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## External Trade

- The value of exports fell by 5% between 2002 and 2010, from €93.7bn to €89.4bn. During this period the value of exports to the USA increased by 26% from €16.5bn to €20.8bn while exports to Great Britain decreased by 40% from €20.9bn to €12.5bn.
- In 2010 the main export markets were the USA (23%), Great Britain (14%) and Belgium (14%).
- Chemicals and related products accounted for over half of Ireland's exports in 2010, with €24.3bn worth of medical and pharmaceutical products exported.
- The value of imports decreased by 18% between 2002 and 2010, from €55.6bn to €45.5bn. Imports from China increased by 38%, from €2bn in 2002 to €2.8bn in 2010, while imports from Great Britain decreased by 29% from €19bn to €13.6bn.
- In 2010 imports were mainly from Great Britain (30%), the USA (14%), Germany (8%) and China (6%).

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## Introduction

This chapter contains information on Ireland's external merchandise trade. Statistics on Ireland's trade in goods with other countries are compiled and published in detail on a monthly basis. The sources for these estimates are a combination of Customs-based non-EU trade statistics, VAT returns and the Intrastat survey of Irish traders engaged in trade with other EU member states which is conducted by the Revenue Commissioners.

## Long term growth

Between 1971 and 2010, exports at current prices grew from €684m to €89,392m while imports for the same period increased from €958m to €45,507m (see Table 14.1). The resulting merchandise trade balance at current prices changed from a deficit of €275m in 1971 to a surplus of €43,885m in 2010.

The volume of exports is estimated to have increased by a factor of twenty four between 1971 and 2010 while import volumes for the same period increased by a factor of seven.

## Trade by area

Exports to the USA increased from €16,509m in 2002 to €20,763m in 2010, accounting for 23% of total exports in 2010 (see Table 14.3). Ireland's next largest export markets in 2010 were to Belgium (€12,819m) and Great Britain (€12,454m), both at 14%.

Just over 60% (€27,610m) of Ireland's imports in 2010 were from other EU countries, mainly Great Britain (30%) and Germany (8%) (see Table 14.2). Around 14% (€6,414m) of Ireland's imports came from the USA, while imports from China increased from €2,000m in 2002 (4%) to €2,755m in 2010 (6%).

## Trade by product

Chemicals and related products accounted for 59% (€52,426m) of Ireland's exports in 2010, followed by Machinery and transport equipment (12%) and Miscellaneous manufactured articles (12%) (see Table 14.5). Food and live animals accounted for 8% (or €6,973m) of the 2010 export market.

Imports of Machinery and transport equipment were 27% (€12,273m) of the 2010 market, followed by Chemicals and related products (19% or €8,727m) (see Table 14.4). Imports of Food and live animals accounted for 10% (€4,564m).

## Imports by main use

The share of imports classified as materials for further production fell from 61% in 2002 to 52% in 2010 while Consumption Goods ready for use increased from 23% to 32% in the same period (see Tables 14.8 and 14.9).

## Technical Notes

### Scope of merchandise trade data

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

### Valuation

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

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

### Exclusions

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

### Notes to the tables

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

Tables 14.8 and 14.9 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:

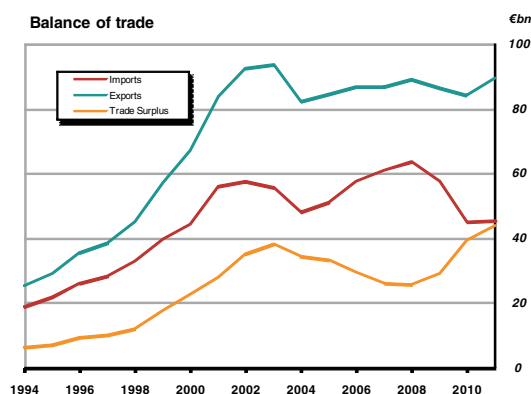
- EFTA (European Free Trade Area): Iceland, Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Norway.
- Other Europe: Ceuta, Melilla, Faroe Islands, Gibraltar, San Marino, Belarus, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Croatia, Serbia, Montenegro, Turkey, Andorra, Vatican City, Albania, Moldova, Armenia, Kazakhstan, 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 and excluding Russia and NAFTA countries): Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei, Singapore, Philippines, China (includes Hong Kong and Macau), South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Australia, New Zealand, Chile (- 1998), Papua New Guinea (- 1998), Russia (- 1998), Vietnam (- 1998), Peru (- 1998).
- OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development): EU (excluding Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Latvia, Malta, Romania, Slovenia), EFTA (excluding Liechtenstein), Turkey, USA, Canada, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico (- 1995), South Korea (- 1998); unclassified estimates are excluded.

Table 14.1 Summary of external trade

Year	Value			Volume index	
	Imports	Exports	Trade surplus <sup>1</sup>	Imports	Exports
	€m	€m	€m	Base year 1990=100	
1971	958.5	684.0	-274.6	35.4	20.5
1972	1,064.1	822.2	-241.9	37.5	21.8
1973	1,444.0	1,103.6	-340.4	45.1	23.9
1974	2,065.0	1,440.2	-624.8	44.2	25.2
1975	2,163.8	1,837.8	-326.0	38.3	27.2
1976	2,968.6	2,360.5	-608.0	44.2	28.2
1977	3,924.6	3,197.4	-727.2	49.9	33.2
1978	4,714.7	3,762.5	-952.2	57.1	36.7
1979	6,130.2	4,415.8	-1,714.4	65.5	39.6
1980	6,882.9	5,183.7	-1,699.2	62.3	42.7
1981	8,352.9	6,066.3	-2,286.6	63.7	43.0
1982	8,654.7	7,226.6	-1,428.1	61.5	46.1
1983	9,353.9	8,816.9	-537.0	63.5	51.7
1984	11,316.1	11,297.5	-18.6	70.0	61.2
1985	11,971.3	12,371.1	399.8	72.3	65.2
1986	10,946.8	11,902.9	956.1	74.4	67.6
1987	11,624.7	13,616.0	1,991.3	79.1	77.4
1988	12,970.1	15,623.9	2,653.9	82.8	82.9
1989	15,597.8	18,534.4	2,936.6	93.6	92.2
1990	15,832.1	18,203.9	2,371.7	100.0	100.0
1991	16,317.2	19,070.1	2,752.9	100.8	105.6
1992	16,753.9	21,260.2	4,506.4	105.6	121.1
1993	18,899.7	25,178.5	6,278.9	113.0	133.4
1994	21,945.4	28,890.9	6,945.6	127.9	153.2
1995	26,180.9	35,330.1	9,149.2	146.3	184.0
1996	28,479.5	38,608.9	10,129.6	160.9	202.2
1997	32,863.5	44,868.0	12,004.5	184.8	232.4
1998	39,715.0	57,321.8	17,606.7	218.3	289.2
1999	44,327.1	66,956.2	22,629.1	236.5	336.5
2000	55,908.8	83,888.9	27,980.1	275.2	401.4
2001	57,384.2	92,689.9	35,305.7	274.2	422.0
2002	55,628.1	93,675.2	38,047.1	276.6	435.1
2003	47,864.6	82,076.1	34,211.5	259.7	418.4
2004	51,105.4	84,409.5	33,304.1	283.6	446.5
2005	57,464.9	86,732.3	29,267.3	316.3	456.7
2006	60,857.4	86,772.0	25,914.6	325.2	458.0
2007	63,485.7	89,226.1	25,740.5	340.9	481.8
2008	57,584.7	86,394.4	28,809.6	300.5	484.5
2009	45,061.1	84,238.9	39,177.8	249.2	468.4
2010	45,507.2	89,391.8	43,884.6	241.3	485.5

<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 Imports by country of origin**

	€m								
Country of origin	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Great Britain	19,083.9	13,662.1	14,885.4	16,995.3	18,099.3	19,508.5	17,941.4	12,787.0	13,623.1
Northern Ireland	1,036.3	1,042.3	1,149.3	1,275.6	1,325.3	1,360.8	1,261.3	941.1	964.4
Austria	206.4	163.1	136.6	233.6	228.7	233.2	186.6	186.2	164.2
Belgium	788.4	751.2	945.4	1,061.4	1,212.4	1,260.1	1,320.5	917.2	1,079.8
Luxembourg	20.8	20.6	24.2	29.7	43.0	37.1	45.8	26.8	27.4
Denmark	694.1	815.2	763.2	784.4	654.2	667.1	1,042.3	795.4	771.5
Finland	728.6	264.3	255.1	277.7	277.3	244.8	331.5	195.5	190.4
France	2,265.2	1,913.6	2,343.7	1,980.2	2,219.3	2,658.8	2,388.4	2,193.2	1,832.1
Germany	3,564.3	3,498.2	3,850.1	4,512.1	5,012.3	5,591.9	4,640.7	3,045.4	3,499.1
Greece	42.4	49.1	40.3	39.5	50.9	48.8	33.3	31.0	28.5
Italy	1,098.6	1,072.0	1,125.1	1,254.3	1,563.4	1,448.1	1,343.6	911.1	766.9
Netherlands	1,858.8	1,679.2	1,944.0	2,286.5	2,444.5	2,700.2	2,892.2	2,309.5	2,211.4
Portugal	170.3	179.2	206.9	201.5	234.2	154.0	138.6	100.2	97.9
Spain	676.9	666.5	679.7	845.1	990.3	1,047.8	936.6	568.7	667.1
Sweden	421.4	435.1	521.2	529.4	665.7	626.3	482.9	387.2	339.6
Czech Republic <sup>1</sup>	143.0	144.6	117.4	180.0	285.2	281.0	187.3	120.3	191.7
Hungary <sup>1</sup>	182.3	163.5	216.8	177.4	333.4	330.4	318.6	253.9	201.8
Poland <sup>1</sup>	126.6	158.2	134.0	126.4	181.9	267.7	438.7	397.8	313.1
Romania <sup>6</sup>	38.2	50.3	54.8	47.8	59.8	64.1	56.4	46.1	107.6
Other new accession states <sup>2</sup>	136.3	163.2	154.7	164.3	194.8	195.1	190.8	135.7	157.1
EU Country not specified	513.0	436.8	405.3	530.8	653.9	673.4	377.9	375.4	374.9
<b>EU countries</b>	<b>33,795.6</b>	<b>27,328.3</b>	<b>29,953.2</b>	<b>33,532.8</b>	<b>36,729.8</b>	<b>39,399.2</b>	<b>36,555.7</b>	<b>26,724.7</b>	<b>27,609.6</b>
<i>of which EU-15</i>	<i>33,169.3</i>	<i>26,648.5</i>	<i>29,275.5</i>	<i>32,837.0</i>	<i>35,674.7</i>	<i>38,260.9</i>	<i>35,363.8</i>	<i>25,771.0</i>	<i>26,638.3</i>
Australia	130.1	124.2	177.8	133.1	141.5	165.3	120.4	87.6	118.9
Brazil	159.3	221.5	233.0	209.6	190.0	240.9	214.5	157.8	165.5
Canada	423.8	452.4	270.8	285.3	395.8	345.4	341.2	385.9	241.5
China, Hong Kong & Macau	2,000.4	2,603.0	3,277.0	4,244.7	4,773.0	5,169.1	4,275.1	2,879.2	2,754.5
India	156.2	134.8	153.0	232.9	230.8	279.9	265.2	280.9	300.4
Israel	85.8	83.7	108.4	121.2	92.0	82.8	72.3	82.6	71.2
Japan	1,840.3	2,296.4	2,174.8	2,105.1	1,731.0	1,630.6	1,144.4	654.5	798.5
Malaysia	675.4	468.8	466.2	561.1	414.7	490.1	351.0	284.9	205.0
Mexico	249.6	209.3	149.7	135.5	149.5	187.1	212.1	175.5	231.2
Nigeria	0.7	0.5	1.4	1.0	0.6	0.6	0.3	9.0	0.4
Norway	721.8	760.9	963.3	1,507.0	1,857.0	1,552.2	1,306.5	869.0	1,291.0
Philippines	353.3	181.8	109.8	139.1	147.5	132.4	74.7	43.2	29.8
Russia	35.6	43.7	60.0	75.3	113.8	77.5	134.1	81.4	159.7
Saudi Arabia	26.2	6.6	2.4	3.7	4.5	50.4	6.8	5.0	11.3
Singapore	1,005.6	1,039.1	885.0	845.0	1,217.5	836.2	745.9	537.0	507.8
South Africa	113.1	154.9	157.6	160.2	180.2	166.0	148.2	103.4	86.6
South Korea	889.5	733.4	996.3	919.9	904.5	848.8	507.6	262.2	243.6
Switzerland	616.6	487.5	537.3	550.1	565.6	521.4	525.2	449.4	846.8
Taiwan	999.1	787.9	949.6	919.2	973.1	772.9	535.8	279.6	163.2
Thailand	283.1	334.9	352.7	387.8	498.0	428.2	375.0	265.1	238.3
Turkey	226.5	262.2	322.1	409.4	515.1	534.0	411.6	251.1	255.5
United Arab Emirates	25.1	27.6	28.8	29.0	37.0	58.2	17.9	15.5	109.5
USA	8,517.7	7,416.4	6,984.5	7,999.9	6,808.1	7,050.6	6,762.8	7,841.8	6,414.1
Other Countries <sup>3</sup>	997.4	750.2	784.2	887.5	1,017.4	1,211.0	1,141.4	1,308.5	1,397.7
Country unknown <sup>4</sup>	155.2	119.2	104.7	39.7	90.3	125.7	293.5	226.3	430.1
Unclassified estimates <sup>5</sup>	1,145.6	835.4	901.9	1,030.0	1,079.1	1,129.3	1,045.5	799.9	825.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,628.1</b>	<b>47,864.6</b>	<b>51,105.4</b>	<b>57,464.9</b>	<b>60,857.4</b>	<b>63,485.7</b>	<b>57,584.7</b>	<b>45,061.1</b>	<b>45,507.2</b>

<sup>1</sup> Joined EU on 1st May 2004

<sup>2</sup> Includes Cyprus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Slovakia and Slovenia all of which joined 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

Table 14.3 Exports by country of destination

	€m								
Country of destination	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Great Britain	20,853.1	13,434.7	13,714.5	13,775.0	13,894.3	15,002.3	14,299.8	12,199.1	12,453.9
Northern Ireland	1,610.7	1,408.3	1,484.2	1,576.8	1,671.5	1,740.5	1,564.5	1,286.2	1,314.4
Austria	334.9	332.0	372.1	415.6	423.4	511.8	393.3	322.7	310.0
Belgium	13,547.1	10,334.5	12,321.8	13,540.2	12,216.9	12,794.3	12,253.1	14,130.4	12,818.8
Luxembourg	76.5	105.8	102.6	186.4	175.2	163.1	145.3	140.3	76.1
Denmark	545.3	504.4	518.4	595.5	595.4	576.0	528.1	397.8	414.2
Finland	303.0	293.9	309.0	339.7	455.2	419.2	335.0	272.7	290.4
France	4,685.4	5,010.5	5,041.1	5,712.9	5,079.0	5,191.3	5,019.4	4,527.1	4,492.5
Germany	6,729.1	6,845.4	6,552.7	6,625.3	6,970.3	6,723.7	6,089.4	5,974.4	7,214.6
Greece	329.9	312.7	331.1	336.6	370.8	417.7	361.8	374.5	307.3
Italy	3,597.1	3,748.6	3,812.5	3,713.1	3,613.2	3,175.9	3,006.6	2,784.4	2,713.2
Netherlands	3,493.5	4,184.4	3,864.6	3,609.8	3,402.0	3,538.5	3,028.4	2,848.4	3,093.1
Portugal	362.1	309.2	341.9	380.1	421.5	415.1	421.6	407.2	422.9
Spain	2,239.7	2,359.6	2,447.5	2,979.8	3,260.6	3,280.8	3,589.9	3,275.8	3,361.5
Sweden	1,202.1	1,163.3	988.2	1,070.3	1,084.6	997.9	872.9	684.1	670.2
Czech Republic <sup>1</sup>	198.7	177.1	201.9	269.5	357.8	397.2	332.7	286.0	432.7
Hungary <sup>1</sup>	144.4	138.5	155.5	127.6	246.5	211.6	196.6	174.9	160.8
Poland <sup>1</sup>	282.9	259.6	272.5	292.1	417.0	586.6	747.1	632.5	594.4
Romania <sup>6</sup>	56.0	51.8	73.0	128.5	158.3	181.8	257.0	284.2	252.4
Other new accession states <sup>2</sup>	203.9	181.9	165.7	168.7	198.3	281.6	344.6	261.2	304.7
EU country not specified	1.2	1.2	38.5	76.4	72.8	55.8	53.3	54.3	57.9
<b>EU countries</b>	<b>60,796.6</b>	<b>51,157.3</b>	<b>53,109.3</b>	<b>55,920.0</b>	<b>55,084.6</b>	<b>56,662.8</b>	<b>53,840.6</b>	<b>51,318.2</b>	<b>51,756.1</b>
<i>of which EU-15</i>	<i>59,910.7</i>	<i>50,348.4</i>	<i>52,240.8</i>	<i>54,933.6</i>	<i>53,706.4</i>	<i>55,003.9</i>	<i>51,962.5</i>	<i>49,679.3</i>	<i>50,011.1</i>
Australia	636.1	647.6	736.1	732.4	804.3	835.6	746.4	730.3	776.0
Brazil	125.2	141.7	151.2	146.9	147.2	161.6	183.3	211.3	259.6
Canada	510.9	469.3	326.4	339.5	375.1	418.4	394.3	440.8	570.7
China, Hong Kong & Macau	1,074.4	1,274.9	1,472.1	1,436.2	1,502.7	1,989.4	2,324.9	2,330.1	2,502.2
India	131.4	95.1	109.5	130.6	153.8	168.3	161.0	158.5	161.7
Israel	242.3	204.2	305.9	284.8	225.9	218.9	199.1	194.6	251.3
Japan	2,630.8	2,109.4	2,332.6	2,232.9	1,980.0	1,738.1	1,708.2	1,701.9	1,755.4
Malaysia	765.9	578.1	447.5	555.2	952.7	693.9	1,063.0	819.2	693.0
Mexico	456.6	518.5	462.4	465.5	534.6	580.8	541.3	444.7	466.4
Nigeria	138.2	126.4	121.7	110.0	149.5	188.8	204.8	194.4	206.1
Norway	517.2	530.1	490.3	623.3	620.5	587.4	498.5	468.5	418.8
Philippines	342.7	208.0	194.1	328.5	424.2	708.9	362.6	118.2	214.0
Russia	255.7	251.4	213.1	236.9	283.8	326.8	344.5	242.6	372.8
Saudi Arabia	365.1	273.6	249.7	291.2	332.7	368.4	378.2	419.0	499.0
Singapore	739.3	734.2	866.4	724.4	618.3	504.4	555.8	479.2	550.1
South Africa	274.6	269.1	256.0	267.6	317.9	368.9	311.7	214.2	283.7
South Korea	640.4	509.6	587.8	540.6	499.6	480.0	485.0	329.9	356.9
Switzerland	3,103.8	2,603.3	2,761.4	3,205.7	2,515.5	3,251.5	2,560.8	2,433.4	3,557.4
Taiwan	346.0	285.6	355.5	329.3	291.1	240.1	224.5	250.1	190.3
Thailand	112.0	145.1	161.8	134.4	116.2	142.4	141.2	161.1	144.3
Turkey	327.8	303.8	300.5	322.1	369.0	414.9	401.7	381.2	429.9
United Arab Emirates	177.9	115.1	146.1	154.1	216.9	290.6	332.5	275.8	269.8
USA	16,509.4	16,939.2	16,555.6	15,474.8	16,182.0	15,825.0	16,674.3	18,271.9	20,763.2
Other Countries <sup>3</sup>	1,193.0	1,076.5	1,266.5	1,483.2	1,796.7	1,775.7	1,546.3	1,529.1	1,797.6
Country unknown <sup>4</sup>	488.8	499.1	412.7	249.0	269.7	275.1	195.8	111.1	123.3
Unclassified estimates <sup>5</sup>	775.0	11.3	17.4	13.1	7.7	9.4	14.0	9.6	22.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>93,676.9</b>	<b>82,077.7</b>	<b>84,409.5</b>	<b>86,732.3</b>	<b>86,772.3</b>	<b>89,226.1</b>	<b>86,394.4</b>	<b>84,238.9</b>	<b>89,391.8</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

## External Trade

**Table 14.4 Imports by SITC section and division**

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SITC (Rev 4)	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>0 Food and live animals</b>	<b>3,157</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>4,564</b>
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	171	211	225	246	294	284	239	186	171
01 Meat and meat preparations	384	417	481	555	613	633	688	639	653
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	276	334	340	374	410	459	479	387	435
03 Fish, crustaceans and molluscs and preparations thereof	119	96	106	132	151	183	164	148	167
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	500	496	519	556	640	770	795	772	758
05 Vegetables and fruit	626	622	604	695	787	897	914	851	908
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	185	165	175	201	217	250	245	244	234
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	272	252	254	298	295	324	332	321	306
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)	389	335	333	349	381	426	444	475	535
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	235	233	237	275	298	367	381	394	397
<b>1 Beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>803</b>
11 Beverages	644	599	638	703	727	821	754	677	706
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	85	107	58	73	78	82	82	92	97
<b>2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</b>	<b>800</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>649</b>
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	5	6	3	3	3	2	1	0	0
22 Oilseeds and oleaginous fruits	17	14	22	17	20	35	25	24	27
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	27	19	18	17	23	19	17	9	12
24 Cork and wood	267	328	362	395	412	416	230	122	126
25 Pulp and waste paper	23	20	21	17	17	28	25	29	41
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	55	33	20	20	18	20	17	11	14
27 Crude fertilisers and minerals, excluding coal, petroleum etc	172	164	173	216	320	283	227	140	124
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	126	101	113	128	127	154	148	113	169
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials nes	109	104	112	122	128	146	142	133	136
<b>3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials</b>	<b>1,932</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>5,571</b>
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	135	122	205	173	170	159	220	199	152
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	1,533	1,593	2,255	3,315	3,842	4,479	4,913	3,299	4,258
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	244	225	307	493	652	1,039	1,378	911	1,134
35 Electric current	20	29	47	40	56	51	83	36	27
<b>4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>179</b>
41 Animal oils and fats	7	4	5	6	7	7	9	8	8
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	66	74	74	81	105	129	169	145	149
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed; waxes	43	43	38	43	51	24	30	24	22
<b>5 Chemicals and related products nes</b>	<b>6,922</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>8,727</b>
51 Organic chemicals	2,014	1,841	2,209	2,117	2,084	1,948	1,749	1,680	2,103
52 Inorganic chemicals	172	155	177	216	211	196	201	150	165
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	168	170	174	189	204	211	181	141	155
54 Medical and pharmaceutical products	2,075	2,168	1,970	1,995	2,235	2,397	2,867	2,849	3,435
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet and cleansing preparations	865	881	901	992	1,152	1,176	1,095	965	968
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	186	244	262	292	295	299	475	241	388
57 Plastics in primary forms	530	532	567	594	661	715	689	500	653
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	421	424	427	469	485	512	439	373	384
59 Chemical materials and products nes	490	484	453	554	637	673	586	473	476



Table 14.4 Imports by SITC section and division (continued)

€m									
SITC (Rev 4)	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</b>	<b>4,338</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>3,506</b>
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	12	10	12	14	18	21	16	13	16
62 Rubber manufactures nes	215	231	233	262	293	316	291	219	240
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)	254	269	314	360	384	376	282	173	169
64 Paper, paperboard and articles thereof	828	798	770	792	820	887	906	701	745
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	538	492	503	504	522	524	434	342	329
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	495	550	632	717	866	907	717	421	419
67 Iron and steel	661	568	713	717	911	1,082	1,009	395	442
68 Non-ferrous metals	429	408	448	451	532	644	548	353	400
69 Manufactures of metals nes	906	919	996	1,130	1,224	1,325	1,252	810	749
<b>7 Machinery and transport equipment</b>	<b>28,317</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>12,273</b>
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	570	679	619	777	739	704	626	737	744
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	1,025	1,005	1,000	1,181	1,342	1,458	1,144	580	571
73 Metalworking machinery	133	192	144	224	171	109	100	47	65
74 General industrial machinery and equipment nes and parts nes	1,120	1,207	1,116	1,412	1,374	1,379	1,252	852	778
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	8,450	7,987	7,854	9,195	10,452	9,277	6,749	3,678	2,682
76 Telecommunications and sound equipment	2,250	1,394	1,678	2,026	2,129	1,978	1,762	1,275	1,113
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances nes and parts	9,943	4,647	4,721	4,353	3,809	3,294	2,887	2,307	2,143
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	3,328	2,809	3,292	3,797	4,102	4,575	3,228	898	1,557
79 Other transport equipment	1,498	812	1,539	2,036	1,452	2,605	2,299	3,919	2,619
<b>8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b>	<b>6,116</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>6,140</b>
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing and electrical fixtures and fittings	212	227	271	293	321	352	269	199	170
82 Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	363	360	434	506	616	664	516	334	326
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	96	65	66	86	92	136	111	89	98
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	1,387	1,296	1,307	1,541	1,639	1,813	1,705	1,639	1,643
85 Footwear	274	267	278	323	369	377	347	310	349
87 Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus nes	865	822	716	877	948	944	912	917	952
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches and clocks	245	267	225	260	291	283	248	185	227
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	2,675	2,998	3,035	3,202	3,084	3,041	2,753	2,450	2,374
<b>9 Commodities and transactions nec</b>	<b>1,369</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>Unclassified estimates<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1,832</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>924</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>55,628</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>45,507</b>

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

Source: CSO

## External Trade

**Table 14.5 Exports by SITC section and division**

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SITC (Rev 4)	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>0 Food and live animals</b>	<b>5,780</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>6,973</b>
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	211	238	229	259	351	299	248	296	340
01 Meat and meat preparations	1,744	1,858	2,054	2,176	2,392	2,383	2,390	2,185	2,402
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	952	956	1,056	1,107	1,195	1,477	1,442	1,114	1,432
03 Fish, crustaceans and molluscs and preparations thereof	411	372	371	336	344	357	333	324	366
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	258	215	201	254	245	264	282	237	210
05 Vegetables and fruit	234	243	218	244	277	479	278	234	230
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	136	119	142	136	145	135	107	102	82
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	277	268	268	275	280	263	254	248	260
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)	142	153	170	175	143	142	169	163	188
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	1,414	1,358	1,354	1,418	1,663	1,805	1,583	1,368	1,462
<b>1 Beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>1,003</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>1,186</b>
11 Beverages	895	1,013	949	1,014	1,285	1,327	1,162	1,007	1,099
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	108	95	88	90	74	80	75	72	87
<b>2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels</b>	<b>863</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>1,442</b>
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	104	86	85	74	93	94	70	54	97
22 Oilseeds and oleaginous fruits	1	2	6	5	7	10	3	1	2
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	1	1	2	2	5	7	2	1	1
24 Cork and wood	84	81	79	72	71	93	71	67	102
25 Pulp and waste paper	19	24	36	46	51	58	60	46	60
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	125	117	112	111	106	120	115	100	118
27 Crude fertilisers and minerals, excluding coal, petroleum etc	43	52	57	67	70	51	81	81	82
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	399	420	524	609	1,015	1,012	809	530	886
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials nes	87	83	90	92	76	94	102	91	93
<b>3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>1,027</b>
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	65	61	59	61	71	64	56	53	58
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	291	135	322	525	437	594	757	534	949
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	6	3	7	13	21	8	12	7	21
35 Electric current	0	3	12	17	33	20	7	1	-
<b>4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes</b>	<b>26</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>
41 Animal oils and fats	22	24	19	15	15	23	36	17	23
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	2	1	2	2	2	3	3	2	3
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed; waxes	3	7	5	2	2	2	2	1	1
<b>5 Chemicals and related products nes</b>	<b>39,061</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>52,426</b>
51 Organic chemicals	17,385	15,081	14,651	17,757	17,059	19,641	17,816	17,656	19,127
52 Inorganic chemicals	143	131	158	108	116	112	116	59	90
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	55	59	63	51	52	48	62	58	166
54 Medical and pharmaceutical products	15,672	13,612	15,155	14,531	14,247	14,749	16,750	21,236	24,320
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet and cleansing preparations	3,178	4,173	4,762	5,217	5,328	5,318	5,455	5,237	5,487
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	31	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2
57 Plastics in primary forms	170	179	191	190	209	265	247	216	267
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	199	191	211	244	251	270	261	229	302
59 Chemical materials and products nes	2,228	2,359	2,300	2,322	2,431	2,664	3,516	3,295	2,666

Table 14.5 Exports by SITC section and division (continued)

		€m								
SITC (Rev 4)	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
<b>6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material</b>	<b>1,926</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>1,443</b>	
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	53	44	37	27	28	38	21	19	21	
62 Rubber manufactures nes	95	87	88	73	61	61	52	44	50	
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)	189	210	224	251	263	283	216	166	198	
64 Paper, paperboard and articles thereof	170	206	185	159	159	148	149	113	117	
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	417	337	328	285	203	201	183	141	159	
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	396	371	375	361	322	316	282	219	251	
67 Iron and steel	50	55	70	70	89	101	90	53	68	
68 Non-ferrous metals	72	64	77	79	87	127	97	76	86	
69 Manufactures of metals nes	485	418	434	450	502	544	571	412	493	
<b>7 Machinery and transport equipment</b>	<b>33,171</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>10,989</b>	
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	494	376	472	524	592	524	587	477	623	
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	284	278	335	271	342	464	500	426	397	
73 Metalworking machinery	108	71	84	81	87	39	45	31	27	
74 General industrial machinery and equipment nes and parts nes	1,036	1,008	1,182	1,141	1,216	1,421	1,211	894	1,110	
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	17,330	14,837	13,383	13,980	14,063	12,577	9,329	6,442	4,506	
76 Telecommunications and sound equipment	2,638	1,393	1,496	1,460	1,384	1,414	1,318	1,001	831	
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances nes and parts	10,567	5,096	5,528	4,911	5,133	4,795	4,793	3,336	3,075	
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	591	360	322	239	248	326	249	271	180	
79 Other transport equipment	123	101	134	102	121	245	333	708	241	
<b>8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles</b>	<b>8,285</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>10,489</b>	
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing and electrical fixtures and fittings	100	94	95	103	112	126	135	103	102	
82 Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	123	103	96	110	146	120	102	85	99	
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	19	16	14	14	12	34	14	16	26	
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	338	320	294	263	228	188	153	160	360	
85 Footwear	24	30	31	33	28	32	28	26	51	
87 Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus nes	2,063	3,267	3,796	2,703	2,308	2,109	2,806	3,009	3,274	
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches and clocks	564	671	710	787	880	856	901	934	1,111	
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	5,054	4,957	4,873	5,053	4,937	5,025	4,764	4,857	5,466	
<b>9 Commodities and transactions nec</b>	<b>2,579</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>Unclassified estimates<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>621</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>678</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>93,675</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>89,392</b>	

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

Source: CSO

## External Trade

**Table 14.6 Imports by commodity and principal countries**

€m

Country by section level of SITC	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>Great Britain &amp; Northern Ireland</b>									
0 Food and live animals	1,656	1,723	1,823	1,981	2,157	2,375	2,465	2,302	2,366
1 Beverages and tobacco	351	326	289	310	314	346	346	321	297
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	184	188	218	265	323	328	265	180	186
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1,253	1,270	1,802	2,531	2,668	3,413	3,816	2,490	3,226
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	59	56	50	53	61	59	74	59	59
5 Chemicals and related products nes	2,178	2,046	2,036	2,083	2,369	2,513	2,418	2,002	1,986
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,313	2,151	2,361	2,480	2,654	2,833	2,603	1,518	1,510
7 Machinery and transport equipment	9,215	3,958	4,162	4,993	5,028	4,948	3,634	1,949	2,160
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,251	2,267	2,435	2,663	2,866	3,003	2,658	2,138	2,075
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	660	720	860	912	986	1,052	924	768	724
<b>Other EU</b>									
0 Food and live animals	929	945	950	1,147	1,286	1,492	1,574	1,479	1,483
1 Beverages and tobacco	253	256	267	311	344	401	368	314	348
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	257	279	288	292	344	354	275	201	195
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	117	110	209	175	365	661	1,413	766	713
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	37	38	41	46	66	73	95	88	88
5 Chemicals and related products nes	2,224	2,409	2,539	2,881	3,063	3,239	3,349	3,014	3,507
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1,281	1,326	1,441	1,555	1,820	2,055	1,748	1,138	1,166
7 Machinery and transport equipment	6,683	5,496	6,356	6,768	7,694	7,760	6,290	4,001	3,617
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,120	1,102	1,131	1,280	1,348	1,410	1,245	1,113	1,081
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	774	663	694	807	975	1,085	994	882	825
<b>USA</b>									
0 Food and live animals	184	160	159	147	182	183	156	128	208
1 Beverages and tobacco	25	24	23	27	20	21	13	12	11
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	96	63	48	69	72	57	66	39	42
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	33	20	14	16	17	69	69	13	7
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	11	9	8	12	13	6	10	5	3
5 Chemicals and related products nes	1,401	1,229	1,346	1,211	1,052	1,176	1,023	955	1,220
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	258	263	197	238	255	252	308	252	266
7 Machinery and transport equipment	4,845	3,745	3,494	4,597	3,665	3,898	3,593	4,712	3,413
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,496	1,798	1,553	1,556	1,380	1,218	1,005	929	776
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	169	106	142	126	153	169	519	797	469
<b>China</b>									
0 Food and live animals	7	7	8	9	9	14	14	18	23
1 Beverages and tobacco	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	0
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	26	25	37	43	57	71	38	15	17
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
5 Chemicals and related products nes	37	49	42	56	70	92	121	123	138
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	86	87	126	203	283	394	348	253	286
7 Machinery and transport equipment	1,361	1,981	2,537	3,150	3,488	3,580	2,677	1,407	1,064
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	476	445	502	747	823	968	1,009	999	1,172
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	7	9	24	35	42	49	62	63	54

Table 14.6 Imports by commodity and principal countries (continued)

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Country by section level of SITC	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>Japan</b>									
0 Food and live animals	4	3	1	2	1	1	1	2	0
1 Beverages and tobacco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	5	4	5	5	4	2	1	1	1
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Chemicals and related products nes	271	297	342	290	269	259	249	295	359
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	38	36	37	32	27	28	22	15	17
7 Machinery and transport equipment	1,264	1,432	1,195	1,216	1,159	1,126	730	249	333
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	81	104	103	111	114	120	95	61	61
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	177	420	492	450	157	95	46	32	28
<b>Switzerland</b>									
0 Food and live animals	3	3	5	6	15	9	10	15	12
1 Beverages and tobacco	0	0	0	0	0	3	23	16	15
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	2	0	0	0	3	3	1	0	0
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	0	0					0		0
5 Chemicals and related products nes	396	274	321	359	351	273	329	253	693
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	35	41	39	38	40	32	26	15	17
7 Machinery and transport equipment	92	100	92	81	92	100	86	104	63
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	36	34	30	29	33	35	43	37	37
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	53	36	50	37	32	65	8	8	10
<b>Rest of World</b>									
0 Food and live animals	372	320	327	391	435	518	461	473	472
1 Beverages and tobacco	99	99	116	125	126	131	85	106	133
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	231	232	247	261	266	288	186	146	210
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	529	569	788	1,298	1,670	1,584	1,290	1,176	1,624
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	9	17	17	18	23	22	29	24	29
5 Chemicals and related products nes	415	593	514	539	790	574	794	729	823
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	327	342	418	401	491	488	401	237	244
7 Machinery and transport equipment	4,859	4,020	4,127	4,198	4,444	3,967	3,038	1,870	1,623
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	657	554	577	701	796	856	805	845	938
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	1,359	988	1,046	1,101	1,208	1,286	1,232	905	986
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,628</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>45,507</b>

Source: CSO

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**Table 14.7 Exports by commodity and principal countries**

€m

Country by section level of SITC	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>Great Britain &amp; Northern Ireland</b>									
0 Food and live animals	2,792	2,745	2,950	3,087	3,258	3,473	3,481	3,050	3,199
1 Beverages and tobacco	449	474	435	496	687	613	547	506	483
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	321	298	325	320	367	436	389	267	411
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	232	96	241	420	352	269	451	262	291
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	14	12	11	9	9	13	18	9	9
5 Chemicals and related products nes	4,296	3,718	3,673	3,695	3,607	4,683	4,882	4,687	5,116
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	862	786	804	759	793	906	803	646	714
7 Machinery and transport equipment	11,061	4,255	4,383	4,194	3,957	3,868	3,054	1,921	1,438
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,682	1,615	1,473	1,460	1,655	1,597	1,474	1,275	1,434
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	755	843	903	911	880	885	765	862	674
<b>Other EU</b>									
0 Food and live animals	1,712	1,877	1,956	2,044	2,332	2,548	2,271	2,172	2,467
1 Beverages and tobacco	301	305	290	271	268	274	216	194	229
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	387	423	462	538	835	841	681	480	746
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	31	16	93	85	52	53	219	118	284
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	9	13	12	7	9	13	22	10	16
5 Chemicals and related products nes	20,164	17,397	19,570	21,849	20,383	21,313	22,191	24,928	24,520
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	636	602	571	560	580	631	602	426	526
7 Machinery and transport equipment	10,768	10,516	10,254	10,328	10,758	9,958	7,554	5,253	4,396
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3,103	3,804	3,206	3,295	2,969	3,082	3,220	3,301	3,778
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	1,220	1,362	1,496	1,592	1,334	1,206	1,000	949	1,026
<b>USA</b>									
0 Food and live animals	85	80	84	84	92	96	75	72	72
1 Beverages and tobacco	144	207	185	202	260	301	283	240	275
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	11	12	17	15	22	33	26	18	18
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	35	44	34	46	69	166	42	58	162
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Chemicals and related products nes	9,570	10,009	9,080	9,170	10,395	10,515	10,754	11,806	14,273
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	254	227	246	261	158	107	106	69	85
7 Machinery and transport equipment	4,010	3,027	2,639	2,576	2,510	2,039	1,902	1,714	1,007
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,047	2,659	3,621	2,601	2,350	2,333	2,881	3,056	3,465
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	354	671	649	519	326	234	605	1,239	1,407
<b>China</b>									
0 Food and live animals	43	27	28	50	72	94	78	116	129
1 Beverages and tobacco	1	0	1	3	3	4	4	2	4
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	11	14	37	39	46	52	66	91	114
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
5 Chemicals and related products nes	110	137	159	180	331	475	525	510	811
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	10	15	13	10	19	22	20	10	12
7 Machinery and transport equipment	815	994	1,123	1,015	886	1,189	1,495	1,473	1,245
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	76	85	79	74	86	88	102	108	164
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	8	1	32	64	58	53	34	21	25

Table 14.7 Exports by commodity and principal countries (continued)

€m

Country by section level of SITC	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>Japan</b>									
0 Food and live animals	36	44	47	49	38	21	28	10	29
1 Beverages and tobacco	4	5	5	6	4	4	3	1	1
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1	2	2	1	6	2	2	2	2
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	0	0				0			
5 Chemicals and related products nes	863	518	502	450	439	535	616	671	721
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	16	13	21	12	11	22	14	9	5
7 Machinery and transport equipment	1,021	862	884	727	579	423	434	301	215
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	559	595	790	907	835	683	564	677	746
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	130	71	80	80	68	49	48	31	36
<b>Switzerland</b>									
0 Food and live animals	14	14	14	12	11	11	10	9	21
1 Beverages and tobacco	5	6	5	5	6	8	7	7	8
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	16	12	11	12	2	1	3	3	1
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Chemicals and related products nes	2,308	1,939	2,249	2,762	2,128	2,920	2,324	2,264	3,298
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	12	13	11	14	11	12	9	7	7
7 Machinery and transport equipment	516	407	278	258	229	176	127	80	101
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	120	108	102	89	77	81	39	45	63
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	114	106	92	53	51	42	42	18	14
<b>Rest of World</b>									
0 Food and live animals	1,098	992	984	1,053	1,230	1,361	1,142	842	1,055
1 Beverages and tobacco	99	110	117	120	132	203	178	129	187
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	116	106	137	153	215	174	146	109	151
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	64	46	31	64	88	186	120	156	246
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
5 Chemicals and related products nes	1,750	2,068	2,259	2,314	2,413	2,628	2,933	3,122	3,688
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	135	137	150	139	143	117	107	76	95
7 Machinery and transport equipment	4,981	3,461	3,374	3,610	4,265	4,153	3,797	2,844	2,587
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	697	591	639	640	680	625	622	729	839
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	620	481	487	368	341	311	240	176	208
<b>Total</b>	<b>93,675</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>89,392</b>

Source: CSO

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**Table 14.8 Imports according to main use**

€m

Main use	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>Producers capital goods ready for use</b>	<b>7,067.3</b>	<b>5,754.6</b>	<b>6,618.6</b>	<b>8,255.4</b>	<b>7,098.1</b>	<b>8,481.1</b>	<b>6,903.9</b>	<b>6,339.4</b>	<b>5,259.8</b>
<b>Consumption goods ready for use</b>									
Food, drink, tobacco	2,958.8	2,952.6	3,059.8	3,480.3	3,822.9	4,263.4	4,311.8	4,017.8	4,159.0
Other	9,801.8	9,740.4	10,135.6	11,207.3	12,188.1	13,140.4	12,082.9	9,666.1	10,577.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,760.7</b>	<b>12,692.9</b>	<b>13,195.4</b>	<b>14,687.6</b>	<b>16,011.0</b>	<b>17,403.7</b>	<b>16,394.7</b>	<b>13,683.9</b>	<b>14,736.4</b>
<b>Materials for further production</b>									
Agriculture	946.3	990.0	1,086.3	1,143.4	1,267.2	1,382.9	1,643.8	1,256.8	1,595.6
Other	32,845.1	26,576.2	28,048.2	30,997.9	33,884.1	33,537.7	30,220.3	21,775.0	22,022.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,791.4</b>	<b>27,566.2</b>	<b>29,134.5</b>	<b>32,141.3</b>	<b>35,151.3</b>	<b>34,920.6</b>	<b>31,864.1</b>	<b>23,031.8</b>	<b>23,617.6</b>
<b>Unclassified imports</b>	<b>2,008.7</b>	<b>1,851.4</b>	<b>2,157.0</b>	<b>2,380.6</b>	<b>2,597.1</b>	<b>2,680.2</b>	<b>2,422.1</b>	<b>2,006.1</b>	<b>1,893.4</b>
<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>	<b>55,628.1</b>	<b>47,864.6</b>	<b>51,105.4</b>	<b>57,464.9</b>	<b>60,857.4</b>	<b>63,485.7</b>	<b>57,584.7</b>	<b>45,061.1</b>	<b>45,507.2</b>

Source: CSO

**Table 14.9 Percentage distribution of imports by main use**

%

Main use	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>Producers capital goods ready for use</b>	<b>12.7</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>11.6</b>
<b>Consumption goods ready for use</b>									
Food, drink, tobacco	5.3	6.2	6.0	6.1	6.3	6.7	7.5	8.9	9.1
Other	17.6	20.3	19.8	19.5	20.0	20.7	21.0	21.5	23.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>22.9</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>Materials for further production</b>									
Agriculture	1.7	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.9	2.8	3.5
Other	59.0	55.5	54.9	53.9	55.7	52.8	52.5	48.3	48.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>60.7</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>51.9</b>
<b>Unclassified imports</b>	<b>3.6</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>4.2</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 imports by main use, 2010**

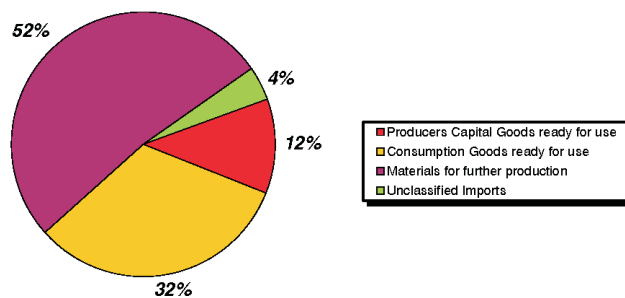




Table 14.10 Exports by industrial origin

	€m								
Industrial origin	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Agricultural produce	3,672.8	3,797.9	4,144.4	4,413.3	4,807.0	5,060.1	4,999.0	4,279.0	4,942.8
Forestry and fishing produce	494.2	453.5	449.6	407.8	414.5	449.7	403.9	389.7	467.4
Industrial produce	87,995.8	76,874.5	78,836.0	80,876.2	80,523.8	82,456.2	80,042.3	78,487.9	83,166.0
Unclassified exports	1,512.4	950.2	979.6	1,034.9	1,026.7	1,260.1	949.2	1,082.2	815.7
<b>Total exports</b>	<b>93,675.2</b>	<b>82,076.1</b>	<b>84,409.5</b>	<b>86,732.3</b>	<b>86,772.0</b>	<b>89,226.1</b>	<b>86,394.4</b>	<b>84,238.9</b>	<b>89,391.8</b>

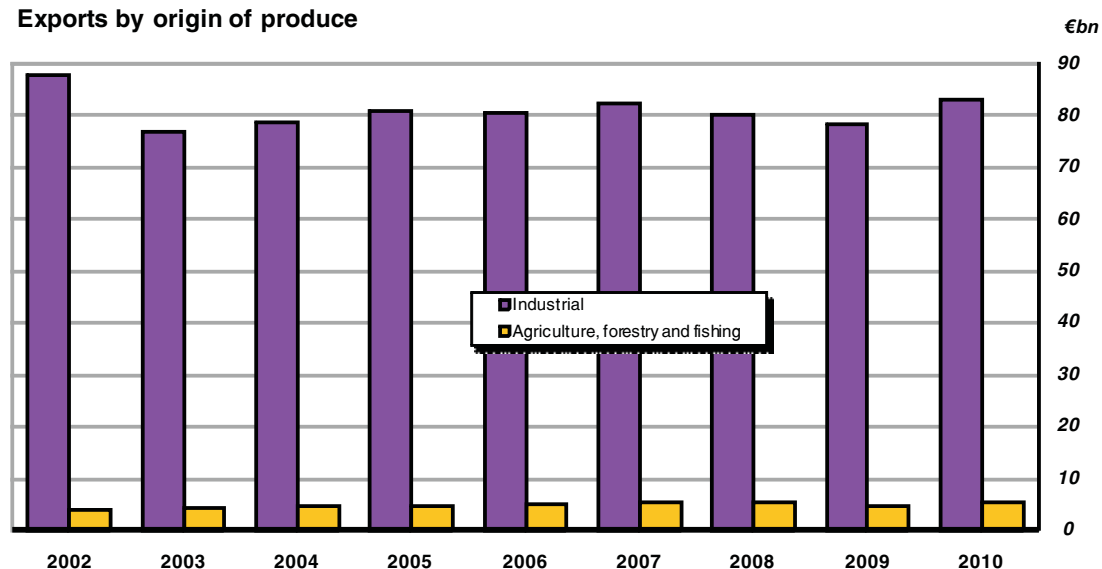
Source: CSO

Table 14.11 Percentage distribution of exports by industrial origin

	%								
Industrial origin	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Agricultural produce	3.9	4.6	4.9	5.1	5.5	5.7	5.8	5.1	5.5
Forestry and fishing produce	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Industrial produce	93.9	93.7	93.4	93.2	92.8	92.4	92.6	93.2	93.0
Unclassified exports	1.6	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.1	1.3	0.9
<b>Total exports</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: CSO

Exports by origin of produce



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**Table 14.12 Imports by area**

€m									
Area	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>European Union</b>									
Great Britain	19,083.9	13,662.1	14,885.4	16,995.3	18,099.3	19,508.5	17,941.4	12,787.0	13,623.1
Northern Ireland	1,036.3	1,042.3	1,149.3	1,275.6	1,325.3	1,360.8	1,261.3	941.1	964.4
Other member states	13,041.5	11,944.1	13,851.9	15,201.5	17,225.8	18,529.9	17,353.0	12,996.6	13,022.2
<b>Other European countries</b>									
Members of EFTA	1,343.7	1,254.3	1,506.5	2,067.4	2,444.4	2,089.2	1,841.3	1,328.4	2,148.3
Other Europe	670.6	706.8	100.0	503.1	641.9	572.6	450.4	284.6	289.2
<b>Other countries</b>									
NAFTA	9,191.2	8,078.1	7,404.9	8,420.6	7,353.4	7,583.0	7,316.1	8,403.3	6,886.9
Other APEC	8,442.8	8,798.0	9,650.1	10,581.3	11,233.2	10,884.2	8,559.3	5,620.7	5,467.9
Rest of world	1,505.7	1,410.0	1,484.0	1,293.5	1,312.4	1,681.5	1,458.1	1,584.2	1,768.0
Unclassified	1,312.4	968.9	1,073.3	1,126.6	1,221.7	1,276.0	1,403.9	1,115.3	1,337.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,628.1</b>	<b>47,864.6</b>	<b>51,105.4</b>	<b>57,464.9</b>	<b>60,857.4</b>	<b>63,485.7</b>	<b>57,584.8</b>	<b>45,061.1</b>	<b>45,507.2</b>
<i>of which members of OECD</i>	<i>47,282.0</i>	<i>39,905.6</i>	<i>42,371.7</i>	<i>47,418.2</i>	<i>49,612.3</i>	<i>52,060.5</i>	<i>47,724.2</i>	<i>37,597.0</i>	<i>37,892.9</i>

Source: CSO

**Table 14.13 Exports by area**

€m									
Area	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>European Union</b>									
Great Britain	20,853.1	13,434.7	13,714.5	13,775.0	13,894.3	15,002.3	14,299.8	12,199.1	12,453.9
Northern Ireland	1,610.7	1,408.3	1,484.2	1,576.8	1,671.5	1,740.5	1,564.5	1,286.2	1,314.4
Other member states	37,445.7	35,505.4	37,810.2	40,408.4	39,325.4	39,919.8	37,976.3	37,832.9	37,987.8
<b>Other European countries</b>									
Members of EFTA	3,656.5	3,176.8	3,297.8	3,874.7	3,192.3	3,875.1	3,085.0	2,915.9	3,991.8
Other Europe	962.0	878.7	207.2	604.2	698.0	569.9	554.5	525.7	560.6
<b>Other countries</b>									
NAFTA	17,476.9	17,927.1	17,344.4	16,279.8	17,091.8	16,824.1	17,609.9	19,157.4	21,800.3
Other APEC	7,706.2	6,900.8	7,582.7	7,510.2	7,730.0	7,926.5	8,180.4	7,373.3	7,795.0
Rest of world	2,700.4	2,333.8	2,538.3	2,441.1	2,891.1	3,083.4	2,914.2	2,827.8	3,342.5
Unclassified	1,263.7	510.4	430.1	262.1	277.5	284.5	209.8	120.7	145.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>93,675.2</b>	<b>82,076.1</b>	<b>84,409.5</b>	<b>86,732.3</b>	<b>86,772.0</b>	<b>89,226.1</b>	<b>86,394.4</b>	<b>84,238.9</b>	<b>89,391.8</b>
<i>of which members of OECD</i>	<i>86,017.4</i>	<i>75,691.8</i>	<i>77,573.8</i>	<i>79,741.3</i>	<i>78,785.3</i>	<i>80,522.7</i>	<i>77,412.3</i>	<i>76,117.7</i>	<i>80,442.0</i>

Source: CSO



