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## External Trade

- Exports for 2011 were €92,936m, up 4% from 2010, while imports were €48,238m, up 5%. This resulted in a trade surplus of €44,697m (+3%), the highest annual surplus on record.
- The EU accounted for €53,771m (or 58%) of total exports in 2011. The USA was the main destination for exports outside the EU accounting for 23% of exports in 2011. Between 2007 and 2011 exports to the USA grew by 36%.
- Chemicals and related products accounted for 60% (€55,978m) of Ireland's exports in 2011. Medical and pharmaceutical products (€26,404m) and Organic chemicals (€19,833m) being the main goods exported. Between 2010 and 2011 exports of Dairy products increased by 24% to €1,776m.
- Imports of Medical and pharmaceutical products increased by 26% to €4,365m in 2011, Petroleum increased by 21% to €5,168m and Organic chemicals by 20% to €2,515m. In 2011 imports were mainly from Great Britain (32%).

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## Introduction

This chapter contains information on Ireland's Goods Exports and Imports statistics which 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.

## Long term growth

Between 1972 and 2011, exports at current prices grew from €822m to €92,936m while imports for the same period increased from €1,064m to €48,238m (Table 14.1). The resulting merchandise trade balance at current prices changed from a deficit of €242m in 1972 to a surplus of €44,697m in 2011.

The volume of exports is estimated to have increased by a factor of 23 between 1972 and 2011 while import volumes for the same period increased by a factor of six.

## Trade by area

Exports to the EU increased from €51,157m in 2003 to €53,771m in 2011 accounting for 58% of Ireland's goods export market. Exports to the USA increased from €16,939m in 2003 to €21,449m in 2011, accounting for 23% of total exports in 2011.

The EU was also the significant market for the imports of goods into Ireland, increasing from €27,328m (or 57%) in 2003 to €30,368m (or 63%) in 2011, over half of which came from Great Britain (Table 14.3). Around 12% (€5,890m) of Ireland's imports came from the USA, while imports from China were €2,706m (6%) in 2011.

## Trade by product

Between 2003 and 2011, the share of *Chemicals and related products* in Ireland's export market increased from €35,786m (or 44%) in 2003 to €55,978m (or 60%) in 2011 (Table 14.4).

Imports of *Machinery and transport equipment* were €12,453m (or 26%) in 2011 decreasing from €20,732m (or 43%) in 2003 (Table 14.5). Imports of *Chemicals and related products* increased from €6,897m (or 14%) in 2003 to €10,480m (or 22%) in 2011.

## Imports by main use

The share of imports classified as materials for further production fell from 58% in 2003 to 52% in 2011 while Consumption goods ready for use increased from 27% to 33% in the same period (Tables 14.10 and 14.11).

## Technical Notes

### Scope of trade in goods data

Ireland's trade in goods is compiled according to the 'general' system of recording international trade whereby exports and imports 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 exports and imports only when a transfer of ownership occurs, ie when payment is received.

### Valuation

For goods 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.

For goods 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.

### 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 14.10 and 14.11 classify imports into main use categories - Producers' capital goods ready for use; Consumption goods ready for use; and Materials for further production. These categories provide a reclassification of imports in terms of national accounts aggregates.

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

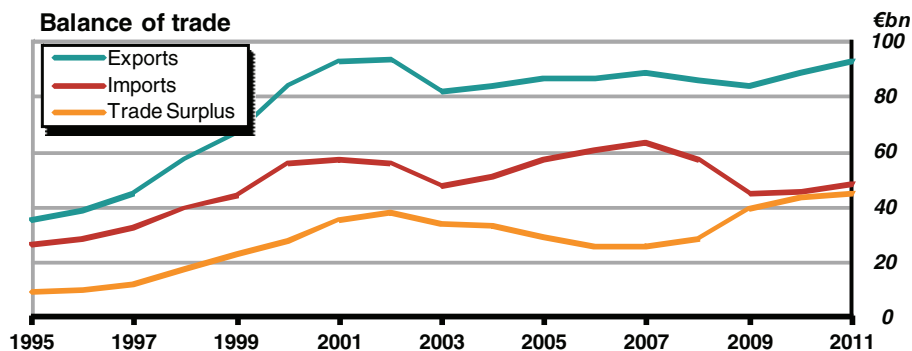
- EFTA (European Free Trade Area): Iceland, Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Norway.
- Other Europe: Ceuta, Melilla, Faroe Islands, Gibraltar, San Marino, Belarus, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Croatia, Serbia, Montenegro, Turkey, Andorra, Vatican City, Albania, Moldova, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ukraine, Kosovo and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.
- NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement): USA, Canada and Mexico.
- Other APEC (Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation excluding NAFTA countries): Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei, Singapore, Philippines, China (includes Hong Kong and Macau), South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Australia, New Zealand, Chile, Papua New Guinea, Vietnam, Peru.
- 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, South Korea; unclassified estimates are excluded.

Table 14.1 Goods Exports and Imports summary analysis

Year	Value			Volume index	
	Exports	Imports	Trade surplus <sup>1</sup>	Exports	Imports
	€m	€m	€m	Base year 1990=100	
1972	822	1,064	-242	21.8	37.5
1973	1,104	1,444	-340	23.9	45.1
1974	1,440	2,065	-625	25.2	44.2
1975	1,838	2,164	-326	27.2	38.3
1976	2,361	2,969	-608	28.2	44.2
1977	3,197	3,925	-727	33.2	49.9
1978	3,762	4,715	-952	36.7	57.1
1979	4,416	6,130	-1,714	39.6	65.5
1980	5,184	6,883	-1,699	42.7	62.3
1981	6,066	8,353	-2,287	43.0	63.7
1982	7,227	8,655	-1,428	46.1	61.5
1983	8,817	9,354	-537	51.7	63.5
1984	11,297	11,316	-19	61.2	70.0
1985	12,371	11,971	400	65.2	72.3
1986	11,903	10,947	956	67.6	74.4
1987	13,616	11,625	1,991	77.4	79.1
1988	15,624	12,970	2,654	82.9	82.8
1989	18,534	15,598	2,937	92.2	93.6
1990	18,204	15,832	2,372	100.0	100.0
1991	19,070	16,317	2,753	105.6	100.8
1992	21,260	16,754	4,506	121.1	105.6
1993	25,179	18,900	6,279	133.4	113.0
1994	28,891	21,945	6,946	153.2	127.9
1995	35,330	26,181	9,149	184.0	146.3
1996	38,609	28,479	10,130	202.2	160.9
1997	44,868	32,863	12,004	232.4	184.8
1998	57,322	39,715	17,607	289.2	218.3
1999	66,956	44,327	22,629	336.5	236.5
2000	83,889	55,909	27,980	401.4	275.2
2001	92,690	57,384	35,306	422.0	274.2
2002	93,675	55,628	38,047	435.1	276.6
2003	82,076	47,865	34,212	418.4	259.7
2004	84,410	51,105	33,304	446.5	283.6
2005	86,732	57,465	29,267	456.7	316.3
2006	86,772	60,857	25,915	458.0	325.2
2007	89,226	63,486	25,741	481.8	340.9
2008	86,394	57,585	28,810	484.5	300.5
2009	84,239	45,061	39,178	468.4	249.2
2010	89,193	45,764	43,429	485.5	241.3
2011	92,936	48,238	44,697	507.9	240.8

<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



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**Table 14.2 Goods Exports by country of destination**

	€m								
Country of destination	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Great Britain	13,435	13,715	13,775	13,894	15,002	14,300	12,199	12,436	13,058
Northern Ireland	1,408	1,484	1,577	1,672	1,741	1,565	1,286	1,316	1,409
Austria	332	372	416	423	512	393	323	312	309
Belgium	10,335	12,322	13,540	12,217	12,794	12,253	14,130	13,531	13,521
Luxembourg	106	103	186	175	163	145	140	76	61
Denmark	504	518	596	595	576	528	398	413	464
Finland	294	309	340	455	419	335	273	291	314
France	5,011	5,041	5,713	5,079	5,191	5,019	4,527	4,482	5,020
Germany	6,845	6,553	6,625	6,970	6,724	6,089	5,974	6,354	6,538
Greece	313	331	337	371	418	362	374	307	310
Italy	3,749	3,813	3,713	3,613	3,176	3,007	2,784	2,709	3,087
Netherlands	4,184	3,865	3,610	3,402	3,539	3,028	2,848	3,091	3,186
Portugal	309	342	380	422	415	422	407	425	462
Spain	2,360	2,448	2,980	3,261	3,281	3,590	3,276	3,359	3,152
Sweden	1,163	988	1,070	1,085	998	873	684	672	919
Czech Republic <sup>1</sup>	177	202	269	358	397	333	286	436	442
Hungary <sup>1</sup>	139	156	128	247	212	197	175	162	227
Poland <sup>1</sup>	260	273	292	417	587	747	633	592	639
Romania <sup>6</sup>	52	73	129	158	182	257	284	252	337
Other new accession states <sup>2</sup>	182	166	169	198	282	345	261	309	307
EU country not specified	1	39	76	73	56	53	54	58	10
<b>EU countries</b>	<b>51,157</b>	<b>53,109</b>	<b>55,920</b>	<b>55,085</b>	<b>56,663</b>	<b>53,841</b>	<b>51,318</b>	<b>51,583</b>	<b>53,771</b>
<i>of which EU-15</i>	<i>50,348</i>	<i>52,241</i>	<i>54,934</i>	<i>53,706</i>	<i>55,004</i>	<i>51,962</i>	<i>49,679</i>	<i>49,832</i>	<i>51,819</i>
Australia	648	736	732	804	836	746	730	775	726
Brazil	142	151	147	147	162	183	211	260	311
Canada	469	326	339	375	418	394	441	571	628
China, Hong Kong and Macau	1,275	1,472	1,436	1,503	1,989	2,325	2,330	2,494	2,488
India	95	109	131	154	168	161	158	162	217
Israel	204	306	285	226	219	199	195	251	493
Japan	2,109	2,333	2,233	1,980	1,738	1,708	1,702	1,754	1,776
Malaysia	578	448	555	953	694	1,063	819	693	481
Mexico	519	462	466	535	581	541	445	466	527
Nigeria	126	122	110	150	189	205	194	206	291
Norway	530	490	623	620	587	498	468	419	404
Philippines	208	194	329	424	709	363	118	214	195
Russia	251	213	237	284	327	344	243	373	510
Saudi Arabia	274	250	291	333	368	378	419	499	528
Singapore	734	866	724	618	504	556	479	550	590
South Africa	269	256	268	318	369	312	214	283	323
South Korea	510	588	541	500	480	485	330	357	360
Switzerland	2,603	2,761	3,206	2,516	3,251	2,561	2,433	3,557	3,690
Taiwan	286	355	329	291	240	225	250	190	201
Thailand	145	162	134	116	142	141	161	144	140
Turkey	304	300	322	369	415	402	381	430	468
United Arab Emirates	115	146	154	217	291	333	276	270	308
USA	16,939	16,556	15,475	16,182	15,825	16,674	18,272	20,761	21,449
Other countries <sup>3</sup>	1,077	1,267	1,483	1,797	1,776	1,546	1,529	1,797	1,999
Country unknown <sup>4</sup>	499	413	249	270	275	196	111	123	38
Unclassified estimates <sup>5</sup>	11	17	13	8	9	14	10	10	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>82,076</b>	<b>84,410</b>	<b>86,732</b>	<b>86,772</b>	<b>89,226</b>	<b>86,394</b>	<b>84,239</b>	<b>89,193</b>	<b>92,936</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 and Bulgaria who joined on 1st Jan 2007

<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

<sup>6</sup> Joined EU on 1st January 2007

Source: CSO

Table 14.3 Goods Imports by country of origin

	€m								
Country of origin	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Great Britain	13,662	14,885	16,995	18,099	19,509	17,941	12,787	13,823	15,619
Northern Ireland	1,042	1,149	1,276	1,325	1,361	1,261	941	990	1,047
Austria	163	137	234	229	233	187	186	165	186
Belgium	751	945	1,061	1,212	1,260	1,321	917	1,084	1,170
Luxembourg	21	24	30	43	37	46	27	28	68
Denmark	815	763	784	654	667	1,042	795	779	608
Finland	264	255	278	277	245	332	196	190	123
France	1,914	2,344	1,980	2,219	2,659	2,388	2,193	1,842	1,984
Germany	3,498	3,850	4,512	5,012	5,592	4,641	3,045	3,493	3,721
Greece	49	40	39	51	49	33	31	29	34
Italy	1,072	1,125	1,254	1,563	1,448	1,344	911	780	774
Netherlands	1,679	1,944	2,287	2,445	2,700	2,892	2,310	2,226	2,461
Portugal	179	207	201	234	154	139	100	99	124
Spain	667	680	845	990	1,048	937	569	666	666
Sweden	435	521	529	666	626	483	387	341	482
Czech Republic <sup>1</sup>	145	117	180	285	281	187	120	194	251
Hungary <sup>1</sup>	164	217	177	333	330	319	254	202	110
Poland <sup>1</sup>	158	134	126	182	268	439	398	320	287
Romania <sup>6</sup>	50	55	48	60	64	56	46	106	124
Other new accession states <sup>2</sup>	163	155	164	195	195	191	136	160	187
EU country not specified	437	405	531	654	673	378	375	345	343
<b>EU countries</b>	<b>27,328</b>	<b>29,953</b>	<b>33,533</b>	<b>36,730</b>	<b>39,399</b>	<b>36,556</b>	<b>26,725</b>	<b>27,862</b>	<b>30,368</b>
<i>of which EU-15</i>	<i>26,649</i>	<i>29,276</i>	<i>32,837</i>	<i>35,675</i>	<i>38,261</i>	<i>35,364</i>	<i>25,771</i>	<i>26,880</i>	<i>29,410</i>
Australia	124	178	133	142	165	120	88	119	106
Brazil	222	233	210	190	241	214	158	166	210
Canada	452	271	285	396	345	341	386	242	257
China, Hong Kong and Macau	2,603	3,277	4,245	4,773	5,169	4,275	2,879	2,756	2,706
India	135	153	233	231	280	265	281	301	372
Israel	84	108	121	92	83	72	83	71	68
Japan	2,296	2,175	2,105	1,731	1,631	1,144	654	798	795
Malaysia	469	466	561	415	490	351	285	205	230
Mexico	209	150	135	150	187	212	176	231	247
Nigeria	1	1	1	1	1	0	9	0	180
Norway	761	963	1,507	1,857	1,552	1,306	869	1,291	1,165
Philippines	182	110	139	148	132	75	43	30	31
Russia	44	60	75	114	78	134	81	160	120
Saudi Arabia	7	2	4	5	50	7	5	11	6
Singapore	1,039	885	845	1,218	836	746	537	508	393
South Africa	155	158	160	180	166	148	103	87	134
South Korea	733	996	920	905	849	508	262	244	380
Switzerland	488	537	550	566	521	525	449	847	760
Taiwan	788	950	919	973	773	536	280	163	183
Thailand	335	353	388	498	428	375	265	239	251
Turkey	262	322	409	515	534	412	251	256	293
United Arab Emirates	28	29	29	37	58	18	15	110	18
USA	7,416	6,985	8,000	6,808	7,051	6,763	7,842	6,427	5,890
Other countries <sup>3</sup>	750	784	887	1,017	1,211	1,141	1,309	1,399	1,212
Country unknown <sup>4</sup>	119	105	40	90	126	294	226	431	990
Unclassified estimates <sup>5</sup>	835	902	1,030	1,079	1,129	1,046	800	809	873
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,865</b>	<b>51,105</b>	<b>57,465</b>	<b>60,857</b>	<b>63,486</b>	<b>57,585</b>	<b>45,061</b>	<b>45,764</b>	<b>48,238</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 EU on 1st May 2004 and Bulgaria who joined on 1st January 2007<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<sup>6</sup> Joined EU on 1st January 2007

Source: CSO

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**Table 14.4 Goods Exports by SITC section and division**

€m

SITC (Rev 4)	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
<b>0 Food and live animals</b>	<b>5,779</b>	<b>6,063</b>	<b>6,380</b>	<b>7,034</b>	<b>7,603</b>	<b>7,085</b>	<b>6,271</b>	<b>6,983</b>	<b>7,851</b>
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	238	229	259	351	299	248	296	339	354
01 Meat and meat preparations	1,858	2,054	2,176	2,392	2,383	2,390	2,185	2,407	2,759
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	956	1,056	1,107	1,195	1,477	1,442	1,114	1,431	1,776
03 Fish, crustaceans and molluscs and preparations thereof	372	371	336	344	357	333	324	371	417
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	215	201	254	245	264	282	237	217	267
05 Vegetables and fruit	243	218	244	277	479	278	234	225	224
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	119	142	136	145	135	107	102	82	88
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	268	268	275	280	263	254	248	261	279
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)	153	170	175	143	142	169	163	189	213
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	1,358	1,354	1,418	1,663	1,805	1,583	1,368	1,462	1,474
<b>1 Beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>1,107</b>	<b>1,037</b>	<b>1,103</b>	<b>1,359</b>	<b>1,408</b>	<b>1,237</b>	<b>1,079</b>	<b>1,204</b>	<b>1,178</b>
11 Beverages	1,013	949	1,014	1,285	1,327	1,162	1,007	1,117	1,086
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	95	88	90	74	80	75	72	87	92
<b>2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>1,077</b>	<b>1,493</b>	<b>1,539</b>	<b>1,313</b>	<b>972</b>	<b>1,444</b>	<b>1,761</b>
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	86	85	74	93	94	70	54	98	123
22 Oilseeds and oleaginous fruits	2	6	5	7	10	3	1	2	9
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	1	2	2	5	7	2	1	1	1
24 Cork and wood	81	79	72	71	93	71	67	102	106
25 Pulp and waste paper	24	36	46	51	58	60	46	60	53
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	117	112	111	106	120	115	100	118	133
27 Crude fertilisers and minerals, excluding coal, petroleum etc	52	57	67	70	51	81	81	83	148
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	420	524	609	1,015	1,012	809	530	887	1,094
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials nes	83	90	92	76	94	102	91	93	94
<b>3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>1,028</b>	<b>1,353</b>
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	61	59	61	71	64	56	53	58	65
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	135	322	525	437	594	757	534	949	1,250
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	3	7	13	21	8	12	7	21	38
35 Electric current	3	12	17	33	20	7	1	-	-
<b>4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>54</b>
41 Animal oils and fats	24	19	15	15	23	36	17	23	46
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	1	2	2	2	3	3	2	3	6
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed; waxes	7	5	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
<b>5 Chemicals and related products nes</b>	<b>35,786</b>	<b>37,492</b>	<b>40,421</b>	<b>39,696</b>	<b>43,069</b>	<b>44,225</b>	<b>47,988</b>	<b>52,227</b>	<b>55,978</b>
51 Organic chemicals	15,081	14,651	17,757	17,059	19,641	17,816	17,656	19,064	19,833
52 Inorganic chemicals	131	158	108	116	112	116	59	89	147
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	59	63	51	52	48	62	58	166	143
54 Medical and pharmaceutical products	13,612	15,155	14,531	14,247	14,749	16,750	21,236	24,206	26,404
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet and cleansing preparations	4,173	4,762	5,217	5,328	5,318	5,455	5,237	5,462	5,547
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
57 Plastics in primary forms	179	191	190	209	265	247	216	266	787
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	191	211	244	251	270	261	229	304	320
59 Chemical materials and products nes	2,359	2,300	2,322	2,431	2,664	3,516	3,295	2,667	2,797



Table 14.4 Goods Exports by SITC section and division (continued)

		€m								
SITC (Rev 4)	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	
<b>6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</b>	<b>1,792</b>	<b>1,817</b>	<b>1,755</b>	<b>1,714</b>	<b>1,818</b>	<b>1,661</b>	<b>1,243</b>	<b>1,453</b>	<b>1,682</b>	
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	44	37	27	28	38	21	19	21	24	
62 Rubber manufactures nes	87	88	73	61	61	52	44	51	56	
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)	210	224	251	263	283	216	166	198	201	
64 Paper, paperboard and articles thereof	206	185	159	159	148	149	113	117	132	
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	337	328	285	203	201	183	141	160	168	
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	371	375	361	322	316	282	219	251	226	
67 Iron and steel	55	70	70	89	101	90	53	72	90	
68 Non-ferrous metals	64	77	79	87	127	97	76	86	92	
69 Manufactures of metals nes	418	434	450	502	544	571	412	496	692	
<b>7 Machinery and transport equipment</b>	<b>23,521</b>	<b>22,935</b>	<b>22,710</b>	<b>23,186</b>	<b>21,806</b>	<b>18,365</b>	<b>13,585</b>	<b>11,001</b>	<b>11,224</b>	
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	376	472	524	592	524	587	477	623	698	
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	278	335	271	342	464	500	426	395	491	
73 Metalworking machinery	71	84	81	87	39	45	31	27	25	
74 General industrial machinery and equipment nes and parts nes	1,008	1,182	1,141	1,216	1,421	1,211	894	1,110	1,333	
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	14,837	13,383	13,980	14,063	12,577	9,329	6,442	4,516	4,076	
76 Telecommunications and sound equipment	1,393	1,496	1,460	1,384	1,414	1,318	1,001	829	741	
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances nes and parts	5,096	5,528	4,911	5,133	4,795	4,793	3,336	3,080	3,213	
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	360	322	239	248	326	249	271	179	193	
79 Other transport equipment	101	134	102	121	245	333	708	241	455	
<b>8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b>	<b>9,457</b>	<b>9,910</b>	<b>9,066</b>	<b>8,651</b>	<b>8,489</b>	<b>8,902</b>	<b>9,190</b>	<b>10,471</b>	<b>11,081</b>	
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing and electrical fixtures and fittings	94	95	103	112	126	135	103	102	101	
82 Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	103	96	110	146	120	102	85	95	96	
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	16	14	14	12	34	14	16	26	36	
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	320	294	263	228	188	153	160	358	369	
85 Footwear	30	31	33	28	32	28	26	51	56	
87 Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus nes	3,267	3,796	2,703	2,308	2,109	2,806	3,009	3,260	3,381	
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches and clocks	671	710	787	880	856	901	934	1,111	1,068	
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	4,957	4,873	5,053	4,937	5,025	4,764	4,857	5,467	5,974	
<b>9 Commodities and transactions nec</b>	<b>2,697</b>	<b>2,874</b>	<b>2,671</b>	<b>2,168</b>	<b>1,905</b>	<b>1,981</b>	<b>2,464</b>	<b>2,711</b>	<b>188</b>	
<b>Unclassified estimates<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>838</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>587</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>82,076</b>	<b>84,410</b>	<b>86,732</b>	<b>86,772</b>	<b>89,226</b>	<b>86,394</b>	<b>84,239</b>	<b>89,193</b>	<b>92,936</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Estimates for which no commodity breakdown is available

Source: CSO

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**Table 14.5 Goods Imports by SITC section and division**

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SITC (Rev 4)	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
<b>0 Food and live animals</b>	<b>3,160</b>	<b>3,273</b>	<b>3,681</b>	<b>4,086</b>	<b>4,593</b>	<b>4,681</b>	<b>4,417</b>	<b>4,579</b>	<b>4,999</b>
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	211	225	246	294	284	239	186	173	197
01 Meat and meat preparations	417	481	555	613	633	688	639	656	707
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	334	340	374	410	459	479	387	435	474
03 Fish, crustaceans and molluscs and preparations thereof	96	106	132	151	183	164	148	167	189
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	496	519	556	640	770	795	772	763	799
05 Vegetables and fruit	622	604	695	787	897	914	851	912	958
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	165	175	201	217	250	245	244	238	270
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	252	254	298	295	324	332	321	307	361
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)	335	333	349	381	426	444	475	531	619
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	233	237	275	298	367	381	394	397	425
<b>1 Beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>804</b>
11 Beverages	599	638	703	727	821	754	677	725	709
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	107	58	73	78	82	82	92	96	95
<b>2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>1,069</b>	<b>1,103</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>735</b>
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	6	3	3	3	2	1	0	0	0
22 Oilseeds and oleaginous fruits	14	22	17	20	35	25	24	27	25
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	19	18	17	23	19	17	9	11	16
24 Cork and wood	328	362	395	412	416	230	122	125	109
25 Pulp and waste paper	20	21	17	17	28	25	29	41	53
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	33	20	20	18	20	17	11	14	14
27 Crude fertilisers and minerals, excluding coal, petroleum etc	164	173	216	320	283	227	140	128	202
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	101	113	128	127	154	148	113	196	179
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials nes	104	112	122	128	146	142	133	135	138
<b>3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials</b>	<b>1,969</b>	<b>2,814</b>	<b>4,020</b>	<b>4,719</b>	<b>5,728</b>	<b>6,594</b>	<b>4,445</b>	<b>5,602</b>	<b>6,788</b>
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	122	205	173	170	159	220	199	154	231
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	1,593	2,255	3,315	3,842	4,479	4,913	3,299	4,285	5,168
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	225	307	493	652	1,039	1,378	911	1,135	1,354
35 Electric current	29	47	40	56	51	83	36	27	36
<b>4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>248</b>
41 Animal oils and fats	4	5	6	7	7	9	8	10	13
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	74	74	81	105	129	169	145	149	202
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed; waxes	43	38	43	51	24	30	24	22	32
<b>5 Chemicals and related products nes</b>	<b>6,897</b>	<b>7,140</b>	<b>7,419</b>	<b>7,964</b>	<b>8,127</b>	<b>8,282</b>	<b>7,372</b>	<b>8,758</b>	<b>10,480</b>
51 Organic chemicals	1,841	2,209	2,117	2,084	1,948	1,749	1,680	2,100	2,515
52 Inorganic chemicals	155	177	216	211	196	201	150	166	218
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	170	174	189	204	211	181	141	156	173
54 Medical and pharmaceutical products	2,168	1,970	1,995	2,235	2,397	2,867	2,849	3,464	4,365
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet and cleansing preparations	881	901	992	1,152	1,176	1,095	965	968	1,034
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	244	262	292	295	299	475	241	388	442
57 Plastics in primary forms	532	567	594	661	715	689	500	653	765
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	424	427	469	485	512	439	373	385	428
59 Chemical materials and products nes	484	453	554	637	673	586	473	479	539

Table 14.5 Goods Imports by SITC section and division (continued)

€m									
SITC (Rev 4)	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
<b>6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</b>	<b>4,245</b>	<b>4,620</b>	<b>4,947</b>	<b>5,569</b>	<b>6,082</b>	<b>5,457</b>	<b>3,428</b>	<b>3,499</b>	<b>3,710</b>
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	10	12	14	18	21	16	13	16	15
62 Rubber manufactures nes	231	233	262	293	316	291	219	239	258
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)	269	314	360	384	376	282	173	170	158
64 Paper, paperboard and articles thereof	798	770	792	820	887	906	701	727	793
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	492	503	504	522	524	434	342	328	335
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	550	632	717	866	907	717	421	421	407
67 Iron and steel	568	713	717	911	1,082	1,009	395	442	490
68 Non-ferrous metals	408	448	451	532	644	548	353	403	464
69 Manufactures of metals nes	919	996	1,130	1,224	1,325	1,252	810	754	790
<b>7 Machinery and transport equipment</b>	<b>20,732</b>	<b>21,964</b>	<b>25,002</b>	<b>25,571</b>	<b>25,379</b>	<b>20,049</b>	<b>14,292</b>	<b>12,324</b>	<b>12,453</b>
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	679	619	777	739	704	626	737	743	765
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	1,005	1,000	1,181	1,342	1,458	1,144	580	581	718
73 Metalworking machinery	192	144	224	171	109	100	47	64	74
74 General industrial machinery and equipment nes and parts nes	1,207	1,116	1,412	1,374	1,379	1,252	852	783	940
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	7,987	7,854	9,195	10,452	9,277	6,749	3,678	2,701	2,772
76 Telecommunications and sound equipment	1,394	1,678	2,026	2,129	1,978	1,762	1,275	1,129	1,041
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances nes and parts	4,647	4,721	4,353	3,809	3,294	2,887	2,307	2,146	2,090
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	2,809	3,292	3,797	4,102	4,575	3,228	898	1,558	1,706
79 Other transport equipment	812	1,539	2,036	1,452	2,605	2,299	3,919	2,618	2,347
<b>8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b>	<b>6,303</b>	<b>6,332</b>	<b>7,086</b>	<b>7,360</b>	<b>7,610</b>	<b>6,861</b>	<b>6,122</b>	<b>6,152</b>	<b>5,964</b>
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing and electrical fixtures and fittings	227	271	293	321	352	269	199	170	152
82 Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	360	434	506	616	664	516	334	327	291
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	65	66	86	92	136	111	89	98	100
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	1,296	1,307	1,541	1,639	1,813	1,705	1,639	1,647	1,657
85 Footwear	267	278	323	369	377	347	310	352	327
87 Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus nes	822	716	877	948	944	912	917	957	944
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches and clocks	267	225	260	291	283	248	185	227	221
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	2,998	3,035	3,202	3,084	3,041	2,753	2,450	2,373	2,272
<b>9 Commodities and transactions nec</b>	<b>1,266</b>	<b>1,308</b>	<b>1,254</b>	<b>1,142</b>	<b>2,466</b>	<b>2,593</b>	<b>2,396</b>	<b>2,171</b>	<b>1,099</b>
<b>Unclassified estimates<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1,677</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,215</b>	<b>2,410</b>	<b>1,335</b>	<b>1,193</b>	<b>1,060</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>958</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,865</b>	<b>51,105</b>	<b>57,465</b>	<b>60,857</b>	<b>63,486</b>	<b>57,585</b>	<b>45,061</b>	<b>45,764</b>	<b>48,238</b>

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

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**Table 14.6 Goods Exports by commodity and principal countries**

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Country by section level of SITC	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
<b>Great Britain</b>									
0 Food and live animals	2,424	2,633	2,712	2,825	3,028	3,065	2,720	2,838	2,993
1 Beverages and tobacco	396	310	329	560	493	423	414	374	304
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	245	274	269	308	348	337	224	363	437
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	84	220	395	318	251	436	250	280	659
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	12	10	8	7	12	17	8	8	14
5 Chemicals and related products nes	3,553	3,501	3,516	3,413	4,468	4,681	4,535	4,956	4,961
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	575	564	523	553	643	579	472	550	604
7 Machinery and transport equipment	4,039	4,196	4,031	3,769	3,665	2,874	1,810	1,336	1,420
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,480	1,333	1,326	1,512	1,443	1,324	1,125	1,238	1,381
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	625	673	666	631	652	563	642	494	287
<b>Other EU</b>									
0 Food and live animals	2,198	2,274	2,418	2,765	2,992	2,686	2,502	2,839	3,216
1 Beverages and tobacco	383	415	437	394	395	340	287	356	372
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	475	513	589	894	929	733	524	796	917
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	27	114	111	87	71	234	131	295	384
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	14	13	8	11	14	24	11	18	36
5 Chemicals and related products nes	17,562	19,742	22,028	20,577	21,528	22,393	25,080	24,490	25,513
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	812	811	797	820	894	826	601	700	794
7 Machinery and transport equipment	10,731	10,441	10,491	10,947	10,162	7,735	5,364	4,512	4,579
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3,939	3,346	3,429	3,112	3,236	3,369	3,450	3,956	4,521
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	1,580	1,725	1,836	1,582	1,439	1,202	1,169	1,184	381
<b>USA</b>									
0 Food and live animals	80	84	84	92	96	75	72	72	87
1 Beverages and tobacco	207	185	202	260	301	283	240	274	305
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	12	17	15	22	33	26	18	18	24
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	44	34	46	69	166	42	58	162	165
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Chemicals and related products nes	10,009	9,080	9,170	10,395	10,515	10,754	11,806	14,271	16,355
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	227	246	261	158	107	106	69	85	125
7 Machinery and transport equipment	3,027	2,639	2,576	2,510	2,039	1,902	1,714	1,007	986
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,659	3,621	2,601	2,350	2,333	2,881	3,056	3,465	3,386
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	671	649	519	326	234	605	1,239	1,407	17

Table 14.6 Goods Exports by commodity and principal countries (continued)

€m

Country by section level of SITC	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
<b>China<sup>1</sup></b>									
0 Food and live animals	27	28	50	72	94	78	116	129	191
1 Beverages and tobacco	0	1	3	3	4	4	2	4	4
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	14	37	39	46	52	66	91	114	99
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	4
5 Chemicals and related products nes	137	159	180	331	475	525	510	804	873
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	15	13	10	19	22	20	10	12	23
7 Machinery and transport equipment	994	1,123	1,015	886	1,189	1,495	1,473	1,244	1,112
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	85	79	74	86	88	102	108	163	181
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	1	32	64	58	53	34	21	25	0
<b>Rest of World</b>									
0 Food and live animals	1,050	1,045	1,114	1,280	1,393	1,181	861	1,106	1,364
1 Beverages and tobacco	120	126	132	142	215	187	136	196	194
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	120	149	165	223	176	151	115	154	284
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	46	31	65	88	186	120	156	289	145
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
5 Chemicals and related products nes	4,524	5,010	5,527	4,979	6,084	5,873	6,057	7,706	8,276
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	162	183	164	165	151	129	92	106	136
7 Machinery and transport equipment	4,730	4,536	4,596	5,074	4,752	4,358	3,225	2,902	3,128
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,293	1,531	1,636	1,592	1,389	1,226	1,451	1,649	1,611
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	657	659	501	460	403	329	226	246	89
<b>Total</b>	<b>82,076</b>	<b>84,410</b>	<b>86,732</b>	<b>86,772</b>	<b>89,226</b>	<b>86,394</b>	<b>84,239</b>	<b>89,193</b>	<b>92,936</b>

<sup>1</sup> China includes Hong Kong and Macau  
Source: CSO

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**Table 14.7 Goods Imports by commodity and principal countries**

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Country by section level of SITC	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
<b>Great Britain</b>									
0 Food and live animals	1,472	1,570	1,697	1,871	2,073	2,162	2,038	2,077	2,214
1 Beverages and tobacco	224	181	192	196	216	181	163	158	177
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	118	142	174	210	212	182	125	155	165
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1,235	1,756	2,446	2,612	3,357	3,759	2,451	3,207	4,645
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	49	43	48	55	50	65	51	50	44
5 Chemicals and related products nes	1,986	1,983	2,020	2,297	2,445	2,358	1,951	1,952	2,038
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1,926	2,087	2,201	2,368	2,560	2,374	1,377	1,391	1,485
7 Machinery and transport equipment	3,834	4,039	4,881	4,898	4,799	3,501	1,895	2,120	2,303
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,168	2,319	2,529	2,728	2,873	2,547	2,064	2,039	1,952
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	649	765	806	864	925	812	671	675	596
<b>Other EU</b>									
0 Food and live animals	1,196	1,203	1,431	1,571	1,794	1,877	1,743	1,785	1,997
1 Beverages and tobacco	358	375	429	462	530	534	472	504	484
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	349	364	384	457	469	358	257	254	246
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	144	254	260	420	718	1,470	805	763	627
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	45	48	51	72	83	103	96	99	151
5 Chemicals and related products nes	2,469	2,592	2,943	3,135	3,308	3,410	3,066	3,570	4,308
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1,551	1,716	1,834	2,106	2,328	1,978	1,279	1,278	1,357
7 Machinery and transport equipment	5,619	6,479	6,880	7,825	7,909	6,424	4,055	3,696	3,980
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,201	1,246	1,413	1,485	1,540	1,356	1,186	1,129	1,132
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	734	790	912	1,097	1,212	1,106	979	960	466
<b>USA</b>									
0 Food and live animals	160	159	147	182	183	156	128	208	197
1 Beverages and tobacco	24	23	27	20	21	13	12	11	10
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	63	48	69	72	57	66	39	42	44
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	20	14	16	17	69	69	13	7	187
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	9	8	12	13	6	10	5	3	4
5 Chemicals and related products nes	1,229	1,346	1,211	1,052	1,176	1,023	955	1,222	1,497
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	263	197	238	255	252	308	252	266	262
7 Machinery and transport equipment	3,745	3,494	4,597	3,665	3,898	3,593	4,712	3,419	2,889
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,798	1,553	1,556	1,380	1,218	1,005	929	779	760
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	106	142	126	153	169	519	797	470	42

Table 14.7 Goods Imports by commodity and principal countries (continued)

€m

Country by section level of SITC	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
<b>China<sup>1</sup></b>									
0 Food and live animals	7	8	9	9	14	14	18	23	28
1 Beverages and tobacco	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	1
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	25	37	43	57	71	38	15	17	20
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	1
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
5 Chemicals and related products nes	49	42	56	70	92	121	123	139	163
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	87	126	203	283	394	348	253	286	293
7 Machinery and transport equipment	1,981	2,537	3,150	3,488	3,580	2,677	1,407	1,067	1,091
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	445	502	747	823	968	1,009	999	1,166	1,084
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	9	24	35	42	49	62	63	57	25
<b>Rest of World</b>									
0 Food and live animals	326	333	398	452	529	472	490	485	563
1 Beverages and tobacco	99	117	125	126	134	108	122	148	133
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	236	252	266	273	293	188	147	210	260
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	569	788	1,298	1,670	1,584	1,290	1,176	1,624	1,329
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	17	17	18	23	22	29	24	29	48
5 Chemicals and related products nes	1,164	1,177	1,188	1,410	1,106	1,371	1,277	1,875	2,474
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	418	495	471	558	548	449	267	277	313
7 Machinery and transport equipment	5,552	5,415	5,494	5,695	5,193	3,854	2,223	2,022	2,190
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	692	710	841	943	1,012	944	943	1,039	1,037
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	1,443	1,588	1,588	1,396	1,446	1,286	945	1,007	927
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,865</b>	<b>51,105</b>	<b>57,465</b>	<b>60,857</b>	<b>63,486</b>	<b>57,585</b>	<b>45,061</b>	<b>45,764</b>	<b>48,238</b>

<sup>1</sup> China includes Hong Kong and Macau  
Source: CSO

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**Table 14.8 Goods Exports by industrial origin**

	€m									
Industrial origin	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	
Agricultural produce	3,798	4,144	4,413	4,807	5,060	4,999	4,279	4,946	5,854	
Forestry and fishing produce	454	450	408	415	450	404	390	472	522	
Industrial produce	76,875	78,836	80,876	80,524	82,456	80,042	78,488	82,994	85,830	
Unclassified exports	950	980	1,035	1,027	1,260	949	1,082	781	729	
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>82,076</b>	<b>84,410</b>	<b>86,732</b>	<b>86,772</b>	<b>89,226</b>	<b>86,394</b>	<b>84,239</b>	<b>89,193</b>	<b>92,936</b>	

Source: CSO

**Table 14.9 Percentage distribution of Goods Exports by industrial origin**

	%									
Industrial origin	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	
Agricultural produce	4.6	4.9	5.1	5.5	5.7	5.8	5.1	5.5	6.3	
Forestry and fishing produce	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	
Industrial produce	93.7	93.4	93.2	92.8	92.4	92.6	93.2	93.1	92.4	
Unclassified exports	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.1	1.3	0.9	0.8	
<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

**Goods Exports by origin of produce**

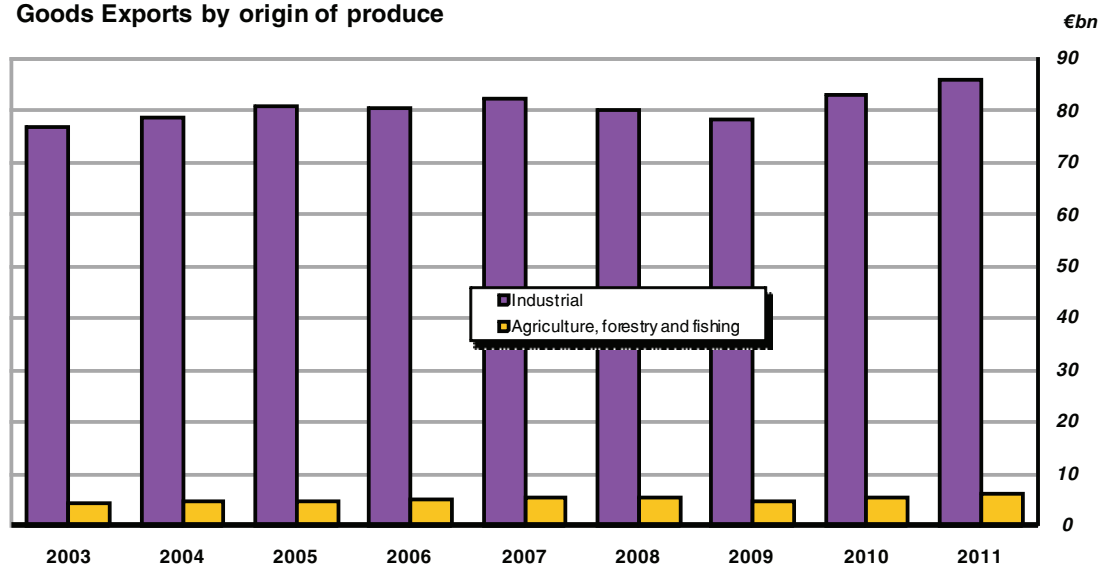




Table 14.10 Goods Imports by main use

	€m									
Main use	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	
<b>Producers' capital goods ready for use</b>	<b>5,755</b>	<b>6,619</b>	<b>8,255</b>	<b>7,098</b>	<b>8,481</b>	<b>6,904</b>	<b>6,339</b>	<b>5,279</b>	<b>5,111</b>	
<b>Consumption goods ready for use</b>										
Food, drink and tobacco	2,953	3,060	3,480	3,823	4,263	4,312	4,018	4,192	4,476	
Other	9,740	10,136	11,207	12,188	13,140	12,083	9,666	10,621	11,406	
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,693</b>	<b>13,195</b>	<b>14,688</b>	<b>16,011</b>	<b>17,404</b>	<b>16,395</b>	<b>13,684</b>	<b>14,813</b>	<b>15,883</b>	
<b>Materials for further production</b>										
Agriculture	990	1,086	1,143	1,267	1,383	1,644	1,257	1,594	1,894	
Other	26,576	28,048	30,998	33,884	33,538	30,220	21,775	22,110	23,341	
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,566</b>	<b>29,135</b>	<b>32,141</b>	<b>35,151</b>	<b>34,921</b>	<b>31,864</b>	<b>23,032</b>	<b>23,704</b>	<b>25,235</b>	
<b>Unclassified imports</b>	<b>1,851</b>	<b>2,157</b>	<b>2,381</b>	<b>2,597</b>	<b>2,680</b>	<b>2,422</b>	<b>2,006</b>	<b>1,967</b>	<b>2,010</b>	
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>47,865</b>	<b>51,105</b>	<b>57,465</b>	<b>60,857</b>	<b>63,486</b>	<b>57,585</b>	<b>45,061</b>	<b>45,764</b>	<b>48,238</b>	

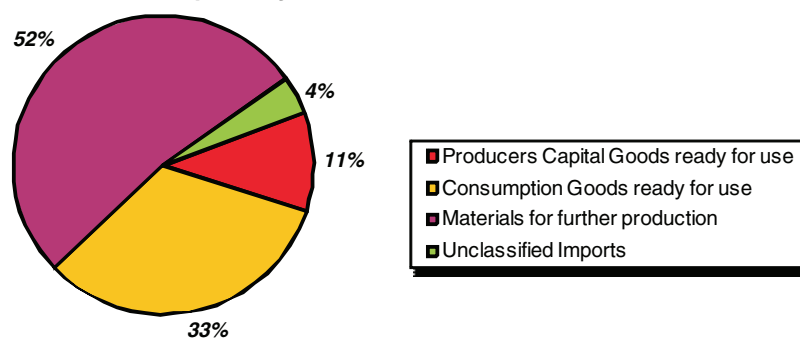
Source: CSO

Table 14.11 Percentage distribution of Goods Imports by main use

	%									
Main use	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	
<b>Producers' capital goods ready for use</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>10.6</b>	
<b>Consumption goods ready for use</b>										
Food, drink and tobacco	6.2	6.0	6.1	6.3	6.7	7.5	8.9	9.2	9.3	
Other	20.3	19.8	19.5	20.0	20.7	21.0	21.5	23.2	23.6	
<b>Total</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>25.6</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>30.4</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>32.9</b>	
<b>Materials for further production</b>										
Agriculture	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.9	2.8	3.5	3.9	
Other	55.5	54.9	53.9	55.7	52.8	52.5	48.3	48.3	48.4	
<b>Total</b>	<b>57.6</b>	<b>57.0</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>57.8</b>	<b>55.0</b>	<b>55.3</b>	<b>51.1</b>	<b>51.8</b>	<b>52.3</b>	
<b>Unclassified imports</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.2</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 Goods Imports by main use, 2011



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**Table 14.12 Goods Exports by area**

										€m
Area	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	
<b>European Union</b>										
Great Britain	13,435	13,715	13,775	13,894	15,002	14,300	12,199	12,436	13,058	
Northern Ireland	1,408	1,484	1,577	1,672	1,741	1,565	1,286	1,316	1,409	
Other member states	35,505	37,810	40,408	39,325	39,920	37,976	37,833	37,831	39,304	
<b>Other European countries</b>										
Members of EFTA	3,177	3,298	3,875	3,192	3,875	3,085	2,916	3,992	4,109	
Other Europe	879	207	604	698	570	555	526	561	649	
<b>Other countries</b>										
NAFTA	17,927	17,344	16,280	17,092	16,824	17,610	19,157	21,798	22,604	
Other APEC	6,901	7,583	7,510	7,730	7,927	8,180	7,373	7,785	7,726	
Rest of world	2,334	2,538	2,441	2,891	3,083	2,914	2,828	3,341	4,012	
Unclassified	510	430	262	278	285	210	121	133	64	
<b>Total</b>	<b>82,076</b>	<b>84,410</b>	<b>86,732</b>	<b>86,772</b>	<b>89,226</b>	<b>86,394</b>	<b>84,239</b>	<b>89,193</b>	<b>92,936</b>	
<i>of which members of OECD</i>	<i>75,692</i>	<i>77,574</i>	<i>79,741</i>	<i>78,785</i>	<i>80,523</i>	<i>77,412</i>	<i>76,118</i>	<i>80,261</i>	<i>83,303</i>	

Source: CSO

**Table 14.13 Goods Imports by area**

										€m
Area	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	
<b>European Union</b>										
Great Britain	13,662	14,885	16,995	18,099	19,509	17,941	12,787	13,823	15,619	
Northern Ireland	1,042	1,149	1,276	1,325	1,361	1,261	941	990	1,047	
Other member states	11,944	13,852	15,202	17,226	18,530	17,353	12,997	13,049	13,702	
<b>Other European countries</b>										
Members of EFTA	1,254	1,507	2,067	2,444	2,089	1,841	1,328	2,149	1,935	
Other Europe	707	100	503	642	573	450	285	290	332	
<b>Other countries</b>										
NAFTA	8,078	7,405	8,421	7,353	7,583	7,316	8,403	6,900	6,394	
Other APEC	8,798	9,650	10,581	11,233	10,884	8,559	5,621	5,471	5,476	
Rest of world	1,410	1,484	1,294	1,312	1,682	1,458	1,584	1,770	1,840	
Unclassified	969	1,073	1,127	1,222	1,276	1,404	1,115	1,321	1,894	
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,865</b>	<b>51,105</b>	<b>57,465</b>	<b>60,857</b>	<b>63,486</b>	<b>57,585</b>	<b>45,061</b>	<b>45,764</b>	<b>48,238</b>	
<i>of which members of OECD</i>	<i>39,906</i>	<i>42,372</i>	<i>47,418</i>	<i>49,612</i>	<i>52,061</i>	<i>47,724</i>	<i>37,597</i>	<i>38,159</i>	<i>40,055</i>	

Source: CSO



