



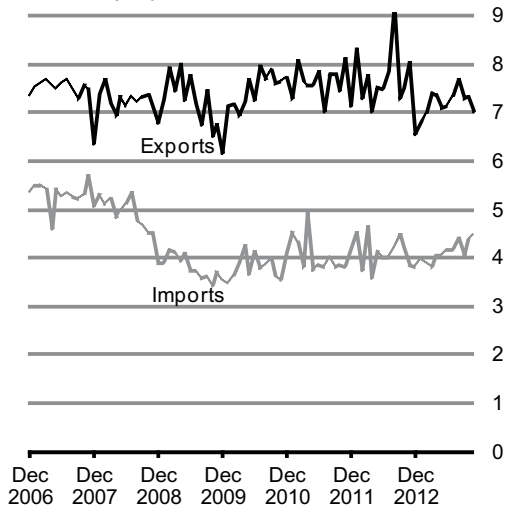
**An Phríomh-Oifig Staidrimh**  
Central Statistics Office

16 January 2014

## Exports and Imports

Seasonally adjusted

€billion



## Goods Exports and Imports

### November 2013

Seasonally adjusted

€ million

	Exports	Imports	Surplus
June 2013	7,122	4,169	2,953
July 2013	7,326	4,157	3,169
August 2013	7,674	4,391	3,283
September 2013	7,275	4,059	3,216
October 2013	7,336	4,340	2,996
November 2013	7,009	4,472	2,538

### Seasonally adjusted surplus down 15% in November

Preliminary figures for November 2013 indicate a decrease in seasonally adjusted exports of €327 million (-5%) to €7,009 million from October 2013. Seasonally adjusted imports increased by €132 million (+3%) to €4,472 million resulting in a 15% decrease in the seasonally adjusted trade surplus to €2,538 million (*see Table 2*). This is the lowest seasonally adjusted trade surplus since August 2008.

Comparing November 2013 with November 2012, the value of exports decreased by €607 million (-7%) to €7,710 million. The main drivers were decreases of €572 million (-25%) in the exports of *Medical and pharmaceutical products* and €158 million (-8%) in the exports of *Organic chemicals*.

On an overall basis the EU accounted for €4,373 million (57%) of total exports in November 2013. The USA was the main non-EU destination accounting for 20% (€1,521m) of total exports in November 2013.

Comparing November 2013 with November 2012, the value of imports rose by €335 million (+8%) to €4,377 million. Imports of *Machinery specialised for particular industries* increased by €121 million (+175%).

The EU accounted for 65% of the value of imports in November 2013, with 33% coming from Great Britain. The USA (9%) and China (7%) were the main non-EU sources of imports.

Published by the Central Statistics Office, Ireland.

Ardee Road Skehard Road  
Dublin 6 Cork  
Ireland Ireland

LoCall: 1890 313 414 (ROI)  
0870 876 0256 (UK/NI)

Tel: +353 1 498 4000 Tel: +353 21 453 5000  
Fax: +353 1 498 4240 Fax: +353 21 453 5555

Both offices may be contacted through any of these telephone numbers.

CSO on the Web: [www.cso.ie](http://www.cso.ie)  
and go to  
Economy: External Trade

Director General: Pádraig Dalton

Enquiries:

Trade statistics Trade Help Desk (01) 498 4200  
trade@cso.ie  
General queries Information Section, ext 5021  
information@cso.ie

© Central Statistics Office

The contents of this release may be quoted provided the source is given clearly and accurately. Reproduction for own or internal use is permitted.

Print ISSN 2009-4655  
On-line ISSN 2009-5155

For more information contact Norita Murphy at (01) 498 4295 or Damian Malone at (01) 498 4206.

**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	48,302	42,925	507.9	240.8	99.7	126.4	78.8
2012	91,688	49,151	42,538	479.1	231.9	105.8	133.7	79.2
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	4,122	2,471	437.6	237.4	105.5	129.2	81.6
2012 January	7,678	4,466	3,212	483.9	251.4	104.7	134.2	78.0
February	7,402	3,957	3,445	470.5	224.9	103.9	133.0	78.1
March	8,628	4,987	3,640	548.1	286.5	103.9	131.7	78.9
April	7,073	3,741	3,332	449.8	210.5	103.8	134.3	77.3
May	7,631	4,066	3,564	479.3	231.8	105.2	132.5	79.4
June	8,065	3,980	4,085	492.8	225.1	107.8	133.0	81.0
July	7,808	3,799	4,009	482.2	212.9	107.1	134.5	79.7
August	8,376	3,865	4,511	508.3	214.6	108.8	135.7	80.1
September	7,464	4,204	3,260	465.4	242.5	106.8	134.9	79.2
October	7,470	4,328	3,142	471.4	245.6	106.0	134.3	78.9
November	8,317	4,042	4,275	524.5	224.0	105.2	133.6	78.8
December	5,778	3,717	2,061	372.3	211.5	106.8	132.2	80.8
2013 <sup>3</sup> January	6,729	4,442	2,287	419.9	251.3	105.8	133.6	79.2
February	6,619	3,913	2,706	424.1	222.4	103.1	133.0	77.5
March	8,086	4,138	3,948	505.8	237.1	105.6	131.9	80.1
April	7,475	4,236	3,239	462.6	238.9	106.7	134.0	79.6
May	7,223	3,948	3,276	450.9	225.5	105.4	131.5	80.1
June	7,333	3,978	3,355	462.8	225.7	104.6	133.2	78.6
July	7,593	3,937	3,656	482.5	221.2	103.9	134.5	77.3
August	6,983	3,896	3,086	439.5	225.4	104.9	130.6	80.3
September	7,311	3,982	3,328	462.5	221.7	104.4	135.8	76.9
October	7,290	4,382	2,907	468.6	249.1	102.7	133.0	77.3
November <sup>4</sup>	7,710	4,377	3,333	493.0	250.3	103.3	132.1	78.2

<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> November 2013 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
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	4,129	2,984	488.7	239.5
2012					
January	8,302	4,506	3,796	516.1	253.4
February	7,286	3,730	3,556	462.3	214.8
March	7,739	4,623	3,116	498.5	260.9
April	7,029	3,584	3,445	443.4	202.3
May	7,528	4,119	3,409	472.2	229.7
June	7,471	4,012	3,459	459.5	228.3
July	7,833	4,003	3,829	485.9	225.1
August	9,188	4,215	4,973	561.3	232.0
September	7,299	4,479	2,820	457.5	261.2
October	7,492	4,216	3,276	465.4	238.1
November	8,033	3,851	4,182	498.6	216.0
December	6,539	3,801	2,738	430.2	218.5
2013					
January	6,791	3,978	2,813	423.4	236.5
February	6,976	3,898	3,078	444.0	222.9
March	7,414	3,806	3,609	459.7	217.4
April	7,353	4,060	3,293	457.2	230.3
May	7,092	4,025	3,067	444.8	227.0
June	7,122	4,169	2,953	453.0	235.1
July	7,326	4,157	3,169	469.6	230.8
August	7,674	4,391	3,283	485.3	248.8
September	7,275	4,059	3,216	461.6	227.8
October	7,336	4,340	2,996	464.3	240.5
November	7,009	4,472	2,538	446.1	255.1

<sup>1</sup> Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2012. 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			
	Nov 2012	Nov 2013	Jan-Nov 2012	Jan-Nov 2013	Nov 2012	Nov 2013	Jan-Nov 2012	Jan-Nov 2013
<b>0 Food and live animals</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>7,427</b>	<b>7,927</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>5,117</b>	<b>5,468</b>
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	52	65	288	352	19	38	148	157
01 Meat and meat preparations	267	267	2,683	2,732	74	74	718	735
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	150	176	1,514	1,738	46	62	502	580
03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and preparations thereof	54	36	468	425	16	17	195	190
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	24	25	257	270	101	80	853	910
05 Vegetables and fruit	19	22	213	224	83	79	929	935
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	9	8	104	110	32	33	305	363
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	33	31	343	355	34	39	361	379
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl unmilled cereals)	26	20	211	225	99	91	730	841
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	128	129	1,347	1,498	33	34	376	378
<b>1 Beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>1,121</b>	<b>1,080</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>791</b>	<b>743</b>
11 Beverages	121	109	1,042	1,000	80	67	710	657
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	7	7	79	80	9	5	82	86
<b>2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>1,605</b>	<b>1,581</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>620</b>
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	12	13	102	126	0	0	0	0
22 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	4	3	13	6	2	3	20	28
23 Crude rubber (incl synthetic and reclaimed)	0	0	0	2	1	2	20	15
24 Cork and wood	9	10	107	114	9	8	96	93
25 Pulp and waste paper	5	4	49	49	2	3	47	42
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	13	12	134	133	1	1	13	18
27 Crude fertilisers and minerals (excl coal, petroleum and precious stones)	11	11	130	128	9	12	117	109
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	72	86	969	928	11	13	187	168
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials nes	13	7	99	94	12	10	154	148
<b>3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1,577</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>6,617</b>	<b>6,346</b>
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	4	4	65	72	20	11	187	199
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	59	45	1,481	682	404	400	5,095	4,650
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	3	1	28	18	140	147	1,307	1,433
35 Electric current	1	1	3	6	2	10	28	64
<b>4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>218</b>
41 Animal oils and fats	4	4	43	39	1	1	13	12
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	1	0	6	7	16	17	191	185
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed; waxes	0	0	2	2	3	2	28	22
<b>5 Chemicals and related products</b>	<b>5,207</b>	<b>4,416</b>	<b>51,980</b>	<b>47,064</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>9,505</b>	<b>10,024</b>
51 Organic chemicals	2,009	1,851	18,771	17,084	186	183	2,278	2,323
52 Inorganic chemicals	15	17	179	183	18	12	183	195
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	13	9	148	144	13	13	169	170
54 Medical and pharmaceutical products	2,271	1,699	23,480	20,176	315	374	3,877	4,208
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet and cleansing preparations	574	506	5,802	5,827	99	87	959	977
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	0	0	3	3	22	20	366	418
57 Plastics in primary forms	24	26	282	293	61	66	683	741
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	28	33	307	358	37	40	413	425
59 Chemical materials and products nes	273	274	3,007	2,996	49	54	577	566

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

€ million

SITC (Rev 4)	Exports				Imports			
	Nov 2012	Nov 2013	Jan-Nov 2012	Jan-Nov 2013	Nov 2012	Nov 2013	Jan-Nov 2012	Jan-Nov 2013
<b>6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>1,583</b>	<b>1,574</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>3,463</b>	<b>3,543</b>
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	2	2	26	26	1	1	14	16
62 Rubber manufactures nes	6	6	61	59	23	21	257	255
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excl furniture)	22	20	207	224	15	15	147	148
64 Paper, paperboard and articles thereof	17	15	132	140	75	70	782	739
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	15	15	143	129	29	31	305	302
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	26	24	268	270	36	36	360	356
67 Iron and steel	9	9	100	109	44	45	490	467
68 Non-ferrous metals	6	5	73	59	37	43	419	513
69 Manufactures of metals nes	51	65	572	558	62	74	689	745
<b>7 Machinery and transport equipment</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>9,512</b>	<b>9,410</b>	<b>972</b>	<b>1,124</b>	<b>11,611</b>	<b>10,765</b>
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	70	57	734	743	75	61	792	717
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	40	51	432	514	69	190	718	1,026
73 Metalworking machinery	3	2	27	19	9	7	65	63
74 General industrial machinery and equipment nes and parts nes	131	156	1,261	1,311	77	115	889	1,091
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	298	347	3,175	3,488	280	232	2,420	2,546
76 Telecommunications and sound equipment	77	73	875	600	127	122	1,090	983
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances nes and parts	174	188	2,434	2,129	178	198	1,783	1,797
78 Road vehicles (incl air-cushion vehicles)	18	20	201	214	141	172	1,413	1,617
79 Other transport equipment	34	46	373	391	17	28	2,439	924
<b>8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>10,070</b>	<b>9,819</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>5,585</b>	<b>5,498</b>
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing and electrical fixtures and fittings	10	11	87	104	15	16	140	141
82 Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	9	11	89	107	24	29	271	288
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	2	2	28	13	10	10	106	95
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	34	20	343	197	146	128	1,528	1,368
85 Footwear	4	3	50	27	25	25	305	283
87 Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus nes	290	339	3,371	3,299	90	134	933	1,178
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches and clocks	100	107	1,034	987	21	19	183	195
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	480	482	5,068	5,084	218	223	2,118	1,948
<b>9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>973</b>
<b>Unclassified estimates<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>25</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>1,032</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,317</b>	<b>7,710</b>	<b>85,910</b>	<b>80,351</b>	<b>4,042</b>	<b>4,377</b>	<b>45,434</b>	<b>45,230</b>

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

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

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

€ million

Country	Exports				Imports			
	Nov 2012	Nov 2013	Jan-Nov 2012	Jan-Nov 2013	Nov 2012	Nov 2013	Jan-Nov 2012	Jan-Nov 2013
Great Britain	1,061	1,075	12,838	11,426	1,412	1,443	14,044	14,216
Northern Ireland	126	130	1,325	1,352	91	94	950	931
Austria	85	31	347	420	21	15	199	183
Belgium	1,426	1,163	12,900	10,575	91	74	890	917
Bulgaria	6	7	63	67	1	3	11	17
Croatia <sup>2</sup>	–	2	–	12	–	0	–	0
Cyprus	3	4	30	32	0	0	3	2
Czech Republic	30	43	310	416	31	46	270	299
Denmark	40	46	485	476	40	29	428	652
Estonia	1	3	20	20	2	4	11	14
Finland	26	29	338	321	9	8	108	98
France	336	346	4,072	3,672	176	172	1,772	1,933
Germany	622	478	7,112	6,144	301	381	3,096	3,751
Greece	20	21	242	248	3	3	22	28
Italy	249	192	2,505	2,151	70	73	728	789
Latvia	5	2	71	44	4	2	36	22
Lithuania	4	4	53	30	5	2	45	67
Luxembourg	5	7	56	51	3	3	45	41
Hungary	20	25	247	242	17	10	106	97
Malta	2	2	22	22	1	0	8	10
Netherlands	266	331	3,060	3,379	163	187	2,118	2,395
Poland	74	81	635	745	50	34	338	342
Portugal	28	25	366	296	14	10	122	130
Romania	29	33	333	356	11	14	119	105
Slovakia	5	6	57	56	5	6	56	54
Slovenia	3	3	29	34	1	1	8	10
Spain	187	215	2,536	2,482	62	66	605	691
Sweden	68	65	696	681	35	35	337	346
EU Country not specified <sup>3</sup>	1	6	20	49	111	147	1,117	1,178
<b>Total EU</b>	<b>4,730</b>	<b>4,373</b>	<b>50,768</b>	<b>45,795</b>	<b>2,731</b>	<b>2,863</b>	<b>27,593</b>	<b>29,317</b>
<i>of which Euro-Zone<sup>4</sup></i>	<b>3,265</b>	<b>2,856</b>	<b>33,693</b>	<b>29,905</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>10,092</b>	<b>11,281</b>
Australia	59	57	682	675	9	6	92	81
Brazil	20	14	237	237	11	15	501	200
Canada	101	61	740	726	30	47	243	304
China	148	152	2,033	1,794	271	295	2,658	2,802
India	22	18	213	222	26	27	348	362
Japan	180	114	1,937	1,534	60	154	680	875
Malaysia	20	12	224	185	14	16	200	192
Mexico	58	52	631	652	24	30	252	290
Norway	27	27	279	327	62	84	920	1,081
Russia	56	56	565	600	11	6	98	124
Saudi Arabia	60	44	583	608	0	1	4	75
Singapore	39	53	479	516	31	47	270	401
South Africa	21	35	267	240	5	13	114	85
South Korea	29	26	326	298	28	32	309	365
Switzerland	822	726	4,831	4,528	74	43	898	773
Taiwan	13	14	117	120	21	19	230	189
Thailand	9	11	127	127	26	32	279	323
Turkey	41	35	431	406	29	26	285	259
USA	1,526	1,521	16,837	17,223	365	403	6,119	4,802
Other countries	331	303	3,561	3,508	170	196	2,801	1,964
Country unknown <sup>5</sup>	6	6	42	26	44	23	540	368
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,317</b>	<b>7,710</b>	<b>85,910</b>	<b>80,351</b>	<b>4,042</b>	<b>4,377</b>	<b>45,434</b>	<b>45,230</b>

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

<sup>2</sup> Croatia joined the EU on 1 July 2013

<sup>3</sup> Includes estimates for traders below the Intrastat threshold and transactions where the EU country was not specified

<sup>4</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>5</sup> Trade for which the country of origin or country of final destination is unknown

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

€ million

Country by Section level of SITC	Exports				Imports			
	Nov	Nov	Jan-Nov	Jan-Nov	Nov	Nov	Jan-Nov	Jan-Nov
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
<b>Great Britain</b>	<b>1,061</b>	<b>1,075</b>	<b>12,838</b>	<b>11,426</b>	<b>1,412</b>	<b>1,443</b>	<b>14,044</b>	<b>14,216</b>
0 Food and live animals	323	332	2,951	3,086	213	233	2,167	2,198
1 Beverages and tobacco	32	29	255	267	28	18	244	247
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	34	32	337	317	10	9	137	125
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	50	41	992	498	390	431	3,891	4,115
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	2	2	19	15	4	3	37	40
5 Chemicals and related products	315	319	5,052	3,980	163	165	1,795	1,788
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	62	61	620	629	137	139	1,408	1,393
7 Machinery and transport equipment	143	150	1,479	1,514	234	207	2,101	2,092
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	87	83	884	858	200	192	1,768	1,701
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	14	27	248	262	33	46	496	517
<b>Other EU<sup>2,3</sup></b>	<b>3,669</b>	<b>3,299</b>	<b>37,930</b>	<b>34,373</b>	<b>1,319</b>	<b>1,421</b>	<b>13,550</b>	<b>15,101</b>
0 Food and live animals	273	281	2,813	3,027	241	222	2,118	2,331
1 Beverages and tobacco	37	34	343	309	43	38	401	363
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	75	88	887	859	21	22	224	214
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	17	9	418	103	19	14	333	642
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	3	2	27	26	13	13	150	136
5 Chemicals and related products	2,509	1,993	25,130	21,544	354	395	3,837	4,367
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	66	60	688	656	122	114	1,257	1,330
7 Machinery and transport equipment	345	425	3,676	3,917	307	338	2,980	3,260
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	329	352	3,617	3,565	101	105	1,021	1,105
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	17	55	331	369	97	161	1,229	1,353
<b>USA</b>	<b>1,526</b>	<b>1,521</b>	<b>16,837</b>	<b>17,223</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>6,119</b>	<b>4,802</b>
0 Food and live animals	8	13	96	110	30	20	156	258
1 Beverages and tobacco	36	34	324	316	1	2	11	12
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	2	3	28	24	2	2	40	37
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0	0	163	144	35	8	135	34
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
5 Chemicals and related products	1,049	992	11,737	12,069	109	124	1,642	1,729
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	10	26	109	132	19	27	229	271
7 Machinery and transport equipment	93	91	926	956	103	147	3,151	1,721
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	325	360	3,434	3,430	63	69	716	699
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	2	4	20	42	3	3	37	39
<b>China<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>148</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>2,033</b>	<b>1,794</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>2,658</b>	<b>2,802</b>
0 Food and live animals	25	30	249	335	2	2	26	23
1 Beverages and tobacco	0	0	4	4	0	0	1	0
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	10	8	87	87	2	2	16	26
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	37	38	553	419	9	15	168	179
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2	2	19	18	22	26	279	271
7 Machinery and transport equipment	54	49	902	703	143	146	1,120	1,354
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	20	24	216	224	92	99	1,020	915
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	0	0	0	0	2	3	28	35
<b>Rest of World</b>	<b>1,914</b>	<b>1,663</b>	<b>16,272</b>	<b>15,535</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>816</b>	<b>9,064</b>	<b>8,309</b>
0 Food and live animals	135	123	1,318	1,369	51	69	649	658
1 Beverages and tobacco	22	18	196	184	16	15	134	120
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	18	15	266	293	13	17	238	219
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0	0	3	34	122	116	2,257	1,556
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	0	1	1	3	3	3	44	40
5 Chemicals and related products	1,297	1,075	9,508	9,052	166	151	2,063	1,962
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	15	14	146	140	22	31	289	278
7 Machinery and transport equipment	210	225	2,529	2,320	185	286	2,260	2,338
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	169	156	1,918	1,742	92	120	1,060	1,078
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	47	36	387	398	6	8	69	61
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,317</b>	<b>7,710</b>	<b>85,910</b>	<b>80,351</b>	<b>4,042</b>	<b>4,377</b>	<b>45,434</b>	<b>45,230</b>

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

<sup>2</sup> Croatia joined the EU on 1 July 2013

<sup>3</sup> Includes estimates for traders below the Intrastat threshold and transactions where the EU country was not specified

<sup>4</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 (October 2013 in this publication), -4 (July 2013) and -8 (March 2013) 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 November 2013 was 58%, covering an estimated 89% of the total value of intra-EU trade (these response rates will have increased by the next time we publish data for November).

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.