017.9	759.9	16.7	15.6	239.1	239.0
	29.2	295.9	2,243.9	3,811.7	41.0	37.4	301.0	690.1
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles								
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing and electrical fixtures and fittings	626.3	528.2	6,308.3	5,517.8	831.4	763.8	8,109.0	8,374.2
82 Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	23.5	13.4	253.5	168.1	14.2	9.9	120.3	98.0
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	38.3	29.0	479.3	301.6	8.4	7.1	93.8	76.2
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	8.0	7.6	102.3	81.5	1.6	1.8	12.6	14.9
85 Footwear	143.8	137.4	1,571.9	1,504.2	12.4	16.6	143.2	146.5
87 Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus nes	31.1	24.6	321.9	276.5	2.4	2.8	25.8	23.4
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches and clocks	77.3	66.6	828.5	829.0	319.3	247.6	2,575.9	2,745.6
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	21.1	18.2	229.7	166.8	82.8	64.6	829.8	853.4
	283.2	231.4	2,521.2	2,190.1	390.3	413.5	4,307.6	4,416.3
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere								
	194.8	196.4	2,371.6	2,192.5	182.3	186.2	1,820.4	2,303.1
Unclassified estimates¹	102.7	76.1	1,089.9	1,012.5	78.8	63.0	684.6	712.0
Total	4,507.3	3,754.4	53,427.5	41,114.3	7,594.6	6,555.7	79,636.4	77,533.0

¹ Estimates for which a commodity classification is not available

Table 4 Trade by Country

€ million

Country	Imports				Exports			
	Nov 2008	Nov 2009	Jan-Nov 2008	Jan-Nov 2009	Nov 2008	Nov 2009	Jan-Nov 2008	Jan-Nov 2009
Great Britain	1,415.2	1,076.0	16,547.0	11,443.7	1,074.3	1,121.8	13,108.4	11,233.4
Northern Ireland	94.0	71.8	1,167.9	846.5	135.0	109.7	1,451.2	1,157.1
Austria	17.6	11.9	174.8	171.4	30.0	28.8	363.7	301.6
Belgium	146.5	80.3	1,237.9	855.9	1,296.1	1,132.8	11,350.4	13,859.1
Bulgaria	0.8	1.2	6.7	8.6	4.6	2.8	60.1	36.0
Cyprus	0.8	0.2	23.6	5.1	1.9	2.9	30.6	43.5
Czech Republic	21.2	13.5	175.6	108.2	25.5	24.7	302.4	266.9
Denmark	56.3	34.5	967.1	708.9	37.0	34.9	490.6	366.0
Estonia	0.3	1.4	3.7	28.9	3.6	2.2	44.0	19.6
Finland	26.4	16.1	304.5	184.7	26.0	25.6	309.6	238.4
France	176.8	143.1	2,219.5	2,005.6	427.6	381.7	4,557.1	4,228.5
Germany	293.0	264.3	4,323.3	2,691.6	476.0	387.8	5,565.6	4,388.2
Greece	2.6	2.3	31.0	28.6	24.8	29.0	334.4	352.6
Italy	105.9	64.2	1,252.3	834.2	320.8	228.4	2,819.0	2,586.7
Latvia	3.3	0.8	50.4	25.1	1.4	4.5	44.2	31.5
Lithuania	1.9	2.5	34.9	26.8	1.4	1.3	23.7	13.3
Luxembourg	2.4	1.8	43.8	24.7	10.3	12.8	127.4	128.4
Hungary	34.8	21.8	300.2	241.8	19.6	12.8	177.0	160.1
Malta	0.5	0.7	6.0	6.2	2.3	1.7	20.7	19.6
Netherlands	236.2	169.2	2,642.6	2,092.9	254.1	228.8	2,773.6	2,590.9
Poland	39.6	27.8	396.4	367.2	67.9	50.3	687.5	566.4
Portugal	9.3	5.7	130.8	86.5	27.7	33.8	390.8	361.1
Romania	7.3	3.0	51.4	41.4	18.3	41.0	247.1	264.9
Slovakia	3.8	3.5	30.8	24.3	6.4	5.9	65.3	56.2
Slovenia	1.2	0.6	17.4	9.6	1.8	1.1	25.9	22.4
Spain	57.5	46.3	878.0	514.4	272.7	240.5	3,284.7	3,207.1
Sweden	42.1	49.0	439.2	339.1	87.3	52.7	800.2	627.8
EU Country not specified	31.1	32.8	355.4	341.6	3.9	3.5	50.8	36.0
Total EU	2,828.6	2,146.0	33,811.8	24,063.7	4,658.2	4,203.9	49,506.1	47,163.2
<i>of which Euro-Zone¹</i>	<i>1,111.1</i>	<i>842.2</i>	<i>13,660.0</i>	<i>9,869.6</i>	<i>3,178.5</i>	<i>2,741.6</i>	<i>32,019.0</i>	<i>32,384.3</i>
Australia	10.0	9.6	114.2	79.0	65.4	54.2	693.1	670.3
Brazil	16.5	30.6	199.6	141.0	12.6	18.7	167.3	200.5
Canada	49.8	43.2	315.0	359.8	31.1	40.2	370.1	402.0
China ²	378.9	228.3	3,951.5	2,668.3	217.8	166.1	2,198.5	2,175.9
India	25.4	22.5	237.9	264.3	12.1	11.9	142.8	144.4
Japan	77.7	62.5	1,076.4	601.9	188.1	117.1	1,559.8	1,585.7
Malaysia	26.7	18.6	332.1	245.3	116.2	87.2	984.0	768.6
Mexico	25.0	13.0	196.2	158.9	45.2	34.8	514.7	436.6
Norway	85.6	66.2	1,263.7	832.9	34.1	30.9	468.5	446.6
Philippines	2.6	2.6	70.6	40.9	14.5	6.5	350.8	114.1
Russia	14.2	8.1	129.8	71.6	23.7	40.8	330.5	229.2
Saudi Arabia	0.4	0.4	6.5	4.7	18.2	25.6	356.7	357.5
Singapore	87.3	53.0	697.4	479.3	56.1	41.0	524.4	432.3
South Africa	20.9	10.9	129.0	90.7	17.7	26.8	283.3	196.2
South Korea	20.7	16.6	477.9	258.4	42.8	22.7	447.9	326.0
Switzerland	42.8	60.4	492.8	414.1	232.7	237.8	2,378.1	2,261.7
Taiwan	52.9	16.5	499.1	262.6	14.8	12.1	208.7	240.9
Thailand	28.6	19.3	349.4	237.7	9.6	11.1	127.7	145.6
Turkey	30.1	22.1	389.9	229.6	27.2	26.7	376.3	356.6
USA	487.5	629.8	6,314.3	7,344.7	1,553.8	1,173.4	15,344.8	16,653.7
Other countries ³	99.9	175.6	1,130.7	1,265.0	181.7	150.2	2,111.1	2,052.3
Country unknown ⁴	13.9	26.6	272.8	197.5	13.3	8.6	178.4	136.5
Unclassified estimates ⁵	81.4	72.0	968.9	802.3	7.7	7.3	12.7	36.5
Total	4,507.3	3,754.4	53,427.5	41,114.3	7,594.6	6,555.7	79,636.4	77,533.0

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	
	Dec 2008	Dec 2009	Dec 2008	Dec 2009
Great Britain & Northern Ireland				
0 Food and live animals	264	252	283	277
1 Beverages and tobacco	26	28	41	40
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	15	13	22	24
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	310	270	11	27
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	6	5	1	1
5 Chemicals and related products nes	180	152	443	391
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	146	110	42	44
7 Machinery and transport equipment	243	163	274	129
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	225	185	122	116
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	73	59	65	55
Other EU				
0 Food and live animals	126	113	175	183
1 Beverages and tobacco	23	25	15	17
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	22	12	37	62
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	77	45	24	6
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	8	6	1	1
5 Chemicals and related products nes	224	281	1,564	1,552
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	114	78	38	29
7 Machinery and transport equipment	492	302	783	513
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	92	82	296	260
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	78	67	96	96
USA				
0 Food and live animals	26	27	6	4
1 Beverages and tobacco	1	1	21	20
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	2	3	3	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	77	74	869	528
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	24	19	8	5
7 Machinery and transport equipment	161	231	137	118
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	83	68	252	208
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	70	64	33	47
China¹				
0 Food and live animals	1	1	10	8
1 Beverages and tobacco	0	0	0	0
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	3	1	2	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	13	10	26	47
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	23	19	1	1
7 Machinery and transport equipment	194	74	75	154
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	84	89	9	9
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	5	4	2	2
Japan				
0 Food and live animals	0	0	3	2
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	19	21	35	47
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1	1	1	1
7 Machinery and transport equipment	40	19	52	35
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	4	7	53	64
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	3	4	4	3
Switzerland				
0 Food and live animals	0	1	0	1
1 Beverages and tobacco	3	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	0
5 Chemicals and related products nes	15	18	165	164
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2	1	0	1
7 Machinery and transport equipment	6	9	10	12
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5	3	2	6
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	1	2	3	1
Rest of World				
0 Food and live animals	32	37	69	72
1 Beverages and tobacco	4	7	10	10
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	15	16	8	13
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	61	98	0	10
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	2	1	0	0
5 Chemicals and related products nes	62	56	175	238
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	19	17	7	6
7 Machinery and transport equipment	194	169	286	240
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	59	76	58	70
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	94	83	24	22
Total	4,157	3,582	6,758	6,001

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 November 2009 was 75%, covering an estimated 96% of the total value of intra-EU trade. For December 2009 the respective response rates being 71% 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.