



## Goods Exports and Imports January 2013

	<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>		
	€ million		
	<b>Exports</b>	<b>Imports</b>	<b>Surplus</b>
<b>August 2012</b>	9,185	4,205	4,980
<b>September 2012</b>	7,362	4,614	2,748
<b>October 2012</b>	7,456	4,205	3,251
<b>November 2012</b>	8,072	3,772	4,300
<b>December 2012</b>	6,815	3,783	3,032
<b>January 2013</b>	6,850	3,962	2,889

### Seasonally adjusted trade surplus down in January

Preliminary figures for January 2013 indicate a seasonally adjusted increase in exports of €35 million (or 0.5%) to €6,850 million from December 2012. Seasonally adjusted imports increased by €179 million (or 5%) to €3,962 million resulting in a 5% decrease in the seasonally adjusted trade surplus to €2,889 million (*see Table 2*).

Comparing January 2013 with January 2012, the value of exports decreased by €882 million (or -12%) to €6,788 million. The main drivers were decreases in the exports of *Organic chemicals* of €681 million (or -32%) and €365 million (or -18%) in *Medical and pharmaceutical products*.

On an overall basis the EU accounted for €3,784 million (or 56%) of total exports in January 2013. The USA was the main non-EU destination for exports accounting for 24% (€1,610 million) of total exports in January 2013.

Comparing January 2013 with January 2012, the value of imports decreased by €40 million (or -1%) to €4,424 million. While imports of *Chemicals and related products* increased by €118 million and *Food and live animals* increased by €43 million, there was a decrease of €253 million in the imports of *Other transport equipment (including aircraft)*.

The EU was the main source of imports accounting for 62% of the value of imports in January 2013, with 29% coming from Great Britain. The USA (17%) and China (5%) were the main non-EU sources of imports.

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**Table 1 Goods Exports and Imports summary analysis**

Period	Value			Volume index <sup>1</sup>		Unit value index <sup>1</sup>		Terms of Trade <sup>2</sup>
	Exports	Imports	Trade Surplus	Base year 1990=100				
				Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	
€m	€m	€m						
1990	18,204	15,832	2,372	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1991	19,070	16,317	2,753	105.6	100.8	99.3	102.3	97.0
1992	21,260	16,754	4,506	121.1	105.6	96.6	100.2	96.4
1993	25,178	18,900	6,279	133.4	113.0	103.9	105.4	98.6
1994	28,891	21,945	6,946	153.2	127.9	103.8	108.1	96.0
1995	35,330	26,181	9,149	184.0	146.3	105.7	112.7	93.7
1996	38,609	28,480	10,130	202.2	160.9	105.1	111.4	94.3
1997	44,868	32,864	12,004	232.4	184.8	106.3	112.0	94.9
1998	57,322	39,715	17,607	289.2	218.3	109.1	114.6	95.2
1999	66,956	44,327	22,629	336.5	236.5	109.5	118.0	92.8
2000	83,889	55,909	27,980	401.4	275.2	115.0	128.0	89.9
2001	92,690	57,384	35,306	422.0	274.2	120.9	131.8	91.7
2002	93,675	55,628	38,047	435.1	276.6	118.5	126.7	93.5
2003	82,076	47,865	34,212	418.4	259.7	108.0	116.1	93.0
2004	84,410	51,105	33,304	446.5	283.6	104.0	113.5	91.7
2005	86,732	57,465	29,267	456.7	316.3	104.5	114.4	91.3
2006	86,772	60,857	25,915	458.0	325.2	104.4	117.7	88.7
2007	89,226	63,486	25,740	481.8	340.9	101.9	117.3	86.9
2008	86,394	57,585	28,810	484.5	300.5	98.0	119.7	81.9
2009	85,804	45,061	40,742	468.4	249.2	98.9	113.9	86.8
2010	89,703	45,764	43,940	485.5	241.3	101.2	119.2	84.9
2011	91,228	48,315	42,913	507.9	240.8	99.7	126.4	78.8
2012	91,964	49,138	42,826	..	..	..	..	..
2011 January	6,948	4,302	2,646	462.9	252.5	100.3	125.7	79.7
February	7,586	4,297	3,288	512.6	252.0	99.3	125.4	79.2
March	8,511	4,286	4,225	573.8	249.1	99.1	126.6	78.3
April	7,841	4,669	3,172	527.4	280.5	98.0	126.0	77.7
May	7,446	3,745	3,701	505.6	229.0	96.7	123.8	78.1
June	8,280	3,883	4,397	562.5	232.5	98.7	124.4	79.3
July	7,072	3,519	3,554	475.7	211.4	98.5	126.3	78.0
August	7,029	3,686	3,343	472.8	223.3	97.5	125.6	77.6
September	7,988	3,823	4,165	543.5	227.8	99.7	127.2	78.4
October	7,337	3,810	3,526	497.2	229.4	100.1	128.1	78.1
November	8,596	4,159	4,436	564.7	238.3	102.5	128.5	79.7
December	6,593	4,135	2,458	437.6	237.4	105.5	129.2	81.6
2012 <sup>3</sup> January	7,670	4,464	3,207	482.4	248.9	105.0	135.5	77.5
February	7,400	3,958	3,441	469.0	222.7	104.2	134.3	77.6
March	8,623	4,992	3,631	546.4	283.6	104.2	133.0	78.4
April	7,067	3,740	3,327	448.3	208.4	104.1	135.6	76.8
May	7,624	4,066	3,558	477.7	229.6	105.5	133.9	78.8
June	8,043	3,968	4,075	491.5	223.5	108.1	134.2	80.5
July	7,820	3,789	4,031	480.7	210.8	107.4	135.8	79.1
August	8,373	3,855	4,518	506.7	212.5	109.1	137.1	79.6
September	7,529	4,330	3,198	463.9	240.1	107.2	136.3	78.7
October	7,435	4,317	3,118	466.6	240.4	105.2	135.7	77.5
November	8,358	3,960	4,398	522.9	221.8	105.6	134.9	78.3
December	6,022	3,699	2,323	371.1	209.4	107.2	133.5	80.3
2013 <sup>3</sup> January <sup>4</sup>	6,788	4,424	2,364	..	..	..	..	..

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

<sup>2</sup> Export unit value index divided by Import unit value index

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

<sup>4</sup> January 2013 is based on current Intrastat response levels, see Background notes

.. Indices are not yet available

**Table 2 Goods Exports and Imports seasonally adjusted<sup>1</sup> series**

Period	Value			Volume index	
	Exports €m	Imports €m	Trade Surplus €m	Base year 1990=100	
				Exports	Imports
2010					
January	7,128	3,455	3,673	488.4	225.4
February	7,157	3,607	3,550	467.9	234.4
March	6,939	3,906	3,032	462.1	248.6
April	7,215	4,221	2,994	465.3	269.2
May	7,695	3,669	4,026	477.2	236.8
June	7,252	4,129	3,122	460.7	254.6
July	7,938	3,786	4,152	494.3	235.3
August	7,658	3,849	3,809	494.1	243.9
September	7,863	3,980	3,883	505.7	247.9
October	7,580	3,597	3,983	510.0	226.3
November	7,628	3,532	4,096	519.5	222.6
December	7,706	4,064	3,642	494.3	241.7
2011					
January	7,289	4,495	2,795	485.9	263.6
February	8,051	4,322	3,729	535.5	251.8
March	7,626	3,820	3,806	520.7	222.1
April	7,577	4,919	2,658	495.4	289.2
May	7,568	3,724	3,844	503.9	227.2
June	7,840	3,833	4,007	537.2	228.2
July	7,022	3,805	3,217	470.7	228.9
August	7,784	3,986	3,798	524.5	240.5
September	7,799	3,827	3,973	531.2	231.9
October	7,461	3,861	3,601	501.9	233.9
November	8,095	3,806	4,289	541.9	219.5
December	7,113	4,142	2,971	488.7	239.5
2012					
January	8,294	4,504	3,790	514.4	250.9
February	7,284	3,731	3,552	460.8	212.7
March	7,735	4,627	3,107	496.9	258.3
April	7,023	3,583	3,440	442.0	200.3
May	7,522	4,118	3,403	470.7	227.5
June	7,451	4,000	3,450	458.3	226.7
July	7,845	3,993	3,852	484.4	222.9
August	9,185	4,205	4,980	559.5	229.7
September	7,362	4,614	2,748	456.1	258.6
October	7,456	4,205	3,251	460.6	233.1
November	8,072	3,772	4,300	497.0	213.8
December	6,815	3,783	3,032	428.8	216.4
2013					
January	6,850	3,962	2,889	..	..

<sup>1</sup> Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2012. Accordingly all values in this table may have been revised

.. Indices are not yet available

**Table 3 Goods, Exports and Imports classified by commodity<sup>1</sup>**

€ million

SITC (Rev 4)	Exports		Imports	
	Jan 2012	Jan 2013	Jan 2012	Jan 2013
<b>0 Food and live animals</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>482</b>
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	10	22	21	15
01 Meat and meat preparations	204	237	56	66
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	111	107	41	46
03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and preparations thereof	37	46	13	16
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	23	22	62	78
05 Vegetables and fruit	18	20	76	82
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	7	14	22	31
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	16	33	28	31
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl unmilled cereals)	16	20	84	86
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	114	124	36	32
<b>1 Beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>46</b>
11 Beverages	79	82	45	40
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	7	7	6	6
<b>2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>50</b>
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	8	11	0	0
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	2	0	2	2
23 Crude rubber (incl synthetic and reclaimed)	0	0	1	1
24 Cork and wood	8	10	9	6
25 Pulp and waste paper	5	5	5	5
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	11	13	1	1
27 Crude fertilisers and minerals (excl coal, petroleum and precious stones)	12	13	10	8
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	78	83	20	16
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials nes	6	8	10	10
<b>3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>509</b>
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	5	5	8	29
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	204	47	439	343
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	0	0	117	136
35 Electric current	–	1	0	1
<b>4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>
41 Animal oils and fats	4	5	1	1
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	1	0	17	16
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed; waxes	0	0	2	3
<b>5 Chemicals and related products</b>	<b>4,855</b>	<b>3,972</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>879</b>
51 Organic chemicals	2,140	1,459	195	226
52 Inorganic chemicals	17	16	17	14
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	11	19	16	16
54 Medical and pharmaceutical products	1,995	1,630	280	350
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet and cleansing preparations	432	528	78	77
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	0	0	37	47
57 Plastics in primary forms	21	28	65	68
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	18	29	36	34
59 Chemical materials and products nes	221	263	37	45

**Table 3 Goods, Exports and Imports classified by commodity<sup>1</sup> - continued**

€ million

SITC (Rev 4)	Exports		Imports	
	Jan 2012	Jan 2013	Jan 2012	Jan 2013
<b>6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>327</b>
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	2	2	1	1
62 Rubber manufactures nes	5	5	23	24
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl furniture)	17	19	14	13
64 Paper, paperboard and articles thereof	11	12	66	75
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	12	12	27	28
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	19	19	32	29
67 Iron and steel	7	8	42	42
68 Non-ferrous metals	7	5	35	49
69 Manufactures of metals nes	47	44	73	66
<b>7 Machinery and transport equipment</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>1,611</b>	<b>1,441</b>
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	50	51	52	79
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	34	35	62	73
73 Metalworking machinery	2	2	4	5
74 General industrial machinery and equipment nes and parts nes	98	93	99	93
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	273	296	207	281
76 Telecommunications and sound equipment	74	74	95	94
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances nes and parts	224	189	171	161
78 Road vehicles (incl air-cushion vehicles)	16	18	194	182
79 Other transport equipment	21	21	727	474
<b>8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>475</b>
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing and electrical fixtures and fittings	7	9	14	13
82 Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	7	7	25	25
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	2	1	8	9
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	27	15	123	121
85 Footwear	4	2	25	26
87 Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus nes	274	281	91	92
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches and clocks	87	90	14	16
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	421	450	166	173
<b>9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Unclassified estimates<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>56</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>102</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,670</b>	<b>6,788</b>	<b>4,464</b>	<b>4,424</b>

<sup>1</sup> January 2013 is based on current Intrastat response levels, see Background notes<sup>2</sup> Estimates for which a commodity classification is not available

**Table 4 Goods, Exports and Imports classified by country<sup>1</sup>**

€ million

Country	Exports		Imports	
	Jan 2012	Jan 2013	Jan 2012	Jan 2013
Great Britain	1,269	973	1,286	1,301
Northern Ireland	105	113	87	78
Austria	27	28	32	15
Belgium	1,253	730	59	76
Bulgaria	5	5	1	1
Cyprus	3	2	0	0
Czech Republic	34	31	24	31
Denmark	40	48	50	36
Estonia	1	1	0	2
Finland	24	37	7	8
France	372	314	164	155
Germany	521	514	286	417
Greece	26	27	2	3
Italy	229	254	58	69
Latvia	8	4	3	1
Lithuania	2	2	3	7
Luxembourg	6	6	3	3
Hungary	12	19	7	9
Malta	2	2	1	2
Netherlands	240	297	158	250
Poland	36	53	31	32
Portugal	25	29	11	11
Romania	23	34	12	12
Slovakia	5	6	11	7
Slovenia	2	2	1	1
Spain	231	178	59	66
Sweden	50	67	64	33
EU Country not specified	5	9	103	121
<b>Total EU</b>	<b>4,554</b>	<b>3,784</b>	<b>2,524</b>	<b>2,745</b>
<i>of which Euro-Zone<sup>2</sup></i>	<b>2,965</b>	<b>2,426</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>1,109</b>
Australia	44	54	6	7
Brazil	14	21	13	15
Canada	64	55	15	21
China	213	188	243	228
India	23	18	31	32
Japan	136	149	68	71
Malaysia	19	23	20	18
Mexico	50	55	22	20
Norway	30	37	60	64
Philippines	7	10	3	2
Russia	41	48	10	20
Saudi Arabia	51	58	0	0
Singapore	45	47	19	28
South Africa	34	19	11	5
South Korea	28	26	26	36
Switzerland	536	213	56	77
Taiwan	11	7	16	15
Thailand	11	8	16	26
Turkey	26	41	29	24
USA	1,443	1,610	1,046	774
Other countries	284	316	186	107
Country unknown <sup>3</sup>	5	2	43	87
Unclassified estimates <sup>4</sup>	–	–	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,670</b>	<b>6,788</b>	<b>4,464</b>	<b>4,424</b>

<sup>1</sup> January 2013 is based on current Intrastat response levels, 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 Goods Exports and Imports classified by commodity and principal countries<sup>1</sup>**

€ million

Country by Section level of SITC	Exports		Imports	
	Jan 2012	Jan 2013	Jan 2012	Jan 2013
<b>Great Britain</b>	<b>1,269</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>1,286</b>	<b>1,301</b>
0 Food and live animals	217	260	176	188
1 Beverages and tobacco	19	16	12	15
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	27	29	12	13
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	183	40	404	389
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	2	3	4	5
5 Chemicals and related products	560	360	152	142
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	51	51	122	133
7 Machinery and transport equipment	116	114	216	213
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	71	74	141	154
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	24	26	49	47
<b>Other EU</b>	<b>3,285</b>	<b>2,811</b>	<b>1,238</b>	<b>1,444</b>
0 Food and live animals	207	233	170	211
1 Beverages and tobacco	23	25	28	25
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	65	71	17	15
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	27	14	62	54
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	2	2	13	13
5 Chemicals and related products	2,246	1,707	326	330
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	56	53	110	131
7 Machinery and transport equipment	314	319	300	437
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	308	340	91	95
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	35	45	120	134
<b>USA</b>	<b>1,443</b>	<b>1,610</b>	<b>1,046</b>	<b>774</b>
0 Food and live animals	9	10	15	27
1 Beverages and tobacco	26	30	1	0
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	2	2	3	3
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0	0	3	11
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	–	–	0	0
5 Chemicals and related products	1,055	1,224	103	156
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	10	8	24	19
7 Machinery and transport equipment	66	62	833	493
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	273	269	61	60
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	2	4	3	4
<b>China <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>213</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>228</b>
0 Food and live animals	20	26	2	2
1 Beverages and tobacco	0	0	0	0
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	8	9	1	2
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	86	56	16	13
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2	1	30	23
7 Machinery and transport equipment	85	76	106	104
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	13	19	84	82
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	0	0	3	3
<b>Rest of World</b>	<b>1,460</b>	<b>1,206</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>676</b>
0 Food and live animals	102	114	76	54
1 Beverages and tobacco	17	17	9	5
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	29	30	25	16
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0	0	96	55
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	0	0	4	3
5 Chemicals and related products	908	625	164	238
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	10	11	28	20
7 Machinery and transport equipment	211	209	156	194
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	163	152	88	83
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	19	49	6	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,670</b>	<b>6,788</b>	<b>4,464</b>	<b>4,424</b>

<sup>1</sup> January 2013 is based on current Intrastat response levels, see Background notes

<sup>2</sup> China includes Hong Kong and Macao

## Background Notes

**Introduction** Goods Exports and Imports statistics provide data on the movement of goods between countries. The statistics are a combination of Customs-based non-EU trade statistics and data from the Intrastat Survey of Irish traders involved in trade with other EU member states. The collection of trade data is the responsibility of VIMA (a branch of Revenue). The CSO is responsible for processing and disseminating the data.

**Revisions** Trade figures are subject to revision on the incorporation of late Intrastat and VAT returns and corrections made by traders. When the preliminary results for a month are published, the results for months -1 (December 2012 in this publication), -4 (September 2012) and -8 (May 2012) are revised.

**Intrastat System** The Intrastat system has two components. Firstly, the Intrastat survey (conducted by the Revenue Commissioners), in which traders, above the Intrastat survey trade thresholds, 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 around 6,700 while around 1,900 must make a detailed export return. The response rate in terms of number of traders in January 2013 was 60%, covering an estimated 84% of the total value of intra-EU trade.

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 countries. 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 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.

**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.

Imports incorporate an upward adjustment of 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.

More information is now being processed on lower value transactions. Prior to January 2012, transactions below €254 were grouped together, this value has now decreased to €127. Therefore, this has resulted in more detail being available at commodity level in Table 3 and at country level in Tables 4 and 5.

**Unit Value Indices** The monthly unit value index measures monthly unit value 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 trade in goods.

The monthly index series should be regarded as interim measures suitable for month-to-month comparisons within a given year. Previous monthly indices are revised when late returns are received.

When the annual unit value index is compiled, the monthly unit value indices are rescaled to make their average equal to the annual index.

**Seasonally Adjusted Series** Monthly exports, imports, trade surplus and the volume series for exports and imports have been seasonally adjusted using the US Bureau of the Census X-11 Variant of the Census Method 11 Seasonal Adjustment Program. In the main, monthly projections are based on series recalculated at the end of the previous year.

**Services Exports and Imports** The quarterly Balance of Payments (BOP) statistics provide detail on Services exports and imports.