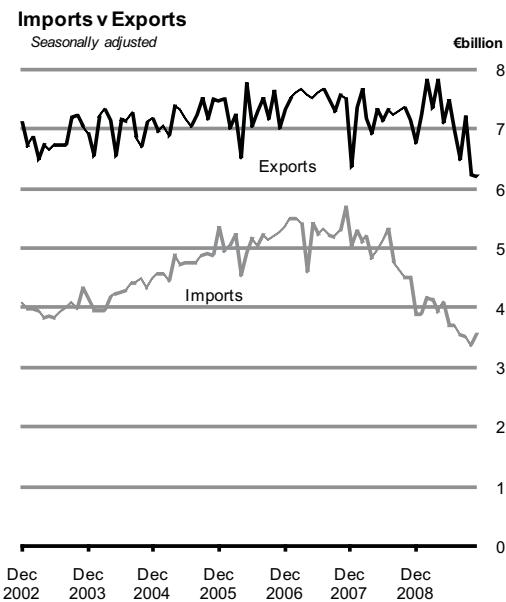




21 January 2010



External Trade

October 2009 (Provisional details)
November 2009 (Preliminary)

Seasonally adjusted

€ million

	Imports	Exports	Surplus
August 2009	3,562	6,506	2,944
September 2009	3,523	7,204	3,681
October 2009	3,364	6,259	2,895
November 2009	3,555	6,216	2,661

Trade surplus down in November

Seasonally adjusted exports fell by 1% in November, relative to October 2009 and imports rose by 6%. October 2009 exports declined by 13% relative to September 2009 while imports fell by 5% (see graph and Table 2).

On an **unadjusted** basis, the value of exports in November 2009 fell by 14% from November 2008, while the value of imports was down 18%. The value of exports in October 2009 was down 14% on October 2008 and the value of imports was down 28% (see Table 1).

Comparison of the **Preliminary November** 2009 to November 2008 data shows a drop in Machinery and Chemical exports to most destinations apart from an increase in Chemicals to the UK. Machinery imports increased from the USA but fell from elsewhere. There was a general decrease in the imports of Chemicals (see Table 5).

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

Exports decreased from €72,042m to €70,943m (-2%) –

- ◆ Computer equipment decreased by 27%, Electrical machinery by 30%, Metalliferous ores by 48%, Industrial machinery by 32% and Dairy products by 26%.

- Medical and pharmaceutical products increased by 20%, Organic chemicals by 9%, Other transport equipment (including aircraft) by 151% and Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus by 11%.

- ◆ Goods to Great Britain decreased by 16%, Germany by 21%, France by 7%, Northern Ireland by 21% and the Philippines by 68%.

- Goods to Belgium increased by 27%, the United States by 12%, Japan by 7% and Bermuda by €119m.

Imports decreased from €48,920m to €37,346m (-24%) –

- ◆ Computer equipment decreased by 45%, Road vehicles by 76%, Petroleum products by 39% and Iron and steel by 64%.

- Other transport equipment (including aircraft) increased by 59% and Power generating machinery by 8%.

- ◆ Goods from Great Britain decreased by 32%, Germany by 40%, China by 32%, the Netherlands by 20% and Japan by 46%.

- Goods from the United States increased by 15%, Canada by 19% and Kuwait by €42m.

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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	Terms of Trade ²	
1990	15,832.1	18,203.9	2,371.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
1991	16,317.2	19,070.1	2,752.9	100.8	105.6	102.3	99.3	97.0	
1992	16,753.9	21,260.2	4,506.4	105.6	121.1	100.2	96.6	96.4	
1993	18,899.7	25,178.5	6,278.9	113.0	133.4	105.4	103.9	98.6	
1994	21,945.4	28,890.9	6,945.6	127.9	153.2	108.1	103.8	96.0	
1995	26,180.9	35,330.1	9,149.2	146.3	184.0	112.7	105.7	93.7	
1996	28,479.5	38,608.9	10,129.6	160.9	202.2	111.4	105.1	94.3	
1997	32,863.5	44,868.0	12,004.5	184.8	232.4	112.0	106.3	94.9	
1998	39,715.0	57,321.8	17,606.7	218.3	289.2	114.6	109.1	95.2	
1999	44,327.1	66,956.2	22,629.1	236.5	336.5	118.0	109.5	92.8	
2000	55,908.8	83,888.9	27,980.1	275.2	401.4	128.0	115.0	89.9	
2001	57,384.2	92,689.9	35,305.7	274.2	422.0	131.8	120.9	91.7	
2002	55,628.1	93,675.2	38,047.1	276.6	435.1	126.7	118.5	93.5	
2003	47,864.6	82,076.1	34,211.5	259.7	418.4	116.1	108.0	93.0	
2004	51,105.4	84,409.5	33,304.1	283.6	446.5	113.5	104.0	91.7	
2005	57,464.9	86,732.3	29,267.3	316.3	456.7	114.4	104.5	91.3	
2006	60,857.4	86,772.0	25,914.6	325.2	458.0	117.7	104.4	88.7	
2007	63,485.7	89,226.1	25,740.5	340.9	481.8	117.3	101.9	86.9	
2008	57,584.8	86,394.4	28,809.6	300.5	484.5	119.7	98.0	81.9	
2007 January	5,694.4	7,279.2	1,584.8	365.5	463.4	115.8	104.0	89.8	
February	5,394.6	6,947.2	1,552.6	343.4	449.6	116.4	102.4	87.9	
March	5,645.4	8,419.8	2,774.3	355.9	541.6	117.6	102.3	87.0	
April	4,856.5	7,532.4	2,675.9	309.0	484.0	117.0	102.6	87.7	
May	5,462.5	7,491.9	2,029.3	344.6	481.3	117.0	102.5	87.6	
June	4,985.7	7,900.5	2,914.9	312.2	499.6	117.6	103.4	87.9	
July	5,037.3	7,388.9	2,351.7	318.9	477.2	116.9	102.2	87.4	
August	4,743.5	6,858.4	2,114.9	296.2	434.3	118.4	102.4	86.4	
September	4,840.8	7,367.8	2,527.0	305.9	476.0	117.4	101.1	86.1	
October	5,722.9	7,771.7	2,048.8	355.7	502.6	117.0	100.2	85.7	
November	6,008.2	8,103.9	2,095.7	380.7	532.6	117.5	98.7	84.0	
December	5,093.8	6,164.3	1,070.6	319.2	398.9	118.8	101.3	85.2	
2008 January	5,447.9	7,119.6	1,671.7	337.4	471.1	119.9	98.2	81.9	
February	5,211.2	7,309.2	2,098.0	329.3	488.2	120.1	98.4	82.0	
March	4,952.3	7,053.9	2,101.5	316.9	494.8	118.4	96.4	81.5	
April	4,960.9	7,271.5	2,310.6	315.9	519.0	117.6	94.2	80.1	
May	4,825.8	7,298.9	2,473.1	306.2	518.2	118.5	94.4	79.7	
June	4,858.1	7,191.6	2,333.5	302.4	500.2	118.1	94.5	80.0	
July	5,113.5	7,281.8	2,168.3	318.1	494.0	117.1	94.7	80.9	
August	4,107.2	6,486.2	2,379.0	251.7	440.1	118.6	96.4	81.2	
September	4,616.3	7,456.1	2,839.8	277.3	496.9	122.1	98.6	80.8	
October	4,827.0	7,573.1	2,746.1	286.9	485.3	123.8	102.5	82.8	
November	4,507.3	7,594.6	3,087.3	270.6	467.9	121.6	105.8	87.0	
December	4,157.2	6,758.0	2,600.8	259.5	438.0	120.4	102.1	84.8	
2009 ³ January	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	4,485.3	7,952.7	3,467.4	275.5	497.7	123.5	104.7	84.8	
April	3,657.3	7,770.7	4,113.4	231.2	495.0	119.7	103.6	86.5	
May	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 ⁴	3,541.1	6,953.9	3,412.8	226.3	460.2	117.8	99.9	84.8	
August	3,087.0	5,784.4	2,697.4	201.1	382.4	116.0	99.9	86.1	
September	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 ⁵	3,684.8	6,513.3	2,828.5	

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

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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
	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	3,935.5	7,815.5	3,880.0	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	3,561.5	6,506.0	2,944.5	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	3,554.7	6,216.2	2,661.5	..

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			
	Oct 2008	Oct 2009	Jan-Oct 2008	Jan-Oct 2009	Oct 2008	Oct 2009	Jan-Oct 2008	Jan-Oct 2009
0 Food and live animals	450.7	379.0	3,840.9	3,532.5	656.5	533.1	5,928.2	5,095.2
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	32.4	25.3	127.8	72.0	57.6	37.3	179.0	170.3
01 Meat and meat preparations	59.3	51.6	567.9	527.0	227.7	185.8	1,993.5	1,784.8
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	38.9	30.4	407.0	323.4	130.1	92.6	1,227.4	912.8
03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and preparations thereof	13.0	12.1	137.7	122.1	25.3	22.9	269.7	245.3
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	75.9	67.3	658.0	621.2	22.5	19.5	241.8	197.4
05 Vegetables and fruit	78.2	66.2	774.2	710.5	24.3	18.1	227.9	201.5
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	26.5	21.6	204.2	206.4	10.3	10.0	88.4	83.5
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	41.7	31.3	279.4	272.4	23.5	22.8	212.6	209.5
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl unmilled cereals)	49.0	39.6	362.9	353.1	13.5	13.4	138.6	132.8
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	35.8	33.7	321.9	324.3	121.7	110.8	1,349.4	1,157.2
1 Beverages and tobacco	94.0	70.4	699.6	617.1	134.0	113.9	1,027.2	870.8
11 Beverages	84.7	63.0	627.8	541.4	128.3	108.2	963.5	809.7
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	9.3	7.4	71.8	75.7	5.7	5.7	63.6	61.2
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	65.4	50.0	713.3	480.6	108.4	94.0	1,147.8	727.3
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.3	7.9	5.5	60.5	39.8
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	1.3	2.7	20.0	18.9	0.2	0.1	3.1	1.1
23 Crude rubber (incl synthetic and reclaimed)	1.4	0.9	13.1	7.9	0.4	0.0	1.8	0.7
24 Cork and wood	18.3	12.7	205.5	103.3	5.3	7.1	63.9	54.9
25 Pulp and waste paper	1.3	2.1	21.2	25.7	5.1	3.8	52.9	35.7
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	2.2	0.7	14.6	10.1	10.9	9.9	98.6	81.6
27 Crude fertilisers and minerals (excl coal, petroleum and precious stones)	16.1	9.4	197.1	113.5	9.6	9.4	63.4	67.5
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	14.0	12.0	120.2	88.0	59.7	51.9	717.9	373.1
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials nes	10.7	9.4	120.8	112.8	9.2	6.4	85.7	72.7
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	637.0	373.1	5,679.2	3,584.8	64.1	36.7	752.8	462.8
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	32.8	14.9	181.6	170.2	3.2	3.3	49.4	47.1
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	474.1	298.0	4,307.7	2,618.9	60.1	33.2	684.7	409.7
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	123.9	58.6	1,118.1	762.8	0.2	0.2	11.3	5.1
35 Electric current	6.2	1.6	71.9	32.9	0.6	0.0	7.5	1.0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	19.0	12.9	173.5	149.9	3.4	2.1	37.2	15.8
41 Animal oils and fats	0.9	0.9	8.2	7.0	3.1	1.8	32.9	13.3
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	15.8	10.3	140.6	123.6	0.2	0.2	3.0	1.5
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed; waxes	2.3	1.7	24.8	19.3	0.1	0.1	1.3	0.9
5 Chemicals and related products nes	735.7	674.4	6,974.1	6,083.5	3,785.0	3,571.9	36,891.8	40,662.4
51 Organic chemicals	129.5	124.5	1,487.8	1,385.6	1,434.2	1,246.4	14,881.1	16,171.2
52 Inorganic chemicals	18.1	12.3	168.3	119.6	5.1	5.8	106.6	44.9
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	14.2	12.0	159.1	119.5	3.8	4.4	53.8	48.8
54 Medical and pharmaceutical products	290.1	313.3	2,330.9	2,346.0	1,566.1	1,602.6	13,697.8	16,461.0
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet and cleansing preparations	98.9	85.4	930.5	790.6	427.2	404.4	4,624.7	4,661.9
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	23.6	15.3	413.0	205.2	0.0	0.1	2.3	1.3
57 Plastics in primary forms	65.2	42.2	603.1	403.6	21.6	16.9	213.8	184.5
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	39.8	30.4	375.9	312.2	22.8	18.2	219.6	191.2
59 Chemical materials and products nes	56.2	38.9	505.5	401.2	304.2	273.2	3,092.2	2,897.5

Table 3 Trade classified by Commodity - continued

€ million

SITC (Rev 4)	Imports				Exports			
	Oct 2008	Oct 2009	Jan-Oct 2008	Jan-Oct 2009	Oct 2008	Oct 2009	Jan-Oct 2008	Jan-Oct 2009
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material								
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	454.0	288.5	4,728.0	2,873.8	145.0	108.0	1,429.5	1,038.4
62 Rubber manufactures nes	1.7	1.4	14.2	11.6	2.5	1.7	17.9	14.9
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl furniture)	22.9	19.3	252.3	181.3	3.5	3.9	46.6	36.0
64 Paper, paperboard and articles thereof	24.1	15.9	248.8	144.1	15.8	14.1	189.0	137.3
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	83.5	59.4	767.9	587.5	13.6	10.3	127.0	97.1
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	39.3	28.9	371.6	282.3	16.3	12.4	158.4	113.9
67 Iron and steel	59.2	35.8	608.2	349.5	27.3	20.5	238.6	186.6
68 Non-ferrous metals	74.1	31.2	910.3	329.1	9.3	4.4	79.6	44.8
69 Manufactures of metals nes	35.7	34.1	486.5	291.4	7.2	6.1	86.5	60.9
	113.7	62.4	1,068.4	697.1	49.4	34.7	485.9	347.0
7 Machinery and transport equipment								
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	1,377.5	833.9	17,265.5	12,102.7	1,608.1	971.1	15,305.7	11,643.2
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	53.0	49.5	516.4	558.7	44.4	42.9	499.6	386.6
73 Metalworking machinery	66.6	39.0	1,004.6	487.6	33.5	25.4	424.6	352.4
74 General industrial machinery and equipment nes and parts nes	8.1	3.5	88.8	37.2	3.4	2.2	39.7	26.8
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	100.5	67.4	1,085.1	714.7	102.8	78.9	1,042.4	711.0
76 Telecommunications and sound equipment	607.8	256.5	5,727.8	3,165.0	782.7	467.0	7,645.0	5,600.5
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances nes and parts	154.2	128.5	1,430.1	1,023.3	132.7	72.5	1,093.2	851.5
78 Road vehicles (incl air-cushion vehicles)	238.0	185.7	2,387.9	1,925.6	476.7	248.3	4,078.8	2,839.5
79 Other transport equipment	109.3	55.5	2,810.0	674.8	15.4	23.7	222.4	222.4
	40.1	48.3	2,214.8	3,515.8	16.4	10.2	260.0	652.5
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles								
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing and electrical fixtures and fittings	677.8	541.3	5,682.0	4,978.8	817.9	782.8	7,277.6	7,617.4
82 Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	20.6	18.6	230.0	154.9	13.1	9.0	106.1	89.1
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	42.3	28.5	441.0	272.6	8.4	7.5	85.4	66.8
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	9.7	7.6	94.3	73.8	1.2	1.5	11.0	13.1
85 Footwear	172.0	150.9	1,428.1	1,362.9	14.1	17.1	130.9	129.7
87 Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus nes	30.0	24.3	290.9	251.6	3.1	2.5	23.4	20.5
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches and clocks	93.4	68.3	751.2	758.3	300.3	273.6	2,256.5	2,499.0
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	23.2	15.6	208.6	148.5	83.4	74.5	747.0	788.8
	286.6	227.7	2,238.0	1,956.3	394.3	397.1	3,917.3	4,010.4
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere								
	212.8	184.5	2,176.8	1,996.6	180.0	226.8	1,638.1	2,152.6
Unclassified estimates¹	103.1	89.1	987.2	945.3	70.7	65.1	605.8	657.3
Total	4,827.0	3,497.1	48,920.3	37,345.6	7,573.1	6,505.5	72,041.8	70,943.2

¹ Estimates for which a commodity classification is not available

Table 4 Trade by Country

€ million

Country	Imports				Exports			
	Oct 2008	Oct 2009	Jan-Oct 2008	Jan-Oct 2009	Oct 2008	Oct 2009	Jan-Oct 2008	Jan-Oct 2009
Great Britain	1,563.5	1,083.1	15,131.8	10,349.5	1,235.7	960.1	12,034.2	10,101.6
Northern Ireland	104.6	76.9	1,073.8	773.4	132.9	117.9	1,316.2	1,044.8
Austria	16.2	11.9	157.1	157.0	34.3	26.8	333.7	271.9
Belgium	99.9	91.2	1,091.4	779.0	1,152.0	1,140.5	10,054.3	12,719.9
Bulgaria	0.5	0.8	5.9	7.3	3.6	3.0	55.5	33.2
Cyprus	2.0	0.3	22.8	6.2	1.7	4.7	28.8	39.8
Czech Republic	11.7	6.6	154.4	94.8	28.5	24.0	276.9	242.6
Denmark	83.2	59.2	910.8	674.2	60.8	36.4	453.6	329.1
Estonia	0.4	0.4	3.3	27.5	3.6	1.7	40.5	17.3
Finland	19.7	15.4	278.1	168.6	26.3	21.0	283.6	209.0
France	211.2	135.8	2,042.7	1,861.2	437.7	311.0	4,129.5	3,838.0
Germany	302.2	256.8	4,030.3	2,423.8	510.6	386.4	5,089.7	4,005.6
Greece	3.7	2.2	28.4	26.3	31.2	19.7	309.7	323.1
Italy	109.3	69.3	1,146.4	769.6	263.6	222.8	2,498.2	2,357.6
Latvia	6.2	3.6	47.0	24.2	5.2	4.5	42.8	26.9
Lithuania	3.7	2.6	33.0	24.3	2.3	1.1	22.3	12.2
Luxembourg	4.0	2.1	41.3	22.9	9.4	14.3	117.0	115.6
Hungary	32.2	24.6	265.4	220.0	14.1	13.1	157.4	147.4
Malta	0.3	0.3	5.5	5.5	1.5	0.8	18.4	17.9
Netherlands	265.3	231.8	2,406.4	1,923.5	244.6	235.3	2,519.5	2,366.3
Poland	44.5	43.7	356.7	339.4	78.6	62.0	619.6	516.2
Portugal	11.1	7.9	121.5	81.1	37.0	31.6	363.1	327.4
Romania	6.2	4.3	44.1	38.6	40.8	35.0	228.7	223.9
Slovakia	4.7	1.9	26.9	20.8	5.8	5.4	58.9	50.5
Slovenia	1.6	0.9	16.2	9.0	2.0	2.7	24.1	21.3
Spain	57.0	41.6	820.5	467.1	251.8	217.1	3,012.0	2,960.1
Sweden	37.0	28.6	397.1	289.6	71.0	63.1	712.9	574.8
EU Country not specified	24.5	26.8	324.3	307.5	2.6	2.4	46.9	31.3
Total EU	3,026.5	2,230.8	30,983.1	21,891.9	4,689.1	3,964.4	44,847.8	42,925.5
<i>of which Euro-Zone¹</i>	<i>1,131.8</i>	<i>895.8</i>	<i>12,548.8</i>	<i>9,021.7</i>	<i>3,009.5</i>	<i>2,640.0</i>	<i>28,840.5</i>	<i>29,624.0</i>
Australia	9.1	7.9	104.2	69.4	55.3	82.4	627.8	616.1
Brazil	18.3	14.5	183.1	110.4	18.9	11.7	154.7	172.5
Canada	31.4	51.9	265.2	316.4	35.3	39.4	339.0	361.8
China ²	468.1	269.2	3,572.6	2,439.2	227.1	190.5	1,980.8	2,009.9
India	22.5	22.3	212.4	242.3	16.9	14.1	130.8	132.5
Japan	78.3	51.2	998.7	539.0	146.2	118.6	1,371.7	1,468.6
Malaysia	31.0	24.1	305.4	226.5	114.4	70.4	867.8	681.4
Mexico	20.6	17.4	171.2	145.7	51.5	37.2	469.5	401.7
Norway	149.1	32.8	1,178.0	766.8	30.9	28.3	434.4	415.6
Philippines	5.3	4.7	68.0	38.3	31.2	10.8	336.3	107.7
Russia	9.7	1.9	115.6	63.1	34.0	18.4	306.7	188.3
Saudi Arabia	0.3	0.6	6.1	4.3	26.3	27.6	338.5	331.9
Singapore	51.7	41.0	610.2	426.3	43.1	36.5	468.3	391.4
South Africa	9.3	5.8	108.2	79.8	60.8	15.3	265.6	169.4
South Korea	21.5	36.3	457.2	241.6	29.2	21.3	405.2	303.3
Switzerland	60.2	43.3	450.0	353.6	144.7	81.4	2,145.4	2,023.9
Taiwan	39.4	15.1	446.2	245.9	14.1	20.2	193.9	228.8
Thailand	31.7	17.8	320.8	218.3	13.6	10.4	118.1	134.6
Turkey	25.7	24.7	359.7	207.4	31.3	21.5	349.0	329.9
USA	490.1	373.9	5,826.8	6,713.5	1,543.2	1,508.2	13,791.0	15,479.6
Other countries ³	117.1	124.4	1,030.8	1,089.9	201.7	159.6	1,929.4	1,902.1
Country unknown ⁴	25.2	15.6	259.0	170.9	13.9	12.4	165.1	128.7
Unclassified estimates ⁵	85.0	69.8	887.5	745.2	0.5	4.8	5.0	38.1
Total	4,827.0	3,497.1	48,920.3	37,345.6	7,573.1	6,505.5	72,041.8	70,943.2

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	
	Nov 2008	Nov 2009	Nov 2008	Nov 2009
Great Britain & Northern Ireland				
0 Food and live animals	211	201	309	318
1 Beverages and tobacco	23	23	55	51
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	17	12	31	27
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	296	212	16	48
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	7	5	1	1
5 Chemicals and related products nes	181	157	334	439
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	173	117	65	52
7 Machinery and transport equipment	280	150	208	94
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	245	195	120	126
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	75	55	70	55
Other EU				
0 Food and live animals	132	116	196	184
1 Beverages and tobacco	38	34	20	23
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	19	17	45	43
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	73	64	20	31
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	8	6	2	1
5 Chemicals and related products nes	281	226	2,149	1,978
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	122	89	46	36
7 Machinery and transport equipment	468	248	608	321
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	96	83	282	264
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	82	68	81	70
USA				
0 Food and live animals	10	8	9	5
1 Beverages and tobacco	2	1	32	21
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	3	2	3	1
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	4	1	0	0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	1	0	0	0
5 Chemicals and related products nes	115	90	962	706
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	33	19	10	6
7 Machinery and transport equipment	188	382	147	103
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	95	63	314	230
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	36	63	76	101
China¹				
0 Food and live animals	1	2	13	8
1 Beverages and tobacco	0	0	0	0
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	2	1	4	6
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	10	10	65	23
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	30	20	2	1
7 Machinery and transport equipment	223	91	125	118
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	107	99	8	8
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	6	4	2	2
Japan				
0 Food and live animals	0	0	4	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	33	96	50
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1	1	0	0
7 Machinery and transport equipment	43	20	39	15
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	7	4	45	47
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	4	3	3	3
Switzerland				
0 Food and live animals	1	1	1	1
1 Beverages and tobacco	2	1	1	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	25	43	216	223
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2	2	1	0
7 Machinery and transport equipment	7	8	7	5
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5	5	3	6
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	1	1	3	1
Rest of World				
0 Food and live animals	35	49	79	77
1 Beverages and tobacco	15	14	13	12
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	20	14	9	12
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	89	156	7	10
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	2	2	0	0
5 Chemicals and related products nes	83	77	234	236
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	38	21	9	7
7 Machinery and transport equipment	245	142	306	218
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	71	68	59	67
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	94	84	27	16
Total	4,507	3,685	7,595	6,513

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 October 2009 was 79%, covering an estimated 96% of the total value of intra-EU trade. For November 2009 the respective response rates being 66% and 85%.
- 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.