

External Trade

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Introduction

This chapter contains information on Ireland's external trade in goods. Statistics on Ireland's trade in goods with other countries are compiled and published in great detail on a monthly basis. The sources for these estimates are a combination of Customs-based non-EU trade statistics 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 2001, exports grew from €684m to €92,523m. Imports also increased strongly, from €958m to over €57,177m. From the estimates of the unit value price index, the volume of exports is estimated to have grown by a factor of more than twenty between 1971 and 2001 while import volumes for the same period were almost eight times higher. As a result, the merchandise trade balance changed from a deficit of €275m in 1971 to a surplus of €35,346m in 2001. Surplus, as used here, differs from the Balance of International Payments concept of current account balance, which also includes transactions relating to invisibles.

Trade by area

Imports from the European Union increased slightly from 57% in 1995 to 59% in 2001. Imports from Great Britain totalled €19,029m in 2001 accounting for over one third of Ireland's total imports.

Exports to the USA rose from €2,882m in 1995 to over €15,696m in 2001; this was largely responsible for a significant increase in the share of exports going to countries outside Europe. However, exports to Great Britain, at €20,420m in 2001, were greater than those to any other country.

Industrial Origin

The share of exports classified as agricultural produce declined consistently from 10.6% in 1995 to 3.9% in 2001. On the other hand, the share of exports classified as industrial produce increased steadily from 86.1% in 1995 to 93.7% in 2001.

Valuation

For 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 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.

Table 13.1 shows the summary of external trade. Surplus, as used here, differs from the Balance of International Payments concept of current account balance, which also includes transactions relating to invisibles.

Tables 13.4 and 13.5 show imports and exports classified by commodity. From July 1996, following a technical ruling, a large proportion of the exports classified to SITC Division 09 has been re-classified to Divisions 55 and 59.

Tables 13.10 to 13.13 show trade classified by the trading areas. The countries comprising each of these are as follows:

EFTA (European Free Trade Area): Iceland, Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

Other Europe: Includes East European countries and countries of the former USSR.

NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement): USA, Canada and Mexico.

Other APEC (Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation and excluding NAFTA countries): Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei, Singapore, Philippines, China, South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand, Chile (from 1998), Papua New Guinea (from 1998), Russia (from 1998), Vietnam (from 1998), Peru (from 1998).

OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development): EU, EFTA, Turkey, USA, Canada, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Ceuta and Melilla, Faroe Islands, Greenland, Mexico (from 1995), Czech Republic (from 1996), Hungary (from 1997), Poland (from 1998), South Korea (from 1998); unclassified estimates are excluded.

Table 13.1 Summary of external trade, 1971-2001

Year	Value			Volume index	
	Imports	Exports	Trade surplus	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	57,177.5	92,523.3	35,345.9	273.5	421.6

Source: CSO

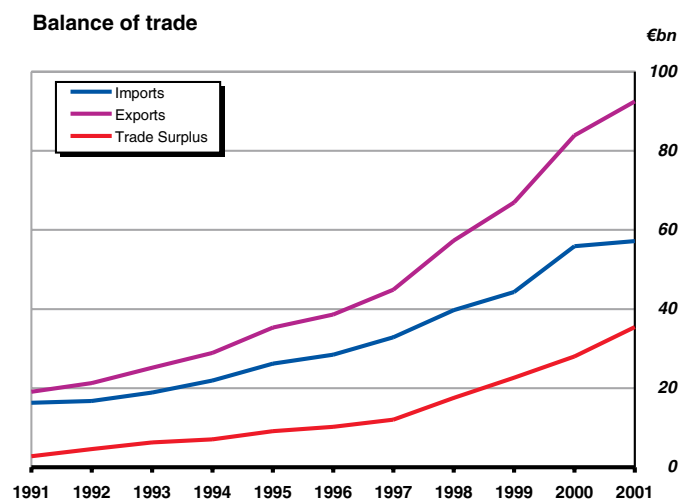


Table 13.2 Imports by country of origin

	€m						
Country of origin	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Great Britain	8,437.7	9,085.7	10,412.3	12,393.5	13,485.1	16,408.2	19,028.7
Northern Ireland	826.8	815.7	946.0	1,073.0	1,141.4	1,205.0	1,237.5
Austria	67.7	68.8	72.5	83.6	108.0	131.8	146.9
Belgium & Luxembourg	325.8	370.4	388.5	463.8	590.5	0.0	0.0
Belgium	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	902.3	839.9
Luxembourg	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.4	11.0
Denmark	184.5	206.6	243.0	261.7	353.8	657.6	732.3
Finland	166.1	185.0	277.5	311.7	295.4	341.7	445.4
France	998.3	1,115.4	1,592.7	1,552.3	1,820.9	2,576.9	2,810.9
Germany	1,852.6	1,939.8	1,982.7	2,466.8	2,751.4	3,336.2	3,525.6
Greece	16.6	19.8	21.5	24.9	31.8	39.2	44.3
Italy	514.4	586.9	634.2	768.3	927.1	1,253.1	1,160.7
Netherlands	769.9	853.5	1,078.3	1,233.2	1,335.8	1,778.0	1,924.7
Portugal	76.6	97.0	90.5	107.5	115.7	136.2	156.2
Spain	249.1	349.2	357.8	439.9	541.3	757.8	652.3
Sweden	288.3	384.8	375.3	392.8	450.8	607.8	507.3
EU country not specified	108.6	79.4	1.5	4.6	426.6	607.7	581.8
EU countries	14,883.0	16,157.9	18,474.4	21,577.6	24,375.7	30,750.0	33,805.4
Australia	29.8	30.1	33.1	46.3	62.6	73.5	96.0
Brazil	73.4	59.9	62.4	42.4	82.3	127.3	135.6
Canada	183.5	197.7	264.7	371.1	375.4	504.3	635.5
China	277.8	321.5	408.9	639.4	656.0	900.4	1,079.2
Czech Republic	26.2	33.7	39.4	51.4	62.7	109.9	123.0
Egypt	9.8	6.0	6.2	8.1	9.8	13.7	29.7
Guinea	67.8	80.0	74.3	93.5	81.8	90.7	106.8
Hong Kong	183.7	149.1	165.3	240.2	443.6	650.2	531.6
Hungary	16.5	23.1	81.9	237.3	243.7	299.7	408.9
India	70.8	85.0	71.3	80.9	106.2	135.3	152.4
Indonesia	46.8	48.4	60.1	82.4	73.8	107.9	116.2
Israel	35.4	65.3	146.9	180.5	270.0	308.4	241.0
Japan	1,349.6	1,533.0	2,266.3	2,773.1	2,542.2	2,635.2	2,004.0
Malaysia	420.2	427.4	358.2	437.6	579.1	657.9	583.4
Mexico	43.3	81.8	66.1	75.3	68.1	142.2	242.9
Norway	354.1	350.0	482.4	450.8	531.5	1,091.0	942.3
Philippines	38.6	49.5	82.7	210.0	241.5	449.6	325.6
Poland	57.7	64.5	70.3	72.1	87.6	102.6	124.0
Singapore	1,025.7	1,255.7	1,797.6	1,950.6	1,721.8	2,027.0	1,357.2
South Africa	54.4	41.6	47.6	57.3	70.9	103.4	102.6
South Korea	213.5	311.6	441.9	637.6	801.9	1,291.0	797.4
Switzerland	170.6	186.5	232.4	321.9	285.7	381.0	481.2
Taiwan	337.7	342.4	452.7	740.4	911.6	1,011.9	1,073.4
Thailand	92.1	202.8	249.7	188.6	156.7	239.9	335.5
Turkey	47.8	59.3	72.4	87.8	94.5	125.0	143.8
USA	4,607.5	4,395.5	4,922.6	6,362.5	7,383.7	9,148.5	8,711.9
Other countries ¹	447.0	499.5	504.6	548.5	671.8	859.6	1,017.4
Country unknown ²	103.9	317.3	92.3	66.7	60.1	87.0	119.1
Unclassified estimates ³	912.7	1,103.5	834.5	1,083.2	1,275.1	1,484.5	1,354.4
TOTAL	26,180.9	28,479.5	32,863.5	39,715.0	44,327.1	55,908.8	57,177.5

¹ Other non-EU countries not listed individually² Trade for which the country of origin is unknown³ Estimates not allocated by country

Source: CSO

Table 13.3 Exports by country of destination

	€m						
Country of destination	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Great Britain	8,017.2	8,449.2	9,706.1	11,416.8	13,175.4	17,083.9	20,419.7
Northern Ireland	997.1	1,044.5	1,348.8	1,503.8	1,514.8	1,785.9	1,741.2
Austria	229.2	193.2	189.2	319.9	408.4	464.2	407.5
Belgium & Luxembourg	1,573.9	1,832.2	2,244.8	3,645.4	3,491.8	0.0	0.0
Belgium	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4,113.2	4,428.2
Luxembourg	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	39.0	91.4
Denmark	448.3	492.3	506.2	587.0	614.0	621.8	602.1
Finland	237.4	212.6	230.7	289.3	522.5	405.3	396.4
France	3,328.4	3,178.1	3,612.9	4,814.2	5,636.4	6,342.6	5,614.7
Germany	5,127.2	5,062.4	5,623.0	8,292.6	7,995.8	9,414.7	11,718.7
Greece	211.8	223.0	142.1	156.7	237.8	294.5	327.6
Italy	1,361.7	1,384.2	1,475.3	1,937.1	2,532.0	3,316.8	3,312.9
Netherlands	2,457.7	2,594.3	3,193.9	3,165.4	4,155.6	4,687.0	4,277.2
Portugal	144.3	163.3	197.3	233.4	248.6	256.6	279.6
Spain	862.1	890.0	1,158.0	1,537.0	1,830.6	2,123.8	2,276.5
Sweden	693.3	697.0	715.7	1,089.1	1,094.3	1,336.1	1,307.2
EU country not specified	0.3	0.5	8.3	54.1	0.8	1.1	1.7
EU countries	25,689.9	26,416.7	30,352.3	39,041.8	43,458.8	52,286.5	57,202.5
Australia	181.7	233.4	280.7	449.1	578.9	580.7	835.1
Brazil	70.4	88.0	116.6	145.7	143.6	206.0	225.8
Canada	265.7	313.9	291.9	346.2	330.4	394.5	592.5
China	30.0	40.2	42.5	75.3	119.0	166.5	350.2
Czech Republic	86.0	102.5	109.7	135.3	203.2	346.5	258.3
Egypt	154.6	127.8	123.0	191.4	231.8	243.0	120.5
Hong Kong	129.7	179.2	246.6	295.1	333.3	617.4	670.1
Hungary	56.2	65.3	72.4	93.6	162.6	224.4	169.3
India	29.9	39.5	42.5	48.4	77.7	109.7	107.0
Israel	114.5	126.6	120.6	231.1	284.5	408.8	344.6
Japan	1,034.8	1,092.3	1,418.3	1,486.7	1,959.0	3,122.9	3,266.2
Malaysia	275.6	444.3	398.1	324.3	824.2	753.6	1,140.2
Mexico	101.1	128.0	136.2	164.0	173.4	254.9	552.4
Norway	373.8	426.6	487.2	560.4	595.9	614.9	587.2
Philippines	65.2	183.7	203.7	288.7	424.0	691.8	769.5
Poland	108.8	138.1	170.5	243.4	254.0	361.0	319.1
Russia	277.9	284.0	286.7	245.9	257.7	177.6	240.8
Saudi Arabia	191.1	186.3	234.2	287.9	329.8	357.2	388.5
Singapore	211.9	225.6	274.2	375.9	482.1	506.4	641.3
South Africa	126.7	192.9	286.2	343.6	369.8	391.6	398.0
South Korea	125.7	263.1	635.0	362.7	361.2	1,045.8	695.8
Switzerland	626.9	712.3	763.7	1,156.2	1,618.8	2,033.2	2,811.9
Taiwan	87.8	122.2	138.3	147.8	165.2	199.8	377.2
Thailand	52.8	87.1	101.1	82.7	96.6	141.1	144.3
Turkey	78.2	99.6	153.4	176.3	215.4	387.0	310.4
United Arab Emirates	67.1	73.1	95.9	102.6	144.6	218.2	197.9
USA	2,881.8	3,573.4	5,050.2	7,742.6	10,336.8	14,227.8	15,695.6
Other countries ¹	888.0	935.9	1,078.6	1,255.9	1,333.1	1,709.9	1,820.9
Country unknown ²	633.3	619.6	409.0	280.6	392.7	320.4	449.4
Unclassified estimates ³	312.9	1,087.5	748.6	640.7	698.4	789.7	840.8
TOTAL	35,330.1	38,608.9	44,868.0	57,321.8	66,956.2	83,888.9	92,523.3

¹ Other non-EU countries not listed individually² Trade for which the country of final destination is unknown³ Estimates not allocated by country

Source: CSO

Table 13.4 Imports by SITC section and division

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SITC (Rev 3)	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
0 Food and live animals	1,873.2	1,962.8	2,103.1	2,325.9	2,555.9	2,825.7	3,060.3
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	74.2	82.2	137.8	140.4	149.8	227.9	203.6
01 Meat and meat preparations	180.8	180.8	196.2	217.3	240.3	299.5	384.0
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	169.8	183.0	207.5	235.4	280.6	273.8	263.9
03 Fish, crustaceans and molluscs and preparations thereof	58.3	65.5	70.5	84.2	90.7	96.5	109.0
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	318.8	315.9	331.4	387.0	432.8	476.1	488.1
05 Vegetables and fruit	356.3	390.9	371.9	424.6	468.8	505.1	561.9
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	114.6	121.3	141.9	109.8	131.7	145.8	175.9
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	162.9	171.7	197.8	227.3	226.6	243.8	256.0
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)	335.1	334.1	305.0	315.2	338.9	351.2	380.8
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	102.3	117.4	143.0	184.4	195.8	206.0	237.1
1 Beverages and tobacco	264.6	296.4	350.2	410.6	500.2	522.1	656.0
11 Beverages	209.5	236.2	285.5	344.3	426.7	446.7	571.9
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	55.2	60.2	64.7	66.4	73.5	75.4	84.1
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	518.9	517.2	569.2	653.0	671.1	819.7	795.7
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	4.1	5.4	7.3	5.1	6.4	9.3	4.7
22 Oilseeds and oleaginous fruits	10.3	15.5	17.3	16.8	10.9	11.8	17.9
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	24.8	21.0	16.3	15.9	14.3	23.4	20.0
24 Cork and wood	119.0	127.6	175.6	218.5	231.3	294.3	274.3
25 Pulp and waste paper	15.3	14.0	15.8	22.2	24.2	27.7	28.5
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	93.0	85.9	71.6	65.1	63.0	67.6	62.1
27 Crude fertilisers and minerals, excluding coal, petroleum etc	73.3	66.0	89.5	107.7	112.4	136.5	135.7
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	108.5	101.7	99.8	127.4	126.0	151.0	150.8
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials nes	70.5	80.2	76.1	74.4	82.7	97.9	101.9
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	851.0	1,045.9	1,139.8	1,008.1	1,294.1	2,299.7	2,206.9
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	144.5	128.5	150.9	130.0	97.1	100.1	149.5
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	688.1	866.3	889.2	736.3	1,007.6	1,926.2	1,718.0
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	18.2	50.3	98.1	139.5	177.3	266.7	336.1
35 Electric current	0.3	0.8	1.6	2.3	12.1	6.8	3.3
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	103.4	104.4	105.3	123.5	138.2	121.9	123.6
41 Animal oils and fats	8.6	12.1	7.3	4.7	10.3	10.1	12.7
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	65.8	61.1	62.0	75.4	70.0	64.3	68.1
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed; waxes	29.0	31.3	36.1	43.4	57.9	47.6	42.8
5 Chemicals and related products nes	3,347.8	3,507.2	4,076.6	4,340.3	4,931.9	6,105.2	6,370.7
51 Organic chemicals	861.3	821.6	976.8	1,231.6	1,466.9	1,669.4	1,554.0
52 Inorganic chemicals	147.6	166.1	154.7	153.3	191.3	270.1	245.7
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	116.2	126.0	141.3	169.4	199.7	210.5	179.3
54 Medical and pharmaceutical products	590.1	588.2	751.6	931.1	1,124.4	1,525.4	1,914.7
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet and cleansing preparations	334.6	375.5	587.9	517.1	569.8	717.1	835.8
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	230.9	217.7	172.1	163.0	176.3	225.8	217.9
57 Plastics in primary forms	425.5	389.7	432.7	449.6	430.9	547.4	542.8
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	252.8	270.9	288.5	320.0	330.6	393.7	415.1
59 Chemical materials and products nes	388.8	551.5	571.1	405.1	442.0	545.8	465.3

Table 13.4 Imports by SITC section and division (continued)

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SITC (Rev 3)	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3,014.8	3,076.3	3,405.6	3,768.6	3,806.9	4,350.6	4,400.3
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	14.4	9.7	9.8	9.8	10.8	11.9	11.8
62 Rubber manufactures nes	146.6	163.1	166.4	198.4	198.0	230.9	219.0
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)	103.2	119.3	139.3	157.4	173.6	232.1	243.3
64 Paper, paperboard and articles thereof	686.7	651.8	709.0	769.4	767.7	838.2	825.6
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	498.7	506.1	566.7	624.6	557.4	605.0	597.3
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	295.4	337.1	351.7	404.9	468.5	565.5	533.7
67 Iron and steel	385.5	394.1	427.8	490.6	481.0	549.7	573.3
68 Non-ferrous metals	373.4	339.5	359.3	390.2	332.6	372.6	480.9
69 Manufactures of metals nes	510.8	555.8	675.7	723.0	817.4	944.7	915.4
7 Machinery and transport equipment	11,206.9	12,022.1	14,920.1	20,058.3	22,820.6	29,739.5	30,177.0
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	338.6	332.0	386.9	445.8	504.5	736.6	677.8
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	643.5	799.6	905.9	1,330.6	1,010.8	1,080.6	1,063.3
73 Metalworking machinery	75.3	84.5	116.3	161.4	139.5	210.1	144.9
74 General industrial machinery and equipment nes and parts nes	611.2	707.6	877.7	1,117.3	1,137.8	1,324.5	1,178.5
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	4,474.5	4,887.8	6,104.7	7,951.2	8,368.1	11,363.2	12,196.0
76 Telecommunications and sound equipment	531.8	748.5	856.9	1,160.1	2,074.1	2,880.9	3,131.6
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances nes and parts	2,881.9	2,608.6	3,200.6	4,363.1	5,192.9	7,048.4	7,541.9
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	1,182.2	1,543.0	1,937.0	2,780.4	2,984.5	4,053.5	3,197.6
79 Other transport equipment	467.9	310.5	534.0	748.3	1,408.3	1,041.7	1,045.3
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3,078.9	3,634.2	3,965.1	4,423.3	4,891.2	5,893.0	6,189.4
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing and electrical fixtures and fittings	80.0	102.7	129.0	151.5	191.3	213.2	223.2
82 Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	110.1	138.4	186.6	228.0	266.4	326.3	330.5
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	29.4	32.9	41.4	46.3	51.8	90.0	104.8
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	714.3	802.9	913.6	1,059.3	1,094.6	1,335.5	1,372.7
85 Footwear	207.8	215.4	211.9	233.6	236.7	278.9	268.4
87 Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus nes	434.1	489.3	579.2	670.5	777.1	1,175.9	996.3
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches and clocks	194.2	196.6	216.1	269.6	284.1	352.3	307.4
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	1,309.1	1,656.0	1,687.3	1,764.5	1,989.1	2,121.0	2,586.1
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	421.3	737.5	725.8	856.8	846.4	1,088.3	1,234.3
Unclassified estimates¹	1,500.0	1,575.4	1,502.7	1,746.7	1,870.7	2,143.0	1,963.2
TOTAL	26,180.9	28,479.5	32,863.5	39,715.0	44,327.1	55,908.8	57,177.5

¹ Estimates for which a Commodity breakdown is not available
 Source: CSO

TABLE 13.4

Table 13.5 Exports by SITC section and division

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SITC (Rev 3)	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
0 Food and live animals²	6,158.2	5,260.8	4,602.2	4,947.0	5,483.6	5,948.4	5,725.7
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	222.9	190.0	148.9	178.3	298.3	420.0	154.0
01 Meat and meat preparations	1,589.8	1,374.2	1,352.1	1,481.7	1,770.6	1,752.2	1,583.5
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	1,262.3	961.4	1,051.9	1,019.1	1,008.0	1,160.6	1,074.8
03 Fish, crustaceans and molluscs and preparations thereof	265.6	305.1	280.4	295.0	299.4	323.9	412.6
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	166.5	187.1	230.1	248.2	263.9	292.2	302.7
05 Vegetables and fruit	127.9	132.8	155.3	185.4	171.8	172.3	228.9
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	103.7	109.8	123.4	89.9	100.3	101.8	112.4
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	167.3	177.5	180.3	260.9	246.4	258.2	258.3
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)	97.4	100.1	96.8	105.5	113.8	121.5	133.8
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations ²	2,154.7	1,722.8	982.8	1,083.1	1,211.2	1,345.7	1,464.7
1 Beverages and tobacco	613.6	657.5	697.9	721.0	803.7	958.2	958.1
11 Beverages	546.7	587.2	640.0	670.2	743.6	854.4	843.7
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	66.9	70.3	57.9	50.9	60.1	103.9	114.4
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	716.4	706.9	771.5	740.7	797.5	942.3	923.9
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	90.4	84.1	94.7	79.1	75.0	96.6	99.7
22 Oilseeds and oleaginous fruits	2.2	1.3	0.6	1.2	1.7	0.8	1.2
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.3	7.3	8.0	1.6
24 Cork and wood	64.4	63.0	56.6	52.7	52.7	61.2	63.9
25 Pulp and waste paper	7.1	5.9	6.6	5.1	8.0	13.9	12.6
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	152.7	129.5	140.4	120.9	122.0	114.8	115.4
27 Crude fertilisers and minerals, excluding coal, petroleum etc	17.6	36.7	43.6	31.7	65.0	33.1	32.5
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	297.8	294.0	345.7	340.6	372.4	517.8	502.3
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials nes	83.1	91.3	82.0	108.1	93.4	96.3	94.7
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	153.0	148.0	187.0	150.7	177.0	285.5	285.5
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	50.7	43.4	37.0	38.9	50.0	40.9	54.2
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	99.0	97.9	145.7	108.5	124.6	242.0	228.2
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	3.0	2.9	3.2	2.6	2.3	2.4	3.0
35 Electric current	0.4	3.8	1.0	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	29.9	35.6	36.4	51.2	28.9	27.3	23.4
41 Animal oils and fats	27.1	29.4	28.2	27.2	21.5	22.0	17.6
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	2.6	2.6	3.8	4.2	4.4	3.9	4.9
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed; waxes	0.2	3.6	4.3	19.8	3.1	1.4	0.9
5 Chemicals and related products nes²	6,694.7	8,538.1	11,342.6	18,156.0	21,168.7	27,360.5	32,274.6
51 Organic chemicals	3,364.2	4,016.8	5,128.0	9,946.3	11,394.1	16,897.5	17,121.7
52 Inorganic chemicals	101.3	120.6	135.1	168.8	214.8	356.0	230.7
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	34.8	41.9	54.3	48.3	51.5	58.8	48.2
54 Medical and pharmaceutical products	1,751.5	2,206.9	2,814.0	4,212.4	4,815.1	5,311.7	8,950.6
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet and cleansing preparations ²	734.4	1,096.3	1,694.9	2,012.4	2,448.7	2,355.2	3,145.0
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	52.4	43.6	48.8	45.7	37.2	36.0	43.4
57 Plastics in primary forms	105.7	113.3	115.8	141.6	160.7	196.9	193.2
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	113.1	109.3	131.2	166.3	183.9	207.6	224.1
59 Chemical materials and products nes ²	437.3	789.4	1,220.6	1,414.1	1,862.8	1,940.9	2,317.8

TABLE 13.5

Table 13.5 Exports by SITC section and division (continued)

€m

SITC (Rev 3)	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1,715.6	1,724.9	1,750.0	1,803.6	1,812.8	1,973.1	1,966.3
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	48.7	57.4	62.4	69.4	58.3	71.9	74.7
62 Rubber manufactures nes	178.3	152.6	94.3	101.0	91.5	112.9	115.6
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)	76.7	79.2	92.3	107.8	119.8	135.9	170.3
64 Paper, paperboard and articles thereof	111.6	125.6	127.5	135.8	157.3	188.7	190.9
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	476.6	467.1	448.6	455.1	416.6	501.9	478.0
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	253.6	289.8	318.7	330.9	395.1	353.7	343.4
67 Iron and steel	125.0	114.9	124.0	137.9	108.8	129.6	93.2
68 Non-ferrous metals	72.3	66.1	80.1	85.7	87.5	92.8	77.6
69 Manufactures of metals nes	372.7	372.2	402.1	380.0	377.9	385.7	422.7
7 Machinery and transport equipment	12,186.6	13,494.4	16,963.5	21,443.7	26,193.2	34,011.7	37,922.7
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	243.0	288.6	334.9	352.2	345.9	382.3	406.8
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	196.5	216.3	240.0	235.1	280.2	313.8	332.7
73 Metalworking machinery	32.9	42.7	45.7	38.5	65.3	60.1	57.1
74 General industrial machinery and equipment nes and parts nes	614.3	659.6	758.4	806.2	889.7	1,017.2	1,031.3
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	7,432.7	8,247.5	10,258.6	12,940.2	15,152.7	19,616.8	22,393.9
76 Telecommunications and sound equipment	696.3	822.8	1,163.3	2,150.4	3,582.1	3,736.5	3,577.1
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances nes and parts	2,705.4	2,919.8	3,737.2	4,212.2	5,135.8	7,916.0	9,222.8
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	159.8	151.0	211.4	376.4	454.7	576.0	663.5
79 Other transport equipment	105.8	146.1	214.0	332.4	286.7	393.0	237.6
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5,494.0	5,843.2	6,044.4	6,705.2	7,638.5	8,863.9	8,781.6
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing and electrical fixtures and fittings	45.9	60.3	71.3	75.1	73.9	84.3	87.8
82 Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	89.7	102.9	116.7	122.2	106.9	109.8	113.1
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	9.6	10.8	9.7	14.1	10.0	16.5	18.1
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	416.3	416.1	416.0	448.6	377.3	343.3	348.2
85 Footwear	37.2	34.3	26.2	23.2	28.8	31.8	32.4
87 Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus nes	685.8	968.3	1,105.2	1,395.0	1,387.3	1,703.2	1,872.0
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches and clocks	302.1	304.3	383.3	395.6	445.3	453.2	488.7
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	3,907.4	3,946.3	3,916.0	4,231.4	5,209.0	6,121.9	5,821.3
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	926.0	1,542.1	1,857.4	1,941.5	2,123.9	2,576.2	2,786.1
Unclassified estimates¹	642.0	657.6	615.1	661.3	728.4	941.7	875.6
TOTAL	35,330.1	38,608.9	44,868.0	57,321.8	66,956.2	83,888.9	92,523.3

¹ Estimates for which a Commodity breakdown is not available² From July 1996, following a technical ruling, a large proportion of the exports classified to SITC Division 09 has been re-classified to Divisions 55 and 59

Source: CSO

TABLE 13.5

Table 13.6 Imports according to main use

€m

Main use	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Producers capital goods ready for use	2,609.1	3,038.6	3,834.5	5,175.5	6,511.9	8,069.5	7,501.7
Consumption goods ready for use							
Food, drink, tobacco	1,505.7	1,627.0	1,783.3	2,022.1	2,292.9	2,481.5	2,798.7
Other	3,825.7	4,444.6	5,260.7	6,256.5	7,094.5	9,004.5	9,487.0
Total	5,331.4	6,071.6	7,044.0	8,278.6	9,387.4	11,486.0	12,285.7
Materials for further production							
Agriculture	715.2	722.7	637.3	631.6	730.4	886.9	943.2
Other	15,906.3	16,989.5	19,723.2	23,641.5	25,527.6	33,169.7	34,328.0
Total	16,621.4	17,712.2	20,360.5	24,273.1	26,258.0	34,056.7	35,271.2
Unclassified imports	1,619.0	1,656.9	1,624.6	1,988.5	2,170.0	2,296.6	2,118.9
Total imports	26,180.9	28,479.5	32,863.5	39,715.0	44,327.1	55,908.8	57,177.5

Source: CSO

Table 13.7 Percentage distribution of imports by main use

%

Main use	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Producers capital goods ready for use	10.0	10.7	11.7	13.0	14.7	14.4	13.1
Consumption goods ready for use							
Food, drink, tobacco	5.8	5.7	5.4	5.1	5.2	4.4	4.9
Other	14.6	15.6	16.0	15.8	16.0	16.1	16.6
Total	20.4	21.3	21.4	20.8	21.2	20.5	21.5
Materials for further production							
Agriculture	2.7	2.5	1.9	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
Other	60.8	59.7	60.0	59.5	57.6	59.3	60.0
Total	63.5	62.2	62.0	61.1	59.2	60.9	61.7
Unclassified imports	6.2	5.8	4.9	5.0	4.9	4.1	3.7
Total imports	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: CSO

Distribution of imports, 2001

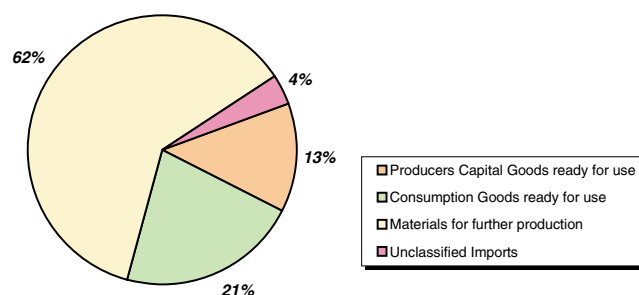


Table 13.8 Exports by industrial origin

	€m						
Industrial origin	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Agricultural produce	3,737.1	3,173.2	3,218.3	3,342.7	3,696.8	4,046.6	3,601.7
Forestry and fishing produce	330.1	368.0	336.1	347.5	351.7	385.0	476.3
Industrial produce	30,416.2	34,356.7	40,632.6	52,555.6	61,748.8	77,648.5	86,671.5
Unclassified exports	846.7	711.1	681.0	1,078.5	1,162.4	1,808.8	1,773.8
Total exports	35,330.1	38,608.9	44,868.0	57,321.8	66,956.2	83,888.9	92,523.3

Source: CSO

Table 13.9 Percentage distribution of exports by industrial origin

	%						
Industrial origin	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Agricultural produce	10.6	8.2	7.2	5.8	5.5	4.8	3.9
Forestry and fishing produce	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5
Industrial produce	86.1	89.0	90.6	91.7	92.2	92.6	93.7
Unclassified exports	2.4	1.8	1.5	1.9	1.7	2.2	1.9
Total exports	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: CSO

TABLE 13.8

TABLE 13.9

Exports by origin of produce

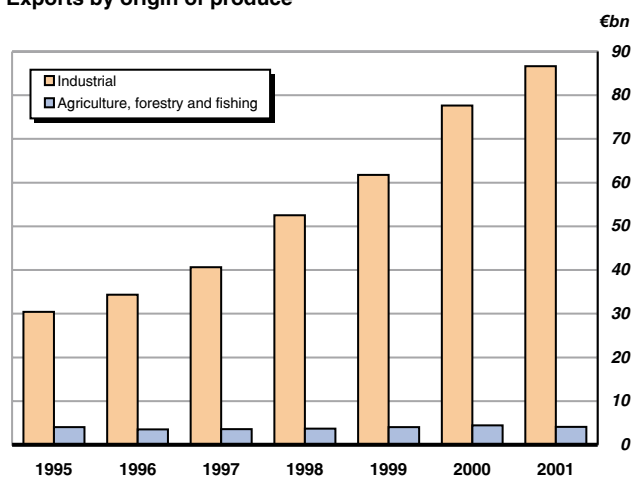


Table 13.10 Imports by area

							€m
Area	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
European Union							
Great Britain	8,437.7	9,085.7	10,412.3	12,393.5	13,485.1	16,408.2	19,028.7
Northern Ireland	826.8	815.7	946.0	1,073.0	1,141.4	1,205.0	1,237.5
Other member states	5,618.5	6,256.6	7,116.1	8,111.0	9,749.1	13,136.8	13,539.3
Other European countries							
Members of EFTA	540.1	554.5	737.2	782.5	821.0	1,477.5	1,428.6
Other Europe	242.4	545.4	370.1	552.3	550.0	729.4	914.8
Other countries							
NAFTA	4,834.4	4,675.0	5,253.4	6,808.8	7,827.2	9,794.9	9,590.3
Other APEC	4,035.1	4,691.3	6,337.0	7,984.1	8,233.1	10,100.6	8,355.9
Rest of world	642.1	698.8	803.3	865.6	1,168.1	1,476.0	1,608.8
Unclassified	1,003.6	1,156.5	888.0	1,144.1	1,352.0	1,580.3	1,473.5
Total	26,180.9	28,479.5	32,863.5	39,715.0	44,327.1	55,908.8	57,177.5
<i>of which members of OECD</i>	<i>21,710.7</i>	<i>23,069.6</i>	<i>26,979.2</i>	<i>33,098.3</i>	<i>36,946.5</i>	<i>46,693.9</i>	<i>48,546.4</i>

Source: CSO

Table 13.11 Percentage distribution of imports by area

							%
Area	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
European Union							
Great Britain	32.2	31.9	31.7	31.2	30.4	29.3	33.3
Northern Ireland	3.2	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.2	2.2
Other member states	21.5	22.0	21.7	20.4	22.0	23.5	23.7
Other European countries							
Members of EFTA	2.1	1.9	2.2	2.0	1.9	2.6	2.5
Other Europe	0.9	1.9	1.1	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.6
Other countries							
NAFTA	18.5	16.4	16.0	17.1	17.7	17.5	16.8
Other APEC	15.4	16.5	19.3	20.1	18.6	18.1	14.6
Rest of world	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.6	2.6	2.8
Unclassified	3.8	4.1	2.7	2.9	3.1	2.8	2.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<i>of which members of OECD</i>	<i>82.9</i>	<i>81.0</i>	<i>82.1</i>	<i>83.3</i>	<i>83.3</i>	<i>83.5</i>	<i>84.9</i>

Source: CSO

Table 13.12 Exports by area

	€m						
Area	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
European Union							
Great Britain	8,017.2	8,449.2	9,706.1	11,416.8	13,175.4	17,083.9	20,419.6
Northern Ireland	997.1	1,044.5	1,348.8	1,503.8	1,514.8	1,785.9	1,741.2
Other member states	16,675.6	16,926.8	19,297.4	26,121.2	28,768.7	33,416.7	35,041.7
Other European countries							
Members of EFTA	1,035.3	1,206.4	1,317.1	1,764.6	2,255.0	2,689.4	3,426.9
Other Europe	819.7	1,253.3	989.3	1,092.6	1,107.4	1,489.6	1,336.3
Other countries							
NAFTA	3,248.6	4,015.3	5,478.3	8,252.8	10,840.6	14,877.2	16,840.6
Other APEC	2,235.9	2,919.9	3,809.3	3,976.4	5,473.0	8,003.7	9,062.5
Rest of world	1,436.6	1,507.4	1,841.8	2,281.5	2,730.4	3,434.9	3,364.3
Unclassified	864.0	1,286.1	1,079.8	912.2	1,091.0	1,107.5	1,290.2
Total	35,330.1	38,608.9	44,868.0	57,321.8	66,956.2	83,888.9	92,523.3
<i>of which members of OECD</i>	<i>31,312.1</i>	<i>33,216.1</i>	<i>39,218.4</i>	<i>52,046.3</i>	<i>60,359.2</i>	<i>75,999.9</i>	<i>83,404.6</i>

Source: CSO

Table 13.13 Percentage distribution of exports by area

	%						
Area	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
European Union							
Great Britain	22.7	21.9	21.6	19.9	19.7	20.4	22.1
Northern Ireland	2.8	2.7	3.0	2.6	2.3	2.1	1.9
Other member states	47.2	43.8	43.0	45.6	43.0	39.8	37.9
Other European countries							
Members of EFTA	2.9	3.1	2.9	3.1	3.4	3.2	3.7
Other Europe	2.3	3.2	2.2	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.4
Other countries							
NAFTA	9.2	10.4	12.2	14.4	16.2	17.7	18.2
Other APEC	6.3	7.6	8.5	6.9	8.2	9.5	9.8
Rest of world	4.1	3.9	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.1	3.6
Unclassified	2.4	3.3	2.4	1.6	1.6	1.3	1.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<i>of which members of OECD</i>	<i>88.6</i>	<i>86.0</i>	<i>87.4</i>	<i>90.8</i>	<i>90.1</i>	<i>90.6</i>	<i>90.1</i>

Source: CSO

TABLE 13.12
TABLE 13.13