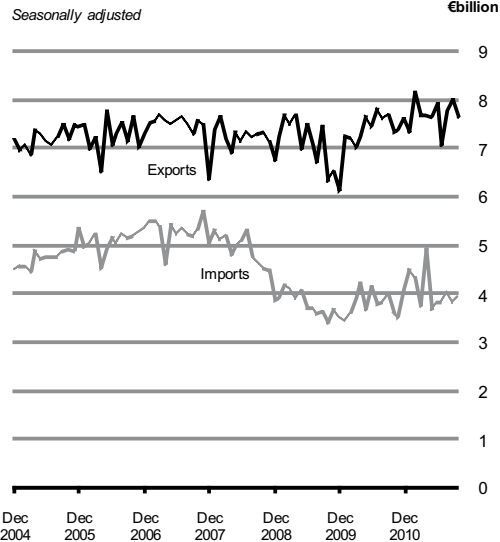




Imports v Exports



External Trade

September 2011 (Provisional details)
October 2011 (Preliminary)

	Seasonally adjusted		
	€ million		
	Imports	Exports	Surplus
July 2011	3,821	7,067	3,247
August 2011	4,012	7,761	3,749
September 2011	3,838	8,010	4,172
October 2011	3,937	7,652	3,715

Seasonally adjusted trade surplus falls in October

Seasonally adjusted exports decreased by 4% to €7,652m in October, while imports increased by 3% to €3,937m, resulting in an 11% decrease in the trade surplus to €3,715m (see graph and table 2).

On an unadjusted basis, the value of exports in October 2011 (€7,524m) was unchanged from October 2010 while the value of imports (€3,885m) was up 7% (see table 1). The trade surplus of €3,639m in October 2011 was down 6% from its 2010 figure.

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

Exports increased by 4% to €69,425m:

- ◆ Exports of Medical and pharmaceutical products increased by 11% or €1,936m, Organic chemicals by 10% or €1,342m and Petroleum by 51% or €325m.
- ◆ Exports of Computer equipment fell by 9% or €287m.
- ◆ Goods to the USA increased by 4% or €682m, to France by 14% or €470m and to Switzerland by 13% or €318m.
- ◆ In the first nine months of 2011, 23% of exports went to the USA, 15% to Belgium and 14% to Great Britain.

Imports increased by 6% to €36,185m:

- ◆ Imports of Petroleum increased by 24% or €771m, Medical and pharmaceutical products by 23% or €586m and Organic chemicals by 27% or €421m.
- ◆ Imports from Great Britain rose by 17% or €1,660m and from Germany by 14% or €347m.
- ◆ In the first nine months of 2011, 53% of Ireland's imports came from Great Britain, the USA and Germany.

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Table 1 Summary of trade

Period	Value			Volume Index ¹		Price Index ¹		Terms of Trade ²
	Imports	Exports	Trade Surplus	Base year 1990=100				
				Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	
€m	€m	€m						
1990	15,832.1	18,203.9	2,371.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1991	16,317.2	19,070.1	2,752.9	100.8	105.6	102.3	99.3	97.0
1992	16,753.9	21,260.2	4,506.4	105.6	121.1	100.2	96.6	96.4
1993	18,899.7	25,178.5	6,278.9	113.0	133.4	105.4	103.9	98.6
1994	21,945.4	28,890.9	6,945.6	127.9	153.2	108.1	103.8	96.0
1995	26,180.9	35,330.1	9,149.2	146.3	184.0	112.7	105.7	93.7
1996	28,479.5	38,608.9	10,129.6	160.9	202.2	111.4	105.1	94.3
1997	32,863.5	44,868.0	12,004.5	184.8	232.4	112.0	106.3	94.9
1998	39,715.0	57,321.8	17,606.7	218.3	289.2	114.6	109.1	95.2
1999	44,327.1	66,956.2	22,629.1	236.5	336.5	118.0	109.5	92.8
2000	55,908.8	83,888.9	27,980.1	275.2	401.4	128.0	115.0	89.9
2001	57,384.2	92,689.9	35,305.7	274.2	422.0	131.8	120.9	91.7
2002	55,628.1	93,675.2	38,047.1	276.6	435.1	126.7	118.5	93.5
2003	47,864.6	82,076.1	34,211.5	259.7	418.4	116.1	108.0	93.0
2004	51,105.4	84,409.5	33,304.1	283.6	446.5	113.5	104.0	91.7
2005	57,464.9	86,732.3	29,267.3	316.3	456.7	114.4	104.5	91.3
2006	60,857.4	86,772.0	25,914.6	325.2	458.0	117.7	104.4	88.7
2007	63,485.7	89,226.1	25,740.5	340.9	481.8	117.3	101.9	86.9
2008	57,584.8	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	97.8	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 ³ 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	4,229.9	8,575.7	4,345.9	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	3,533.3	7,117.6	3,584.2	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 ⁴	3,885.4	7,524.4	3,638.9

¹ Monthly data has been rescaled to make their average equal to the annual

² Export Price Index divided by Import Price Index

³ Revised, see Background Notes

⁴ 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
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	3,770.4	7,684.1	3,913.7	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	3,820.6	7,067.2	3,246.6	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	3,936.7	7,652.0	3,715.3

¹ 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 Commodity¹

€ million

SITC (Rev 4)	Imports				Exports			
	Sep 2010	Sep 2011	Jan-Sep 2010	Jan-Sep 2011	Sep 2010	Sep 2011	Jan-Sep 2010	Jan-Sep 2011
0 Food and live animals	380.8	428.3	3,241.7	3,668.8	642.3	693.9	5,058.1	5,767.2
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	5.0	7.4	53.9	104.6	33.1	33.6	201.9	228.1
01 Meat and meat preparations	59.2	53.6	468.3	522.1	229.7	267.9	1,739.0	1,983.7
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	38.6	41.0	329.5	349.8	145.1	167.6	1,025.8	1,331.7
03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and preparations thereof	14.0	13.3	125.8	139.0	22.1	30.7	260.6	300.4
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	63.8	67.7	545.4	599.1	19.6	24.5	159.2	171.0
05 Vegetables and fruit	70.6	75.2	688.7	723.5	18.3	20.4	170.7	171.2
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	22.4	26.2	170.0	200.8	7.9	8.1	63.1	67.1
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	31.3	39.2	226.3	251.2	25.2	17.1	201.7	225.0
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl unmilled cereals)	39.6	62.2	341.6	455.5	16.2	17.6	135.3	149.8
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	36.3	42.6	292.3	323.1	125.0	106.4	1,100.7	1,139.1
1 Beverages and tobacco	77.8	71.0	600.2	574.9	121.1	125.3	878.3	843.9
11 Beverages	69.4	62.8	529.5	504.3	113.2	119.7	814.0	774.6
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	8.3	8.2	70.7	70.6	7.9	5.6	64.3	69.3
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	54.2	63.2	481.8	557.0	128.6	155.3	1,080.8	1,338.8
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	10.0	12.2	69.4	89.5
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	3.5	1.5	18.8	15.6	0.1	1.4	0.7	2.7
23 Crude rubber (incl synthetic and reclaimed)	1.1	3.5	9.3	11.6	0.1	0.0	0.7	0.4
24 Cork and wood	10.2	7.6	92.8	80.6	9.5	9.4	81.0	81.6
25 Pulp and waste paper	4.1	4.8	31.9	39.8	5.7	6.0	47.3	42.0
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	1.4	1.0	10.7	11.2	11.2	13.8	89.5	97.5
27 Crude fertilisers and minerals (excl coal, petroleum and precious stones)	10.3	16.6	89.3	152.5	7.8	13.0	65.4	111.9
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	14.9	17.2	122.0	136.7	76.6	92.8	660.8	849.5
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials nes	8.7	10.9	106.9	109.0	7.6	6.6	66.0	63.7
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	544.4	565.0	4,051.3	5,131.2	104.5	91.6	705.1	1,054.4
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	4.7	19.7	97.9	172.5	3.6	3.3	48.2	54.2
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	454.1	447.4	3,163.8	3,934.6	99.7	87.0	639.2	964.5
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	82.9	96.7	771.5	988.3	1.2	1.4	17.6	35.7
35 Electric current	2.6	1.2	18.1	35.8	–	–	–	–
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	15.9	21.2	128.6	187.0	2.5	5.6	18.3	37.6
41 Animal oils and fats	0.8	1.1	6.8	9.7	2.1	4.8	15.7	31.5
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	13.2	17.6	105.9	154.5	0.3	0.7	1.7	4.9
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed; waxes	1.9	2.4	15.8	22.8	0.1	0.1	0.9	1.1
5 Chemicals and related products	745.9	840.8	6,532.1	7,859.8	4,315.0	4,873.4	39,221.4	42,517.5
51 Organic chemicals	212.6	193.2	1,556.7	1,977.3	1,583.3	1,887.4	13,957.6	15,299.4
52 Inorganic chemicals	12.8	20.7	124.3	166.4	7.3	11.0	66.5	112.9
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	12.6	14.5	120.0	135.1	12.8	6.9	126.7	121.5
54 Medical and pharmaceutical products	262.1	349.7	2,599.3	3,185.2	2,058.2	2,234.9	18,255.5	20,191.8
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet and cleansing preparations	86.2	89.4	705.6	745.4	407.9	446.9	4,259.8	4,218.1
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	18.4	19.0	270.8	344.8	0.1	0.1	1.2	1.3
57 Plastics in primary forms	64.3	66.6	495.2	572.0	26.6	29.2	202.0	222.5
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	34.4	37.3	288.5	324.6	31.5	27.5	223.9	246.1
59 Chemical materials and products nes	42.4	50.5	371.7	408.9	187.3	229.6	2,128.2	2,103.9

Table 3 Trade classified by Commodity¹ - continued

€ million

SITC (Rev 4)	Imports				Exports			
	Sep 2010	Sep 2011	Jan-Sep 2010	Jan-Sep 2011	Sep 2010	Sep 2011	Jan-Sep 2010	Jan-Sep 2011
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	315.4	325.4	2,594.6	2,798.9	140.2	155.7	1,076.3	1,271.9
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	1.6	1.6	11.4	11.6	4.2	4.6	14.7	17.4
62 Rubber manufactures nes	19.5	21.6	178.3	194.2	4.2	5.7	37.7	41.4
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl furniture)	16.4	15.4	128.1	121.7	19.1	17.1	148.5	151.8
64 Paper, paperboard and articles thereof	70.2	70.0	528.9	588.4	10.5	11.7	84.4	97.3
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	28.9	30.1	245.8	253.2	15.3	15.4	116.4	129.7
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	37.7	36.3	308.9	301.4	23.5	19.8	191.8	167.6
67 Iron and steel	40.7	43.1	332.3	369.4	7.5	8.0	53.6	64.0
68 Non-ferrous metals	36.6	41.7	301.7	362.4	8.8	8.7	63.0	72.4
69 Manufactures of metals nes	63.8	65.5	559.2	596.7	47.1	64.7	366.2	530.2
7 Machinery and transport equipment	935.4	788.4	9,457.0	9,445.4	1,044.2	1,021.3	8,178.9	8,310.1
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	79.8	71.6	517.6	566.7	76.6	40.4	427.5	511.3
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	55.2	51.4	442.9	535.6	31.9	39.3	302.5	378.8
73 Metalworking machinery	4.2	4.9	42.1	48.9	2.0	2.5	20.6	19.0
74 General industrial machinery and equipment nes and parts nes	71.8	82.3	576.2	679.8	100.6	132.1	817.8	956.7
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	245.0	197.6	1,950.2	1,968.6	481.1	395.7	3,314.5	3,028.0
76 Telecommunications and sound equipment	93.0	86.5	800.2	715.8	66.0	84.6	618.8	502.6
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances nes and parts	180.9	183.7	1,605.0	1,539.6	252.5	291.7	2,356.5	2,433.9
78 Road vehicles (incl air-cushion vehicles)	98.3	76.2	1,089.6	1,235.1	14.3	17.2	141.1	145.1
79 Other transport equipment	107.2	34.3	2,433.1	2,155.3	19.2	17.7	179.5	334.8
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	593.4	559.4	4,462.7	4,365.8	974.7	1,001.4	7,746.4	7,680.6
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing and electrical fixtures and fittings	15.7	13.4	124.6	111.2	9.9	8.9	72.1	73.7
82 Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	29.5	24.7	245.3	218.7	9.3	7.4	69.9	73.8
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	8.4	8.5	70.9	72.1	2.0	1.9	15.9	25.2
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	176.8	172.1	1,205.6	1,216.8	39.6	33.2	264.1	251.7
85 Footwear	34.6	32.7	269.7	249.7	5.4	4.9	35.5	37.4
87 Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus nes	85.4	74.8	708.4	709.5	298.9	272.9	2,414.1	2,469.1
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches and clocks	17.0	16.8	170.2	170.3	95.5	90.9	829.7	794.1
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	225.9	216.5	1,668.1	1,617.4	514.1	581.3	4,045.1	3,955.5
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	163.3	88.9	1,693.9	817.3	373.3	14.7	2,186.9	109.0
Unclassified estimates²	84.0	83.3	745.4	778.5	48.1	66.5	487.3	494.4
Total	3,910.5	3,834.9	33,989.3	36,184.7	7,894.5	8,204.5	66,637.6	69,425.4

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

² Estimates for which a commodity classification is not available

Table 4 Trade by Country¹

€ million

Country	Imports				Exports			
	Sep 2010	Sep 2011	Jan-Sep 2010	Jan-Sep 2011	Sep 2010	Sep 2011	Jan-Sep 2010	Jan-Sep 2011
Great Britain	1,217.7	1,400.0	9,841.4	11,501.2	1,041.2	1,226.4	9,130.5	9,437.8
Northern Ireland	91.6	91.5	733.1	779.2	112.3	120.3	975.6	1,034.5
Austria	20.5	15.0	113.0	141.0	21.4	28.1	235.3	225.3
Belgium	115.7	94.0	788.6	864.1	1,162.2	1,179.7	10,490.1	10,443.3
Bulgaria	1.3	0.8	7.8	8.5	4.7	5.2	31.9	43.8
Cyprus	0.2	0.2	2.9	1.7	2.2	2.2	26.7	18.9
Czech Republic	15.8	17.9	127.5	177.1	48.6	37.1	308.1	357.9
Denmark	108.9	38.6	536.8	501.0	39.5	41.0	306.1	342.9
Estonia	0.2	0.4	2.8	4.7	2.3	4.4	15.9	15.0
Finland	23.6	8.8	158.3	97.1	25.6	31.9	208.8	228.7
France	162.2	135.7	1,370.2	1,502.0	376.7	445.5	3,354.6	3,824.1
Germany	269.0	294.3	2,443.6	2,790.8	613.5	538.4	4,676.1	4,815.4
Greece	3.3	3.0	19.3	24.9	21.9	25.9	228.8	243.8
Italy	66.0	66.7	599.8	577.2	222.9	263.6	2,037.4	2,291.3
Latvia	3.6	0.8	19.6	25.2	2.4	5.2	23.4	39.7
Lithuania	3.3	3.1	27.6	49.5	1.0	1.6	22.9	24.7
Luxembourg	2.6	3.2	20.1	47.1	5.6	5.2	62.2	45.9
Hungary	10.8	8.8	167.4	81.6	13.4	23.4	118.6	164.4
Malta	1.1	0.8	9.0	8.3	1.4	1.8	14.3	18.1
Netherlands	182.3	165.4	1,655.3	1,817.7	279.0	286.2	2,315.0	2,388.2
Poland	35.3	23.6	243.1	214.4	68.5	72.9	455.1	489.4
Portugal	7.8	7.9	69.5	86.7	29.0	35.9	320.4	339.4
Romania	8.3	8.1	57.5	91.9	22.2	30.0	194.2	251.8
Slovakia	3.7	3.3	31.8	38.6	4.6	4.7	43.4	44.0
Slovenia	1.2	1.2	9.5	9.5	3.8	1.8	31.4	20.0
Spain	61.1	52.9	487.1	496.5	319.3	326.0	2,615.0	2,355.1
Sweden	24.5	46.4	259.0	358.5	67.1	102.8	497.8	699.0
EU Country not specified	21.8	30.0	271.7	210.7	3.9	0.5	43.3	8.5
Total EU	2,463.3	2,522.4	20,073.4	22,506.6	4,516.2	4,847.7	38,783.1	40,210.8
<i>of which Euro-Zone²</i>	941.6	882.8	8,044.2	8,718.3	3,089.3	3,181.4	26,663.8	27,321.8
Australia	11.1	7.8	88.1	77.5	69.4	68.4	620.2	589.1
Brazil	16.0	17.6	114.0	140.6	36.0	30.7	203.6	220.2
Canada	15.3	12.8	188.2	214.8	50.8	52.3	443.0	472.6
China	272.6	241.4	1,998.3	1,960.5	248.6	218.8	1,927.8	1,806.7
India	25.2	30.1	224.4	284.7	13.9	19.2	119.6	169.3
Japan	68.8	63.5	561.5	579.1	156.9	149.2	1,335.3	1,327.1
Malaysia	17.4	19.0	147.4	180.1	56.7	32.0	559.7	355.9
Mexico	19.8	24.3	176.0	176.4	48.2	49.0	350.5	395.6
Norway	57.8	91.8	998.0	968.0	48.9	16.9	325.7	315.5
Philippines	2.4	3.0	23.2	23.9	20.1	19.3	159.5	156.4
Russia	6.8	7.8	108.3	85.0	29.1	46.9	281.2	395.1
Saudi Arabia	0.5	0.2	4.2	4.5	33.6	57.8	389.2	395.8
Singapore	34.4	25.2	426.4	275.5	45.2	63.1	396.6	450.2
South Africa	6.8	10.9	61.9	99.7	22.6	33.7	203.6	237.6
South Korea	32.4	41.4	177.2	273.2	32.7	30.7	256.4	267.7
Switzerland	70.8	72.3	691.6	575.4	110.5	369.0	2,361.1	2,678.6
Taiwan	15.7	12.2	121.9	124.1	12.9	20.2	143.4	153.9
Thailand	18.6	18.6	173.3	179.3	7.6	10.1	115.4	100.4
Turkey	22.9	19.0	188.8	211.2	33.9	34.0	326.1	372.3
USA	415.2	360.1	5,361.0	4,816.9	2,075.1	1,709.5	15,326.4	16,007.9
Other countries	225.3	112.4	1,175.4	1,037.4	213.7	310.5	1,903.0	2,285.4
Country unknown ³	23.1	42.4	303.4	726.8	11.3	6.0	99.2	28.9
Unclassified estimates ⁴	68.4	78.7	603.2	663.7	0.6	9.6	8.1	32.2
Total	3,910.5	3,834.9	33,989.3	36,184.7	7,894.5	8,204.5	66,637.6	69,425.4

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

² 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

³ Trade for which the country of origin or country of final destination is unknown

⁴ Estimates not allocated by country

Table 5 Trade classified by Commodity and Principal Countries ¹

million

Country by Section level of SITC (data for the latest month is preliminary)	Imports		Exports	
	Oct 2010	Oct 2011	Oct 2010	Oct 2011
Great Britain & Northern Ireland				
0 Food and live animals	216	221	258	300
1 Beverages and tobacco	26	26	38	37
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	45	18	36	39
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	272	386	46	55
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	6	6	1	2
5 Chemicals and related products	175	168	421	535
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	137	138	67	67
7 Machinery and transport equipment	208	186	110	109
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	204	180	142	137
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	65	55	49	42
Other EU				
0 Food and live animals	129	143	204	219
1 Beverages and tobacco	33	32	28	27
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	15	15	63	62
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	72	68	15	19
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	8	10	2	3
5 Chemicals and related products	244	374	1,916	1,857
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	102	98	51	54
7 Machinery and transport equipment	272	265	363	262
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	98	103	304	378
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	48	32	73	36
USA				
0 Food and live animals	20	16	9	9
1 Beverages and tobacco	1	0	34	30
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	4	3	1	1
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1	14	0	0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	0	0	0	0
5 Chemicals and related products	80	132	1,324	1,319
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	22	22	6	10
7 Machinery and transport equipment	102	102	81	71
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	67	62	264	262
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	16	3	143	2
China ²				
0 Food and live animals	2	2	17	21
1 Beverages and tobacco	0	0	0	0
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	2	1	8	9
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	9	9	54	76
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	28	26	1	2
7 Machinery and transport equipment	83	91	88	80
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	122	109	12	13
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	4	2	1	0
Japan				
0 Food and live animals	0	0	1	5
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	34	30	58	69
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1	1	0	1
7 Machinery and transport equipment	28	26	12	13
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	9	4	59	64
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	1	1	2	0
Switzerland				
0 Food and live animals	1	1	2	2
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	-
5 Chemicals and related products	42	42	429	470
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2	2	1	1
7 Machinery and transport equipment	5	6	11	7
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	6	3	4	5
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	1	0	1	0
Rest of World				
0 Food and live animals	56	45	96	105
1 Beverages and tobacco	12	11	24	17
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	23	20	9	19
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	103	130	15	0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	3	3	0	0
5 Chemicals and related products	66	65	287	302
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	24	21	7	9
7 Machinery and transport equipment	133	195	217	204
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	79	79	62	73
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	76	83	11	11
Total	3,648	3,885	7,538	7,524

¹ From January 2011 Shannon Free Zone data collected at detailed transaction level (see Background notes)² 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 (September 2011 in this publication), -4 (June 2011) and -8 (February 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 September 2011 was 78%, covering an estimated 97% of the total value of intra-EU trade. For October 2011 the respective response rates were 75% 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.
- 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.