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External Trade

- Exports rose from €83.9bn in 2000 to €86.2bn in 2008. During this period, exports to Great Britain fell from €17.1bn to €14.3bn, while exports to Belgium increased from €4.1bn to €12.2bn.
- Chemicals accounted for just over half of Ireland's exports in 2008. This was driven by a substantial increase in the exports of medical & pharmaceutical products, which rose from €5.3bn in 2000 to €16.7bn in 2008.
- Imports rose slightly between 2000 and 2008, from €55.9bn to €57.0bn. Imports from China have risen, while imports from the USA and Japan have fallen.
- The UK provided 60% of Ireland's fuel imports in 2008.
- Trade in electrical machinery, computers, cars and textiles was lower in 2008 than it was in 2000.

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Introduction

This chapter contains information on Ireland's external merchandise trade and shows how it has changed over time.

Long term growth

Between 1971 and 2008, exports at current prices grew from €684m to €86,218m while imports for the same period increased from €958m to €56,964m. The resulting merchandise trade balance at current prices changed from a deficit of €275m in 1971 to a surplus of €29,254m in 2008.

The volume of exports is estimated to have increased by a factor of twenty-four between 1971 and 2008 while import volumes for the same period increased by a factor of eight.

Medium term performance 2000 to 2008

Merchandise imports from the European Union increased from €30,750m in 2000 (EU15) to €36,304m in 2008 (EU27). In 2008 Imports from the EU27 account for 64% of Ireland's total imports.

The significant changes in this period were:

Import increases	%
• China from €1,559.6m to €4,224.4m	171
• Great Britain from €16,408.2m to €17,882.1m	9
• Germany from €3,336.2m to €4,622.6m	39
• Netherlands from €1,778.0m to €2,862.8m	61
• Denmark from €657.5m to €1,031.4m	57

Import decreases	%
• USA from €9,148.5m to €6,675.7m	27
• Japan from €2,635.2m to €1,136.8m	57
• Singapore from €2,027.0m to €727.0m	64
• South Korea from €1,291.0m to €503.9m	61
• Taiwan from €1,011.9m to €536.6m	47

Export increases	%
• Belgium from €4,113.2m to €12,190.1m	196
• USA from €14,227.8m to €16,657.1m	17
• China from €783.9m to €2,322.4m	196
• Spain from €2,123.8m to €3,586.8m	69
• Switzerland from €2,033.2m to €2,554.9m	26

Export decreases	%
• Germany from €9,414.7m to €6,103.1m	35
• Great Britain from €17,083.9m to €14,302.4m	16
• Netherlands from €4,687.0m to €3,026.7m	35
• Japan from €3,122.9m to €1,700.6m	46
• France from €6,342.6m to €4,968.7m	22

Trade by SITC section

The shares of the principal commodities, at Section level, traded into and out of Ireland in 2008 expressed as a % of the total imports and exports were:

	Imports	Exports
	%	%
• Chemicals	14	51
• Machinery and transport equipment	35	21
• Manufactured goods (Section 6+8)	21	12
• Food and animals	8	8
• Fuels	11	1

Changes in Trade by SITC division over the period 2000 to 2008

At Division level, Fuels and Medical and pharmaceutical products showed big increases in both imports and exports. Trade in machinery including ICT equipment, decreased considerably over the same period.

Import increases	%
• Petroleum	150
• Medical and pharmaceuticals	88
• Aircraft	108
• Gas	416
• Iron and steel	83
• Vegetables and fruit	78

Import decreases	%
• Computers	41
• Electrical machinery	59
• Telecommunications and sound equipment	40
• Road vehicles	21
• Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus	24
• Textiles	30

Export increases

	%
• Medical and pharmaceuticals	214
• Essential oils	131
• Chemical products	80
• Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus	63
• Organic chemicals	6
• Meat	34
• Petroleum	213

Export decreases

	%
• Computers	52
• Electrical machinery	40
• Telecommunications and sound equipment	65
• Road vehicles	56
• Textiles	63
• Clothing	53

Imports by main use

The proportion of imports classified as Materials for further Production fell from 61% in 2000 to 56% in 2008, while that of Consumption Goods ready for use increased from 21% to 28% in the same period.

Exports by industrial origin

The share of exports classified as agricultural produce increased from 4.8% in 2000 to 5.8% in 2008, while that of exports classified as industrial produce increased from 92.6% to 92.7%.

Technical Notes

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, VAT returns and the Intrastat survey of Irish traders engaged in trade with other EU member states which is conducted by the Revenue Commissioners.

Scope of merchandise trade data

Ireland's merchandise trade is compiled according to the 'general' system of recording international trade whereby imports and exports are recorded at the time the goods cross the territorial boundaries of a country. This differs from the Balance of Payments definition of merchandise trade which records imports and exports only when a transfer of ownership occurs ie when payment is received.

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': estimates which cannot be allocated on a country or commodity basis.
- 'nes': not elsewhere specified or included
- China includes Hong Kong and Macau.

Tables 14.4 and 14.5 show:

- Imports and exports classified according to the United Nations' Standard Trade Classification, Revision 4 (SITC Rev 4) at 1-digit (Section) and 2-digit (Division) levels.

Tables 14.12 and 14.13 show trade classified by trading areas. The countries comprising each of these as of 2008 are as follows:

- EFTA (European Free Trade Area): Iceland, Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Norway.
- Other Europe: Russia, Faroe Islands, Gibraltar, San Marino, Belarus, Croatia, Serbia, Montenegro, Turkey, Andorra, Vatican City, Albania, Moldova, 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 Russia and 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), Vietnam (from 1998), Peru (from 1998).

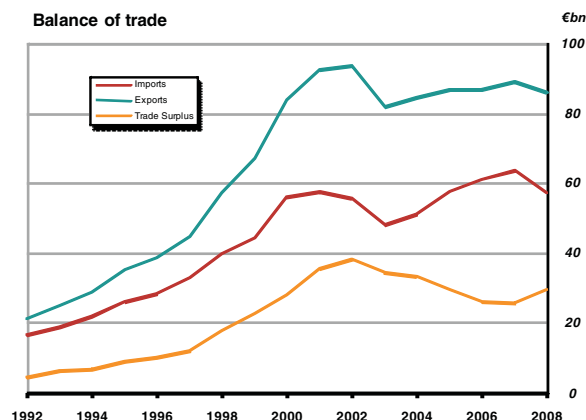
- OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development): EU (excluding Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Latvia, Malta, Romania, Slovenia), EFTA (excluding Liechtenstein), Turkey, USA, Canada, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico (from 1995), South Korea (from 1998); unclassified estimates are excluded.

Table 14.1 Summary of external trade

Year	Value			Volume index	
	Imports	Exports	Trade surplus ¹	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	57,464.9	86,732.3	29,267.3	316.3	456.7
2006	60,857.4	86,772.0	25,914.6	325.2	458.0
2007	63,485.7	89,226.1	25,740.5	340.9	481.8
2008	56,964.3	86,218.1	29,253.8	300.5	484.5

¹ 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



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Table 14.2 Imports by country of origin

	€m									
Country of origin	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	
Great Britain	16,408.2	19,249.9	19,083.9	13,662.1	14,885.4	16,995.3	18,099.3	19,508.5	17,882.1	
Northern Ireland	1,205.0	1,231.3	1,036.3	1,042.3	1,149.3	1,275.6	1,325.3	1,360.8	1,250.4	
Austria	131.9	149.7	206.4	163.1	136.6	233.6	228.7	233.2	187.0	
Belgium	902.3	864.4	788.4	751.2	945.4	1,061.4	1,212.4	1,260.1	1,290.3	
Luxembourg	10.5	11.7	20.8	20.6	24.2	29.7	43.0	37.1	44.5	
Denmark	657.5	725.6	694.1	815.2	763.2	784.4	654.2	667.1	1,031.4	
Finland	341.6	450.1	728.6	264.3	255.1	277.7	277.3	244.8	331.4	
France	2,577.0	2,751.7	2,265.2	1,913.6	2,343.7	1,980.2	2,219.3	2,658.8	2,256.5	
Germany	3,336.2	3,520.5	3,564.3	3,498.2	3,850.1	4,512.1	5,012.3	5,591.9	4,622.6	
Greece	39.2	47.5	42.4	49.1	40.3	39.5	50.9	48.8	32.7	
Italy	1,253.1	1,185.4	1,098.6	1,072.0	1,125.1	1,254.3	1,563.4	1,448.1	1,339.5	
Netherlands	1,778.0	1,860.0	1,858.8	1,679.2	1,944.0	2,286.5	2,444.5	2,700.2	2,862.8	
Portugal	136.3	158.6	170.3	179.2	206.9	201.5	234.2	154.0	140.8	
Spain	757.8	645.9	676.9	666.5	679.7	845.1	990.3	1,047.8	930.3	
Sweden	607.8	510.8	421.4	435.1	521.2	529.4	665.7	626.3	485.1	
Czech Republic ¹	109.9	123.0	143.0	144.6	117.4	180.0	285.2	281.0	189.7	
Hungary ¹	299.7	408.5	182.3	163.5	216.8	177.4	333.4	330.4	315	
Poland ¹	102.6	121.0	126.6	158.2	134.0	126.4	181.9	267.7	456.4	
Romania ⁶	33.9	71.2	38.2	50.3	54.8	47.8	59.8	64.1	57.1	
Other new accession states ²	117.2	127.6	136.3	163.2	154.7	164.3	194.8	195.1	191.5	
EU Country not specified	607.7	678.1	513.0	436.8	405.3	530.8	653.9	673.4	407.3	
EU countries	31,413.4	34,892.5	33,795.6	27,328.3	29,953.2	33,532.8	36,729.8	39,399.2	36,304.4	
<i>of which EU-15</i>	<i>30,750.1</i>	<i>34,041.2</i>	<i>33,169.3</i>	<i>26,648.5</i>	<i>29,275.5</i>	<i>32,837.0</i>	<i>35,674.7</i>	<i>38,260.9</i>	<i>35,094.7</i>	
Australia	73.5	95.6	130.1	124.2	177.8	133.1	141.5	165.3	107.6	
Brazil	127.3	135.8	159.3	221.5	233.0	209.6	190.0	240.9	208.6	
Canada	504.3	621.9	423.8	452.4	270.8	285.3	395.8	345.4	337.5	
China, Hong Kong & Macau	1,559.6	1,624.6	2,000.4	2,603.0	3,277.0	4,244.7	4,773.0	5,169.1	4,224.4	
India	135.3	153.4	156.2	134.8	153.0	232.9	230.8	279.9	241.3	
Israel	308.4	240.6	85.8	83.7	108.4	121.2	92.0	82.8	71.5	
Japan	2,635.2	1,990.9	1,840.3	2,296.4	2,174.8	2,105.1	1,731.0	1,630.6	1,136.8	
Malaysia	657.9	582.4	675.4	468.8	466.2	561.1	414.7	490.1	345.1	
Mexico	142.2	242.8	249.6	209.3	149.7	135.5	149.5	187.1	208.5	
Nigeria	2.2	0.8	0.7	0.5	1.4	1.0	0.6	0.6	0.3	
Norway	1,091.0	942.2	721.8	760.9	963.3	1,507.0	1,857.0	1,552.2	1,233.8	
Philippines	449.6	324.9	353.3	181.8	109.8	139.1	147.5	132.4	72.7	
Russia	12.1	23.9	35.6	43.7	60.0	75.3	113.8	77.5	133.5	
Saudi Arabia	1.8	3.2	26.2	6.6	2.4	3.7	4.5	50.4	6.6	
Singapore	2,027.0	1,357.0	1,005.6	1,039.1	885.0	845.0	1,217.5	836.2	727.0	
South Africa	103.4	101.7	113.1	154.9	157.6	160.2	180.2	166.0	121.7	
South Korea	1,291.0	796.5	889.5	733.4	996.3	919.9	904.5	848.8	503.9	
Switzerland	381.0	530.1	616.6	487.5	537.3	550.1	565.6	521.4	519.6	
Taiwan	1,011.9	1,075.6	999.1	787.9	949.6	919.2	973.1	772.9	536.6	
Thailand	239.9	336.1	283.1	334.9	352.7	387.8	498.0	428.2	365.8	
Turkey	125.0	145.1	226.5	262.2	322.1	409.4	515.1	534.0	401.2	
United Arab Emirates	28.1	52.5	25.1	27.6	28.8	29.0	37.0	58.2	18.0	
USA	9,148.5	8,699.5	8,517.7	7,416.4	6,984.5	7,999.9	6,808.1	7,050.6	6,675.7	
Other Countries ³	869.7	979.4	997.4	750.2	784.2	887.5	1,017.4	1,211.0	1,089.1	
Country unknown ⁴	87.0	125.1	155.2	119.2	104.7	39.7	90.3	125.7	293.0	
Unclassified estimates ⁵	1,484.5	1,311.3	1,145.6	835.4	901.9	1,030.0	1,079.1	1,129.3	1,080.2	
Total	55,908.8	57,384.2	55,628.1	47,864.6	51,105.4	57,464.9	60,857.4	63,485.7	56,964.3	

¹ Joined EU on 1st May 2004

² Includes Cyprus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Slovakia and Slovenia all of which joined EU on 1st May 2004 and Bulgaria who joined on 1st January 2007

³ Other non-EU countries not listed individually

⁴ Trade for which the country of origin is unknown

⁵ Estimates not allocated by country

⁶ Joined EU on 1st January 2007

Source: CSO

Table 14.3 Exports by country of destination

	€m								
Country of destination	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Great Britain	17,083.9	20,765.5	20,853.1	13,434.7	13,714.5	13,775.0	13,894.3	15,002.3	14,302.4
Northern Ireland	1,785.9	1,864.3	1,610.7	1,408.3	1,484.2	1,576.8	1,671.5	1,740.5	1,554.5
Austria	464.2	407.2	334.9	332.0	372.1	415.6	423.4	511.8	393.3
Belgium	4,113.2	4,431.0	13,547.1	10,334.5	12,321.8	13,540.2	12,216.9	12,794.3	12,190.1
Luxembourg	39.0	91.0	76.5	105.8	102.6	186.4	175.2	163.1	145.3
Denmark	621.8	595.6	545.3	504.4	518.4	595.5	595.4	576.0	527.0
Finland	405.3	406.0	303.0	293.9	309.0	339.7	455.2	419.2	333.3
France	6,342.6	5,531.5	4,685.4	5,010.5	5,041.1	5,712.9	5,079.0	5,191.3	4,968.7
Germany	9,414.7	11,670.6	6,729.1	6,845.4	6,552.7	6,625.3	6,970.0	6,723.7	6,103.1
Greece	294.4	326.0	329.9	312.7	331.1	336.6	370.8	417.7	362.0
Italy	3,316.8	3,309.1	3,597.1	3,748.6	3,812.5	3,713.1	3,613.2	3,175.9	3,012.0
Netherlands	4,687.0	4,236.9	3,493.5	4,184.4	3,864.6	3,609.8	3,402.0	3,538.5	3,026.7
Portugal	256.6	302.3	362.1	309.2	341.9	380.1	421.5	415.1	421.7
Spain	2,123.8	2,283.3	2,239.7	2,359.6	2,447.5	2,979.8	3,260.6	3,280.8	3,586.8
Sweden	1,336.1	1,354.0	1,202.1	1,163.3	988.2	1,070.3	1,084.6	997.9	855.4
Czech Republic ¹	346.5	258.3	198.7	177.1	201.9	269.5	357.8	397.2	331.1
Hungary ¹	224.4	169.2	144.4	138.5	155.5	127.6	246.5	211.6	195.5
Poland ¹	361.0	319.1	282.9	259.6	272.5	292.1	417.0	586.6	746.4
Romania ⁶	74.6	51.5	56.0	51.8	73.0	128.5	158.3	181.8	257.1
Other new accession states ²	245.6	215.0	203.9	181.9	165.7	168.7	198.3	281.6	345.4
EU country not specified	1.1	1.7	1.2	1.2	38.5	76.4	72.8	55.8	52.6
EU countries	53,538.6	58,589.0	60,796.6	51,157.3	53,109.3	55,920.0	55,084.3	56,662.8	53,710.4
<i>of which EU-15</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>54,933.6</i>	<i>53,706.4</i>	<i>55,003.9</i>	<i>51,834.9</i>
Australia	580.7	834.8	636.1	647.6	736.1	732.4	804.3	835.6	746.1
Brazil	206	225.8	125.2	141.7	151.2	146.9	147.2	161.6	183.2
Canada	394.5	592.5	510.9	469.3	326.4	339.5	375.1	418.4	394.0
China, Hong Kong & Macau	783.9	1,008.7	1,072.8	1,273.3	1,472.1	1,436.2	1,502.7	1,989.4	2,322.4
India	109.7	107.0	131.4	95.1	109.5	130.6	153.8	168.3	161.0
Israel	408.8	344.6	242.3	204.2	305.9	284.8	225.9	218.9	198.9
Japan	3,122.9	3,261.1	2,630.8	2,109.4	2,332.6	2,232.9	1,980.0	1,738.1	1,700.6
Malaysia	753.6	1,140.3	765.9	578.1	447.5	555.2	952.7	693.9	1,062.1
Mexico	254.9	552.4	456.6	518.5	462.4	465.5	534.6	580.8	541.4
Nigeria	97.3	127.0	138.2	126.4	121.7	110.0	149.5	188.8	202.8
Norway	614.9	587.2	517.2	530.1	490.3	623.3	620.5	587.4	494.5
Philippines	691.8	769.5	342.7	208.0	194.1	328.5	424.2	708.9	360.7
Russia	177.6	240.6	255.7	251.4	213.1	236.9	283.8	326.8	333.2
Saudi Arabia	357.2	388.2	365.1	273.6	249.7	291.2	332.7	368.4	406.3
Singapore	506.4	641.3	739.3	734.2	866.4	724.4	618.3	504.4	552.7
South Africa	391.6	385.0	274.6	269.1	256.0	267.6	317.9	368.9	286.2
South Korea	1,045.8	695.9	640.4	509.6	587.8	540.6	499.6	480.0	484.1
Switzerland	2,033.2	2,705.7	3,103.8	2,603.3	2,761.4	3,205.7	2,515.5	3,251.5	2,554.9
Taiwan	199.8	377.2	346.0	285.6	355.5	329.3	291.1	240.1	224.5
Thailand	141.1	144.3	112.0	145.1	161.8	134.4	116.2	142.4	141.4
Turkey	387.0	310.4	327.8	303.8	300.5	322.1	369.0	414.9	401.9
United Arab Emirates	218.2	197.9	177.9	115.1	146.1	154.1	216.9	290.6	332.6
USA	14,227.8	15,694.4	16,509.4	16,939.2	16,555.6	15,474.8	16,182.0	15,825.0	16,657.1
Other Countries ³	1,535.6	1,549.6	1,193.0	1,076.5	1,266.5	1,483.2	1,796.7	1,775.7	1,534.7
Country unknown ⁴	320.4	446.1	488.8	499.1	412.7	249.0	269.7	275.1	195.6
Unclassified estimates ⁵	789.7	773.6	775.0	11.3	17.4	13.1	7.7	9.4	34.7
Total	83,888.9	92,689.9	93,675.2	82,076.1	84,409.5	86,732.3	86,772.0	89,226.1	86,218.1

¹ Joined EU on 1st May 2004² Includes Cyprus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Slovakia and Slovenia all of which joined the EU on 1st May 2004 and Bulgaria who joined on 1st Jan 2007³ Other non-EU countries not listed individually⁴ Trade for which the country of final destination is unknown⁵ Estimates not allocated by country⁶ Joined EU on 1st January 2007

Source: CSO

External Trade

Table 14.4 Imports by SITC section and division

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SITC (Rev 4)	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
0 Food and live animals	2,826	3,116	3,157	3,160	3,273	3,681	4,086	4,593	4,582
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	228	199	171	211	225	246	294	284	236
01 Meat and meat preparations	300	392	384	417	481	555	613	633	671
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	274	268	276	334	340	374	410	459	465
03 Fish, crustaceans and molluscs and preparations thereof	96	136	119	96	106	132	151	183	153
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	476	494	500	496	519	556	640	770	790
05 Vegetables and fruit	505	573	626	622	604	695	787	897	901
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	146	177	185	165	175	201	217	250	241
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	244	258	272	252	254	298	295	324	326
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)	351	381	389	335	333	349	381	426	422
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	206	239	235	233	237	275	298	367	377
1 Beverages and tobacco	522	679	729	706	696	776	805	903	785
11 Beverages	447	596	644	599	638	703	727	821	711
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	75	83	85	107	58	73	78	82	74
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	820	799	800	790	844	935	1,069	1,103	843
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	9	5	5	6	3	3	3	2	1
22 Oilseeds and oleaginous fruits	12	18	17	14	22	17	20	35	24
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	23	20	27	19	18	17	23	19	17
24 Cork and wood	294	276	267	328	362	395	412	416	234
25 Pulp and waste paper	28	28	23	20	21	17	17	28	25
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	68	62	55	33	20	20	18	20	17
27 Crude fertilisers and minerals, excluding coal, petroleum etc	137	136	172	164	173	216	320	283	237
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	151	151	126	101	113	128	127	154	150
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials nes	98	103	109	104	112	122	128	146	138
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2,300	2,219	1,932	1,969	2,814	4,020	4,719	5,728	6,491
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	100	150	135	122	205	173	170	159	217
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	1,926	1,730	1,533	1,593	2,255	3,315	3,842	4,479	4,813
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	267	336	244	225	307	493	652	1,039	1,378
35 Electric current	7	3	20	29	47	40	56	51	83
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	122	123	116	121	117	130	163	160	206
41 Animal oils and fats	10	13	7	4	5	6	7	7	9
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	64	68	66	74	74	81	105	129	168
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed; waxes	48	41	43	43	38	43	51	24	29
5 Chemicals and related products nes	6,105	6,341	6,922	6,897	7,140	7,419	7,964	8,127	8,238
51 Organic chemicals	1,669	1,558	2,014	1,841	2,209	2,117	2,084	1,948	1,700
52 Inorganic chemicals	270	240	172	155	177	216	211	196	202
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	211	179	168	170	174	189	204	211	182
54 Medical and pharmaceutical products	1,525	1,903	2,075	2,168	1,970	1,995	2,235	2,397	2,866
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet and cleansing preparations	717	830	865	881	901	992	1,152	1,176	1,104
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	226	219	186	244	262	292	295	299	474
57 Plastics in primary forms	547	538	530	532	567	594	661	715	685
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	394	414	421	424	427	469	485	512	439
59 Chemical materials and products nes	546	460	490	484	453	554	637	673	586

Table 14.4 Imports by SITC section and division (continued)

€m									
SITC (Rev 4)	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4,351	4,391	4,338	4,245	4,620	4,947	5,569	6,082	5,433
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	12	12	12	10	12	14	18	21	16
62 Rubber manufactures nes	231	222	215	231	233	262	293	316	289
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)	232	245	254	269	314	360	384	376	282
64 Paper, paperboard and articles thereof	838	826	828	798	770	792	820	887	920
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	605	600	538	492	503	504	522	524	424
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	566	524	495	550	632	717	866	907	699
67 Iron and steel	550	573	661	568	713	717	911	1,082	1,004
68 Non-ferrous metals	373	482	429	408	448	451	532	644	551
69 Manufactures of metals nes	945	907	906	919	996	1,130	1,224	1,325	1,248
7 Machinery and transport equipment	29,739	30,224	28,317	20,732	21,964	25,002	25,571	25,379	19,820
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	737	679	570	679	619	777	739	704	616
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	1,081	1,063	1,025	1,005	1,000	1,181	1,342	1,458	1,148
73 Metalworking machinery	210	145	133	192	144	224	171	109	101
74 General industrial machinery and equipment nes and parts nes	1,324	1,186	1,120	1,207	1,116	1,412	1,374	1,379	1,249
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	11,363	11,270	8,450	7,987	7,854	9,195	10,452	9,277	6,754
76 Telecommunications and sound equipment	2,881	3,150	2,250	1,394	1,678	2,026	2,129	1,978	1,734
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances nes and parts	7,048	8,496	9,943	4,647	4,721	4,353	3,809	3,294	2,866
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	4,053	3,191	3,328	2,809	3,292	3,797	4,102	4,575	3,183
79 Other transport equipment	1,042	1,046	1,498	812	1,539	2,036	1,452	2,605	2,169
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5,893	6,300	6,116	6,303	6,332	7,086	7,360	7,610	6,770
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing and electrical fixtures and fittings	213	237	212	227	271	293	321	352	269
82 Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	326	333	363	360	434	506	616	664	515
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	90	106	96	65	66	86	92	136	111
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	1,336	1,400	1,387	1,296	1,307	1,541	1,639	1,813	1,694
85 Footwear	279	273	274	267	278	323	369	377	342
87 Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus nes	1,176	1,011	865	822	716	877	948	944	898
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches and clocks	352	307	245	267	225	260	291	283	246
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	2,121	2,634	2,675	2,998	3,035	3,202	3,084	3,041	2,695
9 Commodities and transactions nec	1,088	1,232	1,369	1,266	1,308	1,254	1,142	2,466	2,589
Unclassified estimates¹	2,143	1,961	1,832	1,677	2,000	2,215	2,410	1,335	1,207
TOTAL	55,909	57,384	55,628	47,865	51,105	57,465	60,857	63,486	56,964

¹ Estimates for which no commodity breakdown is available

Source: CSO

External Trade

Table 14.5 Exports by SITC section and division

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SITC (Rev 4)	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
0 Food and live animals	5,948	5,801	5,780	5,779	6,063	6,380	7,034	7,603	7,039
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	420	185	211	238	229	259	351	299	246
01 Meat and meat preparations	1,752	1,594	1,744	1,858	2,054	2,176	2,392	2,383	2,353
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	1,161	1,081	952	956	1,056	1,107	1,195	1,477	1,443
03 Fish, crustaceans and molluscs and preparations thereof	324	423	411	372	371	336	344	357	328
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	292	315	258	215	201	254	245	264	283
05 Vegetables and fruit	172	230	234	243	218	244	277	479	275
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	102	113	136	119	142	136	145	135	104
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	258	260	277	268	268	275	280	263	254
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)	121	135	142	153	170	175	143	142	171
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	1,346	1,466	1,414	1,358	1,354	1,418	1,663	1,805	1,583
1 Beverages and tobacco	958	985	1,003	1,107	1,037	1,103	1,359	1,408	1,229
11 Beverages	854	871	895	1,013	949	1,014	1,285	1,327	1,154
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	104	114	108	95	88	90	74	80	75
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	942	953	863	866	991	1,077	1,493	1,539	1,265
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	97	100	104	86	85	74	93	94	69
22 Oilseeds and oleaginous fruits	1	1	1	2	6	5	7	10	3
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	8	2	1	1	2	2	5	7	2
24 Cork and wood	61	66	84	81	79	72	71	93	72
25 Pulp and waste paper	14	13	19	24	36	46	51	58	59
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	115	115	125	117	112	111	106	120	115
27 Crude fertilisers and minerals, excluding coal, petroleum etc	33	56	43	52	57	67	70	51	47
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	518	502	399	420	524	609	1,015	1,012	799
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials nes	96	98	87	83	90	92	76	94	100
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	285	297	362	201	400	616	562	687	832
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	41	54	65	61	59	61	71	64	56
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	242	240	291	135	322	525	437	594	757
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	2	3	6	3	7	13	21	8	12
35 Electric current	0	0	0	3	12	17	33	20	8
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	27	24	26	31	25	18	20	28	42
41 Animal oils and fats	22	18	22	24	19	15	15	23	37
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	4	5	2	1	2	2	2	3	3
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed; waxes	1	1	3	7	5	2	2	2	2
5 Chemicals and related products nes	27,361	32,281	39,061	35,786	37,492	40,421	39,696	43,069	44,174
51 Organic chemicals	16,898	17,118	17,385	15,081	14,651	17,757	17,059	19,641	17,853
52 Inorganic chemicals	356	240	143	131	158	108	116	112	117
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	59	50	55	59	63	51	52	48	62
54 Medical and pharmaceutical products	5,312	8,975	15,672	13,612	15,155	14,531	14,247	14,749	16,704
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet and cleansing preparations	2,355	3,141	3,178	4,173	4,762	5,217	5,328	5,318	5,451
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	36	43	31	1	1	1	2	2	2
57 Plastics in primary forms	197	193	170	179	191	190	209	265	245
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	208	226	199	191	211	244	251	270	257
59 Chemical materials and products nes	1,941	2,295	2,228	2,359	2,300	2,322	2,431	2,664	3,483

Table 14.5 Exports by SITC section and division (continued)

		€m								
SITC (Rev 4)	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1,973	1,955	1,926	1,792	1,817	1,755	1,714	1,818	1,653	
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	72	75	53	44	37	27	28	38	21	
62 Rubber manufactures nes	113	111	95	87	88	73	61	61	52	
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)	136	166	189	210	224	251	263	283	216	
64 Paper, paperboard and articles thereof	189	190	170	206	185	159	159	148	150	
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	502	479	417	337	328	285	203	201	184	
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	354	339	396	371	375	361	322	316	279	
67 Iron and steel	130	94	50	55	70	70	89	101	90	
68 Non-ferrous metals	93	76	72	64	77	79	87	127	96	
69 Manufactures of metals nes	386	425	485	418	434	450	502	544	565	
7 Machinery and transport equipment	34,012	37,607	33,171	23,521	22,935	22,710	23,186	21,806	18,316	
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	382	406	494	376	472	524	592	524	588	
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	314	337	284	278	335	271	342	464	503	
73 Metalworking machinery	60	57	108	71	84	81	87	39	45	
74 General industrial machinery and equipment nes and parts nes	1,017	1,039	1,036	1,008	1,182	1,141	1,216	1,421	1,207	
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	19,617	21,035	17,330	14,837	13,383	13,980	14,063	12,577	9,322	
76 Telecommunications and sound equipment	3,737	3,658	2,638	1,393	1,496	1,460	1,384	1,414	1,308	
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances nes and parts	7,916	10,165	10,567	5,096	5,528	4,911	5,133	4,795	4,774	
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	576	673	591	360	322	239	248	326	253	
79 Other transport equipment	393	238	123	101	134	102	121	245	318	
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	8,864	8,969	8,285	9,457	9,910	9,066	8,651	8,489	8,882	
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing and electrical fixtures and fittings	84	89	100	94	95	103	112	126	128	
82 Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	110	111	123	103	96	110	146	120	103	
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	17	18	19	16	14	14	12	34	13	
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	343	343	338	320	294	263	228	188	160	
85 Footwear	32	33	24	30	31	33	28	32	29	
87 Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus nes	1,703	1,882	2,063	3,267	3,796	2,703	2,308	2,109	2,779	
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches and clocks	453	491	564	671	710	787	880	856	897	
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	6,122	6,003	5,054	4,957	4,873	5,053	4,937	5,025	4,774	
9 Commodities and transactions nec	2,576	2,799	2,579	2,697	2,874	2,671	2,168	1,905	2,017	
Unclassified estimates¹	942	1,019	621	838	865	915	889	875	770	
TOTAL	83,889	92,690	93,675	82,076	84,410	86,732	86,772	89,226	86,218	

¹ Estimates for which no commodity breakdown is available

Source: CSO

External Trade

Table 14.6 Imports by commodity and principal countries

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Country by section level of SITC	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Great Britain & Northern Ireland									
0 Food and live animals	1,565	1,672	1,656	1,723	1,823	1,981	2,157	2,375	2,429
1 Beverages and tobacco	247	297	351	326	289	310	314	346	339
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	205	179	184	188	218	265	323	328	282
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1,290	1,250	1,253	1,270	1,802	2,531	2,668	3,413	3,809
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	74	71	59	56	50	53	61	59	72
5 Chemicals and related products nes	2,053	2,178	2,178	2,046	2,036	2,083	2,369	2,513	2,443
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,318	2,376	2,313	2,151	2,361	2,480	2,654	2,833	2,603
7 Machinery and transport equipment	6,842	9,513	9,215	3,958	4,162	4,993	5,028	4,948	3,635
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,177	2,252	2,251	2,267	2,435	2,663	2,866	3,003	2,618
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	841	695	660	720	860	912	986	1,052	903
Other EU									
0 Food and live animals	678	858	929	945	950	1,147	1,286	1,492	1,567
1 Beverages and tobacco	179	267	253	256	267	311	344	401	363
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	253	259	257	279	288	292	344	354	274
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	154	152	117	110	209	175	365	661	1,406
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	43	43	37	38	41	46	66	73	95
5 Chemicals and related products nes	2,043	1,998	2,224	2,409	2,539	2,881	3,063	3,239	3,322
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1,250	1,280	1,281	1,326	1,441	1,555	1,820	2,055	1,750
7 Machinery and transport equipment	7,548	7,763	6,683	5,496	6,356	6,768	7,694	7,760	6,163
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,094	1,217	1,120	1,102	1,131	1,280	1,348	1,410	1,243
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	559	575	774	663	694	807	975	1,085	990
USA									
0 Food and live animals	244	224	184	160	159	147	182	183	131
1 Beverages and tobacco	23	24	25	24	23	27	20	21	10
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	96	82	96	63	48	69	72	57	65
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	27	39	33	20	14	16	17	69	50
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	4	8	11	9	8	12	13	6	9
5 Chemicals and related products nes	1,211	1,271	1,401	1,229	1,346	1,211	1,052	1,176	1,014
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	278	256	258	263	197	238	255	252	307
7 Machinery and transport equipment	5,740	5,088	4,845	3,745	3,494	4,597	3,665	3,898	3,575
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,250	1,534	1,496	1,798	1,553	1,556	1,380	1,218	995
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	277	173	169	106	142	126	153	169	519
China									
0 Food and live animals	7	6	7	7	8	9	9	14	12
1 Beverages and tobacco	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	0
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	22	23	26	25	37	43	57	71	38
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Chemicals and related products nes	28	38	37	49	42	56	70	92	119
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	62	73	86	87	126	203	283	394	339
7 Machinery and transport equipment	1,012	1,012	1,361	1,981	2,537	3,150	3,488	3,580	2,650
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	412	462	476	445	502	747	823	968	999
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	17	10	7	9	24	35	42	49	62

Table 14.6 Imports by commodity and principal countries (continued)

€m

Country by section level of SITC	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Japan									
0 Food and live animals	3	5	4	3	1	2	1	1	1
1 Beverages and tobacco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	4	5	5	4	5	5	4	2	1
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Chemicals and related products nes	252	319	271	297	342	290	269	259	248
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	38	34	38	36	37	32	27	28	21
7 Machinery and transport equipment	2,114	1,393	1,264	1,432	1,195	1,216	1,159	1,126	723
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	182	91	81	104	103	111	114	120	96
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	42	143	177	420	492	450	157	95	46
Switzerland									
0 Food and live animals	2	2	3	3	5	6	15	9	7
1 Beverages and tobacco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	21
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	12	4	2	0	0	0	3	3	1
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Chemicals and related products nes	190	197	396	274	321	359	351	273	329
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	29	31	35	41	39	38	40	32	26
7 Machinery and transport equipment	98	158	92	100	92	81	92	100	85
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	40	41	36	34	30	29	33	35	41
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	10	98	53	36	50	37	32	65	10
Rest of World									
0 Food and live animals	327	350	372	320	327	391	435	518	436
1 Beverages and tobacco	73	91	99	99	116	125	126	131	51
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	228	248	231	232	247	261	266	288	182
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	829	777	529	569	788	1,298	1,670	1,584	1,220
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	1	1	9	17	17	18	23	22	29
5 Chemicals and related products nes	328	340	415	593	514	539	790	574	764
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	374	341	327	342	418	401	491	488	386
7 Machinery and transport equipment	6,386	5,298	4,859	4,020	4,127	4,198	4,444	3,967	2,991
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	739	703	657	554	577	701	796	856	779
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	1,486	1,499	1,359	988	1,046	1,101	1,208	1,286	1,266
Total	55,909	57,384	55,628	47,865	51,105	57,465	60,857	63,486	56,964

Source: CSO

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Table 14.7 Exports by commodity and principal countries

€m

Country by section level of SITC	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Great Britain & Northern Ireland									
0 Food and live animals	2,299	2,695	2,792	2,745	2,950	3,087	3,258	3,473	3,467
1 Beverages and tobacco	334	342	449	474	435	496	687	613	548
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	310	332	321	298	325	320	367	436	383
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	96	183	232	96	241	420	352	269	451
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	16	14	14	12	11	9	9	13	19
5 Chemicals and related products nes	3,834	3,858	4,296	3,718	3,673	3,695	3,607	4,683	4,918
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	851	849	862	786	804	759	793	906	795
7 Machinery and transport equipment	7,958	11,348	11,061	4,255	4,383	4,194	3,957	3,868	3,045
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,076	1,920	1,682	1,615	1,473	1,460	1,655	1,597	1,467
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	1,096	1,088	755	843	903	911	880	885	763
Other EU									
0 Food and live animals	2,082	1,702	1,712	1,877	1,956	2,044	2,332	2,548	2,254
1 Beverages and tobacco	310	300	301	305	290	271	268	274	211
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	481	459	387	423	462	538	835	841	669
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	62	23	31	16	93	85	52	53	219
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	11	10	9	13	12	7	9	13	22
5 Chemicals and related products nes	11,475	14,069	20,164	17,397	19,570	21,849	20,383	21,313	22,121
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	675	671	636	602	571	560	580	631	602
7 Machinery and transport equipment	14,053	13,369	10,768	10,516	10,254	10,328	10,758	9,958	7,525
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	4,057	3,787	3,103	3,804	3,206	3,295	2,969	3,082	3,217
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	1,464	1,569	1,220	1,362	1,496	1,592	1,334	1,206	1,014
USA									
0 Food and live animals	100	70	85	80	84	84	92	96	73
1 Beverages and tobacco	200	215	144	207	185	202	260	301	281
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	13	16	11	12	17	15	22	33	17
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	63	42	35	44	34	46	69	166	42
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
5 Chemicals and related products nes	8,396	9,068	9,570	10,009	9,080	9,170	10,395	10,515	10,746
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	246	243	254	227	246	261	158	107	106
7 Machinery and transport equipment	3,655	3,920	4,010	3,027	2,639	2,576	2,510	2,039	1,902
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,188	1,711	2,047	2,659	3,621	2,601	2,350	2,333	2,876
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	368	409	354	671	649	519	326	234	614
China									
0 Food and live animals	95	107	43	27	28	50	72	94	77
1 Beverages and tobacco	1	1	1	0	1	3	3	4	4
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	8	4	11	14	37	39	46	52	66
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
5 Chemicals and related products nes	136	118	110	137	159	180	331	475	525
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	10	20	10	15	13	10	19	22	20
7 Machinery and transport equipment	464	682	815	994	1,123	1,015	886	1,189	1,495
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	64	70	76	85	79	74	86	88	102
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	6	7	8	1	32	64	58	53	34

Table 14.7 Exports by commodity and principal countries (continued)

€m

Country by section level of SITC	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Japan									
0 Food and live animals	82	42	36	44	47	49	38	21	27
1 Beverages and tobacco	8	6	4	5	5	6	4	4	2
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	2	1	1	2	2	1	6	2	1
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Chemicals and related products nes	865	1,088	863	518	502	450	439	535	616
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	24	17	16	13	21	12	11	22	14
7 Machinery and transport equipment	1,538	1,421	1,021	862	884	727	579	423	436
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	513	565	559	595	790	907	835	683	556
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	91	122	130	71	80	80	68	49	49
Switzerland									
0 Food and live animals	13	11	14	14	14	12	11	11	10
1 Beverages and tobacco	3	5	5	6	5	5	6	8	6
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	8	10	16	12	11	12	2	1	1
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Chemicals and related products nes	1,231	1,700	2,308	1,939	2,249	2,762	2,128	2,920	2,322
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	16	14	12	13	11	14	11	12	8
7 Machinery and transport equipment	569	689	516	407	278	258	229	176	125
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	142	148	120	108	102	89	77	81	39
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	52	131	114	106	92	53	51	42	43
Rest of World									
0 Food and live animals	1,277	1,175	1,098	992	984	1,053	1,230	1,361	1,131
1 Beverages and tobacco	103	115	99	110	117	120	132	203	177
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	121	131	116	106	137	153	215	174	128
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	63	49	64	46	31	64	88	186	120
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
5 Chemicals and related products nes	1,424	2,376	1,750	2,068	2,259	2,314	2,413	2,628	2,926
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	152	141	135	137	150	139	143	117	107
7 Machinery and transport equipment	5,774	6,178	4,981	3,461	3,374	3,610	4,265	4,153	3,788
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	825	769	697	591	639	640	680	625	624
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	442	496	620	481	487	368	341	311	270
Total	83,889	92,690	93,675	82,076	84,410	86,732	86,772	89,226	86,218

Source: CSO

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Table 14.8 Imports according to main use

€m

Main use	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Producers capital goods ready for use	8,069.5	7,534.3	7,067.3	5,754.6	6,618.6	8,255.4	7,098.1	8,481.1	6,717.8
Consumption goods ready for use									
Food, drink, tobacco	2,481.5	2,881.7	2,958.8	2,952.6	3,059.8	3,480.3	3,822.9	4,263.4	4,190.3
Other	9,004.5	9,565.0	9,801.8	9,740.4	10,135.6	11,207.3	12,188.1	13,140.4	11,940.6
Total	11,486.0	12,446.7	12,760.7	12,692.9	13,195.4	14,687.6	16,011.0	17,403.7	16,130.9
Materials for further production									
Agriculture	886.9	941.7	946.3	990.0	1,086.3	1,143.4	1,267.2	1,382.9	1,612.2
Other	33,169.7	34,347.7	32,845.1	26,576.2	28,048.2	30,997.9	33,884.1	33,537.7	30,074.7
Total	34,056.7	35,289.3	33,791.4	27,566.2	29,134.5	32,141.3	35,151.3	34,920.6	31,686.9
Unclassified imports	2,296.6	2,113.8	2,008.7	1,851.4	2,157.0	2,380.6	2,597.1	2,680.2	2,428.8
TOTAL IMPORTS	55,908.8	57,384.2	55,628.1	47,864.6	51,105.4	57,464.9	60,857.4	63,485.6	56,964.3

Source: CSO

Table 14.9 Percentage distribution of imports by main use

%

Main use	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Producers capital goods ready for use	14.4	13.1	12.7	12.0	13.0	14.4	11.7	13.4	11.8
Consumption goods ready for use									
Food, drink, tobacco	4.4	5.0	5.3	6.2	6.0	6.1	6.3	6.7	7.3
Other	16.1	16.7	17.6	20.3	19.8	19.5	20.0	20.7	21.0
Total	20.5	21.7	22.9	26.5	25.8	25.6	26.3	27.4	28.3
Materials for further production									
Agriculture	1.6	1.6	1.7	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.8
Other	59.3	59.9	59.0	55.5	54.9	53.9	55.7	52.8	52.8
Total	60.9	61.5	60.7	57.6	57.0	55.9	57.8	55.0	55.6
Unclassified imports	4.1	3.7	3.6	3.9	4.2	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.3
TOTAL IMPORTS	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: CSO

Distribution of imports by main use, 2008

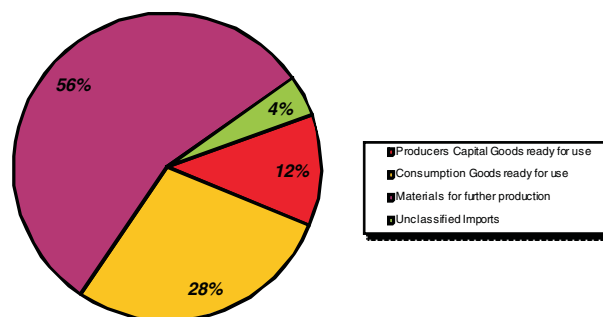


Table 14.10 Exports by industrial origin

	€m									
Industrial origin	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	
Agricultural produce	4,046.6	3,655.7	3,672.8	3,797.9	4,144.4	4,413.3	4,807.0	5,060.1	4,960.6	
Forestry and fishing produce	385.0	488.9	494.2	453.5	449.6	407.8	414.5	449.7	399.0	
Industrial produce	77,648.5	86,627.8	87,995.8	76,874.5	78,836.0	80,876.2	80,523.8	82,456.2	79,891.7	
Unclassified exports	1,808.8	1,917.5	1,512.4	950.2	979.6	1,034.9	1,026.7	1,260.1	966.8	
Total exports	83,888.9	92,689.9	93,675.2	82,076.1	84,409.5	86,732.3	86,772.0	89,226.1	86,218.1	

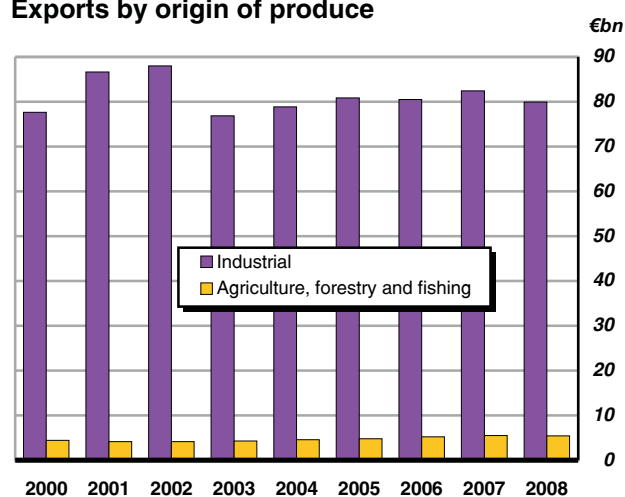
Source: CSO

Table 14.11 Percentage distribution of exports by industrial origin

	%									
Industrial origin	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	
Agricultural produce	4.8	3.9	3.9	4.6	4.9	5.1	5.5	5.7	5.8	
Forestry and fishing produce	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	
Industrial produce	92.6	93.5	93.9	93.7	93.4	93.2	92.8	92.4	92.7	
Unclassified exports	2.2	2.1	1.6	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.1	
Total exports	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	

Source: CSO

Exports by origin of produce



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Table 14.12 Imports by area

€m									
Area	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
European Union									
Great Britain	16,408.2	19,249.9	19,083.9	13,662.1	14,885.4	16,995.3	18,099.3	19,508.5	17,882.1
Northern Ireland	1,205.0	1,231.3	1,036.3	1,042.3	1,149.3	1,275.6	1,325.3	1,360.8	1,250.4
Other member states	13,800.1	14,411.2	13,675.7	12,623.9	13,918.4	15,261.7	17,305.2	18,529.9	17,171.9
Other European countries									
Members of EFTA	1,477.5	1,477.5	1,343.7	1,254.3	1,506.5	2,067.4	2,444.4	2,089.2	1,760.1
Other Europe	185.2	205.1	310.7	337.1	414.7	517.9	679.3	648.0	582.0
Other countries									
NAFTA	9,794.9	9,564.2	9,191.2	8,078.1	7,404.9	8,420.6	7,353.4	7,583.0	7,221.6
Other APEC	10,140.8	8,397.1	8,407.1	8,753.9	9,590.1	10,506.0	11,119.4	10,806.6	8,290.9
Rest of world	1,316.8	1,411.5	1,267.1	1,144.1	1,162.8	1,293.7	1,309.3	1,683.7	1,367.6
Unclassified	1,580.2	1,436.4	1,312.4	968.9	1,073.3	1,126.6	1,221.8	1,276.1	1,437.6
Total	55,908.8	57,384.2	55,628.1	47,864.6	51,105.4	57,464.9	60,857.4	63,485.7	56,964.3
<i>of which members of OECD</i>	<i>46,692.2</i>	<i>48,787.4</i>	<i>47,282.0</i>	<i>39,905.6</i>	<i>42,371.7</i>	<i>47,418.2</i>	<i>49,612.30</i>	<i>52,060.5</i>	<i>47,256.4</i>

Source: CSO

Table 14.13 Exports by area

€m									
Area	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
European Union									
Great Britain	17,083.9	20,765.5	20,853.1	13,434.7	13,714.5	13,775.0	13,894.3	15,002.3	14,302.4
Northern Ireland	1,785.9	1,864.3	1,610.7	1,408.3	1,484.2	1,576.8	1,671.4	1,740.5	1,554.5
Other member states	34,668.8	35,959.3	38,332.8	36,314.3	37,910.7	40,568.2	39,518.9	39,919.8	37,853.5
Other European countries									
Members of EFTA	2,689.5	3,320.8	3,656.5	3,176.8	3,297.8	3,874.7	3,192.3	3,875.1	3,075.2
Other Europe	653.6	640.2	663.6	633.1	612.9	655.4	766.8	939.0	903.3
Other countries									
NAFTA	14,877.2	16,839.3	17,476.9	17,927.1	17,344.4	16,279.8	17,091.8	16,824.1	17,592.4
Other APEC	8,030.9	9,070.3	7,450.6	6,649.4	7,369.7	7,273.3	7,446.3	7,599.6	7,818.9
Rest of world	2,991.5	3,010.7	2,367.3	2,022.0	2,245.3	2,466.5	2,912.7	3,041.1	2,887.6
Unclassified	1,107.5	1,219.5	1,263.7	510.4	430.2	262.7	277.5	284.5	230.3
Total	83,888.9	92,689.9	93,675.2	82,076.1	84,409.5	86,732.3	86,772.0	89,226.1	86,218.1
<i>of which members of OECD</i>	<i>75,998.7</i>	<i>83,664.8</i>	<i>86,017.4</i>	<i>75,691.8</i>	<i>77,573.8</i>	<i>79,741.3</i>	<i>78,785.3</i>	<i>80,522.7</i>	<i>77,245.1</i>

Source: CSO

