

External Trade

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- Great Britain and the USA are the main destinations of Ireland's exports while exports to Belgium have also grown very significantly in recent years.
- Organic Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals, Computers and Electrical Machinery are the leading products exported.
- The EU (Great Britain, Germany and France in particular) and the USA are the main import sources but significant increases are also recorded from Japan, China and Singapore.
- Computers, Electrical Machinery, and Road Vehicles are the foremost products imported.

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 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 2003, exports at current prices grew from €684m to €82,176m. Imports at current prices over the same period also increased strongly, from €958m to over €47,525m. The resulting merchandise trade balance at current prices changed from a deficit of €275m in 1971 to a surplus of €34,651m in 2003. Surplus, as used here, differs from the Balance of International Payments concept of current account balance, which includes in addition, transactions relating to invisibles.

The volume of exports is estimated to have increased by a factor of twenty between 1971 and 2003 while import volumes for the same period increased by a factor of seven.

Trade by area

Merchandise imports from the European Union increased from €18,474m in 1997 to €26,503m in 2003. Imports from Great Britain totalled €13,643m in 2003 accounting for 29% of Ireland's total imports.

Merchandise exports to the USA rose from €5,050m in 1997 to €16,924m in 2003; this accounted for the significant increase in the share of exports going to countries outside Europe. Exports to Great Britain increased from €9,706m in 1977 to €13,461m in 2003.

Industrial Origin

The share of exports classified as agricultural produce declined from 7.2% in 1997 to 4.6% in 2003. On the other hand, the share of exports classified as industrial produce increased from 91% in 1997 to 94% in 2003.

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 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), Slovakia (from 2002); unclassified estimates are excluded.

Table 13.1 Summary of external trade

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	57,384.2	92,689.9	35,305.7	274.2	422.0
2002	55,455.7	93,625.6	38,169.8	275.7	423.8
2003	47,525.0	82,175.5	34,650.5	258.0	418.6

Source: CSO

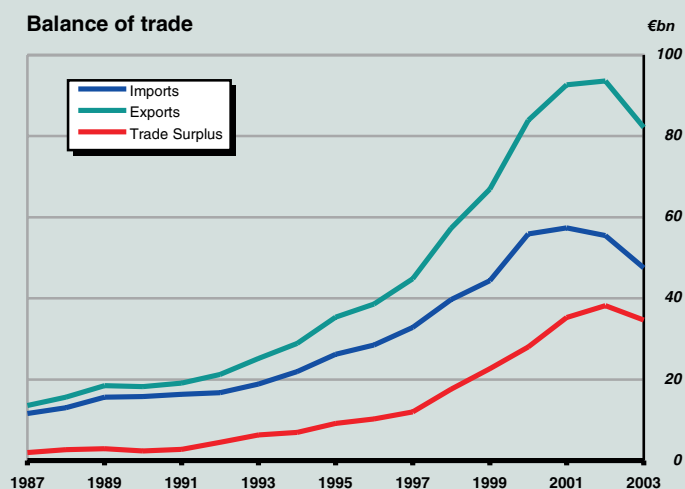


Table 13.2 Imports by country of origin

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Country of origin	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Great Britain	8,437.7	9,085.7	10,412.3	12,393.5	13,485.1	16,408.2	19,249.9	19,083.9	13,643.0
Northern Ireland	826.8	815.7	946.0	1,073.0	1,141.4	1,205.0	1,231.3	1,036.3	1,037.0
Austria	67.7	68.8	72.5	83.6	108.0	131.9	149.7	206.4	157.4
Belgium & Luxembourg	325.8	370.4	388.5	463.8	590.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Belgium	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	902.3	864.4	788.4	742.8
Luxembourg	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.5	11.7	20.8	21.5
Denmark	184.5	206.6	243.0	261.7	353.8	657.5	725.6	694.1	817.5
Finland	166.1	185.0	277.5	311.7	295.4	341.6	450.1	728.6	261.4
France	998.3	1,115.4	1,592.7	1,552.3	1,820.9	2,577.0	2,751.7	2,265.2	1,870.1
Germany	1,852.6	1,939.8	1,982.7	2,466.8	2,751.4	3,336.2	3,520.5	3,564.3	3,439.6
Greece	16.6	19.8	21.5	24.9	31.8	39.2	47.5	42.4	50.2
Italy	514.4	586.9	634.2	768.3	927.1	1,253.1	1,185.4	1,098.6	1,063.6
Netherlands	769.9	853.5	1,078.3	1,233.2	1,335.8	1,778.0	1,860.0	1,858.8	1,677.6
Portugal	76.6	97.0	90.5	107.5	115.7	136.3	158.6	170.3	174.5
Spain	249.1	349.2	357.8	439.9	541.3	757.8	645.9	676.9	656.7
Sweden	288.3	384.8	375.3	392.8	450.8	607.8	510.8	421.4	451.9
EU Country not specified	108.6	79.4	1.5	4.6	426.6	607.7	678.1	513.0	437.9
EU countries	14,883.0	16,157.9	18,474.4	21,577.6	24,375.7	30,750.0	34,041.2	33,169.3	26,502.6
Australia	29.8	30.1	33.1	46.3	62.6	73.5	95.6	116.2	113.1
Brazil	73.4	59.9	62.4	42.4	82.3	127.3	135.8	159.3	221.1
Canada	183.5	197.7	264.7	371.1	375.4	504.3	621.9	423.7	452.0
China	277.8	321.5	408.9	639.4	656.0	900.4	1,085.9	1,493.5	2,214.6
Costa Rica	7.0	4.6	8.2	8.8	26.6	50.4	114.8	183.7	51.0
Czech Republic	26.2	33.7	39.4	51.4	62.7	109.9	123.0	142.8	144.8
Guinea	67.8	80.0	74.3	93.5	81.8	90.7	106.8	83.4	60.0
Hong Kong	183.7	149.1	165.3	240.2	443.6	650.2	532.6	496.9	381.1
Hungary	16.5	23.1	81.9	237.3	243.7	299.7	408.5	182.2	163.5
India	70.8	85.0	71.3	80.9	106.2	135.3	153.4	155.9	134.8
Indonesia	46.8	48.4	60.1	82.4	73.8	107.9	116.7	122.3	80.6
Israel	35.4	65.3	146.9	180.5	270.0	308.4	240.6	85.2	84.1
Japan	1,349.6	1,533.0	2,266.3	2,773.1	2,542.2	2,635.2	1,990.9	1,839.1	2,289.8
Malaysia	420.2	427.4	358.2	437.6	579.1	657.9	582.4	674.6	468.4
Mexico	43.3	81.8	66.1	75.3	68.1	142.2	242.8	249.2	209.5
Norway	354.1	350.0	482.4	450.8	531.5	1,091.0	942.2	665.9	625.0
Philippines	38.6	49.5	82.7	210.0	241.5	449.6	324.9	353.2	181.8
Poland	57.7	64.5	70.3	72.1	87.6	102.6	121.0	126.5	151.3
Singapore	1,025.7	1,255.7	1,797.6	1,950.6	1,721.8	2,027.0	1,357.0	1,003.5	1,038.7
South Africa	54.4	41.6	47.6	57.3	70.9	103.4	101.7	110.4	143.7
South Korea	213.5	311.6	441.9	637.6	801.9	1,291.0	796.5	889.3	728.1
Switzerland	170.6	186.5	232.4	321.9	285.7	381.0	530.1	557.5	487.5
Taiwan	337.7	342.4	452.7	740.4	911.6	1,011.9	1,075.6	997.6	786.0
Thailand	92.1	202.8	249.7	188.6	156.7	239.9	336.1	282.3	334.7
Turkey	47.8	59.3	72.4	87.8	94.5	125.0	145.1	226.5	260.8
USA	4,607.5	4,395.5	4,922.6	6,362.5	7,383.7	9,148.5	8,699.5	8,498.7	7,390.0
Other Countries ¹	449.8	500.9	502.6	547.8	655.0	822.9	925.5	866.2	844.6
Country unknown ²	103.9	317.3	92.3	66.7	60.1	87.0	125.1	155.2	119.2
Unclassified estimates ³	912.7	1,103.5	834.5	1,083.2	1,275.1	1,484.5	1,311.3	1,145.6	862.6
Total	26,180.9	28,479.5	32,863.5	39,715.0	44,327.1	55,908.8	57,384.2	55,455.7	47,525.0

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

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Country of destination	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Great Britain	8,017.2	8,449.2	9,706.1	11,416.8	13,175.4	17,083.9	20,765.5	20,853.1	13,461.5
Northern Ireland	997.1	1,044.5	1,348.8	1,503.8	1,514.8	1,785.9	1,864.3	1,609.8	1,408.7
Austria	229.2	193.2	189.2	319.9	408.4	464.2	407.2	334.9	327.3
Belgium & Luxembourg	1,573.9	1,832.2	2,244.8	3,645.4	3,491.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Belgium	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4,113.2	4,431.0	13,547.1	10,306.6
Luxembourg	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	39.0	91.0	76.5	105.5
Denmark	448.3	492.3	506.2	587.0	614.0	621.8	595.6	544.5	504.7
Finland	237.4	212.6	230.7	289.3	522.5	405.3	406.0	303.0	295.3
France	3,328.4	3,178.1	3,612.9	4,814.2	5,636.4	6,342.6	5,531.5	4,685.4	5,025.4
Germany	5,127.2	5,062.4	5,623.0	8,292.6	7,995.8	9,414.7	11,670.6	6,729.1	6,808.3
Greece	211.8	223.0	142.1	156.7	237.8	294.4	326.0	329.9	309.7
Italy	1,361.7	1,384.2	1,475.3	1,937.1	2,532.0	3,316.8	3,309.1	3,597.1	3,738.8
Netherlands	2,457.7	2,594.3	3,193.9	3,165.4	4,155.6	4,687.0	4,236.9	3,493.5	4,216.5
Portugal	144.3	163.3	197.3	233.4	248.6	256.6	302.3	362.1	311.4
Spain	862.1	890.0	1,158.0	1,537.0	1,830.6	2,123.8	2,283.3	2,239.7	2,335.2
Sweden	693.3	697.0	715.7	1,089.1	1,094.3	1,336.1	1,354.0	1,202.1	1,184.9
EU Country not specified	0.3	0.5	8.3	54.1	0.8	1.1	1.7	1.2	0.9
EU countries	25,689.9	26,416.7	30,352.3	39,041.8	43,458.8	52,286.5	57,576.0	59,909.0	50,340.6
Australia	181.7	233.4	280.7	449.1	578.9	580.7	834.8	631.0	646.5
Brazil	70.4	88.0	116.6	145.7	143.6	206.0	225.8	124.8	141.1
Canada	265.7	313.9	291.9	346.2	330.4	394.5	592.5	510.2	468.7
China	30.0	40.2	42.5	75.3	119.0	166.5	338.5	537.6	583.7
Czech Republic	86.0	102.5	109.7	135.3	203.2	346.5	258.3	197.2	176.5
Hong Kong	129.7	179.2	246.6	295.1	333.3	617.4	670.2	535.3	700.6
Hungary	56.2	65.3	72.4	93.6	162.6	224.4	169.2	143.7	136.6
Israel	114.5	126.6	120.6	231.1	284.5	408.8	344.6	240.4	203.3
Japan	1,034.8	1,092.3	1,418.3	1,486.7	1,959.0	3,122.9	3,261.1	2,629.3	2,133.6
Malaysia	275.6	444.3	398.1	324.3	824.2	753.6	1,140.3	764.6	577.3
Mexico	101.1	128.0	136.2	164.0	173.4	254.9	552.4	448.6	513.1
Nigeria	53.3	49.0	64.0	78.1	84.7	97.3	127.0	137.1	125.5
Norway	373.8	426.6	487.2	560.4	595.9	614.9	587.2	515.4	527.1
Philippines	65.2	183.7	203.7	288.7	424.0	691.8	769.5	342.3	207.7
Poland	108.8	138.1	170.5	243.4	254.0	361.0	319.1	282.1	257.9
Russia	277.9	284.0	286.7	245.9	257.7	177.6	240.6	254.9	250.7
Saudi Arabia	191.1	186.3	234.2	287.9	329.8	357.2	388.2	364.4	273.6
Singapore	211.9	225.6	274.2	375.9	482.1	506.4	641.3	738.7	732.9
South Africa	126.7	192.9	286.2	343.6	369.8	391.6	385.0	275.4	273.4
South Korea	125.7	263.1	635.0	362.7	361.2	1,045.8	695.9	639.0	512.5
Switzerland	626.9	712.3	763.7	1,156.2	1,618.8	2,033.2	2,705.7	3,115.5	2,662.1
Taiwan	87.8	122.2	138.3	147.8	165.2	199.8	377.2	344.9	285.2
Thailand	52.8	87.1	101.1	82.7	96.6	141.1	144.3	112.1	144.7
Turkey	78.2	99.6	153.4	176.3	215.4	387.0	310.4	325.9	302.2
United Arab Emirates	67.1	73.1	95.9	102.6	144.6	218.2	197.9	177.0	115.0
USA	2,881.8	3,573.4	5,050.2	7,742.6	10,336.8	14,227.8	15,694.4	16,490.1	16,923.8
Other Countries ¹	1,019.2	1,054.2	1,180.0	1,417.6	1,557.9	1,965.3	1,923.1	1,575.3	1,399.2
Country unknown ²	633.3	619.6	409.0	280.6	392.7	320.4	445.9	488.9	495.2
Unclassified estimates ³	312.9	1,087.5	748.6	640.7	698.4	789.7	773.6	775.0	65.3
Total	35,330.1	38,608.9	44,868.0	57,321.8	66,956.2	83,888.9	92,689.9	93,625.6	82,175.5

¹ Other non-EU countries not listed individually

² Trade for which the country of final destination is unknown

³ Estimates not allocated by country

Source: CSO

Table 13.4 Imports by SITC section and division

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SITC (Rev 3)	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
0 Food and live animals	2,103.1	2,325.9	2,555.9	2,825.7	3,116.2	3,156.1	3,103.4
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	137.8	140.4	149.8	227.9	198.9	170.3	205.4
01 Meat and meat preparations	196.2	217.3	240.3	299.5	391.6	383.7	406.8
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	207.5	235.4	280.6	273.8	267.9	275.8	323.6
03 Fish, crustaceans and molluscs and preparations thereof	70.5	84.2	90.7	96.5	136.0	119.4	94.2
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	331.4	387.0	432.8	476.1	493.8	500.2	487.9
05 Vegetables and fruit	371.9	424.6	468.8	505.1	573.1	626.2	617.9
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	141.9	109.8	131.7	145.8	176.6	184.6	161.9
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	197.8	227.3	226.6	243.8	257.8	271.7	248.0
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)	305.0	315.2	338.9	351.2	381.3	388.9	333.4
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	143.0	184.4	195.8	206.0	239.0	235.4	224.2
1 Beverages and tobacco	350.2	410.6	500.2	522.1	679.4	728.4	688.3
11 Beverages	285.5	344.3	426.7	446.7	596.3	643.7	581.2
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	64.7	66.4	73.5	75.4	83.1	84.7	107.1
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	569.2	653.0	671.1	819.7	798.8	800.2	780.5
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	7.3	5.1	6.4	9.3	4.7	5.3	5.9
22 Oilseeds and oleaginous fruits	17.3	16.8	10.9	11.8	18.1	17.1	14.3
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	16.3	15.9	14.3	23.4	20.1	26.5	19.2
24 Cork and wood	175.6	218.5	231.3	294.3	275.6	267.1	323.1
25 Pulp and waste paper	15.8	22.2	24.2	27.7	28.3	22.6	19.7
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	71.6	65.1	63.0	67.6	62.2	55.1	34.5
27 Crude fertilisers and minerals, excluding coal, petroleum etc	89.5	107.7	112.4	136.5	135.6	171.6	162.9
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	99.8	127.4	126.0	151.0	150.8	125.9	100.5
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials nes	76.1	74.4	82.7	97.9	103.4	109.1	100.6
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1,139.8	1,008.1	1,294.1	2,299.7	2,218.7	1,841.1	1,800.8
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	150.9	130.0	97.1	100.1	149.8	99.8	93.2
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	889.2	736.3	1,007.6	1,926.2	1,729.5	1,477.4	1,466.2
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	98.1	139.5	177.3	266.7	336.1	244.3	212.6
35 Electric current	1.6	2.3	12.1	6.8	3.3	19.6	28.9
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	105.3	123.5	138.2	121.9	122.8	115.7	120.8
41 Animal oils and fats	7.3	4.7	10.3	10.1	13.3	6.6	3.8
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	62.0	75.4	70.0	64.3	68.4	66.1	74.7
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed; waxes	36.1	43.4	57.9	47.6	41.1	43.0	42.3
5 Chemicals and related products nes	4,076.6	4,340.3	4,931.9	6,105.2	6,340.5	6,861.8	6,848.5
51 Organic chemicals	976.8	1,231.6	1,466.9	1,669.4	1,558.3	1,954.9	1,847.0
52 Inorganic chemicals	154.7	153.3	191.3	270.1	239.7	172.3	155.6
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	141.3	169.4	199.7	210.5	179.4	168.1	171.0
54 Medical and pharmaceutical products	751.6	931.1	1,124.4	1,525.4	1,902.6	2,074.6	2,145.8
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet and cleansing preparations	587.9	517.1	569.8	717.1	830.4	864.4	861.4
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	172.1	163.0	176.3	225.8	218.6	186.2	231.2
57 Plastics in primary forms	432.7	449.6	430.9	547.4	537.8	529.9	529.1
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	288.5	320.0	330.6	393.7	414.3	421.1	422.9
59 Chemical materials and products nes	571.1	405.1	442.0	545.8	459.6	490.3	484.4

Table 13.4 Imports by SITC section and division (continued)

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SITC (Rev 3)	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3,405.6	3,768.6	3,806.9	4,350.6	4,390.7	4,337.2	4,220.0
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	9.8	9.8	10.8	11.9	11.8	12.2	10.4
62 Rubber manufactures nes	166.4	198.4	198.0	230.9	221.7	215.0	229.8
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)	139.3	157.4	173.6	232.1	245.2	253.8	264.9
64 Paper, paperboard and articles thereof	709.0	769.4	767.7	838.2	825.7	828.1	789.9
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	566.7	624.6	557.4	605.0	600.2	537.6	485.0
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	351.7	404.9	468.5	565.5	524.4	494.6	541.4
67 Iron and steel	427.8	490.6	481.0	549.7	572.8	661.0	562.8
68 Non-ferrous metals	359.3	390.2	332.6	372.6	481.7	429.4	403.4
69 Manufactures of metals nes	675.7	723.0	817.4	944.7	907.3	905.5	932.4
7 Machinery and transport equipment	14,920.1	20,058.3	22,820.6	29,739.5	30,224.1	28,301.7	20,725.4
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	386.9	445.8	504.5	736.6	678.9	570.1	673.2
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	905.9	1,330.6	1,010.8	1,080.6	1,062.5	1,024.2	996.2
73 Metalworking machinery	116.3	161.4	139.5	210.1	144.5	132.7	190.1
74 General industrial machinery and equipment nes and parts nes	877.7	1,117.3	1,137.8	1,324.5	1,186.0	1,120.0	1,209.1
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	6,104.7	7,951.2	8,368.1	11,363.2	11,269.5	8,442.4	8,018.4
76 Telecommunications and sound equipment	856.9	1,160.1	2,074.1	2,880.9	3,150.2	2,248.2	1,391.2
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances nes and parts	3,200.6	4,363.1	5,192.9	7,048.4	8,496.0	9,939.2	4,659.9
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	1,937.0	2,780.4	2,984.5	4,053.5	3,190.6	3,327.5	2,777.7
79 Other transport equipment	534.0	748.3	1,408.3	1,041.7	1,046.0	1,497.4	809.6
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3,965.1	4,423.3	4,891.2	5,893.0	6,299.7	6,112.4	6,200.8
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing and electrical fixtures and fittings	129.0	151.5	191.3	213.2	236.7	211.5	218.1
82 Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	186.6	228.0	266.4	326.3	333.0	362.7	360.7
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	41.4	46.3	51.8	90.0	105.5	96.3	65.6
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	913.6	1,059.3	1,094.6	1,335.5	1,399.8	1,386.2	1,276.6
85 Footwear	211.9	233.6	236.7	278.9	272.8	273.7	263.4
87 Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus nes	579.2	670.5	777.1	1,175.9	1,010.6	863.8	815.9
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches and clocks	216.1	269.6	284.1	352.3	307.2	244.5	276.4
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	1,687.3	1,764.5	1,989.1	2,121.0	2,634.1	2,673.8	2,924.2
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	725.8	856.8	846.4	1,088.3	1,232.2	1,369.1	1,262.0
Unclassified estimates¹	1,502.7	1,746.7	1,870.7	2,143.0	1,961.0	1,831.8	1,774.3
Total	32,863.5	39,715.0	44,327.1	55,908.8	57,384.2	55,455.7	47,525.0

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)	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
0 Food and live animals	4,602.2	4,947.0	5,483.6	5,948.4	5,801.1	5,775.1	5,718.5
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	148.9	178.3	298.3	420.0	184.7	209.8	212.9
01 Meat and meat preparations	1,352.1	1,481.7	1,770.6	1,752.2	1,594.1	1,744.3	1,856.1
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	1,051.9	1,019.1	1,008.0	1,160.6	1,080.9	952.1	952.7
03 Fish, crustaceans and molluscs and preparations thereof	280.4	295.0	299.4	323.9	423.1	410.3	370.2
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	230.1	248.2	263.9	292.2	314.6	258.2	214.6
05 Vegetables and fruit	155.3	185.4	171.8	172.3	229.9	234.2	216.1
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	123.4	89.9	100.3	101.8	113.1	135.5	119.6
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	180.3	260.9	246.4	258.2	259.5	276.3	267.8
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)	96.8	105.5	113.8	121.5	135.1	142.5	151.7
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	982.8	1,083.1	1,211.2	1,345.7	1,466.1	1,411.9	1,356.7
1 Beverages and tobacco	697.9	721.0	803.7	958.2	984.7	1,001.7	1,103.9
11 Beverages	640.0	670.2	743.6	854.4	871.0	894.0	1,009.3
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	57.9	50.9	60.1	103.9	113.8	107.7	94.6
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	771.5	740.7	797.5	942.3	953.2	862.7	1,006.6
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	94.7	79.1	75.0	96.6	99.6	104.3	84.7
22 Oilseeds and oleaginous fruits	0.6	1.2	1.7	0.8	1.2	1.2	1.8
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	1.4	1.3	7.3	8.0	1.9	0.9	1.2
24 Cork and wood	56.6	52.7	52.7	61.2	65.9	83.8	77.7
25 Pulp and waste paper	6.6	5.1	8.0	13.9	12.7	18.8	22.9
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	140.4	120.9	122.0	114.8	115.4	125.4	117.0
27 Crude fertilisers and minerals, excluding coal, petroleum etc	43.6	31.7	65.0	33.1	56.2	43.3	51.3
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	345.7	340.6	372.4	517.8	501.9	398.6	568.9
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials nes	82.0	108.1	93.4	96.3	98.4	86.5	81.3
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	187.0	150.7	177.0	285.5	296.9	361.9	199.3
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	37.0	38.9	50.0	40.9	53.8	65.2	58.3
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	145.7	108.5	124.6	242.0	239.8	290.7	135.7
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	3.2	2.6	2.3	2.4	3.2	5.7	2.5
35 Electric current	1.0	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	2.8
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	36.4	51.2	28.9	27.3	23.6	25.7	32.3
41 Animal oils and fats	28.2	27.2	21.5	22.0	17.7	21.5	24.9
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	3.8	4.2	4.4	3.9	5.0	1.5	0.8
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed; waxes	4.3	19.8	3.1	1.4	0.9	2.6	6.6
5 Chemicals and related products nes	11,342.6	18,156.0	21,168.7	27,360.5	32,281.4	39,035.8	35,732.4
51 Organic chemicals	5,128.0	9,946.3	11,394.1	16,897.5	17,117.9	17,383.3	15,365.2
52 Inorganic chemicals	135.1	168.8	214.8	356.0	239.8	142.6	131.4
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	54.3	48.3	51.5	58.8	49.5	54.7	58.0
54 Medical and pharmaceutical products	2,814.0	4,212.4	4,815.1	5,311.7	8,975.1	15,670.2	13,323.9
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet and cleansing preparations	1,694.9	2,012.4	2,448.7	2,355.2	3,140.9	3,160.5	4,118.7
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	48.8	45.7	37.2	36.0	43.3	31.2	0.6
57 Plastics in primary forms	115.8	141.6	160.7	196.9	193.1	169.5	178.4
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	131.2	166.3	183.9	207.6	226.4	199.0	203.3
59 Chemical materials and products nes	1,220.6	1,414.1	1,862.8	1,940.9	2,295.2	2,224.8	2,352.9

Table 13.5 Exports by SITC section and division (continued)

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SITC (Rev 3)	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1,750.0	1,803.6	1,812.8	1,973.1	1,954.7	1,924.6	1,807.0
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	62.4	69.4	58.3	71.9	74.8	52.9	40.5
62 Rubber manufactures nes	94.3	101.0	91.5	112.9	111.2	94.9	87.5
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)	92.3	107.8	119.8	135.9	166.0	188.9	209.3
64 Paper, paperboard and articles thereof	127.5	135.8	157.3	188.7	190.0	169.8	204.9
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	448.6	455.1	416.6	501.9	479.2	416.1	343.2
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	318.7	330.9	395.1	353.7	338.5	395.3	366.8
67 Iron and steel	124.0	137.9	108.8	129.6	93.6	49.5	55.7
68 Non-ferrous metals	80.1	85.7	87.5	92.8	76.2	72.0	65.2
69 Manufactures of metals nes	402.1	380.0	377.9	385.7	425.1	485.1	434.0
7 Machinery and transport equipment	16,963.5	21,443.7	26,193.2	34,011.7	37,606.7	33,137.7	23,400.5
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	334.9	352.2	345.9	382.3	406.4	493.5	312.3
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	240.0	235.1	280.2	313.8	336.8	281.9	280.4
73 Metalworking machinery	45.7	38.5	65.3	60.1	57.1	108.1	71.2
74 General industrial machinery and equipment nes and parts nes	758.4	806.2	889.7	1,017.2	1,039.0	1,035.5	1,037.9
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	10,258.6	12,940.2	15,152.7	19,616.8	21,034.5	17,309.5	14,795.9
76 Telecommunications and sound equipment	1,163.3	2,150.4	3,582.1	3,736.5	3,657.6	2,635.8	1,330.3
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances nes and parts	3,737.2	4,212.2	5,135.8	7,916.0	10,164.5	10,559.9	5,127.6
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	211.4	376.4	454.7	576.0	672.6	590.4	343.3
79 Other transport equipment	214.0	332.4	286.7	393.0	238.1	123.1	101.6
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	6,044.4	6,705.2	7,638.5	8,863.9	8,969.2	8,276.5	9,427.4
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing and electrical fixtures and fittings	71.3	75.1	73.9	84.3	89.4	99.5	93.5
82 Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	116.7	122.2	106.9	109.8	110.9	123.2	97.1
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	9.7	14.1	10.0	16.5	17.6	19.1	15.5
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	416.0	448.6	377.3	343.3	342.9	338.2	322.4
85 Footwear	26.2	23.2	28.8	31.8	32.7	23.5	27.5
87 Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus nes	1,105.2	1,395.0	1,387.3	1,703.2	1,881.8	2,061.7	3,268.6
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches and clocks	383.3	395.6	445.3	453.2	491.2	562.5	673.3
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	3,916.0	4,231.4	5,209.0	6,121.9	6,002.7	5,048.7	4,929.4
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	1,857.4	1,941.5	2,123.9	2,576.2	2,799.2	2,603.0	2,824.3
Unclassified estimates¹	615.1	661.3	728.4	941.7	1,019.3	620.9	923.2
Total	44,868.0	57,321.8	66,956.2	83,888.9	92,689.9	93,625.6	82,175.5

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

Table 13.6 Imports according to main use

€m

Main use	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Producers capital goods ready for use	2,609.1	3,038.6	3,834.5	5,175.5	6,511.9	8,069.5	7,534.3	7,064.6	5,716.5
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	2,881.7	2,958.6	2,889.1
Other	3,825.7	4,444.6	5,260.7	6,256.5	7,094.5	9,004.5	9,565.0	9,763.8	9,587.0
Total	5,331.4	6,071.6	7,044.0	8,278.6	9,387.4	11,486.1	12,446.8	12,722.3	12,476.1
Materials for further production									
Agriculture	715.2	722.7	637.3	631.6	730.4	886.9	941.7	946.2	972.2
Other	15,906.3	16,989.5	19,723.2	23,641.5	25,527.6	33,169.7	34,347.7	32,713.9	26,420.4
Total	16,621.4	17,712.2	20,360.4	24,273.1	26,258.0	34,056.7	35,289.3	33,660.1	27,392.6
Unclassified imports	1,619.0	1,656.9	1,624.6	1,988.5	2,170.0	2,296.6	2,113.8	2,008.7	1,939.8
Total imports	26,180.9	28,479.5	32,863.5	39,715.0	44,327.1	55,908.8	57,384.2	55,455.7	47,525.0

Source: CSO

Table 13.7 Percentage distribution of imports by main use

%

Main use	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Producers capital goods ready for use	10.0	10.7	11.7	13.0	14.7	14.4	13.1	12.7	12.0
Consumption goods ready for use									
Food, drink, tobacco	5.8	5.7	5.4	5.1	5.2	4.4	5.0	5.3	6.1
Other	14.6	15.6	16.0	15.8	16.0	16.1	16.7	17.6	20.2
Total	20.4	21.3	21.4	20.8	21.2	20.5	21.7	22.9	26.3
Materials for further production									
Agriculture	2.7	2.5	1.9	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	2.0
Other	60.8	59.7	60.0	59.5	57.6	59.3	59.9	59.0	55.6
Total	63.5	62.2	62.0	61.1	59.2	60.9	61.5	60.7	57.6
Unclassified imports	6.2	5.8	4.9	5.0	4.9	4.1	3.7	3.6	4.1
Total imports	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: CSO

Distribution of imports by main use, 2003

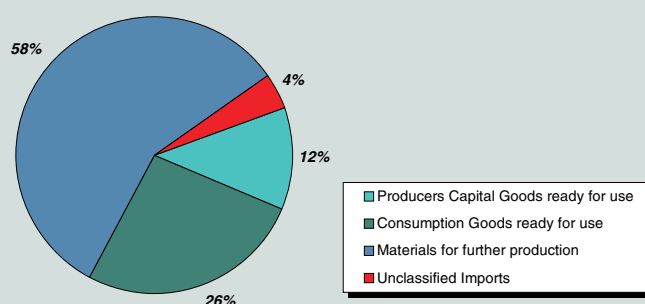


Table 13.8 Exports by industrial origin

	€m								
Industrial origin	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Agricultural produce	3,737.1	3,173.2	3,218.3	3,342.7	3,696.8	4,046.6	3,655.7	3,670.1	3,739.3
Forestry and fishing produce	330.1	368.0	336.1	347.5	351.7	385.0	488.9	493.9	447.8
Industrial produce	30,416.2	34,356.7	40,632.6	52,555.6	61,748.8	77,648.5	86,627.8	87,949.1	76,954.5
Unclassified exports	846.7	711.1	681.0	1,078.5	1,162.4	1,808.8	1,917.5	1,512.4	1,034.0
Total exports	35,330.1	38,608.9	44,868.0	57,321.8	66,956.2	83,888.9	92,689.9	93,625.6	82,175.5

Source: CSO

Table 13.9 Percentage distribution of exports by industrial origin

	%								
Industrial origin	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Agricultural produce	10.6	8.2	7.2	5.8	5.5	4.8	3.9	3.9	4.6
Forestry and fishing produce	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Industrial produce	86.1	89.0	90.6	91.7	92.2	92.6	93.5	93.9	93.6
Unclassified exports	2.4	1.8	1.5	1.9	1.7	2.2	2.1	1.6	1.3
Total exports	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: CSO

TABLE 13.8

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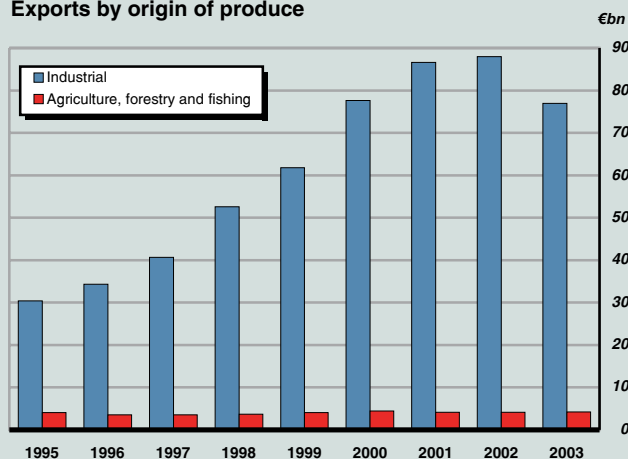
Exports by origin of produce

Table 13.10 Imports by area

									€m
Area	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
European Union									
Great Britain	8,437.7	9,085.7	10,412.3	12,393.5	13,485.1	16,408.2	19,249.9	19,083.9	13,643.1
Northern Ireland	826.8	815.7	946.0	1,073.0	1,141.4	1,205.0	1,231.3	1,036.3	1,037.0
Other member states	5,618.5	6,256.6	7,116.1	8,111.0	9,322.5	13,136.8	13,563.3	13,041.5	11,822.8
Other European countries									
Members of EFTA	540.1	554.5	737.2	782.5	821.0	1,477.5	1,477.5	1,228.6	1,122.0
Other Europe	242.4	545.4	370.1	537.5	522.6	717.3	887.3	670.2	698.9
Other countries									
NAFTA	4,834.4	4,675.0	5,253.4	6,808.8	7,827.2	9,794.9	9,564.2	9,171.6	8,051.7
Other APEC	4,035.1	4,691.3	6,337.0	8,017.6	8,283.7	10,152.9	8,421.1	8,415.7	8,768.8
Rest of world	642.1	698.8	803.3	846.9	1,571.4	1,435.8	1,553.3	1,501.4	1,391.6
Unclassified	1,003.6	1,156.5	888.0	1,144.1	1,352.0	1,580.3	1,436.4	1,306.6	989.0
Total	26,180.9	28,479.5	32,863.5	39,715.0	44,327.1	55,908.8	57,384.2	55,455.7	47,525.0
<i>of which members of OECD</i>	<i>21,710.7</i>	<i>23,069.4</i>	<i>26,979.0</i>	<i>33,098.3</i>	<i>36,946.4</i>	<i>46,692.2</i>	<i>48,787.4</i>	<i>47,131.5</i>	<i>39,570.5</i>

Source: CSO

Table 13.11 Percentage distribution of imports by area

									%
Area	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
European Union									
Great Britain	32.2	31.9	31.7	31.2	30.4	29.3	33.5	34.4	28.7
Northern Ireland	3.2	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.2	2.1	1.9	2.2
Other member states	21.5	22.0	21.7	20.4	21.0	23.5	23.6	23.5	24.9
Other European countries									
Members of EFTA	2.1	1.9	2.2	2.0	1.9	2.6	2.6	2.2	2.4
Other Europe	0.9	1.9	1.1	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.2	1.5
Other countries									
NAFTA	18.5	16.4	16.0	17.1	17.7	17.5	16.7	16.5	16.9
Other APEC	15.4	16.5	19.3	20.2	18.7	18.2	14.7	15.2	18.5
Rest of world	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.1	3.5	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.9
Unclassified	3.8	4.1	2.7	2.9	3.1	2.8	2.5	2.4	2.1
Total	100.0	100.0	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>85.0</i>	<i>85.0</i>	<i>83.3</i>

Source: CSO

Table 13.12 Exports by area

									€m
Area	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
European Union									
Great Britain	8,017.2	8,449.2	9,706.1	11,416.8	13,175.4	17,083.9	20,765.5	20,853.1	13,461.5
Northern Ireland	997.1	1,044.5	1,348.8	1,503.8	1,514.8	1,785.9	1,864.3	1,609.8	1,408.7
Other member states	16,675.6	16,926.8	19,297.4	26,121.2	28,767.8	33,416.7	34,946.1	37,444.9	35,470.4
Other European countries									
Members of EFTA	1,035.3	1,206.4	1,317.1	1,764.6	2,255.0	2,689.4	3,320.8	3,666.2	3,232.5
Other Europe	819.7	1,253.3	989.3	846.8	849.7	1,312.0	1,095.4	954.9	873.1
Other countries									
NAFTA	3,248.6	4,015.3	5,478.3	8,252.8	10,840.6	14,877.2	16,839.3	17,448.8	17,905.5
Other APEC	2,235.9	2,919.9	3,809.3	4,248.0	5,735.5	8,208.6	9,310.9	7,693.5	6,932.5
Rest of world	1,436.6	1,507.4	1,841.8	2,255.7	2,726.4	3,407.6	3,328.1	2,690.5	2,330.1
Unclassified	864.0	1,286.1	1,079.8	912.2	1,091.0	1,107.5	1,219.5	1,263.9	560.6
Total	35,330.1	38,608.9	44,868.0	57,321.8	66,956.2	83,888.9	92,689.9	93,625.6	82,175.5
<i>of which members of OECD</i>	<i>31,309.5</i>	<i>33,215.6</i>	<i>39,216.3</i>	<i>52,045.4</i>	<i>60,355.2</i>	<i>75,998.7</i>	<i>83,664.8</i>	<i>85,983.9</i>	<i>75,738.0</i>

Source: CSO

Table 13.13 Percentage distribution of exports by area

									%
Area	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
European Union									
Great Britain	22.7	21.9	21.6	19.9	19.7	20.4	22.4	22.3	16.4
Northern Ireland	2.8	2.7	3.0	2.6	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.7	1.7
Other member states	47.2	43.8	43.0	45.6	43.0	39.8	37.7	40.0	43.2
Other European countries									
Members of EFTA	2.9	3.1	2.9	3.1	3.4	3.2	3.6	3.9	3.9
Other Europe	2.3	3.2	2.2	1.5	1.3	1.6	1.2	1.0	1.1
Other countries									
NAFTA	9.2	10.4	12.2	14.4	16.2	17.7	18.2	18.6	21.8
Other APEC	6.3	7.6	8.5	7.4	8.6	9.8	10.0	8.2	8.4
Rest of world	4.1	3.9	4.1	3.9	4.1	4.1	3.6	2.9	2.8
Unclassified	2.4	3.3	2.4	1.6	1.6	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.7
Total	100.0	100.0	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>90.3</i>	<i>91.8</i>	<i>92.2</i>

Source: CSO

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