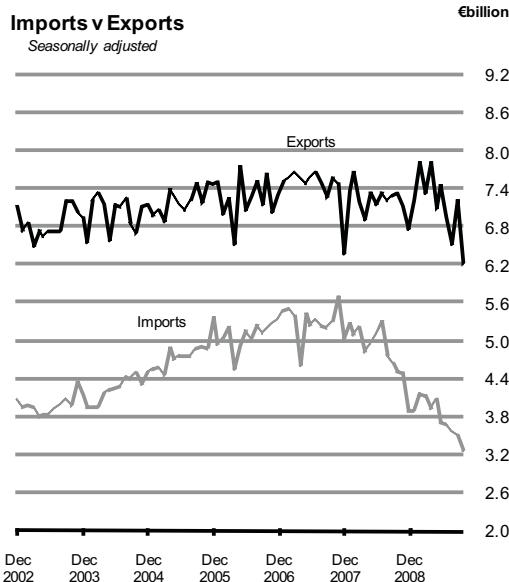




22 December 2009



External Trade

September 2009 (Provisional details)
October 2009 (Preliminary)

Seasonally adjusted

€ million

	Imports	Exports	Surplus
July 2009	3,698	6,946	3,248
August 2009	3,562	6,506	2,944
September 2009	3,523	7,204	3,681
October 2009	3,271	6,218	2,947

Exports down in October

Seasonally adjusted exports declined by 14% in October, relative to September 2009 but were up by 11% in September compared with August. Imports fell by 7% in October 2009 relative to September and were down 1% in September compared with August (see graph and Table 2).

On an unadjusted basis, the value of exports in October 2009 was down by 15% from October 2008, while the value of imports was down 30%. The value of exports in September 2009 was stable compared with September 2008 and the value of imports was down 25% (see Table 1).

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

Exports at €64,434m were down €35m from €64,469m –

◆ Computer equipment decreased by 25%, Electrical machinery by 28%, Metalliferous ores by 52% and Industrial machinery by 33%.

Medical and pharmaceutical products increased by 22%, Organic chemicals by 11%, Other transport equipment (including aircraft) by 164% and Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus by 14%.

◆ Goods to Great Britain decreased by 15%, Germany by 21%, Northern Ireland by 22% and the Philippines by 68%.

Goods to Belgium increased by 30%, the United States by 14% and Japan by 10%.

Imports at €33,842m were down €10,251m from €44,093m –

◆ Computer equipment decreased by 43%, Road vehicles by 77%, Petroleum products by 39% and Iron and steel by 64%.

Other transport equipment (including aircraft) increased by 59%, Power generating machinery by 10% and Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus by 5%.

◆ Goods from Great Britain decreased by 32%, Germany by 42%, China by 30% and the Netherlands by 21%.

Goods from the United States increased by 19%, Canada by 13% and India by 16%.

Comparison of the Preliminary October 2009 to October 2008 data shows an all round drop in trade with the UK. Exports and Imports of Machinery and transport equipment fell in respect of the main trading partners (see Table 5).

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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	4,101.4	7,025.2	2,923.8	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	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 ⁴	3,703.6	7,564.9	3,861.3	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	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 ⁵	3,400.6	6,463.6	3,063.0	

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	4,133.1	7,336.3	3,203.2	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	3,698.0	6,945.5	3,247.5	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	3,270.7	6,218.2	2,947.5	..

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			
	Sep 2008	Sep 2009	Jan-Sep 2008	Jan-Sep 2009	Sep 2008	Sep 2009	Jan-Sep 2008	Jan-Sep 2009
0 Food and live animals	415.4	354.2	3,390.3	3,148.2	619.7	522.7	5,271.7	4,555.9
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	7.5	3.1	95.4	46.7	25.5	17.0	121.5	131.3
01 Meat and meat preparations	64.0	53.1	508.6	474.1	237.1	198.6	1,765.8	1,598.2
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	36.0	30.4	368.1	292.0	130.7	93.5	1,097.3	818.1
03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and preparations thereof	13.8	12.5	124.7	110.4	20.2	24.2	244.4	222.9
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	71.9	69.3	582.2	552.3	20.9	19.9	219.2	175.3
05 Vegetables and fruit	79.6	69.0	696.0	643.3	25.0	19.0	203.6	183.5
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	19.8	25.4	177.6	185.2	11.1	10.1	78.1	74.6
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	38.0	31.9	237.7	241.0	22.5	22.1	189.0	186.2
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl unmilled cereals)	50.0	25.8	313.9	313.2	13.0	14.3	125.1	119.4
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	34.8	33.7	286.2	289.9	113.8	104.0	1,227.7	1,046.4
1 Beverages and tobacco	88.0	72.2	605.6	546.9	135.1	113.8	893.1	757.7
11 Beverages	75.8	63.8	543.2	478.6	126.7	107.5	835.2	702.1
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	12.3	8.4	62.4	68.3	8.4	6.2	57.9	55.5
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	65.0	49.3	647.9	429.4	110.3	79.6	1,039.4	628.0
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	0.0	0.1	0.7	0.2	7.6	4.6	52.6	34.6
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	3.4	2.0	18.7	16.2	0.1	0.0	2.9	1.1
23 Crude rubber (incl synthetic and reclaimed)	1.2	1.3	11.7	7.0	0.1	0.1	1.4	0.7
24 Cork and wood	19.1	9.4	187.3	89.9	5.8	6.1	58.6	47.2
25 Pulp and waste paper	2.2	1.8	19.8	23.6	5.3	3.6	47.7	31.6
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	1.2	0.9	12.3	9.4	10.9	9.1	87.6	71.7
27 Crude fertilisers and minerals (excl coal, petroleum and precious stones)	17.1	10.1	181.0	103.7	10.2	7.4	53.8	58.2
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	10.2	13.7	106.2	75.9	62.4	41.7	658.2	315.8
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials nes	10.7	10.0	110.2	103.5	7.9	7.0	76.5	67.1
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	572.8	282.3	5,042.2	3,212.6	88.0	49.5	688.7	426.0
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	14.4	29.4	148.7	155.4	2.6	3.1	46.2	43.8
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	442.8	203.4	3,833.5	2,320.7	83.8	46.4	624.6	376.5
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	109.6	48.1	994.2	704.2	0.2	0.1	11.0	4.9
35 Electric current	6.0	1.4	65.7	32.3	1.4	0.0	6.9	1.0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	19.9	14.3	154.6	136.7	5.7	2.1	33.9	13.8
41 Animal oils and fats	1.1	0.5	7.3	6.0	5.2	1.7	29.8	11.6
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	15.7	11.8	124.8	113.0	0.4	0.3	2.9	1.4
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed; waxes	3.2	1.9	22.5	17.7	0.1	0.1	1.2	0.9
5 Chemicals and related products nes	658.3	531.6	6,238.4	5,404.3	3,741.7	4,110.2	33,106.8	37,072.2
51 Organic chemicals	111.9	92.1	1,358.2	1,261.1	1,352.1	1,656.0	13,446.9	14,917.6
52 Inorganic chemicals	18.5	13.0	150.2	107.1	6.8	5.7	101.5	39.1
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	13.2	12.6	144.9	107.2	4.5	4.3	50.0	44.4
54 Medical and pharmaceutical products	254.1	209.8	2,040.7	2,031.2	1,577.3	1,726.7	12,131.7	14,855.7
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet and cleansing preparations	93.0	82.6	831.6	705.0	409.8	413.6	4,197.4	4,257.4
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	19.5	6.1	389.4	190.1	0.1	0.1	2.3	1.2
57 Plastics in primary forms	58.0	45.7	537.9	360.3	23.5	18.8	192.2	167.6
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	37.1	31.9	336.1	280.8	24.3	20.1	196.8	173.2
59 Chemical materials and products nes	53.2	37.9	449.4	361.4	343.3	264.9	2,788.0	2,615.9

Table 3 Trade classified by Commodity - continued

€ million

SITC (Rev 4)	Imports				Exports			
	Sep 2008	Sep 2009	Jan-Sep 2008	Jan-Sep 2009	Sep 2008	Sep 2009	Jan-Sep 2008	Jan-Sep 2009
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material								
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	448.9	296.5	4,274.0	2,582.0	149.6	117.5	1,284.5	932.1
62 Rubber manufactures nes	1.8	1.4	12.5	10.2	4.0	3.0	15.4	13.2
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl furniture)	23.3	19.3	229.5	162.6	4.3	3.7	43.1	31.9
64 Paper, paperboard and articles thereof	23.9	15.2	224.7	127.6	17.4	15.5	173.2	123.1
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	75.1	63.4	684.4	526.0	13.2	10.6	113.4	86.8
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	37.6	29.1	332.3	253.1	16.7	11.0	142.1	101.6
67 Iron and steel	60.9	35.9	549.0	312.5	25.2	18.3	211.2	165.0
68 Non-ferrous metals	80.8	30.1	836.3	298.8	7.6	4.6	70.3	40.7
69 Manufactures of metals nes	40.5	33.1	450.7	256.8	7.8	10.6	79.3	54.8
	104.9	69.0	954.6	634.4	53.4	40.1	436.5	315.2
7 Machinery and transport equipment								
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	1,418.5	1,037.6	15,888.0	11,268.9	1,535.3	1,312.7	13,697.6	10,664.2
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	62.9	60.2	463.3	509.0	33.7	46.3	455.2	343.5
73 Metalworking machinery	63.9	43.4	938.1	447.2	48.5	27.1	391.0	324.9
74 General industrial machinery and equipment nes and parts nes	8.5	3.2	80.7	33.6	4.1	2.6	36.3	24.5
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	94.4	68.1	984.6	641.0	104.9	73.1	939.6	632.9
76 Telecommunications and sound equipment	534.0	239.9	5,120.0	2,912.4	780.1	712.7	6,862.3	5,130.6
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances nes and parts	153.1	121.0	1,275.9	897.0	93.6	100.1	960.5	778.4
78 Road vehicles (incl air-cushion vehicles)	247.7	191.3	2,150.0	1,742.1	440.9	309.1	3,602.2	2,589.3
79 Other transport equipment	118.4	44.4	2,700.7	619.2	17.8	20.1	207.0	198.0
	135.3	266.1	2,174.7	3,467.4	11.6	21.6	243.6	642.0
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles								
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing and electrical fixtures and fittings	613.8	548.5	5,004.2	4,428.4	794.8	855.4	6,459.7	6,842.5
82 Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	21.1	15.3	209.4	135.7	9.9	8.6	93.0	83.3
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	38.6	28.4	398.6	243.8	9.6	6.4	77.0	58.5
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	10.3	7.1	84.6	66.2	1.8	1.3	9.8	11.6
85 Footwear	172.0	173.8	1,256.1	1,209.0	15.5	14.9	116.8	112.8
87 Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus nes	32.4	28.7	260.9	226.4	2.5	2.6	20.3	18.0
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches and clocks	73.8	69.8	657.8	690.8	239.5	308.9	1,956.3	2,231.4
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	22.6	15.4	185.4	133.1	73.4	71.1	663.6	714.3
	242.9	210.0	1,951.3	1,723.5	442.6	441.6	3,523.0	3,612.6
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere								
	198.7	198.8	1,964.0	1,813.7	202.1	219.3	1,458.2	1,926.4
Unclassified estimates¹	117.0	78.7	884.0	870.4	73.8	66.3	535.1	615.2
Total	4,616.3	3,464.0	44,093.3	33,841.5	7,456.1	7,449.1	64,468.7	64,434.1

¹ Estimates for which a commodity classification is not available

Table 4 Trade by Country

€ million

Country	Imports				Exports			
	Sep 2008	Sep 2009	Jan-Sep 2008	Jan-Sep 2009	Sep 2008	Sep 2009	Jan-Sep 2008	Jan-Sep 2009
Great Britain	1,504.0	1,059.5	13,568.3	9,263.7	1,283.0	1,078.7	10,798.5	9,133.6
Northern Ireland	105.9	81.3	969.2	694.2	132.9	104.8	1,183.2	925.3
Austria	14.1	11.1	141.0	144.1	29.4	25.1	299.4	243.3
Belgium	91.6	77.3	991.5	685.8	1,196.5	1,446.6	8,902.2	11,577.6
Bulgaria	0.4	0.8	5.4	6.7	4.0	2.7	51.9	30.1
Cyprus	2.7	1.5	20.8	5.9	3.0	3.7	27.0	35.1
Czech Republic	11.9	9.5	142.6	86.1	26.6	27.6	248.4	218.7
Denmark	120.3	40.4	827.6	615.3	66.1	35.5	392.8	292.7
Estonia	0.4	7.6	3.0	27.1	4.2	2.4	36.8	15.8
Finland	23.7	20.7	258.4	153.1	35.3	22.7	257.4	188.6
France	156.7	232.5	1,831.5	1,723.0	443.3	434.7	3,691.8	3,511.5
Germany	299.6	207.7	3,728.1	2,161.8	543.1	384.7	4,579.1	3,623.5
Greece	2.3	2.4	24.7	24.7	36.7	34.1	278.4	303.1
Italy	91.9	71.7	1,037.1	695.8	259.6	216.6	2,234.6	2,134.1
Latvia	3.6	5.4	40.8	20.6	4.7	4.4	37.6	22.3
Lithuania	9.9	1.9	29.3	21.6	1.8	1.6	20.0	10.9
Luxembourg	6.2	2.3	37.3	20.6	13.8	9.7	107.6	101.3
Hungary	22.2	17.9	233.1	195.4	21.0	17.5	143.3	134.3
Malta	0.3	0.4	5.1	5.2	1.2	5.2	16.9	17.3
Netherlands	250.3	152.3	2,141.1	1,691.4	273.9	254.0	2,274.9	2,130.3
Poland	31.0	29.7	312.2	295.8	71.1	60.5	541.1	457.1
Portugal	9.3	7.9	110.4	73.3	32.5	40.6	326.1	295.4
Romania	6.3	3.2	37.9	33.5	17.5	29.2	188.0	188.8
Slovakia	2.7	2.3	22.3	18.8	6.2	5.3	53.2	45.3
Slovenia	2.3	0.8	14.5	8.1	2.2	1.3	22.1	18.5
Spain	62.2	37.9	763.5	424.9	381.9	230.1	2,760.2	2,739.5
Sweden	29.6	33.8	360.1	260.8	75.2	60.1	642.0	514.2
EU Country not specified	26.1	34.2	299.8	279.7	4.3	3.1	44.2	28.3
Total EU	2,887.1	2,153.8	27,956.7	19,637.0	4,970.8	4,542.5	40,158.8	38,936.7
<i>of which Euro-Zone¹</i>	1,041.0	862.2	11,417.1	8,109.7	3,258.6	3,114.3	25,831.0	26,964.6
Australia	8.6	7.7	95.1	61.5	75.1	89.9	572.4	533.7
Brazil	21.6	9.3	164.8	95.9	24.1	21.5	135.8	160.8
Canada	28.5	14.1	233.8	264.3	47.6	34.3	303.6	322.4
China ²	389.2	274.2	3,104.5	2,169.5	195.6	231.5	1,753.7	1,819.3
India	23.7	25.1	190.0	220.1	13.0	12.3	113.9	118.4
Japan	72.4	59.7	920.4	488.0	124.7	194.0	1,225.6	1,350.1
Malaysia	33.1	16.7	274.5	202.4	92.2	58.0	753.4	611.0
Mexico	14.2	15.6	150.5	128.1	47.9	39.7	417.9	364.8
Norway	130.5	47.7	1,029.0	734.1	29.6	41.6	403.5	387.4
Philippines	5.9	3.7	62.8	33.5	31.4	10.5	305.1	96.8
Russia	7.1	2.5	105.9	61.0	27.8	17.2	272.7	169.9
Saudi Arabia	0.6	0.4	5.8	3.8	30.3	30.6	312.2	304.3
Singapore	51.5	34.2	558.5	385.1	63.6	55.5	425.2	354.8
South Africa	12.5	4.1	98.9	73.9	22.6	23.9	204.8	154.2
South Korea	42.8	16.9	435.7	205.1	41.5	35.4	375.9	282.0
Switzerland	75.4	33.0	389.8	309.9	87.3	196.3	2,000.8	1,942.5
Taiwan	55.3	21.3	406.8	230.7	14.4	30.8	179.8	208.5
Thailand	26.3	19.4	289.1	200.4	8.3	9.1	104.6	124.2
Turkey	34.8	20.4	334.0	182.6	25.2	40.7	317.8	308.4
USA	484.8	502.0	5,336.7	6,338.2	1,279.0	1,541.7	12,247.8	13,971.5
Other countries ³	97.5	99.3	913.7	965.3	174.2	172.6	1,727.8	1,743.0
Country unknown ⁴	17.7	15.3	233.8	155.3	29.9	12.3	151.2	117.0
Unclassified estimates ⁵	95.3	67.7	802.5	695.7	0.3	7.0	4.5	52.3
Total	4,616.3	3,464.0	44,093.3	33,841.5	7,456.1	7,449.1	64,468.7	64,434.1

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	
	Oct 2008	Oct 2009	Oct 2008	Oct 2009
Great Britain & Northern Ireland				
0 Food and live animals	236	204	348	256
1 Beverages and tobacco	30	27	53	48
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	18	13	30	25
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	379	237	4	24
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	7	5	1	1
5 Chemicals and related products nes	213	165	440	365
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	211	123	74	55
7 Machinery and transport equipment	251	146	215	123
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	245	181	133	106
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	78	59	69	57
Other EU				
0 Food and live animals	150	123	205	181
1 Beverages and tobacco	45	24	26	22
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	20	14	49	37
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	88	68	60	2
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	8	6	2	1
5 Chemicals and related products nes	300	257	1,950	1,881
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	142	95	50	38
7 Machinery and transport equipment	411	235	614	351
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	108	89	285	281
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	86	66	80	68
USA				
0 Food and live animals	26	19	11	8
1 Beverages and tobacco	2	1	32	28
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	6	4	3	1
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	19	0	0	0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	1	0	0	0
5 Chemicals and related products nes	84	78	930	902
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	29	22	9	6
7 Machinery and transport equipment	174	119	211	163
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	107	68	274	256
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	42	63	74	145
China¹				
0 Food and live animals	1	1	6	8
1 Beverages and tobacco	0	0	0	0
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	4	2	7	5
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	6	0	0	0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	0	0	0	0
5 Chemicals and related products nes	12	9	39	50
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	36	26	2	1
7 Machinery and transport equipment	276	114	162	116
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	126	111	10	9
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	7	5	2	1
Japan				
0 Food and live animals	0	0	2	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	25	23	63	43
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3	1	0	0
7 Machinery and transport equipment	42	20	27	20
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	8	6	48	51
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	1	2	6	2
Switzerland				
0 Food and live animals	1	2	2	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	44	28	123	66
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2	1	0	1
7 Machinery and transport equipment	7	8	12	5
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	4	2	4	7
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	0	0	3	1
Rest of World				
0 Food and live animals	37	26	83	68
1 Beverages and tobacco	15	12	22	14
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	17	14	19	14
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	145	68	0	11
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	3	2	0	0
5 Chemicals and related products nes	57	53	240	253
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	30	19	9	6
7 Machinery and transport equipment	216	181	368	194
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	80	75	65	66
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	103	78	17	16
Total	4,827	3,401	7,573	6,464

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 September 2009 was 79%, covering an estimated 96% of the total value of intra-EU trade. For October 2009 the respective response rates being 74% and 92%.
- 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.