

# *External Trade*

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- Great Britain, the USA and Belgium remain the most significant destinations for Irish exports.
- Pharmaceuticals, Organic Chemicals and Office Machinery are the dominant products exported.
- The EU (particularly the UK, Germany and Netherlands), the USA, Japan and China are the main import sources with steady increases in the latter over recent years being of particular significance.
- Office Machinery, Electrical Machinery and Road Vehicles remain the leading products imported.

## **Introduction**

**T**his chapter contains information on Ireland's external merchandise trade. Statistics on Ireland's trade in goods with other countries are compiled and published in detail on a monthly basis. The sources for these estimates are a combination of Customs-based non-EU trade statistics and the Intrastat survey of Irish traders engaged in trade with other EU member states which is conducted by the Revenue Commissioners.

## **Long term growth**

Between 1971 and 2005, exports at current prices grew from €684m to €88,411m while imports increased strongly, from €958m to €56,478m. The resulting merchandise trade balance at current prices changed from a deficit of €275m in 1971 to a surplus of €31,933m in 2005.

The volume of exports is estimated to have increased by a factor of twenty-three between 1971 and 2005 while import volumes for the same period increased by a factor of nine.

## **Trade by area**

Merchandise exports to the USA rose from €5,050m in 1997 to €16,545m in 2005 accounting for the significant increase in the share of exports going to countries outside Europe. Exports to Great Britain increased from €9,706 in 1997 to €13,674m in 2005.

Merchandise imports from the European Union increased from €18,474 in 1997 (EU15) to €32,396m in 2005 (EU25). Imports from Great Britain totalled €16,413m in 2005 accounting for 29% of Ireland's total imports.

## **Industrial origin of exports**

The share of exports classified as agricultural produce declined from 7.2% in 1997 to 4.9% in 2005. On the other hand, the share of exports classified as industrial produce increased from 91% in 1997 to 94% in 2005.

### Valuation

For merchandise imports the cif value (inclusive of cost, insurance and freight to the point of entry to the State) is used. This is normally the transaction value.

For merchandise exports the fob (free on board) value is used. This is the cost of goods to the purchaser abroad up to the point where the goods are put on board the exporting vessel or aircraft or are conveyed to the land frontier.

### Exclusions

Certain classes of goods are excluded from the trade statistics. These include, in particular, transit trade, certain categories of temporary trade where the goods are returned to the original country without change of ownership and certain goods which are not the subject of a commercial transaction.

### Notes to the tables

In all tables 'Unclassified estimates' comprises those estimates which cannot be allocated on a country or commodity basis.

Tables 13.10 to 13.13 show trade classified by the trading areas. The countries comprising each of these are as follows:

EFTA (European Free Trade Area): Iceland, Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

Other Europe: Ceuta, Melilla, Faroe Islands, Gibraltar, San Marino, Bulgaria, Belarus, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro, Turkey, Andorra, Vatican City, Romania, Albania, Moldova, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ukraine and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement): USA, Canada and Mexico.

Other APEC (Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation and excluding NAFTA countries): Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei, Singapore, Philippines, China, South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand, Chile (from 1998), Papua New Guinea (from 1998), Russia (from 1998), Vietnam (from 1998), Peru (from 1998).

OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development): EU (excluding Cyprus, Estonia, Latvia, Malta, Slovenia), EFTA (excluding Liechtenstein), Turkey, USA, Canada, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico (from 1995), South Korea (from 1998); unclassified estimates are excluded.



Table 13.1 Summary of external trade

Year	Value			Volume index	
	Imports	Exports	Trade surplus <sup>1</sup>	Imports	Exports
	€m	€m	€m	Base year 1990=100	
1971	958.5	684.0	-274.6	35.4	20.5
1972	1,064.1	822.2	-241.9	37.5	21.8
1973	1,444.0	1,103.6	-340.4	45.1	23.9
1974	2,065.0	1,440.2	-624.8	44.2	25.2
1975	2,163.8	1,837.8	-326.0	38.3	27.2
1976	2,968.6	2,360.5	-608.0	44.2	28.2
1977	3,924.6	3,197.4	-727.2	49.9	33.2
1978	4,714.7	3,762.5	-952.2	57.1	36.7
1979	6,130.2	4,415.8	-1,714.4	65.5	39.6
1980	6,882.9	5,183.7	-1,699.2	62.3	42.7
1981	8,352.9	6,066.3	-2,286.6	63.7	43.0
1982	8,654.7	7,226.6	-1,428.1	61.5	46.1
1983	9,353.9	8,816.9	-537.0	63.5	51.7
1984	11,316.1	11,297.5	-18.6	70.0	61.2
1985	11,971.3	12,371.1	399.8	72.3	65.2
1986	10,946.8	11,902.9	956.1	74.4	67.6
1987	11,624.7	13,616.0	1,991.3	79.1	77.4
1988	12,970.1	15,623.9	2,653.9	82.8	82.9
1989	15,597.8	18,534.4	2,936.6	93.6	92.2
1990	15,832.1	18,203.9	2,371.7	100.0	100.0
1991	16,317.2	19,070.1	2,752.9	100.8	105.6
1992	16,753.9	21,260.2	4,506.4	105.6	121.1
1993	18,899.7	25,178.5	6,278.9	113.0	133.4
1994	21,945.4	28,890.9	6,945.6	127.9	153.2
1995	26,180.9	35,330.1	9,149.2	146.3	184.0
1996	28,479.5	38,608.9	10,129.6	160.9	202.2
1997	32,863.5	44,868.0	12,004.5	184.8	232.4
1998	39,715.0	57,321.8	17,606.7	218.3	289.2
1999	44,327.1	66,956.2	22,629.1	236.5	336.5
2000	55,908.8	83,888.9	27,980.1	275.2	401.4
2001	57,384.2	92,689.9	35,305.7	274.2	422.0
2002	55,628.1	93,675.2	38,047.1	276.6	435.1
2003	47,864.6	82,076.1	34,211.5	259.7	418.4
2004	51,105.4	84,409.5	33,304.1	283.6	446.5
2005	56,478.4	88,411.2	31,932.7	315.7	468.4

<sup>1</sup> Surplus, as used here, differs from the Balance of International Payments concept of current account balance, which includes in addition, transactions relating to invisibles.

Source: CSO

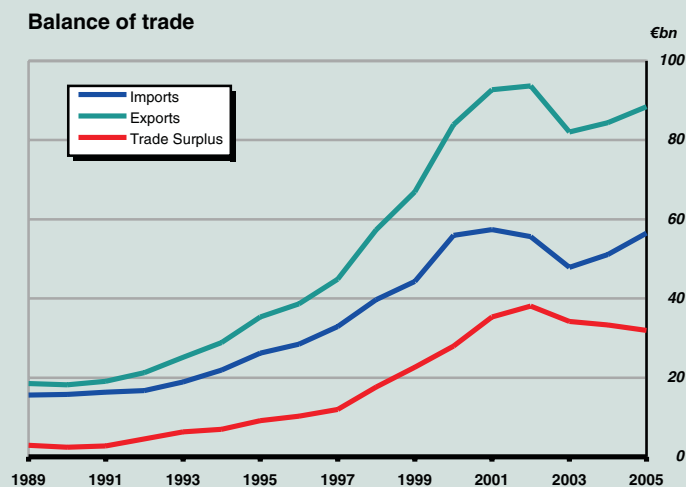


Table 13.2 Imports by country of origin

	€m									
Country of origin	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
Great Britain	10,412.3	12,393.5	13,485.1	16,408.2	19,249.9	19,083.9	13,662.1	14,885.4	16,413.3	
Northern Ireland	946.0	1,073.0	1,141.4	1,205.0	1,231.3	1,036.3	1,042.3	1,149.3	1,214.8	
Austria	72.5	83.6	108.0	131.9	149.7	206.4	163.1	136.6	225.0	
Belgium & Luxembourg	388.5	463.8	590.5	–	–	–	–	–	–	
Belgium	–	–	–	902.3	864.4	788.4	751.2	945.4	1,055.8	
Luxembourg	–	–	–	10.5	11.7	20.8	20.6	24.2	29.7	
Denmark	243.0	261.7	353.8	657.5	725.6	694.1	815.2	763.2	752.1	
Finland	277.5	311.7	295.4	341.6	450.1	728.6	264.3	255.1	271.0	
France	1,592.7	1,552.3	1,820.9	2,577.0	2,751.7	2,265.2	1,913.6	2,343.7	1,918.5	
Germany	1,982.7	2,466.8	2,751.4	3,336.2	3,520.5	3,564.3	3,498.2	3,850.1	4,306.4	
Greece	21.5	24.9	31.8	39.2	47.5	42.4	49.1	40.3	39.0	
Italy	634.2	768.3	927.1	1,253.1	1,185.4	1,098.6	1,072.0	1,125.1	1,223.9	
Netherlands	1,078.3	1,233.2	1,335.8	1,778.0	1,860.0	1,858.8	1,679.2	1,944.0	2,252.4	
Portugal	90.5	107.5	115.7	136.3	158.6	170.3	179.2	206.9	199.6	
Spain	357.8	439.9	541.3	757.8	645.9	676.9	666.5	679.7	829.7	
Sweden	375.3	392.8	450.8	607.8	510.8	421.4	435.1	521.2	511.4	
Czech Republic <sup>1</sup>	39.4	51.4	62.7	109.9	123.0	143.0	144.6	117.4	178.1	
Hungary <sup>1</sup>	81.9	237.3	243.7	299.7	408.5	182.3	163.5	216.8	184.4	
Poland <sup>1</sup>	70.3	72.1	87.6	102.6	121.0	126.6	158.2	134.0	122.9	
Other new accession states <sup>2</sup>	46.0	50.8	76.9	111.5	114.4	126.9	153.1	143.0	142.4	
EU country not specified	1.5	4.6	426.6	607.7	678.1	513.0	436.8	405.3	525.4	
<b>EU countries</b>	<b>18,712.0</b>	<b>21,989.2</b>	<b>24,846.6</b>	<b>31,373.7</b>	<b>34,808.1</b>	<b>33,748.0</b>	<b>27,267.8</b>	<b>29,886.6</b>	<b>32,395.8</b>	
<i>of which EU-15</i>	<i>18,474.4</i>	<i>21,577.6</i>	<i>24,375.7</i>	<i>30,750.0</i>	<i>34,041.2</i>	<i>33,169.3</i>	<i>26,648.5</i>	<i>29,275.5</i>	<i>31,768.0</i>	
Australia	33.1	46.3	62.6	73.5	95.6	130.1	124.2	177.8	130.3	
Brazil	62.4	42.4	82.3	127.3	135.8	159.3	221.5	233.0	210.1	
Canada	264.7	371.1	375.4	504.3	621.9	423.8	452.4	270.8	284.0	
China	408.9	639.4	656.0	900.4	1,085.9	1,495.1	2,215.5	2,776.7	3,710.9	
Costa Rica	8.2	8.8	26.6	50.4	114.8	183.7	49.8	28.2	35.1	
Guinea	74.3	93.5	81.8	90.7	106.8	83.4	60.0	70.3	71.0	
Hong Kong	165.3	240.2	443.6	650.2	532.6	498.3	382.3	496.2	483.0	
India	71.3	80.9	106.2	135.3	153.4	156.2	134.8	153.0	232.0	
Indonesia	60.1	82.4	73.8	107.9	116.7	125.7	80.7	79.3	106.5	
Israel	146.9	180.5	270.0	308.4	240.6	85.8	83.7	108.4	121.0	
Japan	2,266.3	2,773.1	2,542.2	2,635.2	1,990.9	1,840.3	2,296.4	2,174.8	2,099.0	
Malaysia	358.2	437.6	579.1	657.9	582.4	675.4	468.8	466.2	561.4	
Mexico	66.1	75.3	68.1	142.2	242.8	249.6	209.3	149.7	134.8	
Norway	482.4	450.8	531.5	1,091.0	942.2	721.8	760.9	963.3	1,482.1	
Philippines	82.7	210.0	241.5	449.6	324.9	353.3	181.8	109.8	139.1	
Singapore	1,797.6	1,950.6	1,721.8	2,027.0	1,357.0	1,005.6	1,039.1	885.0	866.4	
South Africa	47.6	57.3	70.9	103.4	101.7	113.1	154.9	157.6	160.5	
South Korea	441.9	637.6	801.9	1,291.0	796.5	889.5	733.4	996.3	915.7	
Switzerland	232.4	321.9	285.7	381.0	530.1	616.6	487.5	537.3	543.4	
Taiwan	452.7	740.4	911.6	1,011.9	1,075.6	999.1	787.9	949.6	920.7	
Thailand	249.7	188.6	156.7	239.9	336.1	283.1	334.9	352.7	387.7	
Turkey	72.4	87.8	94.5	125.0	145.1	226.5	262.2	322.1	409.2	
USA	4,922.6	6,362.5	7,383.7	9,148.5	8,699.5	8,517.7	7,416.4	6,984.5	7,985.0	
Other Countries <sup>3</sup>	456.6	497.0	578.1	711.4	811.1	746.1	703.7	769.6	841.5	
Country unknown <sup>4</sup>	92.3	66.7	60.1	87.0	125.1	155.2	119.2	104.7	39.9	
Unclassified estimates <sup>5</sup>	834.5	1,083.2	1,275.1	1,484.5	1,311.3	1,145.6	835.4	901.9	1,212.3	
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,863.5</b>	<b>39,715.0</b>	<b>44,327.1</b>	<b>55,908.8</b>	<b>57,384.2</b>	<b>55,628.1</b>	<b>47,864.6</b>	<b>51,105.4</b>	<b>56,478.4</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Joined EU on 1st May 2004<sup>2</sup> Includes Cyprus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Slovakia and Slovenia all of which joined the EU on 1st May 2004<sup>3</sup> Other non-EU countries not listed individually<sup>4</sup> Trade for which the country of origin is unknown<sup>5</sup> Estimates not allocated by country

Source: CSO



Table 13.3 Exports by country of destination

	€m									
Country of destination	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
Great Britain	9,706.1	11,416.8	13,175.4	17,083.9	20,765.5	20,853.1	13,434.7	13,714.5	13,674.1	
Northern Ireland	1,348.8	1,503.8	1,514.8	1,785.9	1,864.3	1,610.7	1,408.3	1,484.2	1,481.2	
Austria	189.2	319.9	408.4	464.2	407.2	334.9	332.0	372.1	417.2	
Belgium & Luxembourg	2,244.8	3,645.4	3,491.8	–	–	–	–	–	–	
Belgium	–	–	–	4,113.2	4,431.0	13,547.1	10,334.5	12,321.8	13,373.7	
Luxembourg	–	–	–	39.0	91.0	76.5	105.8	102.6	347.5	
Denmark	506.2	587.0	614.0	621.8	595.6	545.3	504.4	518.4	592.6	
Finland	230.7	289.3	522.5	405.3	406.0	303.0	293.9	309.0	336.4	
France	3,612.9	4,814.2	5,636.4	6,342.6	5,531.5	4,685.4	5,010.5	5,041.1	5,658.4	
Germany	5,623.0	8,292.6	7,995.8	9,414.7	11,670.6	6,729.1	6,845.4	6,552.7	6,618.0	
Greece	142.1	156.7	237.8	294.4	326.0	329.9	312.7	331.1	333.8	
Italy	1,475.3	1,937.1	2,532.0	3,316.8	3,309.1	3,597.1	3,748.6	3,812.5	3,625.1	
Netherlands	3,193.9	3,165.4	4,155.6	4,687.0	4,236.9	3,493.5	4,184.4	3,864.6	4,254.0	
Portugal	197.3	233.4	248.6	256.6	302.3	362.1	309.2	341.9	377.9	
Spain	1,158.0	1,537.0	1,830.6	2,123.8	2,283.3	2,239.7	2,359.6	2,447.5	2,949.3	
Sweden	715.7	1,089.1	1,094.3	1,336.1	1,354.0	1,202.1	1,163.3	988.2	1,070.0	
Czech Republic <sup>1</sup>	109.7	135.3	203.2	346.5	258.3	198.7	177.1	201.9	256.7	
Hungary <sup>1</sup>	72.4	93.6	162.6	224.4	169.2	144.4	138.5	155.5	122.0	
Poland <sup>1</sup>	170.5	243.4	254.0	361.0	319.1	282.9	259.6	272.5	280.5	
Other new accession states <sup>2</sup>	130.3	119.9	133.8	210.9	195.6	186.4	166.5	138.2	132.2	
EU country not specified	8.3	54.1	0.8	1.1	1.7	1.2	1.2	38.5	75.6	
<b>EU countries</b>	<b>30,835.2</b>	<b>39,634.0</b>	<b>44,212.4</b>	<b>53,429.3</b>	<b>58,518.2</b>	<b>60,723.0</b>	<b>51,090.1</b>	<b>53,008.8</b>	<b>55,976.2</b>	
<i>of which EU-15</i>	<i>30,352.3</i>	<i>39,041.8</i>	<i>43,458.8</i>	<i>52,286.5</i>	<i>57,576.0</i>	<i>59,910.7</i>	<i>50,348.4</i>	<i>52,240.8</i>	<i>55,184.9</i>	
Australia	280.7	449.1	578.9	580.7	834.8	636.1	647.6	736.1	733.5	
Brazil	116.6	145.7	143.6	206.0	225.8	125.2	141.7	151.2	146.9	
Canada	291.9	346.2	330.4	394.5	592.5	510.9	469.3	326.4	339.5	
China	42.5	75.3	119.0	166.5	338.5	538.7	585.0	639.2	906.3	
Hong Kong	246.6	295.1	333.3	617.4	670.2	534.1	688.3	832.9	640.2	
Israel	120.6	231.1	284.5	408.8	344.6	242.3	204.2	305.9	292.6	
India	33.5	38.1	77.7	109.7	107.0	131.4	95.1	109.5	130.6	
Japan	1,418.3	1,486.7	1,959.0	3,122.9	3,261.1	2,630.8	2,109.4	2,332.6	2,334.9	
Malaysia	398.1	324.3	824.2	753.6	1,140.3	765.9	578.1	447.5	555.6	
Mexico	136.2	164.0	173.4	254.9	552.4	456.6	518.5	462.4	465.5	
Norway	487.2	560.4	595.9	614.9	587.2	517.2	530.1	490.3	623.3	
Philippines	203.7	288.7	424.0	691.8	769.5	342.7	208.0	194.1	328.7	
Russia	286.7	245.9	257.7	177.6	240.6	255.7	251.4	213.1	237.2	
Saudi Arabia	234.2	287.9	329.8	357.2	388.2	365.1	273.6	249.7	291.4	
Singapore	274.2	375.9	482.1	506.4	641.3	739.3	734.2	866.4	775.8	
South Africa	286.2	343.6	369.8	391.6	385.0	274.6	269.1	256.0	267.6	
South Korea	635.0	362.7	361.2	1,045.8	695.9	640.4	509.6	587.8	543.5	
Switzerland	763.7	1,156.2	1,618.8	2,033.2	2,705.7	3,103.8	2,603.3	2,761.4	3,205.7	
Taiwan	138.3	147.8	165.2	199.8	377.2	346.0	285.6	355.5	333.1	
Thailand	101.1	82.7	96.6	141.1	144.3	112.0	145.1	161.8	144.5	
Turkey	153.4	176.3	215.4	387.0	310.4	327.8	303.8	300.5	322.6	
United Arab Emirates	95.9	102.6	144.6	218.2	197.9	177.9	115.1	146.1	154.1	
USA	5,050.2	7,742.6	10,336.8	14,227.8	15,694.4	16,509.4	16,939.2	16,555.6	16,545.4	
Other Countries <sup>3</sup>	1,080.2	1,337.7	1,431.1	1,742.0	1,747.5	1,404.6	1,270.2	1,488.6	1,750.9	
Country unknown <sup>4</sup>	409.0	280.6	392.7	320.4	445.9	488.8	499.1	412.7	260.7	
Unclassified estimates <sup>5</sup>	748.6	640.7	698.4	789.7	773.6	775.0	11.3	17.4	104.9	
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,868.0</b>	<b>57,321.8</b>	<b>66,956.2</b>	<b>83,888.9</b>	<b>92,689.9</b>	<b>93,675.2</b>	<b>82,076.1</b>	<b>84,409.5</b>	<b>88,411.2</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Joined EU on 1st May 2004<sup>2</sup> Includes Cyprus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Slovakia and Slovenia all of which joined the EU on 1st May 2004<sup>3</sup> Other non-EU countries not listed individually<sup>4</sup> Trade for which the country of final destination is unknown<sup>5</sup> Estimates not allocated by country

Source: CSO

Table 13.4 Imports by SITC section and division

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SITC (Rev 3)	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>0 Food and live animals</b>	<b>2,555.9</b>	<b>2,825.7</b>	<b>3,116.2</b>	<b>3,156.5</b>	<b>3,159.8</b>	<b>3,273.1</b>	<b>3,543.6</b>
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	149.8	227.9	198.9	170.6	210.8	224.5	225.5
01 Meat and meat preparations	240.3	299.5	391.6	383.7	416.5	481.3	544.5
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	280.6	273.8	267.9	275.8	333.8	340.1	360.1
03 Fish, crustaceans and molluscs and preparations thereof	90.7	96.5	136.0	119.4	95.5	105.6	126.5
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	432.8	476.1	493.8	500.3	495.6	518.6	531.9
05 Vegetables and fruit	468.8	505.1	573.1	626.2	622.4	603.9	667.1
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	131.7	145.8	176.6	184.6	165.2	174.9	198.3
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	226.6	243.8	257.8	271.7	252.1	254.5	293.0
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)	338.9	351.2	381.3	388.9	335.2	332.9	348.4
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	195.8	206.0	239.0	235.4	232.6	236.8	248.4
<b>1 Beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>500.2</b>	<b>522.1</b>	<b>679.4</b>	<b>728.5</b>	<b>705.7</b>	<b>696.1</b>	<b>756.6</b>
11 Beverages	426.7	446.7	596.3	643.8	598.8	637.9	685.0
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	73.5	75.4	83.1	84.7	106.9	58.1	71.6
<b>2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</b>	<b>671.1</b>	<b>819.7</b>	<b>798.8</b>	<b>800.4</b>	<b>790.1</b>	<b>843.9</b>	<b>939.7</b>
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	6.4	9.3	4.7	5.3	5.8	3.0	2.8
22 Oilseeds and oleaginous fruits	10.9	11.8	18.1	17.1	14.5	21.8	17.2
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	14.3	23.4	20.1	26.6	19.3	18.1	17.7
24 Cork and wood	231.3	294.3	275.6	267.2	328.0	362.1	396.9
25 Pulp and waste paper	24.2	27.7	28.3	22.6	20.3	20.7	17.2
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	63.0	67.6	62.2	55.1	33.4	20.4	19.9
27 Crude fertilisers and minerals, excluding coal, petroleum etc	112.4	136.5	135.6	171.6	163.9	172.8	218.1
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	126.0	151.0	150.8	125.9	101.3	113.1	126.9
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials nes	82.7	97.9	103.4	109.1	103.7	111.7	123.1
<b>3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials</b>	<b>1,294.1</b>	<b>2,299.7</b>	<b>2,218.7</b>	<b>1,932.2</b>	<b>1,968.9</b>	<b>2,813.5</b>	<b>3,871.0</b>
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	97.1	100.1	149.8	135.0	122.3	204.8	171.8
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	1,007.6	1,926.2	1,729.5	1,533.2	1,592.8	2,255.1	3,198.3
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	177.3	266.7	336.1	244.3	225.0	306.7	461.3
35 Electric current	12.1	6.8	3.3	19.6	28.9	47.0	39.7
<b>4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes</b>	<b>138.2</b>	<b>121.9</b>	<b>122.8</b>	<b>115.8</b>	<b>120.7</b>	<b>116.8</b>	<b>152.8</b>
41 Animal oils and fats	10.3	10.1	13.3	6.6	3.6	5.0	5.6
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	70.0	64.3	68.4	66.1	74.3	73.9	105.8
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed; waxes	57.9	47.6	41.1	43.0	42.9	37.9	41.4
<b>5 Chemicals and related products nes</b>	<b>4,931.9</b>	<b>6,105.2</b>	<b>6,340.5</b>	<b>6,922.3</b>	<b>6,897.5</b>	<b>7,139.6</b>	<b>7,280.0</b>
51 Organic chemicals	1,466.9	1,669.4	1,558.3	2,013.8	1,841.0	2,209.2	2,008.4
52 Inorganic chemicals	191.3	270.1	239.7	172.5	154.6	177.4	218.8
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	199.7	210.5	179.4	168.1	170.1	173.8	187.2
54 Medical and pharmaceutical products	1,124.4	1,525.4	1,902.6	2,075.3	2,168.0	1,969.6	1,991.8
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet and cleansing preparations	569.8	717.1	830.4	864.6	880.6	900.8	974.9
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	176.3	225.8	218.6	186.2	244.0	261.8	292.0
57 Plastics in primary forms	430.9	547.4	537.8	530.0	531.5	567.1	589.5
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	330.6	393.7	414.3	421.3	424.0	427.4	464.6
59 Chemical materials and products nes	442.0	545.8	459.6	490.5	483.6	452.5	552.7

**Table 13.4 Imports by SITC section and division (continued)**

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SITC (Rev 3)	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</b>	<b>3,806.9</b>	<b>4,350.6</b>	<b>4,390.7</b>	<b>4,338.3</b>	<b>4,245.0</b>	<b>4,619.8</b>	<b>4,866.0</b>
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	10.8	11.9	11.8	12.2	10.3	11.9	13.5
62 Rubber manufactures nes	198.0	230.9	221.7	215.0	230.8	233.3	269.4
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)	173.6	232.1	245.2	253.9	269.3	313.7	346.0
64 Paper, paperboard and articles thereof	767.7	838.2	825.7	828.1	798.0	769.8	769.3
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	557.4	605.0	600.2	537.8	491.6	502.5	499.9
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	468.5	565.5	524.4	494.8	550.2	631.9	704.9
67 Iron and steel	481.0	549.7	572.8	661.0	567.7	712.5	697.6
68 Non-ferrous metals	332.6	372.6	481.7	429.5	408.2	447.8	449.1
69 Manufactures of metals nes	817.4	944.7	907.3	905.9	918.8	996.4	1,116.4
<b>7 Machinery and transport equipment</b>	<b>22,820.6</b>	<b>29,739.5</b>	<b>30,224.1</b>	<b>28,317.3</b>	<b>20,732.0</b>	<b>21,963.6</b>	<b>24,786.5</b>
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	504.5	736.6	678.9	570.2	679.1	619.2	761.8
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	1,010.8	1,080.6	1,062.5	1,024.6	1,004.5	1,000.1	1,157.8
73 Metalworking machinery	139.5	210.1	144.5	132.9	192.3	144.2	216.4
74 General industrial machinery and equipment nes and parts nes	1,137.8	1,324.5	1,186.0	1,120.2	1,207.1	1,116.1	1,371.6
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	8,368.1	11,363.2	11,269.5	8,450.4	7,986.7	7,854.5	9,140.9
76 Telecommunications and sound equipment	2,074.1	2,880.9	3,150.2	2,249.7	1,393.7	1,677.6	2,006.4
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances nes and parts	5,192.9	7,048.4	8,496.0	9,943.3	4,646.7	4,721.2	4,331.9
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	2,984.5	4,053.5	3,190.6	3,328.2	2,809.5	3,291.6	3,767.5
79 Other transport equipment	1,408.3	1,041.7	1,046.0	1,497.8	812.4	1,539.2	2,032.1
<b>8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b>	<b>4,891.2</b>	<b>5,893.0</b>	<b>6,299.7</b>	<b>6,115.9</b>	<b>6,302.5</b>	<b>6,331.6</b>	<b>6,923.0</b>
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing and electrical fixtures and fittings	191.3	213.2	236.7	211.6	226.7	270.7	280.1
82 Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	266.4	326.3	333.0	362.9	360.2	433.7	496.0
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	51.8	90.0	105.5	96.3	65.2	65.7	84.4
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	1,094.6	1,335.5	1,399.8	1,386.8	1,296.2	1,307.1	1,526.9
85 Footwear	236.7	278.9	272.8	273.7	267.0	278.2	322.3
87 Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus nes	777.1	1,175.9	1,010.6	865.0	822.0	716.0	867.7
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches and clocks	284.1	352.3	307.2	244.6	267.3	224.9	253.4
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	1,989.1	2,121.0	2,634.1	2,675.0	2,998.0	3,035.1	3,092.2
<b>9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere</b>	<b>846.4</b>	<b>1,088.3</b>	<b>1,232.2</b>	<b>1,369.1</b>	<b>1,265.8</b>	<b>1,307.9</b>	<b>1,255.5</b>
<b>Unclassified estimates<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1,870.7</b>	<b>2,143.0</b>	<b>1,961.0</b>	<b>1,831.8</b>	<b>1,676.6</b>	<b>1,999.5</b>	<b>2,103.7</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44,327.1</b>	<b>55,908.8</b>	<b>57,384.2</b>	<b>55,628.1</b>	<b>47,864.6</b>	<b>51,105.4</b>	<b>56,478.4</b>

<sup>1</sup> Estimates for which no Commodity breakdown is available  
 Source: CSO

TABLE 13.4

**Table 13.5 Exports by SITC section and division**

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SITC (Rev 3)	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>0 Food and live animals</b>	<b>5,483.6</b>	<b>5,948.4</b>	<b>5,801.1</b>	<b>5,779.7</b>	<b>5,779.4</b>	<b>6,063.0</b>	<b>6,326.1</b>
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	298.3	420.0	184.7	210.8	238.3	229.2	225.8
01 Meat and meat preparations	1,770.6	1,752.2	1,594.1	1,744.5	1,857.6	2,054.0	2,180.0
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	1,008.0	1,160.6	1,080.9	952.4	955.6	1,056.4	1,097.6
03 Fish, crustaceans and molluscs and preparations thereof	299.4	323.9	423.1	410.6	372.3	370.6	335.2
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	263.9	292.2	314.6	258.3	214.9	200.5	231.0
05 Vegetables and fruit	171.8	172.3	229.9	234.3	242.7	217.9	243.1
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	100.3	101.8	113.1	135.6	118.9	142.4	135.2
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	246.4	258.2	259.5	276.5	268.4	268.2	274.3
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)	113.8	121.5	135.1	142.5	152.9	169.7	176.5
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	1,211.2	1,345.7	1,466.1	1,414.3	1,357.9	1,354.0	1,427.3
<b>1 Beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>803.7</b>	<b>958.2</b>	<b>984.7</b>	<b>1,003.0</b>	<b>1,107.5</b>	<b>1,036.7</b>	<b>1,111.6</b>
11 Beverages	743.6	854.4	871.0	895.3	1,012.7	949.0	1,021.9
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	60.1	103.9	113.8	107.7	94.8	87.7	89.7
<b>2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</b>	<b>797.5</b>	<b>942.3</b>	<b>953.2</b>	<b>862.7</b>	<b>865.5</b>	<b>991.4</b>	<b>1,072.5</b>
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	75.0	96.6	99.6	104.3	85.6	84.6	75.0
22 Oilseeds and oleaginous fruits	1.7	0.8	1.2	1.2	1.7	6.3	5.2
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	7.3	8.0	1.9	1.0	1.2	1.6	2.1
24 Cork and wood	52.7	61.2	65.9	83.8	81.3	79.1	70.8
25 Pulp and waste paper	8.0	13.9	12.7	18.8	23.5	36.4	45.1
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	122.0	114.8	115.4	125.4	117.2	112.3	111.1
27 Crude fertilisers and minerals, excluding coal, petroleum etc	65.0	33.1	56.2	43.1	52.1	57.3	66.8
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	372.4	517.8	501.9	398.6	420.1	524.0	604.8
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials nes	93.4	96.3	98.4	86.5	82.8	89.8	91.7
<b>3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials</b>	<b>177.0</b>	<b>285.5</b>	<b>296.9</b>	<b>361.9</b>	<b>201.2</b>	<b>399.8</b>	<b>617.4</b>
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	50.0	40.9	53.8	65.2	60.5	59.3	61.0
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	124.6	242.0	239.8	290.7	135.5	322.4	531.2
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	2.3	2.4	3.2	5.7	2.5	6.6	8.1
35 Electric current	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	2.7	11.6	17.0
<b>4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>27.3</b>	<b>23.6</b>	<b>25.7</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>18.5</b>
41 Animal oils and fats	21.5	22.0	17.7	21.5	23.6	18.9	15.2
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	4.4	3.9	5.0	1.5	0.9	1.6	1.7
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed; waxes	3.1	1.4	0.9	2.6	6.9	4.8	1.6
<b>5 Chemicals and related products nes</b>	<b>21,168.7</b>	<b>27,360.5</b>	<b>32,281.4</b>	<b>39,060.6</b>	<b>35,785.5</b>	<b>37,491.8</b>	<b>40,323.1</b>
51 Organic chemicals	11,394.1	16,897.5	17,117.9	17,385.4	15,081.1	14,650.8	17,756.4
52 Inorganic chemicals	214.8	356.0	239.8	142.7	131.0	158.1	107.1
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	51.5	58.8	49.5	54.7	59.3	63.1	51.3
54 Medical and pharmaceutical products	4,815.1	5,311.7	8,975.1	15,671.9	13,611.6	15,154.8	14,424.7
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet and cleansing preparations	2,448.7	2,355.2	3,140.9	3,177.9	4,173.0	4,761.9	5,233.2
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	37.2	36.0	43.3	31.2	0.6	0.6	0.6
57 Plastics in primary forms	160.7	196.9	193.1	169.8	179.0	191.3	186.6
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	183.9	207.6	226.4	199.1	190.6	211.1	242.5
59 Chemical materials and products nes	1,862.8	1,940.9	2,295.2	2,227.9	2,359.2	2,300.2	2,320.7

TABLE 13.5

**Table 13.5 Exports by SITC section and division (continued)**

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SITC (Rev 3)	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</b>	<b>1,812.8</b>	<b>1,973.1</b>	<b>1,954.7</b>	<b>1,925.9</b>	<b>1,792.1</b>	<b>1,817.4</b>	<b>1,756.6</b>
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	58.3	71.9	74.8	53.0	44.3	36.5	28.2
62 Rubber manufactures nes	91.5	112.9	111.2	95.0	86.5	88.2	75.1
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)	119.8	135.9	166.0	189.0	209.7	223.7	251.6
64 Paper, paperboard and articles thereof	157.3	188.7	190.0	169.9	206.3	185.0	158.5
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	416.6	501.9	479.2	416.5	337.1	327.6	281.5
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	395.1	353.7	338.5	395.6	371.0	375.0	360.5
67 Iron and steel	108.8	129.6	93.6	49.6	55.4	70.3	69.8
68 Non-ferrous metals	87.5	92.8	76.2	72.1	64.1	77.0	78.4
69 Manufactures of metals nes	377.9	385.7	425.1	485.2	417.7	434.1	453.0
<b>7 Machinery and transport equipment</b>	<b>26,193.2</b>	<b>34,011.7</b>	<b>37,606.7</b>	<b>33,170.8</b>	<b>23,521.3</b>	<b>22,935.0</b>	<b>23,447.8</b>
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	345.9	382.3	406.4	494.4	376.5	471.6	513.2
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	280.2	313.8	336.8	283.9	278.5	334.9	269.2
73 Metalworking machinery	65.3	60.1	57.1	108.2	71.3	84.2	78.4
74 General industrial machinery and equipment nes and parts nes	889.7	1,017.2	1,039.0	1,035.8	1,007.8	1,181.8	1,135.1
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	15,152.7	19,616.8	21,034.5	17,329.6	14,837.0	13,383.0	13,981.5
76 Telecommunications and sound equipment	3,582.1	3,736.5	3,657.6	2,638.0	1,392.8	1,495.9	1,438.2
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances nes and parts	5,135.8	7,916.0	10,164.5	10,567.0	5,096.3	5,527.8	5,699.6
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	454.7	576.0	672.6	590.5	359.6	321.9	230.5
79 Other transport equipment	286.7	393.0	238.1	123.3	101.4	133.9	102.0
<b>8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b>	<b>7,638.5</b>	<b>8,863.9</b>	<b>8,969.2</b>	<b>8,284.9</b>	<b>9,456.9</b>	<b>9,910.0</b>	<b>10,352.5</b>
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing and electrical fixtures and fittings	73.9	84.3	89.4	99.5	93.9	95.0	104.4
82 Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	106.9	109.8	110.9	123.2	103.2	96.2	104.3
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	10.0	16.5	17.6	19.1	15.8	14.3	13.7
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	377.3	343.3	342.9	338.3	319.7	293.8	265.4
85 Footwear	28.8	31.8	32.7	23.6	29.7	31.1	33.5
87 Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus nes	1,387.3	1,703.2	1,881.8	2,063.0	3,267.3	3,796.1	4,097.1
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches and clocks	445.3	453.2	491.2	564.4	670.6	710.5	783.3
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	5,209.0	6,121.9	6,002.7	5,053.8	4,956.6	4,873.1	4,950.8
<b>9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere</b>	<b>2,123.9</b>	<b>2,576.2</b>	<b>2,799.2</b>	<b>2,579.3</b>	<b>2,697.2</b>	<b>2,874.4</b>	<b>2,674.5</b>
<b>Unclassified estimates<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>728.4</b>	<b>941.7</b>	<b>1,019.3</b>	<b>620.9</b>	<b>838.1</b>	<b>864.7</b>	<b>710.5</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>66,956.2</b>	<b>83,888.9</b>	<b>92,689.9</b>	<b>93,675.2</b>	<b>82,076.1</b>	<b>84,409.5</b>	<b>88,411.2</b>

<sup>1</sup> Estimates for which no Commodity breakdown is available  
 Source: CSO

TABLE 13.5

**Table 13.6 Imports according to main use**

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Main use	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>Producers capital goods ready for use</b>	<b>3,834.5</b>	<b>5,175.5</b>	<b>6,511.9</b>	<b>8,069.5</b>	<b>7,534.3</b>	<b>7,067.3</b>	<b>5,754.6</b>	<b>6,618.6</b>	<b>8,120.7</b>
<b>Consumption goods ready for use</b>									
Food, drink, tobacco	1,783.3	2,022.1	2,292.9	2,481.5	2,881.7	2,958.8	2,952.6	3,059.8	3,362.2
Other	5,260.7	6,256.5	7,094.5	9,004.5	9,565.0	9,801.8	9,740.4	10,135.6	10,986.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,044.0</b>	<b>8,278.6</b>	<b>9,387.4</b>	<b>11,486.0</b>	<b>12,446.7</b>	<b>12,760.7</b>	<b>12,692.9</b>	<b>13,195.4</b>	<b>14,348.9</b>
<b>Materials for further production</b>									
Agriculture	637.3	631.6	730.4	886.9	941.7	946.3	990.0	1,086.3	1,129.9
Other	19,723.2	23,641.5	25,527.6	33,169.7	34,347.7	32,845.1	26,576.2	28,048.2	30,611.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,360.4</b>	<b>24,273.1</b>	<b>26,258.0</b>	<b>34,056.7</b>	<b>35,289.3</b>	<b>33,791.4</b>	<b>27,566.2</b>	<b>29,134.5</b>	<b>31,741.4</b>
<b>Unclassified imports</b>	<b>1,624.6</b>	<b>1,988.5</b>	<b>2,170.0</b>	<b>2,296.6</b>	<b>2,113.8</b>	<b>2,008.7</b>	<b>1,851.4</b>	<b>2,157.0</b>	<b>2,267.4</b>
<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>	<b>32,863.5</b>	<b>39,715.0</b>	<b>44,327.1</b>	<b>55,908.8</b>	<b>57,384.2</b>	<b>55,628.1</b>	<b>47,864.6</b>	<b>51,105.4</b>	<b>56,478.4</b>

Source: CSO

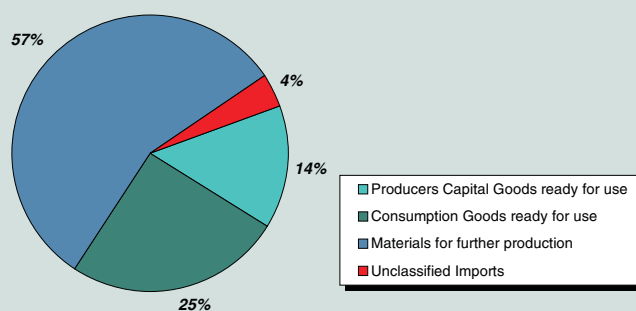
**Table 13.7 Percentage distribution of imports by main use**

%

Main use	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>Producers capital goods ready for use</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>14.4</b>
<b>Consumption goods ready for use</b>									
Food, drink, tobacco	5.4	5.1	5.2	4.4	5.0	5.3	6.2	6.0	6.0
Other	16.0	15.8	16.0	16.1	16.7	17.6	20.3	19.8	19.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>22.9</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>25.4</b>
<b>Materials for further production</b>									
Agriculture	1.9	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	2.1	2.1	2.0
Other	60.0	59.5	57.6	59.3	59.9	59.0	55.5	54.9	54.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>62.0</b>	<b>61.1</b>	<b>59.2</b>	<b>60.9</b>	<b>61.5</b>	<b>60.7</b>	<b>57.6</b>	<b>57.0</b>	<b>56.2</b>
<b>Unclassified imports</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.0</b>
<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: CSO

**Distribution of imports by main use, 2005**



**Table 13.8 Exports by industrial origin**

	€m									
<b>Industrial origin</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	
Agricultural produce	3,218.3	3,342.7	3,696.8	4,046.6	3,655.7	3,672.8	3,797.9	4,144.4	4,374.8	
Forestry and fishing produce	336.1	347.5	351.7	385.0	488.9	494.2	453.5	449.6	405.9	
Industrial produce	40,632.6	52,555.6	61,748.8	77,648.5	86,627.8	87,995.8	76,874.5	78,836.0	82,802.0	
Unclassified exports	681.0	1,078.5	1,162.4	1,808.8	1,917.5	1,512.4	950.2	979.6	828.4	
<b>Total exports</b>	<b>44,868.0</b>	<b>57,321.8</b>	<b>66,956.2</b>	<b>83,888.9</b>	<b>92,689.9</b>	<b>93,675.2</b>	<b>82,076.1</b>	<b>84,409.5</b>	<b>88,411.2</b>	

Source: CSO

**Table 13.9 Percentage distribution of exports by industrial origin**

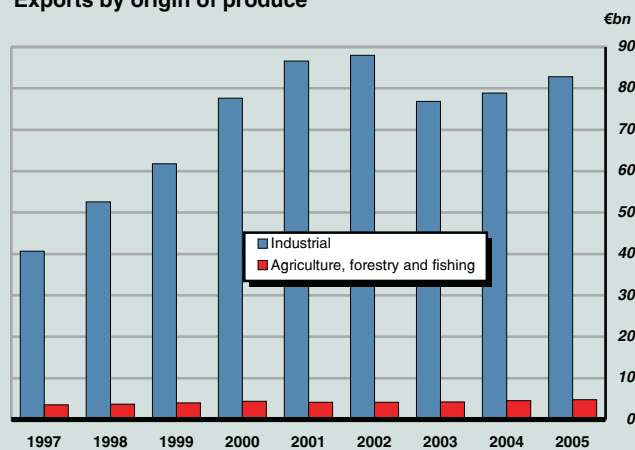
	%									
<b>Industrial origin</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	
Agricultural produce	7.2	5.8	5.5	4.8	3.9	3.9	4.6	4.9	4.9	
Forestry and fishing produce	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	
Industrial produce	90.6	91.7	92.2	92.6	93.5	93.9	93.7	93.4	93.7	
Unclassified exports	1.5	1.9	1.7	2.2	2.1	1.6	1.2	1.2	0.9	
<b>Total exports</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

Source: CSO

TABLE 13.8

TABLE 13.9

**Exports by origin of produce**



**Table 13.10 Imports by area**

										€m
Area	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
<b>European Union</b>										
Great Britain	10,412.3	12,393.5	13,485.1	16,408.2	19,249.9	19,083.9	13,662.1	14,885.4	16,413.3	
Northern Ireland	946.0	1,073.0	1,141.4	1,205.0	1,231.3	1,036.3	1,042.3	1,149.3	1,214.8	
Other member states	7,116.1	8,111.0	9,322.5	13,136.8	13,563.3	13,041.5	11,944.1	13,851.9	14,767.7	
<b>Other European countries</b>										
Members of EFTA	737.2	782.5	821.0	1,477.5	1,477.5	1,343.7	1,254.3	1,506.5	2,035.0	
Other Europe	370.1	537.5	522.6	717.3	887.3	670.6	706.8	100.0	501.6	
<b>Other countries</b>										
NAFTA	5,253.4	6,808.8	7,827.2	9,794.9	9,564.2	9,191.2	8,078.1	7,404.9	8,403.8	
Other APEC	6,337.0	8,017.6	8,283.7	10,152.9	8,421.1	8,442.8	8,798.0	9,650.1	10,543.3	
Rest of world	803.3	846.9	1,571.4	1,435.8	1,553.3	1,505.7	1,410.0	1,484.0	1,289.9	
Unclassified	888.0	1,144.1	1,352.0	1,580.3	1,436.4	1,312.4	968.9	1,073.3	1,309.1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,863.5</b>	<b>39,715.0</b>	<b>44,327.1</b>	<b>55,908.8</b>	<b>57,384.2</b>	<b>55,628.1</b>	<b>47,864.6</b>	<b>51,105.4</b>	<b>56,478.4</b>	
<i>of which members of OECD</i>	<i>26,979.0</i>	<i>33,098.3</i>	<i>36,946.4</i>	<i>46,692.2</i>	<i>48,787.4</i>	<i>47,131.5</i>	<i>39,905.6</i>	<i>42,371.7</i>	<i>46,288.5</i>	

Source: CSO

**Table 13.11 Percentage distribution of imports by area**

										%
Area	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
<b>European Union</b>										
Great Britain	31.7	31.2	30.4	29.3	33.5	34.3	28.5	29.1	29.1	
Northern Ireland	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.2	2.1	1.9	2.2	2.2	2.2	
Other member states	21.7	20.4	21.0	23.5	23.6	23.4	25.0	27.1	26.1	
<b>Other European countries</b>										
Members of EFTA	2.2	2.0	1.9	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.6	2.9	3.6	
Other Europe	1.1	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.2	1.5	0.2	0.9	
<b>Other countries</b>										
NAFTA	16.0	17.1	17.7	17.5	16.7	16.5	16.9	14.5	14.9	
Other APEC	19.3	20.2	18.7	18.2	14.7	15.2	18.4	18.9	18.7	
Rest of world	2.4	2.1	3.5	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.9	2.9	2.3	
Unclassified	2.7	2.9	3.1	2.8	2.5	2.4	2.0	2.1	2.3	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	
<i>of which members of OECD</i>	<i>82.1</i>	<i>83.3</i>	<i>83.3</i>	<i>83.5</i>	<i>85.0</i>	<i>84.7</i>	<i>83.4</i>	<i>82.9</i>	<i>82.0</i>	

Source: CSO



**Table 13.12 Exports by area**

										€m
Area	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
<b>European Union</b>										
Great Britain	9,706.1	11,416.8	13,175.4	17,083.9	20,765.5	20,853.1	13,434.7	13,714.5	13,674.1	
Northern Ireland	1,348.8	1,503.8	1,514.8	1,785.9	1,864.3	1,610.7	1,408.3	1,484.2	1,481.2	
Other member states	19,297.4	26,121.2	28,767.8	33,416.7	34,946.1	37,445.7	35,505.4	37,810.2	40,821.0	
<b>Other European countries</b>										
Members of EFTA	1,317.1	1,764.6	2,255.0	2,689.4	3,320.8	3,656.5	3,176.8	3,297.8	3,874.7	
Other Europe	989.3	846.8	849.7	1,312.0	1,095.4	962.0	878.7	207.2	604.7	
<b>Other countries</b>										
NAFTA	5,478.3	8,252.8	10,840.6	14,877.2	16,839.3	17,476.9	17,927.1	17,344.4	17,350.4	
Other APEC	3,809.3	4,248.0	5,735.5	8,208.6	9,310.9	7,706.2	6,900.8	7,582.7	7,792.7	
Rest of world	1,841.8	2,255.7	2,726.4	3,407.6	3,328.1	2,700.4	2,333.8	2,538.3	2,446.9	
Unclassified	1,079.8	912.2	1,091.0	1,107.5	1,219.5	1,263.7	510.4	430.1	365.5	
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,868.0</b>	<b>57,321.8</b>	<b>66,956.2</b>	<b>83,888.9</b>	<b>92,689.9</b>	<b>93,675.2</b>	<b>82,076.1</b>	<b>84,409.5</b>	<b>88,411.2</b>	
<i>of which members of OECD</i>	<i>39,216.3</i>	<i>52,045.4</i>	<i>60,355.2</i>	<i>75,998.7</i>	<i>83,664.8</i>	<i>85,983.9</i>	<i>75,691.8</i>	<i>77,573.8</i>	<i>81,138.0</i>	

Source: CSO

**Table 13.13 Percentage distribution of exports by area**

										%
Area	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
<b>European Union</b>										
Great Britain	21.6	19.9	19.7	20.4	22.4	22.3	16.4	16.2	15.5	
Northern Ireland	3.0	2.6	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.7	
Other member states	43.0	45.6	43.0	39.8	37.7	40.0	43.3	44.8	46.2	
<b>Other European countries</b>										
Members of EFTA	2.9	3.1	3.4	3.2	3.6	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.4	
Other Europe	2.2	1.5	1.3	1.6	1.2	1.0	1.1	0.2	0.7	
<b>Other countries</b>										
NAFTA	12.2	14.4	16.2	17.7	18.2	18.7	21.8	20.5	19.6	
Other APEC	8.5	7.4	8.6	9.8	10.0	8.2	8.4	9.0	8.8	
Rest of world	4.1	3.9	4.1	4.1	3.6	2.9	2.8	3.0	2.8	
Unclassified	2.4	1.6	1.6	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.6	0.5	0.4	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	
<i>of which members of OECD</i>	<i>87.4</i>	<i>90.8</i>	<i>90.1</i>	<i>90.6</i>	<i>90.3</i>	<i>91.8</i>	<i>92.2</i>	<i>91.9</i>	<i>91.8</i>	

Source: CSO

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