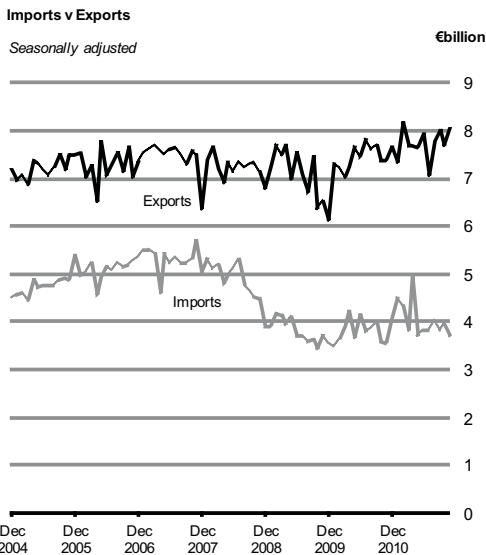




## External Trade

October 2011 (Provisional details)  
November 2011 (Preliminary)



Seasonally adjusted

€ million

	Imports	Exports	Surplus
<b>August 2011</b>	4,012	7,761	3,749
<b>September 2011</b>	3,838	8,010	4,172
<b>October 2011</b>	3,941	7,665	3,724
<b>November 2011</b>	3,706	8,016	4,310

### Trade surplus reaches a high of €4.3b in November

Seasonally adjusted exports increased by 5% to €8,016m in November, while imports decreased by 6% to €3,706m, resulting in a 16% increase in the trade surplus to €4,310m, the highest on record (*see graph and table 2*).

On an unadjusted basis, the value of exports in November 2011 (€8,511m) increased by 9% from November 2010 while the value of imports (€4,050m) was up 2% (*see table 1*). The trade surplus of €4,461m in November 2011 was up 16% compared with November 2010.

The figures for the **first ten months of 2011 compared with the same period of 2010** show (*see tables 3 & 4*):

#### Exports increased by 4% to €76,978m:

- ◆ Exports of Organic chemicals increased by 11% or €1,652m, Medical and pharmaceutical products by 8% or €1,607m and Dairy products by 28% or €326m.
- ◆ Exports of Computer equipment fell by 11% or €410m.
- ◆ Goods to the USA increased by 3% or €528m, to France by 14% or €502m and to Great Britain by 4% or €450m.
- ◆ In the first ten months of 2011, the USA (23%), Belgium (15%) and Great Britain (14%) were Ireland's main export markets.

#### Imports increased by 7% to €40,145m:

- ◆ Imports of Petroleum increased by 25% or €875m, Medical and pharmaceutical products by 26% or €747m and Organic chemicals by 28% or €463m.
- ◆ Imports from Great Britain rose by 15% or €1,691m and from Germany by 14% or €367m.
- ◆ In the first ten months of 2011, nearly one third (32%) of Ireland's imports came from Great Britain.

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**Table 1 Summary of trade**

Period	Value			Volume Index <sup>1</sup>		Price Index <sup>1</sup>		Terms of Trade <sup>2</sup>
	Imports	Exports	Trade Surplus	Base year 1990=100				
				Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	
€m	€m	€m						
1990	15,832.1	18,203.9	2,371.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1991	16,317.2	19,070.1	2,752.9	100.8	105.6	102.3	99.3	97.0
1992	16,753.9	21,260.2	4,506.4	105.6	121.1	100.2	96.6	96.4
1993	18,899.7	25,178.5	6,278.9	113.0	133.4	105.4	103.9	98.6
1994	21,945.4	28,890.9	6,945.6	127.9	153.2	108.1	103.8	96.0
1995	26,180.9	35,330.1	9,149.2	146.3	184.0	112.7	105.7	93.7
1996	28,479.5	38,608.9	10,129.6	160.9	202.2	111.4	105.1	94.3
1997	32,863.5	44,868.0	12,004.5	184.8	232.4	112.0	106.3	94.9
1998	39,715.0	57,321.8	17,606.7	218.3	289.2	114.6	109.1	95.2
1999	44,327.1	66,956.2	22,629.1	236.5	336.5	118.0	109.5	92.8
2000	55,908.8	83,888.9	27,980.1	275.2	401.4	128.0	115.0	89.9
2001	57,384.2	92,689.9	35,305.7	274.2	422.0	131.8	120.9	91.7
2002	55,628.1	93,675.2	38,047.1	276.6	435.1	126.7	118.5	93.5
2003	47,864.6	82,076.1	34,211.5	259.7	418.4	116.1	108.0	93.0
2004	51,105.4	84,409.5	33,304.1	283.6	446.5	113.5	104.0	91.7
2005	57,464.9	86,732.3	29,267.3	316.3	456.7	114.4	104.5	91.3
2006	60,857.4	86,772.0	25,914.6	325.2	458.0	117.7	104.4	88.7
2007	63,485.7	89,226.1	25,740.5	340.9	481.8	117.3	101.9	86.9
2008	57,584.8	86,394.4	28,809.6	300.5	484.5	119.7	98.0	81.9
2009	45,061.1	84,238.9	39,177.8	249.2	468.4	113.9	98.9	86.8
2010	45,763.6	89,192.9	43,429.4	241.3	485.5	119.2	101.2	84.9
2009 January	3,939.9	6,928.1	2,988.2	250.4	450.0	118.8	101.7	85.6
February	4,101.5	6,908.7	2,807.3	260.3	453.3	118.5	101.5	85.7
March	4,485.3	8,129.4	3,644.0	286.9	507.5	118.6	102.6	86.6
April	3,652.6	7,644.5	3,991.9	240.7	504.7	115.0	101.6	88.4
May	3,877.3	6,876.7	2,999.4	255.9	461.9	113.9	100.6	88.3
June	3,709.0	7,612.3	3,903.3	246.3	501.6	113.6	99.6	87.6
July	3,550.5	7,072.9	3,522.4	235.7	469.2	113.1	97.9	86.6
August	3,108.3	5,965.3	2,856.9	209.4	389.9	111.4	98.0	88.0
September	3,572.3	7,703.2	4,130.9	234.5	510.9	111.6	96.3	86.3
October	3,546.2	6,595.5	3,049.3	240.1	451.6	110.1	95.1	86.4
November	3,833.3	6,815.9	2,982.6	257.0	456.7	110.4	94.8	85.9
December	3,684.9	5,986.4	2,301.5	245.7	401.0	111.5	96.8	86.9
2010 January	3,359.6	7,021.6	3,662.0	219.8	464.9	115.5	99.8	86.4
February	3,608.0	6,683.7	3,075.7	233.8	439.1	116.6	100.5	86.2
March	4,211.7	7,807.6	3,595.9	272.8	511.9	116.7	100.7	86.3
April	4,132.0	7,375.3	3,243.4	264.7	484.2	118.0	100.6	85.3
May	3,573.2	7,435.3	3,862.2	230.5	472.5	117.1	103.9	88.7
June	4,120.5	7,896.7	3,776.2	256.4	489.7	120.3	106.3	88.4
July	3,597.4	7,825.7	4,228.4	224.6	500.8	119.9	103.4	86.2
August	3,476.5	6,697.2	3,220.7	219.6	435.4	120.1	101.5	84.5
September	3,910.5	7,894.5	3,984.0	242.0	515.5	121.1	101.4	83.8
October	3,648.1	7,537.9	3,889.8	227.5	517.0	118.8	96.7	81.4
November	3,954.9	7,795.6	3,840.7	245.4	538.2	120.3	97.3	80.8
December	4,171.3	7,221.9	3,050.6	246.6	467.5	126.3	102.2	80.9
2011 <sup>3</sup> January	4,302.2	7,008.0	2,705.9	246.5	458.5	128.8	101.2	78.6
February	4,297.2	7,678.8	3,381.6	246.0	507.8	128.5	100.2	78.0
March	4,285.7	8,586.1	4,300.3	243.2	568.4	129.7	100.1	77.1
April	4,687.1	7,952.6	3,265.5	273.8	522.5	129.1	98.9	76.6
May	3,716.9	7,512.6	3,795.7	223.5	500.8	126.9	97.6	76.9
June	3,872.4	8,366.5	4,494.2	226.9	557.2	127.5	99.7	78.2
July	3,548.1	7,123.4	3,575.3	206.4	471.2	129.4	99.5	76.9
August	3,711.0	7,008.9	3,297.9	218.0	468.4	128.7	98.4	76.5
September	3,834.9	8,204.5	4,369.6	222.4	538.4	130.3	100.6	77.2
October	3,889.8	7,536.8	3,647.0	223.9	492.6	131.3	101.1	77.0
November <sup>4</sup>	4,050.4	8,511.4	4,461.0	..	..	..	..	..

<sup>1</sup> Monthly data has been rescaled to make their average equal to the annual

<sup>2</sup> Export Price Index divided by Import Price Index

<sup>3</sup> Revised, see Background Notes

<sup>4</sup> Preliminary data based on current Intrastat response levels

.. Data not yet available

**Table 2 Seasonally adjusted<sup>1</sup> Series**

Period	Value			Volume Index	
	Imports €m	Exports €m	Trade Surplus €m	Base year 1990=100	
				Imports	Exports
2008					
January	5,291.4	7,365.0	2,073.6	326.7	478.8
February	5,099.4	7,657.8	2,558.4	323.0	508.4
March	5,202.4	7,177.7	1,975.2	332.7	505.8
April	4,814.9	6,917.7	2,102.8	306.6	493.7
May	4,942.3	7,334.0	2,391.8	316.7	518.0
June	5,091.8	7,144.7	2,052.9	321.6	501.1
July	5,317.1	7,335.7	2,018.6	329.4	498.9
August	4,762.8	7,218.3	2,455.5	293.9	490.7
September	4,652.7	7,307.1	2,654.4	278.2	488.3
October	4,528.5	7,345.9	2,817.4	266.5	472.3
November	4,502.7	7,129.9	2,627.1	269.8	441.8
December	3,889.2	6,774.4	2,885.3	241.0	440.3
2009					
January	3,901.6	7,218.6	3,317.0	249.8	469.4
February	4,168.0	7,684.0	3,516.0	264.6	500.7
March	4,126.7	7,507.2	3,380.5	263.9	469.7
April	3,930.5	7,688.6	3,758.1	259.1	501.9
May	4,085.4	6,976.7	2,891.3	270.1	460.4
June	3,715.5	7,511.1	3,795.6	248.9	495.3
July	3,722.6	7,059.5	3,337.0	246.4	469.5
August	3,586.2	6,709.4	3,123.3	243.9	439.6
September	3,633.0	7,449.4	3,816.3	236.5	497.0
October	3,410.7	6,345.1	2,934.4	231.1	440.9
November	3,697.9	6,505.0	2,807.1	247.6	444.7
December	3,536.5	6,137.1	2,600.7	232.9	413.4
2010					
January	3,455.1	7,274.9	3,819.8	225.4	488.4
February	3,606.8	7,212.1	3,605.3	234.4	467.9
March	3,906.4	7,010.0	3,103.6	248.6	462.1
April	4,221.0	7,215.3	2,994.3	269.2	465.3
May	3,669.3	7,648.7	3,979.4	236.8	477.2
June	4,129.4	7,460.9	3,331.5	254.6	460.7
July	3,785.6	7,790.6	4,005.1	235.3	494.3
August	3,848.8	7,596.1	3,747.3	243.9	494.1
September	3,979.9	7,695.5	3,715.6	247.9	505.7
October	3,597.4	7,354.9	3,757.4	226.3	510.0
November	3,532.2	7,365.2	3,833.0	222.6	519.5
December	4,064.0	7,626.2	3,562.2	241.7	494.3
2011					
January	4,494.6	7,351.8	2,857.1	257.3	481.3
February	4,321.9	8,149.9	3,827.9	245.8	530.5
March	3,820.2	7,693.4	3,873.2	216.7	515.8
April	4,937.7	7,685.3	2,747.6	282.3	490.7
May	3,696.4	7,636.0	3,939.6	221.8	499.1
June	3,823.0	7,922.0	4,099.0	222.7	532.2
July	3,836.5	7,072.9	3,236.4	223.4	466.3
August	4,012.3	7,761.1	3,748.8	234.7	519.5
September	3,838.3	8,010.4	4,172.1	226.4	526.2
October	3,941.1	7,664.6	3,723.5	228.3	497.1
November	3,705.8	8,015.5	4,309.7	..	..

<sup>1</sup> Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2010. Accordingly all values in this table have been revised

.. Data not yet available

**Table 3 Trade classified by Commodity<sup>1</sup>**

€ million

SITC (Rev 4)	Imports				Exports			
	Oct 2010	Oct 2011	Jan-Oct 2010	Jan-Oct 2011	Oct 2010	Oct 2011	Jan-Oct 2010	Jan-Oct 2011
<b>0 Food and live animals</b>	<b>425.9</b>	<b>423.5</b>	<b>3,667.6</b>	<b>4,105.2</b>	<b>586.4</b>	<b>665.5</b>	<b>5,644.5</b>	<b>6,446.3</b>
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	19.4	21.6	73.3	126.8	26.4	29.4	228.3	257.6
01 Meat and meat preparations	61.9	57.9	530.2	582.7	199.1	240.6	1,938.1	2,224.1
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	33.1	37.6	362.6	391.9	127.0	146.8	1,152.8	1,478.5
03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and preparations thereof	12.4	17.2	138.3	156.1	29.8	32.5	290.4	333.0
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	78.5	68.9	623.9	663.7	16.4	37.6	175.6	219.3
05 Vegetables and fruit	71.8	74.0	760.5	799.2	16.4	19.0	187.0	189.4
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	22.9	25.4	192.9	225.7	6.5	7.8	69.6	74.9
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	30.6	36.3	256.8	292.5	22.1	16.0	223.9	241.5
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl unmilled cereals)	59.3	52.9	400.9	507.7	16.4	23.1	151.7	174.8
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	35.9	31.8	328.3	358.7	126.3	112.7	1,227.0	1,253.2
<b>1 Beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>74.0</b>	<b>70.1</b>	<b>674.1</b>	<b>646.7</b>	<b>124.7</b>	<b>112.0</b>	<b>1,003.0</b>	<b>956.7</b>
11 Beverages	65.1	60.2	594.6	566.3	118.2	106.0	932.2	881.4
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	8.8	9.9	79.6	80.4	6.5	6.0	70.9	75.3
<b>2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</b>	<b>89.1</b>	<b>56.9</b>	<b>570.9</b>	<b>614.0</b>	<b>117.0</b>	<b>134.1</b>	<b>1,197.7</b>	<b>1,474.0</b>
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	10.2	11.0	79.7	100.5
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	2.3	1.7	21.1	17.3	0.4	1.0	1.1	3.7
23 Crude rubber (incl synthetic and reclaimed)	0.5	1.7	9.8	13.4	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.4
24 Cork and wood	12.2	8.3	104.9	89.1	8.0	8.9	89.0	91.5
25 Pulp and waste paper	3.8	4.2	35.7	44.0	4.8	3.9	52.1	45.5
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	1.3	0.9	12.0	12.0	10.3	13.5	99.8	111.5
27 Crude fertilisers and minerals (excl coal, petroleum and precious stones)	13.2	18.7	102.5	171.3	6.7	11.1	72.1	122.9
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	45.2	12.3	167.3	149.0	68.3	77.2	729.0	926.6
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials nes	10.5	9.1	117.4	117.8	8.3	7.5	74.3	71.3
<b>3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials</b>	<b>447.6</b>	<b>589.5</b>	<b>4,498.9</b>	<b>5,708.0</b>	<b>75.9</b>	<b>74.3</b>	<b>780.9</b>	<b>1,128.6</b>
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	16.7	20.7	114.6	192.3	3.0	4.0	51.2	57.9
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	340.5	456.5	3,504.2	4,379.2	71.5	69.5	710.8	1,034.1
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	87.7	111.9	859.2	1,100.2	1.4	0.8	19.0	36.6
35 Electric current	2.8	0.4	20.9	36.2	-	-	-	-
<b>4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>146.7</b>	<b>206.0</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>43.4</b>
41 Animal oils and fats	1.4	1.3	8.2	11.0	2.2	4.9	17.9	36.7
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	14.7	14.8	120.7	169.4	0.3	0.6	2.0	5.4
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed; waxes	2.0	2.8	17.8	25.6	0.1	0.1	1.0	1.2
<b>5 Chemicals and related products</b>	<b>651.1</b>	<b>821.2</b>	<b>7,183.2</b>	<b>8,728.0</b>	<b>4,488.3</b>	<b>4,627.7</b>	<b>43,709.7</b>	<b>47,130.1</b>
51 Organic chemicals	124.0	166.0	1,680.7	2,143.6	1,645.1	1,958.0	15,602.7	17,254.2
52 Inorganic chemicals	16.3	15.8	140.6	182.2	8.1	10.7	74.6	123.9
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	12.8	13.8	132.8	149.2	18.7	8.2	145.4	129.7
54 Medical and pharmaceutical products	259.4	374.9	2,858.7	3,605.7	2,230.8	1,915.0	20,486.3	22,093.5
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet and cleansing preparations	81.7	81.9	787.3	826.6	367.3	431.6	4,627.1	4,649.3
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	28.8	20.1	299.6	365.2	0.1	0.0	1.3	1.4
57 Plastics in primary forms	56.0	67.0	551.1	640.8	21.1	41.7	223.1	264.4
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	33.5	35.3	322.0	359.7	27.4	25.4	251.4	272.6
59 Chemical materials and products nes	38.6	46.5	410.3	455.1	169.7	237.1	2,297.9	2,341.2

**Table 3 Trade classified by Commodity<sup>1</sup> - continued**

€ million

SITC (Rev 4)	Imports				Exports			
	Oct 2010	Oct 2011	Jan-Oct 2010	Jan-Oct 2011	Oct 2010	Oct 2011	Jan-Oct 2010	Jan-Oct 2011
<b>6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</b>	<b>315.7</b>	<b>310.1</b>	<b>2,910.3</b>	<b>3,109.0</b>	<b>133.3</b>	<b>144.1</b>	<b>1,209.6</b>	<b>1,419.3</b>
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	1.7	1.4	13.2	12.9	2.5	2.9	17.2	20.2
62 Rubber manufactures nes	20.2	23.1	198.5	217.5	4.5	5.8	42.1	47.2
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl furniture)	14.8	13.1	142.9	134.4	19.9	20.8	168.4	172.6
64 Paper, paperboard and articles thereof	67.9	69.1	596.8	656.8	10.2	11.9	94.7	109.8
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	28.6	26.7	274.4	280.0	14.5	13.9	130.9	144.6
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	36.5	36.7	345.3	338.3	22.1	20.2	213.9	188.7
67 Iron and steel	41.9	39.8	374.2	408.3	7.1	7.9	60.7	73.5
68 Non-ferrous metals	38.6	31.8	340.3	395.1	8.3	6.3	71.2	78.6
69 Manufactures of metals nes	65.6	68.3	624.7	665.6	44.2	54.5	410.5	584.1
<b>7 Machinery and transport equipment</b>	<b>831.5</b>	<b>881.2</b>	<b>10,288.4</b>	<b>10,329.1</b>	<b>881.3</b>	<b>761.0</b>	<b>9,060.2</b>	<b>9,089.3</b>
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	74.1	66.0	591.7	633.0	68.6	47.3	496.1	558.6
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	42.8	60.9	485.7	596.5	29.3	32.9	331.8	412.5
73 Metalworking machinery	6.4	4.8	48.4	54.1	2.3	1.9	22.9	20.9
74 General industrial machinery and equipment nes and parts nes	66.1	82.1	642.3	762.4	90.5	132.4	908.2	1,088.4
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	238.5	265.5	2,188.7	2,232.7	353.6	230.1	3,668.2	3,258.6
76 Telecommunications and sound equipment	106.4	91.5	906.6	809.0	66.8	63.7	685.6	566.0
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances nes and parts	183.2	182.3	1,788.2	1,723.0	241.7	215.2	2,598.2	2,651.3
78 Road vehicles (incl air-cushion vehicles)	100.1	88.4	1,189.7	1,323.0	14.4	15.6	155.5	161.6
79 Other transport equipment	14.0	39.9	2,447.1	2,195.4	14.1	21.8	193.6	371.2
<b>8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b>	<b>585.8</b>	<b>541.0</b>	<b>5,048.5</b>	<b>4,906.9</b>	<b>847.7</b>	<b>934.2</b>	<b>8,594.1</b>	<b>8,621.0</b>
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing and electrical fixtures and fittings	17.0	13.3	141.5	124.7	10.4	10.9	82.5	84.4
82 Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	26.8	22.4	272.1	240.8	7.3	7.1	77.2	81.0
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	8.5	8.3	79.4	80.8	3.8	2.4	19.7	27.6
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	158.2	153.9	1,363.8	1,372.6	33.1	37.2	297.2	288.7
85 Footwear	30.1	26.5	299.8	273.5	5.3	7.2	40.8	44.6
87 Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus nes	86.9	76.2	795.3	786.7	280.1	269.3	2,694.2	2,736.8
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches and clocks	18.8	14.9	189.0	185.1	88.3	88.8	918.0	882.9
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	239.6	225.4	1,907.7	1,842.6	419.4	511.3	4,464.5	4,475.0
<b>9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere</b>	<b>125.4</b>	<b>91.0</b>	<b>1,819.3</b>	<b>910.4</b>	<b>233.2</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>2,420.0</b>	<b>122.5</b>
<b>Unclassified estimates<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>84.0</b>	<b>86.4</b>	<b>829.3</b>	<b>881.7</b>	<b>47.6</b>	<b>64.1</b>	<b>534.9</b>	<b>547.2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,648.0</b>	<b>3,889.7</b>	<b>37,637.4</b>	<b>40,145.0</b>	<b>7,537.9</b>	<b>7,536.8</b>	<b>74,175.5</b>	<b>76,978.2</b>

<sup>1</sup> From January 2011 Shannon Free Zone data collected at detailed transaction level (see Background notes)

<sup>2</sup> Estimates for which a commodity classification is not available

**Table 4 Trade by Country<sup>1</sup>**

€ million

Country	Imports				Exports			
	Oct 2010	Oct 2011	Jan-Oct 2010	Jan-Oct 2011	Oct 2010	Oct 2011	Jan-Oct 2010	Jan-Oct 2011
Great Britain	1,271.9	1,298.2	11,113.3	12,804.6	1,055.1	1,185.0	10,185.6	10,635.4
Northern Ireland	83.0	85.5	816.1	867.2	111.7	137.7	1,087.4	1,177.8
Austria	11.6	14.0	124.6	155.1	23.2	23.9	258.6	248.8
Belgium	70.2	137.3	858.8	1,018.3	1,029.9	1,039.4	11,520.0	11,470.6
Bulgaria	0.7	0.6	8.4	9.1	3.5	4.3	35.4	48.2
Cyprus	0.1	0.1	3.0	1.8	1.0	2.0	27.7	21.0
Czech Republic	22.4	22.2	149.8	199.5	47.9	29.0	356.1	386.7
Denmark	88.0	35.8	624.8	536.9	31.8	36.0	337.8	380.7
Estonia	0.1	0.3	2.9	5.1	1.9	3.0	17.7	18.0
Finland	12.1	11.8	170.5	104.8	28.0	20.7	236.9	249.0
France	144.8	148.1	1,515.0	1,656.6	312.8	345.5	3,667.4	4,168.9
Germany	249.4	262.3	2,693.0	3,059.6	604.0	470.6	5,280.2	5,282.9
Greece	3.4	2.7	22.7	27.6	23.0	23.6	251.8	267.3
Italy	60.8	62.1	660.6	642.4	235.7	284.3	2,273.0	2,573.9
Latvia	4.2	0.5	23.8	25.6	6.6	7.0	30.1	46.8
Lithuania	6.9	1.9	34.5	51.3	1.6	1.5	24.4	26.1
Luxembourg	2.2	3.6	22.4	50.7	3.8	4.4	66.0	50.2
Hungary	8.9	8.6	176.4	91.0	16.6	18.8	135.2	183.1
Malta	0.8	0.7	9.8	8.9	1.3	1.4	15.6	20.1
Netherlands	188.5	215.3	1,843.8	2,036.0	254.1	198.9	2,569.1	2,587.2
Poland	25.7	23.7	268.8	238.6	42.1	42.9	497.2	531.9
Portugal	11.0	11.2	80.4	98.7	38.7	37.2	359.1	377.3
Romania	11.9	13.1	69.4	105.0	21.5	27.9	215.8	280.1
Slovakia	4.1	4.2	35.8	42.8	4.7	5.2	48.1	49.2
Slovenia	1.0	1.2	10.5	10.7	9.9	1.5	41.3	21.6
Spain	46.7	49.5	533.8	546.6	217.4	243.1	2,832.3	2,605.4
Sweden	20.7	39.0	279.6	397.4	51.9	56.7	549.7	755.4
EU Country not specified	24.9	61.7	296.6	271.0	5.5	0.3	48.9	8.8
<b>Total EU</b>	<b>2,375.7</b>	<b>2,515.4</b>	<b>22,449.2</b>	<b>25,063.0</b>	<b>4,185.1</b>	<b>4,251.9</b>	<b>42,968.2</b>	<b>44,472.0</b>
<i>of which Euro-Zone<sup>2</sup></i>	<b>831.0</b>	<b>985.9</b>	<b>8,875.2</b>	<b>9,736.3</b>	<b>2,788.4</b>	<b>2,704.6</b>	<b>29,452.1</b>	<b>30,016.4</b>
Australia	10.1	10.8	98.3	89.2	48.0	44.3	668.2	633.6
Brazil	25.6	14.8	139.6	154.0	22.9	32.4	226.5	252.5
Canada	13.8	9.1	202.0	224.0	43.4	42.5	486.4	514.9
China	250.4	246.1	2,248.7	2,207.7	181.3	202.3	2,109.1	2,012.2
India	29.3	31.1	253.7	315.9	15.7	16.7	135.4	186.0
Japan	73.7	60.7	635.2	639.5	132.9	152.8	1,468.2	1,479.8
Malaysia	23.9	15.9	171.3	196.1	54.3	31.1	614.0	387.0
Mexico	21.5	24.3	197.5	200.7	36.3	45.4	386.8	441.0
Norway	65.6	72.0	1,063.5	1,040.1	29.2	21.5	354.8	337.0
Philippines	3.2	2.9	26.4	26.8	13.2	6.8	172.7	163.2
Russia	9.6	8.5	117.8	93.5	36.1	39.3	317.2	434.3
Saudi Arabia	0.4	0.7	4.6	5.1	30.8	46.9	420.1	442.8
Singapore	27.3	59.6	453.7	335.1	60.8	47.6	457.4	497.8
South Africa	5.1	8.9	67.0	108.7	30.2	27.1	233.9	264.8
South Korea	21.3	22.3	198.6	295.5	31.5	23.4	287.9	291.1
Switzerland	58.9	55.2	750.6	630.7	448.5	486.7	2,809.7	3,165.3
Taiwan	16.1	17.7	138.0	141.9	20.4	23.3	163.8	177.3
Thailand	25.1	26.6	198.4	206.0	12.0	16.1	127.3	116.5
Turkey	25.2	23.9	214.1	235.3	30.4	25.6	356.5	397.9
USA	312.4	354.5	5,673.4	5,184.3	1,863.0	1,704.2	17,189.4	17,717.6
Other countries	148.6	183.4	1,323.9	1,226.8	203.6	234.3	2,106.6	2,519.8
Country unknown <sup>3</sup>	41.6	43.5	345.1	776.3	7.7	7.1	106.9	36.1
Unclassified estimates <sup>4</sup>	63.7	81.6	666.9	748.6	0.6	7.6	8.7	37.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,648.0</b>	<b>3,889.7</b>	<b>37,637.4</b>	<b>40,145.0</b>	<b>7,537.9</b>	<b>7,536.8</b>	<b>74,175.5</b>	<b>76,978.2</b>

<sup>1</sup> From January 2011 Shannon Free Zone data collected at detailed transaction level (see Background notes)

<sup>2</sup> Euro-zone members from January 2011: Austria, Belgium, Germany, Spain, Finland, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Malta, Cyprus, Slovakia and Estonia

<sup>3</sup> Trade for which the country of origin or country of final destination is unknown

<sup>4</sup> Estimates not allocated by country

Table 5 Trade classified by Commodity and Principal Countries <sup>1</sup>

million

Country by Section level of SITC (data for the latest month is preliminary)	Imports		Exports	
	Nov 2010	Nov 2011	Nov 2010	Nov 2011
<b>Great Britain &amp; Northern Ireland</b>				
0 Food and live animals	216	222	337	347
1 Beverages and tobacco	31	30	48	42
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	20	20	44	40
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	310	404	44	79
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	5	6	1	2
5 Chemicals and related products	178	181	571	587
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	145	146	66	68
7 Machinery and transport equipment	237	237	103	120
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	219	207	149	124
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	67	60	51	45
<b>Other EU</b>				
0 Food and live animals	136	166	234	224
1 Beverages and tobacco	36	36	29	32
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	20	19	64	71
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	14	31	71	3
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	9	13	2	3
5 Chemicals and related products	302	321	1,900	2,135
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	94	99	49	51
7 Machinery and transport equipment	330	367	389	359
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	96	95	335	378
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	80	35	91	38
<b>USA</b>				
0 Food and live animals	25	12	10	8
1 Beverages and tobacco	1	1	25	32
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	4	2	1	2
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0	23	0	0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	0	0	0	0
5 Chemicals and related products	154	136	1,314	1,852
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	23	24	10	10
7 Machinery and transport equipment	100	100	76	76
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	63	56	299	378
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	12	4	42	1
<b>China <sup>2</sup></b>				
0 Food and live animals	2	1	13	24
1 Beverages and tobacco	0	0	0	0
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1	2	9	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	20	12	60	80
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	24	28	1	2
7 Machinery and transport equipment	107	100	101	96
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	117	102	17	14
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	4	2	2	0
<b>Japan</b>				
0 Food and live animals	0	0	2	6
1 Beverages and tobacco	0	0	0	0
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	0	0	0	1
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	45	38	71	79
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1	2	0	1
7 Machinery and transport equipment	33	36	11	12
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	7	5	57	78
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	4	1	3	0
<b>Switzerland</b>				
0 Food and live animals	1	0	2	4
1 Beverages and tobacco	0	2	1	1
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	0	0	0	0
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0	0	43	0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	0	-	0	-
5 Chemicals and related products	38	67	315	183
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2	1	1	1
7 Machinery and transport equipment	5	6	8	11
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3	3	6	5
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	1	1	1	0
<b>Rest of World</b>				
0 Food and live animals	43	50	96	111
1 Beverages and tobacco	12	13	12	17
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	20	22	7	22
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	116	51	13	1
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	3	5	0	0
5 Chemicals and related products	109	115	293	314
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	20	24	7	12
7 Machinery and transport equipment	129	136	192	210
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	71	87	84	81
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	88	89	11	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,955</b>	<b>4,050</b>	<b>7,796</b>	<b>8,511</b>

<sup>1</sup> From January 2011 Shannon Free Zone data collected at detailed transaction level (see Background notes)<sup>2</sup> 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** Trade figures are subject to revision on the incorporation of late Intrastat and VAT returns, corrections made by traders to Intrastat returns already submitted and CSO consistency adjustments. In general when the preliminary results for a month are published, the results for months -1 (October 2011 in this publication), -4 (July 2011) and -8 (March 2011) are revised.
- As part of an ongoing detailed examination of returns from enterprises to the various statistical inquiries, the value of international trade in goods exports and indices are revised on a quarterly basis. These adjustments are incorporated into the published National Accounts and Balance of Payments statistics.
- New processing arrangements** Prior to 2011, responsibility for the editing of low-value trade transactions (under €20,000) was primarily undertaken by VIMA (the VIMA Office is the branch of Revenue responsible for the collection of trade data). From January 2011, the CSO took over responsibility for examining these transactions and adjusting the quantity data for unusual unit values. The methodology being used by the CSO is broadly consistent with that previously used by VIMA. Hence while this change may result in small differences at detailed commodity level unit prices, the Trade volume indices should remain consistent with previous years.
- 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 6,700 while about 1,900 must make a detailed export return. The response rate in terms of number of traders in October 2011 was 79%, covering an estimated 96% of the total value of intra-EU trade. For November 2011 the respective response rates were 71% and 88%.
- The second component of the Intrastat system is the regular VAT return, on which all traders are required to record the total value of goods imported from and exported to other EU member states. This information provides the basis for determining total EU trade for those traders below the Intrastat survey thresholds. It is also used to maintain the register of EU traders.
- Extrastat System** The statistics of trade with non-EU countries are compiled mainly from the documents supplied by importers and exporters to the Customs authorities. The document is the Single Administrative Document (SAD) used for Customs clearance purposes.
- Shannon Free Zone** Prior to 2011, data for traders operating in the Shannon Free Zone were collected by traders submitting summary monthly returns to the CSO. These CSO Shannon survey data were classified under Section 9 'Commodities and Transactions not classified elsewhere' (SITC code 931.01).
- Shannon data for 2011 are being collected by VIMA as part of the Intrastat survey and customs documentation for Extrastat data. Therefore, Shannon data are now incorporated into the detailed CN and partner country transaction level. Hence Shannon data are no longer classified under SITC code 931.01 'Commodities and Transactions not classified elsewhere' and are also now attributed to the actual partner country as set out in Tables 3, 4 and 5.
- 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. As part of an ongoing detailed examination of returns from enterprises to the various statistical inquiries, the value of international trade in goods exports is revised on a quarterly basis, which may result in a revision to the indices.
- When the annual price index is compiled, the monthly price indices are rescaled to make their average equal to the annual index.