



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

Period	Value			Volume index <sup>1</sup>		Unit value index <sup>1</sup>		Terms of Trade <sup>2</sup>	
	Exports	Imports	Trade Surplus	Base year 1990=100					
				Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports		
€m	€m	€m							
1990	18,204	15,832	2,372	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
1991	19,070	16,317	2,753	105.6	100.8	99.3	102.3	97.0	
1992	21,260	16,754	4,506	121.1	105.6	96.6	100.2	96.4	
1993	25,178	18,900	6,279	133.4	113.0	103.9	105.4	98.6	
1994	28,891	21,945	6,946	153.2	127.9	103.8	108.1	96.0	
1995	35,330	26,181	9,149	184.0	146.3	105.7	112.7	93.7	
1996	38,609	28,480	10,130	202.2	160.9	105.1	111.4	94.3	
1997	44,868	32,864	12,004	232.4	184.8	106.3	112.0	94.9	
1998	57,322	39,715	17,607	289.2	218.3	109.1	114.6	95.2	
1999	66,956	44,327	22,629	336.5	236.5	109.5	118.0	92.8	
2000	83,889	55,909	27,980	401.4	275.2	115.0	128.0	89.9	
2001	92,690	57,384	35,306	422.0	274.2	120.9	131.8	91.7	
2002	93,675	55,628	38,047	435.1	276.6	118.5	126.7	93.5	
2003	82,076	47,865	34,212	418.4	259.7	108.0	116.1	93.0	
2004	84,410	51,105	33,304	446.5	283.6	104.0	113.5	91.7	
2005	86,732	57,465	29,267	456.7	316.3	104.5	114.4	91.3	
2006	86,772	60,857	25,915	458.0	325.2	104.4	117.7	88.7	
2007	89,226	63,486	25,740	481.8	340.9	101.9	117.3	86.9	
2008	86,394	57,585	28,810	484.5	300.5	98.0	119.7	81.9	
2009	85,804	45,061	40,742	468.4	249.2	98.9	113.9	86.8	
2010	89,703	45,764	43,940	485.5	241.3	101.2	119.2	84.9	
2011	91,228	48,315	42,913	507.9	240.8	99.7	126.4	78.8	
2010	January	6,880	3,360	3,520	464.9	219.8	99.8	115.5	86.4
	February	6,633	3,608	3,025	439.1	233.8	100.5	116.6	86.2
	March	7,728	4,212	3,516	511.9	272.8	100.7	116.7	86.3
	April	7,375	4,132	3,243	484.2	264.7	100.6	118.0	85.3
	May	7,480	3,573	3,907	472.5	230.5	103.9	117.1	88.7
	June	7,675	4,120	3,555	489.7	256.4	106.3	120.3	88.4
	July	7,974	3,597	4,376	500.8	224.6	103.4	119.9	86.2
	August	6,752	3,476	3,275	435.4	219.6	101.5	120.1	84.5
	September	8,066	3,910	4,156	515.5	242.0	101.4	121.1	83.8
	October	7,769	3,648	4,121	517.0	227.5	96.7	118.8	81.4
	November	8,074	3,955	4,119	538.2	245.4	97.3	120.3	80.8
	December	7,298	4,171	3,127	467.5	246.6	102.2	126.3	80.9
2011	January	6,948	4,302	2,646	462.9	252.5	100.3	125.7	79.7
	February	7,586	4,297	3,288	512.6	252.0	99.3	125.4	79.2
	March	8,511	4,286	4,225	573.8	249.1	99.1	126.6	78.3
	April	7,841	4,669	3,172	527.4	280.5	98.0	126.0	77.7
	May	7,446	3,745	3,701	505.6	229.0	96.7	123.8	78.1
	June	8,280	3,883	4,397	562.5	232.5	98.7	124.4	79.3
	July	7,072	3,519	3,554	475.7	211.4	98.5	126.3	78.0
	August	7,029	3,686	3,343	472.8	223.3	97.5	125.6	77.6
	September	7,988	3,823	4,165	543.5	227.8	99.7	127.2	78.4
	October	7,337	3,810	3,526	497.2	229.4	100.1	128.1	78.1
	November	8,596	4,159	4,436	564.7	238.3	102.5	128.5	79.7
	December	6,593	4,135	2,458	437.6	237.4	105.5	129.2	81.6
2012 <sup>3</sup>	January	7,670	4,464	3,207	482.4	248.9	105.0	135.5	77.5
	February	7,400	3,958	3,441	469.0	222.7	104.2	134.3	77.6
	March	8,596	4,970	3,626	542.6	282.2	104.6	133.1	78.6
	April	7,037	3,729	3,308	442.3	207.3	105.1	135.0	77.9
	May	7,661	4,059	3,602	478.6	229.2	105.7	133.8	79.0
	June	8,043	3,968	4,075	491.5	223.5	108.1	134.2	80.5
	July	7,824	3,767	4,057	487.4	214.2	107.1	134.0	79.9
	August	8,272	3,842	4,430	504.2	211.8	108.4	137.0	79.1
	September	7,516	4,207	3,309	464.9	232.2	106.8	136.9	78.0
	October <sup>4</sup>	7,447	4,300	3,147	467.4	238.8	105.2	136.1	77.3

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

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

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

<sup>4</sup> October 2012 is based on current Intrastat response levels, see Background notes

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

Period	Value			Volume index	
	Exports €m	Imports €m	Trade Surplus €m	Base year 1990=100	
				Exports	Imports
2009					
January	7,247	3,902	3,345	469.4	249.8
February	7,925	4,168	3,756	500.7	264.6
March	7,454	4,127	3,328	469.7	263.9
April	7,979	3,930	4,049	501.9	259.1
May	7,261	4,085	3,176	460.4	270.1
June	7,747	3,716	4,032	495.3	248.9
July	7,185	3,723	3,462	469.5	246.4
August	6,751	3,586	3,164	439.6	243.9
September	7,444	3,633	3,811	497.0	236.5
October	6,506	3,411	3,095	440.9	231.1
November	6,730	3,698	3,032	444.7	247.6
December	6,148	3,536	2,611	413.4	232.9
2010					
January	7,128	3,455	3,673	488.4	225.4
February	7,157	3,607	3,550	467.9	234.4
March	6,939	3,906	3,032	462.1	248.6
April	7,215	4,221	2,994	465.3	269.2
May	7,695	3,669	4,026	477.2	236.8
June	7,252	4,129	3,122	460.7	254.6
July	7,938	3,786	4,152	494.3	235.3
August	7,658	3,849	3,809	494.1	243.9
September	7,863	3,980	3,883	505.7	247.9
October	7,580	3,597	3,983	510.0	226.3
November	7,628	3,532	4,096	519.5	222.6
December	7,706	4,064	3,642	494.3	241.7
2011					
January	7,289	4,495	2,795	485.9	263.6
February	8,051	4,322	3,729	535.5	251.8
March	7,626	3,820	3,806	520.7	222.1
April	7,577	4,919	2,658	495.4	289.2
May	7,568	3,724	3,844	503.9	227.2
June	7,840	3,833	4,007	537.2	228.2
July	7,022	3,805	3,217	470.7	228.9
August	7,784	3,986	3,798	524.5	240.5
September	7,799	3,827	3,973	531.2	231.9
October	7,461	3,861	3,601	501.9	233.9
November	8,095	3,806	4,289	541.9	219.5
December	7,113	4,142	2,971	488.7	239.5
2012					
January	8,294	4,504	3,790	514.4	250.9
February	7,284	3,731	3,552	460.8	212.7
March	7,711	4,607	3,104	493.5	257.0
April	6,993	3,572	3,421	436.0	199.3
May	7,558	4,111	3,447	471.6	227.1
June	7,451	4,000	3,450	458.3	226.7
July	7,849	3,970	3,879	491.2	226.4
August	9,074	4,190	4,884	556.7	229.0
September	7,349	4,482	2,867	457.0	250.1
October	7,468	4,188	3,280	461.4	231.6

<sup>1</sup> Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2011. Accordingly all values in this table may have been revised

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

€ million

SITC (Rev 4)	Exports				Imports			
	Oct 2011	Oct 2012	Jan-Oct 2011	Jan-Oct 2012	Oct 2011	Oct 2012	Jan-Oct 2011	Jan-Oct 2012
<b>0 Food and live animals</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>6,455</b>	<b>6,542</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>4,118</b>	<b>4,541</b>
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	32	48	260	228	22	33	129	127
01 Meat and meat preparations	241	265	2,222	2,403	58	72	585	635
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	147	139	1,479	1,355	37	41	395	456
03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and preparations thereof	33	35	332	395	17	14	156	175
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	37	25	217	221	70	92	664	752
05 Vegetables and fruit	19	17	190	193	74	81	801	844
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	8	12	76	93	27	33	228	269
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	16	30	245	260	37	41	294	320
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl unmilled cereals)	23	13	173	174	53	102	504	626
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	113	123	1,259	1,220	33	33	362	337
<b>1 Beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>684</b>
11 Beverages	107	125	885	912	61	82	569	612
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	6	9	75	72	10	8	81	72
<b>2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>1,479</b>	<b>1,458</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>592</b>
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	11	11	100	90	0	0	0	0
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	1	4	4	9	2	2	17	17
23 Crude rubber (incl synthetic and reclaimed)	0	0	1	0	2	2	14	21
24 Cork and wood	9	9	93	98	9	10	89	85
25 Pulp and waste paper	4	4	45	41	4	5	44	45
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	14	15	113	122	1	1	12	11
27 Crude fertilisers and minerals (excl coal, petroleum and precious stones)	11	11	123	119	18	11	166	104
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	77	90	929	895	12	21	149	166
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials nes	7	6	72	84	9	20	118	142
<b>3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>1,129</b>	<b>1,595</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>5,715</b>	<b>6,006</b>
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	4	5	57	58	21	9	192	165
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	70	122	1,035	1,505	465	551	4,387	4,667
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	1	2	37	30	112	132	1,100	1,150
35 Electric current	–	0	–	1	0	3	36	24
<b>4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>212</b>
41 Animal oils and fats	5	3	37	37	1	1	11	11
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	1	1	5	6	15	17	170	175
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed; waxes	0	0	1	1	3	3	25	25
<b>5 Chemicals and related products</b>	<b>4,573</b>	<b>4,320</b>	<b>47,270</b>	<b>46,699</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>8,669</b>	<b>8,651</b>
51 Organic chemicals	1,959	1,446	17,306	16,853	156	179	2,107	2,092
52 Inorganic chemicals	11	13	124	164	13	17	175	165
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	8	12	132	135	13	15	149	154
54 Medical and pharmaceutical products	1,860	2,068	21,843	21,062	355	377	3,595	3,541
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet and cleansing preparations	431	462	4,832	5,237	82	93	834	853
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	0	0	1	2	20	14	365	337
57 Plastics in primary forms	42	23	267	257	64	63	631	621
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	25	31	271	275	35	40	359	372
59 Chemical materials and products nes	237	263	2,493	2,714	46	43	454	518

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

€ million

SITC (Rev 4)	Exports				Imports			
	Oct 2011	Oct 2012	Jan-Oct 2011	Jan-Oct 2012	Oct 2011	Oct 2012	Jan-Oct 2011	Jan-Oct 2012
<b>6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>1,401</b>	<b>1,405</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>3,106</b>	<b>3,114</b>
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	3	3	20	23	1	2	13	13
62 Rubber manufactures nes	6	6	47	54	22	26	216	233
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl furniture)	21	21	172	185	13	14	134	132
64 Paper, paperboard and articles thereof	12	14	110	113	68	75	655	704
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	14	12	144	125	26	30	277	273
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	20	25	188	232	38	36	342	317
67 Iron and steel	8	9	78	90	41	47	412	441
68 Non-ferrous metals	6	6	78	64	32	40	397	380
69 Manufactures of metals nes	50	49	564	520	66	68	660	622
<b>7 Machinery and transport equipment</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>8,487</b>	<b>8,649</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>10,373</b>	<b>10,606</b>
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	47	111	566	664	67	106	643	728
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	35	37	415	390	61	60	592	645
73 Metalworking machinery	2	3	21	21	5	8	54	56
74 General industrial machinery and equipment nes and parts nes	133	112	1,094	1,132	84	83	766	802
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	237	247	2,873	2,872	234	227	2,235	2,136
76 Telecommunications and sound equipment	67	83	538	797	96	120	822	951
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances nes and parts	216	195	2,396	2,245	184	175	1,739	1,590
78 Road vehicles (incl air-cushion vehicles)	16	15	165	180	88	100	1,325	1,279
79 Other transport equipment	22	21	419	349	40	72	2,197	2,419
<b>8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>8,250</b>	<b>9,040</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>4,928</b>	<b>4,982</b>
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing and electrical fixtures and fittings	10	9	82	77	14	14	127	121
82 Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	7	10	80	80	22	23	240	238
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	3	2	28	24	9	10	81	95
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	37	32	292	308	154	157	1,377	1,371
85 Footwear	5	4	42	45	28	28	280	277
87 Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus nes	270	294	2,735	3,013	76	86	789	839
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches and clocks	88	97	881	932	15	16	186	162
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	394	457	4,110	4,561	225	220	1,849	1,880
<b>9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>870</b>
<b>Unclassified estimates<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>26</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>1,004</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,337</b>	<b>7,447</b>	<b>76,039</b>	<b>77,464</b>	<b>3,810</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>40,021</b>	<b>41,263</b>

<sup>1</sup> October 2012 is based on current Intrastat response levels, see Background notes

<sup>2</sup> Estimates for which a commodity classification is not available

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

€ million

Country	Exports				Imports			
	Oct 2011	Oct 2012	Jan-Oct 2011	Jan-Oct 2012	Oct 2011	Oct 2012	Jan-Oct 2011	Jan-Oct 2012
Great Britain	1,154	1,248	10,530	11,721	1,287	1,317	12,780	12,576
Northern Ireland	136	130	1,177	1,195	84	91	864	849
Austria	21	18	240	249	14	14	156	175
Belgium	1,028	1,059	11,262	11,385	146	109	1,020	792
Bulgaria	4	6	50	57	1	1	9	10
Cyprus	2	2	21	26	0	0	3	4
Czech Republic	28	30	392	280	22	29	200	235
Denmark	36	45	385	436	35	40	537	391
Estonia	3	2	17	19	0	1	5	9
Finland	20	39	242	314	12	13	105	103
France	325	329	4,141	3,774	150	154	1,660	1,590
Germany	425	633	5,200	6,485	259	258	3,049	2,786
Greece	20	23	266	222	3	3	28	19
Italy	261	198	2,541	2,281	62	70	640	638
Latvia	7	4	47	65	0	4	25	32
Lithuania	2	5	27	48	3	4	52	41
Luxembourg	4	4	46	52	4	6	51	42
Hungary	18	21	174	226	9	8	92	79
Malta	1	2	21	21	1	1	9	7
Netherlands	195	269	2,583	2,762	209	239	2,031	1,941
Poland	38	49	511	564	24	38	237	282
Portugal	36	39	375	338	11	15	99	104
Romania	27	38	281	302	13	13	108	110
Slovakia	5	4	50	52	4	5	43	52
Slovenia	2	2	20	19	1	1	10	7
Spain	213	213	2,588	2,347	49	50	545	530
Sweden	49	70	746	619	38	29	394	299
EU Country not specified	0	0	8	4	40	53	250	279
<b>Total EU</b>	<b>4,059</b>	<b>4,484</b>	<b>43,939</b>	<b>45,865</b>	<b>2,480</b>	<b>2,565</b>	<b>25,002</b>	<b>23,980</b>
<i>of which Euro-Zone<sup>2</sup></i>	<b>2,557</b>	<b>2,836</b>	<b>29,600</b>	<b>30,330</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>9,698</b>	<b>9,067</b>
Australia	44	57	618	623	12	10	91	82
Brazil	32	16	236	216	15	16	154	490
Canada	43	63	515	639	9	44	224	213
China	202	163	1,914	1,885	246	281	2,213	2,373
India	17	21	172	192	31	27	316	321
Japan	153	171	1,454	1,759	61	66	638	622
Malaysia	31	21	311	205	16	16	199	186
Mexico	45	60	459	572	24	26	201	228
Norway	22	22	340	253	72	135	1,040	859
Philippines	7	6	76	66	3	4	27	26
Russia	39	50	433	510	9	4	94	86
Saudi Arabia	47	49	437	524	1	0	5	4
Singapore	48	33	461	439	22	25	270	239
South Africa	27	20	251	246	9	8	111	109
South Korea	23	27	247	297	22	26	299	279
Switzerland	487	301	3,164	4,010	56	34	631	824
Taiwan	23	9	171	104	18	24	142	209
Thailand	16	7	112	117	27	25	212	251
Turkey	25	32	392	381	25	31	237	255
USA	1,704	1,494	17,808	15,311	360	497	5,208	5,782
Other countries	234	327	2,481	3,165	184	298	1,228	2,553
Country unknown <sup>3</sup>	7	2	39	35	44	49	778	496
Unclassified estimates <sup>4</sup>	0	11	8	51	67	87	700	795
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,337</b>	<b>7,447</b>	<b>76,039</b>	<b>77,464</b>	<b>3,810</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>40,021</b>	<b>41,263</b>

<sup>1</sup> October 2012 is based on current Intrastat response levels, see Background notes

<sup>2</sup> Euro-zone members from January 2011: Austria, Belgium, Germany, Spain, Finland, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Malta, Cyprus, Slovakia and Estonia

<sup>3</sup> Trade for which the country of origin or country of final destination is unknown

<sup>4</sup> Estimates not allocated by country

**Table 5 Goods Exports and Imports classified by commodity and principal countries<sup>1</sup>**

€ million

Country by Section level of SITC	Exports				Imports			
	Oct	Oct	Jan-Oct	Jan-Oct	Oct	Oct	Jan-Oct	Jan-Oct
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
<b>Great Britain</b>	<b>1,154</b>	<b>1,248</b>	<b>10,530</b>	<b>11,721</b>	<b>1,287</b>	<b>1,317</b>	<b>12,780</b>	<b>12,576</b>
0 Food and live animals	250	308	2,409	2,554	189	219	1,823	1,930
1 Beverages and tobacco	28	32	249	217	15	24	143	204
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	33	28	371	299	13	13	145	126
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	54	112	485	986	380	327	3,818	3,449
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	1	2	10	17	4	4	35	33
5 Chemicals and related products	508	461	4,127	4,717	154	159	1,656	1,618
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	51	56	516	542	127	139	1,242	1,264
7 Machinery and transport equipment	115	137	1,129	1,328	189	197	1,862	1,880
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	99	83	1,008	790	177	182	1,580	1,536
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	15	30	227	272	39	53	477	537
<b>Other EU</b>	<b>2,905</b>	<b>3,236</b>	<b>33,409</b>	<b>34,144</b>	<b>1,193</b>	<b>1,248</b>	<b>12,222</b>	<b>11,404</b>
0 Food and live animals	276	255	2,680	2,492	175	226	1,628	1,869
1 Beverages and tobacco	35	37	300	303	43	47	390	353
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	70	85	765	808	20	29	198	199
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	20	16	353	442	74	59	567	321
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	4	2	30	23	12	12	127	136
5 Chemicals and related products	1,830	2,111	21,629	22,575	352	334	3,612	3,444
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	67	62	661	616	108	121	1,141	1,116
7 Machinery and transport equipment	286	309	3,534	3,322	274	280	3,244	2,644
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	297	314	3,164	3,195	108	97	942	905
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	20	45	294	367	28	44	373	417
<b>USA</b>	<b>1,704</b>	<b>1,494</b>	<b>17,808</b>	<b>15,311</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>5,208</b>	<b>5,782</b>
0 Food and live animals	9	8	66	88	16	19	158	126
1 Beverages and tobacco	30	39	248	287	0	1	8	10
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1	3	20	26	3	5	38	38
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0	0	165	163	14	15	148	134
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2
5 Chemicals and related products	1,319	1,029	13,761	10,688	132	179	1,258	1,534
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	10	10	93	99	22	21	220	210
7 Machinery and transport equipment	71	86	822	832	107	185	2,689	3,041
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	262	316	2,620	3,109	61	67	651	652
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	2	2	13	18	3	3	34	35
<b>China<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>202</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>1,914</b>	<b>1,885</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>2,213</b>	<b>2,373</b>
0 Food and live animals	21	28	154	225	1	2	24	23
1 Beverages and tobacco	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	9	7	81	77	1	2	17	14
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0
5 Chemicals and related products	76	38	671	515	9	18	139	159
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2	1	20	18	27	30	237	258
7 Machinery and transport equipment	80	72	830	848	94	112	880	970
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	13	15	152	196	112	114	894	922
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	0	0	0	0	1	3	20	26
<b>Rest of World</b>	<b>1,371</b>	<b>1,306</b>	<b>12,378</b>	<b>14,404</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>7,598</b>	<b>9,128</b>
0 Food and live animals	113	107	1,146	1,183	47	77	484	592
1 Beverages and tobacco	18	25	161	173	13	18	108	117
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	20	27	242	249	20	22	213	216
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0	0	125	3	130	293	1,182	2,102
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	0	0	1	1	3	4	40	41
5 Chemicals and related products	841	682	7,083	8,204	137	150	2,003	1,896
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	11	14	111	132	24	25	266	266
7 Machinery and transport equipment	224	220	2,173	2,320	194	177	1,697	2,071
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	141	177	1,307	1,750	86	95	862	967
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	3	55	30	390	70	95	742	860
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,337</b>	<b>7,447</b>	<b>76,039</b>	<b>77,464</b>	<b>3,810</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>40,021</b>	<b>41,263</b>

<sup>1</sup> October 2012 is based on current Intrastat response levels, see Background notes

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



## Background Notes

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

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

**Intrastat System** The Intrastat system has two components. Firstly, the Intrastat survey (conducted by the Revenue Commissioners), in which traders, above the Intrastat survey trade thresholds, make detailed monthly returns giving information on the quantity and value of all exports to or imports from EU countries.

The total number of traders required to make a detailed import return is around 6,700 while around 1,900 must make a detailed export return. The response rate in terms of number of traders in October 2012 was 78%, covering an estimated 90% of the total value of intra-EU trade.

The second component of the Intrastat system is the regular VAT return, on which all traders are required to record the total value of goods imported from and exported to other EU countries. This information provides the basis for determining total EU trade for those traders below the Intrastat survey thresholds. It is also used to maintain the register of EU traders.

**Extrastat System** The statistics of trade with non-EU countries are compiled from the documents supplied by importers and exporters to the Customs authorities. The document is the Single Administrative Document (SAD) used for Customs clearance purposes.

**Estimation** The figures in this release include estimates for traders above the Intrastat thresholds who did not make detailed returns for the period and for traders below the thresholds who did not provide aggregate intra-EU trade figures on their VAT returns.

Estimates for Intrastat non-respondents are apportioned to individual commodities and countries whenever previous Intrastat returns are available. Estimates for traders below the Intrastat thresholds are assigned to partner country where possible, but not to commodity.

Imports incorporate an upward adjustment of 1.75% of total imports, which is included in 'Unclassified estimates'. This special adjustment arises from the difficulty of comprehensively covering all EU imports through the Intrastat survey system. The unclassified category also includes certain miscellaneous adjustments.

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

**Unit Value Indices** The monthly unit value index measures monthly unit value trends relative to the annual levels in the preceding year using value weights relating to that year's trade (Laspeyres index).

The annual index is compiled using value weights for both the current and previous year (Fisher index) to allow for change in the structure of trade in goods.

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

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

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

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