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Preliminary figures show that Malta registered a trade deficit of €223.0 million in November 2017, compared to €112.5 million in the corresponding month of 2016.

## International Trade: November 2017

Cut-off date:  
**4 January 2018**

Provisional data for international trade show that the trade deficit in November stood at €223.0 million, up by €110.5 million when compared to the corresponding month of 2016. Imports increased by €40.1 million, while exports show a decrease of €70.4 million (Table 1a). The increase in the value of imports was primarily due to mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (€29.6 million). On the exports side, mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (€42.8 million) and food (€35.4 million) accounted for the main decrease in the value of exports (Table 2).

### January-November 2017

During the first 11 months last year, the trade deficit widened by €460.1 million when compared to the corresponding period of 2016, reaching €3,078.1 million. Both imports and exports show decreases of €472.1 million and €932.1 million respectively (Table 1a). Lower imports were mainly due to machinery and transport equipment, which decreased by €704.9 million. This was partly outweighed by an increase of €147.4 million in mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials. On the exports side, the main decreases were registered in chemicals (€580.6 million) and mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (€338.6 million) (Table 2).

Malta's trade imports from the European Union reached €3,003.8 million, or 53.4 per cent of total imports. There was a decrease of €15.3 million in imports from euro area countries when compared to the same period of 2016. Main increases and decreases in imports were registered from the Russian Federation (€125.5 million) and Canada (€347.2 million) respectively. On the export side, the main increase was directed to Tunisia (€15.7 million), whereas the United States of America (€604.7 million) registered the highest decrease (Table 3) ■

### International Trade

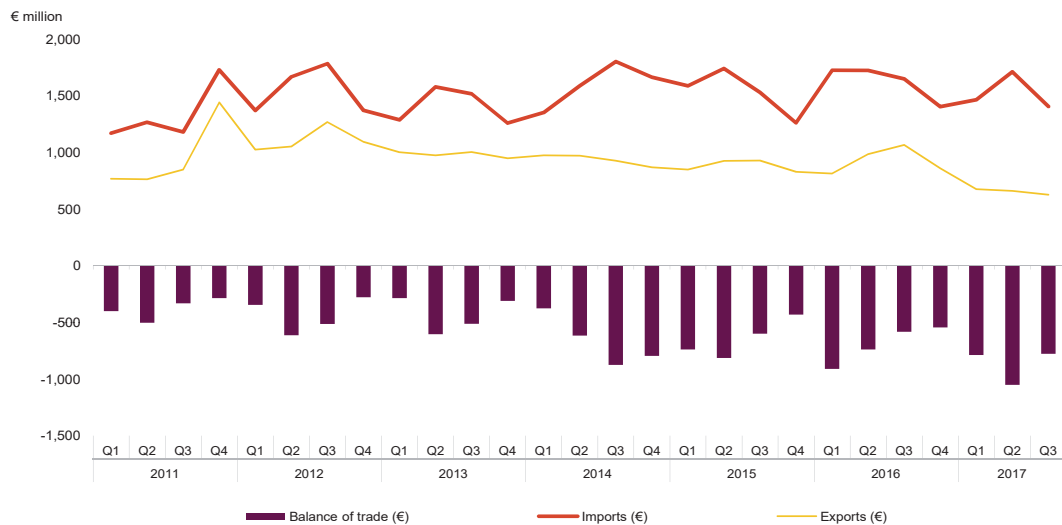


Table 1a. Trade by period and broad economic category

€ million

Broad economic category	2015 <sup>P</sup>	2016 <sup>P</sup>	November		January-November	
			2016 <sup>P</sup>	2017 <sup>P</sup>	2016 <sup>P</sup>	2017 <sup>P</sup>
<b>Imports</b>	<b>6,114.7</b>	<b>6,498.4</b>	<b>453.5</b>	<b>493.6</b>	<b>6,094.2</b>	<b>5,622.1</b>
<b>Industrial Supplies</b>	<b>1,484.4</b>	<b>1,334.0</b>	<b>114.7</b>	<b>116.3</b>	<b>1,220.6</b>	<b>1,207.2</b>
Primary	80.6	112.7	8.3	26.6	91.4	115.3
Semi-Finished	1,193.1	1,027.8	86.7	72.6	953.2	921.4
Finished	210.8	193.5	19.7	17.1	175.9	170.5
<b>Capital Goods and Others</b>	<b>1,718.5</b>	<b>2,252.2</b>	<b>110.7</b>	<b>131.2</b>	<b>2,194.5</b>	<b>1,511.4</b>
<b>Consumer Goods</b>	<b>1,224.1</b>	<b>1,239.9</b>	<b>115.5</b>	<b>104.0</b>	<b>1,139.8</b>	<b>1,211.0</b>
Food and Beverages	485.9	499.1	47.8	43.9	458.2	482.6
Durable Goods	453.9	431.9	38.2	34.2	396.1	412.6
Others	284.3	308.9	29.5	26.0	285.5	315.8
<b>Fuels and Lubricants</b>	<b>1,687.7</b>	<b>1,672.3</b>	<b>112.5</b>	<b>142.1</b>	<b>1,539.3</b>	<b>1,692.6</b>
<b>Exports</b>	<b>3,529.3</b>	<b>3,722.9</b>	<b>341.0</b>	<b>270.6</b>	<b>3,476.2</b>	<b>2,544.1</b>
<b>Balance of Trade</b>	<b>-2,585.4</b>	<b>-2,775.5</b>	<b>-112.5</b>	<b>-223.0</b>	<b>-2,618.0</b>	<b>-3,078.1</b>

<sup>P</sup> Provisional

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 1b. Trade by broad economic category - last six quarters

€ million

Broad economic category	2016 Q2 <sup>P</sup>	2016 Q3 <sup>P</sup>	2016 Q4 <sup>P</sup>	2017 Q1 <sup>P</sup>	2017 Q2 <sup>P</sup>	2017 Q3 <sup>P</sup>
<b>Imports</b>	<b>1,723.0</b>	<b>1,647.9</b>	<b>1,403.7</b>	<b>1,463.6</b>	<b>1,711.4</b>	<b>1,403.8</b>
<b>Industrial Supplies</b>	<b>323.5</b>	<b>328.3</b>	<b>337.0</b>	<b>296.5</b>	<b>346.8</b>	<b>335.5</b>
Primary	30.2	27.8	32.1	16.3	36.6	20.0
Semi-Finished	257.9	260.4	246.6	230.9	262.3	275.7
Finished	35.5	40.1	58.4	49.4	47.8	39.8
<b>Capital Goods and Others</b>	<b>718.6</b>	<b>422.3</b>	<b>324.2</b>	<b>333.8</b>	<b>599.2</b>	<b>239.4</b>
<b>Consumer Goods</b>	<b>309.0</b>	<b>308.4</b>	<b>335.0</b>	<b>312.4</b>	<b>331.3</b>	<b>334.9</b>
Food and Beverages	123.4	127.2	138.9	121.0	125.2	142.4
Durable Goods	108.3	100.5	116.7	110.7	121.0	108.0
Others	77.3	80.7	79.4	80.7	85.1	84.5
<b>Fuels and Lubricants</b>	<b>371.9</b>	<b>588.9</b>	<b>407.5</b>	<b>520.9</b>	<b>434.1</b>	<b>494.1</b>
<b>Exports</b>	<b>984.4</b>	<b>1,065.6</b>	<b>859.7</b>	<b>675.3</b>	<b>659.9</b>	<b>627.0</b>
<b>Balance of Trade</b>	<b>-738.6</b>	<b>-582.3</b>	<b>-544.0</b>	<b>-788.3</b>	<b>-1,051.5</b>	<b>-776.9</b>

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Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 1c. Exports net of fuels and lubricants by period

€ million

Broad economic category	2015 <sup>P</sup>	2016 <sup>P</sup>	November		January-November	
			2016 <sup>P</sup>	2017 <sup>P</sup>	2016 <sup>P</sup>	2017 <sup>P</sup>
Total Exports	3,529.3	3,722.9	341.0	270.6	3,476.2	2,544.1
Exports of Fuels and Lubricants	1,332.3	969.0	81.7	36.1	928.5	571.0
<b>Exports net of Fuels and Lubricants</b>	<b>2,196.9</b>	<b>2,753.9</b>	<b>259.2</b>	<b>234.5</b>	<b>2,547.8</b>	<b>1,973.1</b>

<sup>P</sup> Provisional

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 2. Balance of trade by period and major commodity groups

€ million

Major commodity group	2015 <sup>P</sup>	2016 <sup>P</sup>	November		January-November	
			2016 <sup>P</sup>	2017 <sup>P</sup>	2016 <sup>P</sup>	2017 <sup>P</sup>
<b>Imports</b>	<b>6,114.7</b>	<b>6,498.4</b>	<b>453.5</b>	<b>493.6</b>	<b>6,094.2</b>	<b>5,622.1</b>
Food	522.7	571.5	51.1	67.5	513.0	567.8
Beverages and Tobacco	89.7	98.0	8.4	6.7	91.3	88.7
Crude Materials	27.5	26.3	2.5	1.7	24.3	24.9
Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and related materials	1,689.3	1,679.6	112.6	142.2	1,546.6	1,694.0
Animal and Vegetable Oils and Fats	9.2	9.4	1.0	0.7	8.7	8.5
Chemicals	507.6	465.5	36.8	38.5	432.2	479.2
Semi-Manufactured Goods	414.9	375.2	34.8	26.1	345.9	324.0
Machinery and Transport Equipment	2,374.2	2,822.5	163.1	176.0	2,718.1	2,013.2
Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	465.4	438.8	42.6	34.0	403.8	417.2
Miscellaneous Transactions and Commodities	14.1	11.7	0.6	0.3	10.3	4.6
<b>Exports</b>	<b>3,529.3</b>	<b>3,722.9</b>	<b>341.0</b>	<b>270.6</b>	<b>3,476.2</b>	<b>2,544.1</b>
Food	245.6	254.9	88.3	52.9	210.8	197.3
Beverages and Tobacco	42.3	41.1	4.1	3.7	38.8	36.4
Crude Materials	15.9	12.6	1.7	1.1	12.0	12.5
Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and related materials	1,357.5	1,001.5	86.0	43.2	956.4	617.8
Animal and Vegetable Oils and Fats	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Chemicals	363.6	921.9	28.4	41.8	896.3	315.7
Semi-Manufactured Goods	122.9	121.2	9.8	22.8	112.2	135.4
Machinery and Transport Equipment	969.2	962.4	89.2	76.7	874.1	873.1
Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	411.5	406.6	33.4	28.4	374.9	355.1
Miscellaneous Transactions and Commodities	0.6	0.7	0.0	0.1	0.7	0.7
<b>Balance of Trade</b>	<b>-2,585.4</b>	<b>-2,775.5</b>	<b>-112.5</b>	<b>-223.0</b>	<b>-2,618.0</b>	<b>-3,078.1</b>
Food	-277.1	-316.6	37.3	-14.6	-302.2	-370.5
Beverages and Tobacco	-47.4	-56.9	-4.3	-3.0	-52.5	-52.3
Crude Materials	-11.5	-13.8	-0.8	-0.6	-12.3	-12.4
Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and related materials	-331.9	-678.1	-26.7	-99.0	-590.1	-1,076.2
Animal and Vegetable Oils and Fats	-9.2	-9.4	-1.0	-0.7	-8.7	-8.5
Chemicals	-144.0	456.4	-8.5	3.3	464.1	-163.5
Semi-Manufactured Goods	-292.0	-254.0	-24.9	-3.4	-233.7	-188.7
Machinery and Transport Equipment	-1,405.0	-1,860.1	-73.9	-99.3	-1,844.0	-1,140.0
Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	-53.9	-32.2	-9.2	-5.6	-29.0	-62.1
Miscellaneous Transactions and Commodities	-13.5	-10.9	-0.6	-0.2	-9.6	-3.9

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Notes:

1. The commodity breakdown is in accordance with the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) Rev. 3.
2. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 3. Direction of trade by period

€ million

	November						January-November					
	2016 <sup>P</sup>			2017 <sup>P</sup>			2016 <sup>P</sup>			2017 <sup>P</sup>		
	Arrivals/ Imports	Dispatches/ Exports	Balance of Trade	Arrivals/ Imports	Dispatches/ Exports	Balance of Trade	Arrivals/ Imports	Dispatches/ Exports	Balance of Trade	Arrivals/ Imports	Dispatches/ Exports	Balance of Trade
<b>Europe</b>	<b>298.5</b>	<b>107.3</b>	<b>-191.1</b>	<b>311.9</b>	<b>107.1</b>	<b>-204.8</b>	<b>3,377.4</b>	<b>1,173.1</b>	<b>-2,204.4</b>	<b>3,494.8</b>	<b>1,136.5</b>	<b>-2,358.3</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
<b>European Union</b>	<b>265.9</b>	<b>93.9</b>	<b>-172.0</b>	<b>272.7</b>	<b>101.9</b>	<b>-170.8</b>	<b>2,963.4</b>	<b>1,105.2</b>	<b>-1,858.2</b>	<b>3,003.8</b>	<b>1,067.9</b>	<b>-1,935.9</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
United Kingdom	27.2	9.2	-18.0	30.3	7.1	-23.2	317.3	99.8	-217.6	384.6	73.7	-310.9
Euro Area	226.1	74.3	-151.8	226.3	83.0	-143.3	2,436.3	885.0	-1,551.3	2,421.0	846.8	-1,574.2
<i>of which:</i>												
Italy	97.9	11.9	-85.9	95.2	11.5	-83.7	1,120.5	201.2	-919.3	1,109.0	163.2	-945.8
Germany	28.9	30.4	1.4	50.3	35.5	-14.8	345.4	356.8	11.4	387.6	357.9	-29.7
Netherlands	10.8	8.0	-2.8	20.2	2.2	-18.0	219.9	33.2	-186.7	184.8	21.0	-163.8
Greece	9.6	1.1	-8.4	16.5	0.8	-15.8	107.2	6.9	-100.3	105.2	5.7	-99.5
France	14.4	17.1	2.7	14.2	22.8	8.6	245.9	213.6	-32.3	203.3	209.6	6.4
Spain	23.4	2.3	-21.1	11.7	3.8	-7.8	191.4	31.0	-160.3	223.4	43.3	-180.2
<b>EFTA Countries</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>-18.1</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>80.0</b>	<b>30.3</b>	<b>-49.7</b>	<b>38.7</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>-7.3</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
Switzerland	23.6	5.8	-17.7	2.3	1.5	-0.8	72.9	26.1	-46.8	32.1	25.4	-6.7
<b>Other European Countries</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>36.6</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>-35.1</b>	<b>334.0</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>-296.4</b>	<b>452.2</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>-415.1</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
Russian Federation	0.7	0.1	-0.6	29.0	0.1	-28.9	153.6	3.1	-150.5	279.1	0.8	-278.4
<b>Asia</b>	<b>62.7</b>	<b>129.8</b>	<b>67.1</b>	<b>72.7</b>	<b>82.7</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>755.8</b>	<b>588.6</b>	<b>-167.2</b>	<b>894.2</b>	<b>518.4</b>	<b>-375.8</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
Japan	3.8	73.8	70.0	14.1	33.8	19.6	48.8	111.7	62.9	60.0	76.9	17.0
Saudi Arabia	5.8	8.5	2.6	13.5	4.1	-9.4	113.1	19.1	-94.0	49.8	17.5	-32.3
China	20.4	8.5	-11.9	13.4	3.1	-10.3	188.0	40.0	-148.0	189.4	35.2	-154.2
India	9.2	0.8	-8.4	10.1	1.5	-8.7	103.9	12.9	-91.0	121.0	9.8	-111.2
Singapore	2.4	11.3	8.9	4.6	13.0	8.4	29.0	141.8	112.8	112.7	121.6	8.9
<b>North and Central America</b>	<b>36.6</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>-16.7</b>	<b>55.5</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>-41.4</b>	<b>871.2</b>	<b>764.1</b>	<b>-107.0</b>	<b>472.6</b>	<b>155.1</b>	<b>-317.5</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
Canada	0.4	3.0	2.6	44.5	2.3	-42.3	579.9	26.0	-553.8	232.7	22.8	-210.7
United States of America	35.4	15.6	-19.7	10.9	10.8	0.0	286.0	723.7	437.8	233.4	119.0	119.0
<b>Africa</b>	<b>32.3</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>57.5</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>245.8</b>	<b>523.8</b>	<b>278.0</b>	<b>276.5</b>	<b>471.1</b>	<b>194.6</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
Tunisia	1.1	3.1	2.0	15.4	12.7	-2.7	53.2	45.6	-7.6	26.3	61.3	35.0
<b>Australia and Oceania</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>-17.8</b>	<b>34.8</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>-27.3</b>
<b>South America</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>-6.5</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>42.6</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>-34.4</b>	<b>36.6</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>-29.4</b>
<b>Ships and Aircraft Stores</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>47.4</b>	<b>45.5</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>399.3</b>	<b>390.4</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>245.1</b>	<b>239.7</b>
<b>Caribbean and Bahamas Islands</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>-8.0</b>	<b>22.6</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>-22.2</b>	<b>761.3</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>-755.8</b>	<b>407.2</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>-404.1</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>453.5</b>	<b>341.0</b>	<b>-112.5</b>	<b>493.6</b>	<b>270.6</b>	<b>-223.0</b>	<b>6,094.2</b>	<b>3,476.2</b>	<b>-2,618.0</b>	<b>5,622.1</b>	<b>2,544.1</b>	<b>-3,078.1</b>

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Notes:

1. Arrivals/Dispatches relate to transactions with EU Member States.
2. Imports/Exports relate to transactions with Non-EU Member States (see methodological note 8 for country groupings).
3. Totals may not add up due to rounding.
4. A full list of countries is available on the excel version of this news release: [http://nso.gov.mt/en/News\\_Releases/View\\_by\\_Unit/Unit\\_A4/International\\_Trade/Pages/International-Trade.aspx](http://nso.gov.mt/en/News_Releases/View_by_Unit/Unit_A4/International_Trade/Pages/International-Trade.aspx)

Table 4. Trade by period and principal traded commodities

€ 000

Chapter number	Commodity description	November		January-November	
		2016 <sup>P</sup>	2017 <sup>P</sup>	2016 <sup>P</sup>	2017 <sup>P</sup>
<b>Main imports</b>					
02	Meat and edible offal	4,754	5,352	49,340	54,382
03	Fish and crustaceans, etc.	9,541	28,624	92,007	132,761
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs	4,067	4,578	42,544	46,235
08	Edible fruit and nuts	4,267	2,451	36,742	36,363
16	Preparations of meat/fish	4,620	4,485	42,840	48,054
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	2,754	2,640	18,174	17,891
19	Preparations of cereals	6,096	5,918	58,104	58,241
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit and nuts	2,026	2,193	23,665	26,150
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	2,796	3,372	34,245	36,757
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	5,803	4,914	58,225	61,520
23	Food residues and waste	2,302	2,410	29,218	30,927
27	Mineral fuels, oils and products	112,647	142,077	1,548,165	1,694,412
29	Organic chemicals	5,731	4,098	99,197	87,270
30	Pharmaceutical products	14,402	13,808	130,961	171,949
32	Tanning/dyeing extracts and paints	2,196	2,626	28,001	33,334
33	Essential oils and toilet preparations	3,729	3,021	36,161	32,240
39	Plastics and articles of plastics	11,208	13,887	139,382	148,553
48	Paper and paperboard articles	5,827	5,344	65,270	62,408
61	Knitted clothing	5,352	5,886	47,683	50,477
62	Woven clothing	3,801	4,275	38,552	46,655
72	Iron and steel	908	2,580	18,370	23,467
73	Articles of iron or steel	11,507	4,492	79,487	65,220
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances	29,040	63,290	275,169	364,144
85	Electrical machinery etc.	49,541	35,955	449,746	441,932
87	Vehicles (excluding trains) and parts thereof	12,541	13,306	153,607	158,027
88	Aircraft/spacecraft and parts thereof	31,486	57,400	814,023	380,237
89	Ships, boats and floating structures	40,063	5,520	1,015,545	671,993
90	Optical/photographic/cinematographic instruments	5,199	4,020	60,899	61,730
94	Furniture; bedding, etc.	5,846	4,438	59,120	56,449
95	Toys, games and sports requisites	2,907	2,222	24,978	22,227
<b>Main exports</b>					
03	Fish and crustaceans, etc.	80,721	42,526	123,599	100,764
10	Cereals	5	2,223	5,428	13,235
19	Preparations of cereals	1,993	2,245	21,256	17,262
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	4,756	5,809	54,418	56,479
24	Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	2,313	1,246	15,720	11,860
27	Mineral fuels, oils and products	85,742	42,967	954,897	616,291
29	Organic chemicals	4,913	6,046	40,141	33,384
30	Pharmaceutical products	20,452	31,303	823,260	232,875
39	Plastics and articles of plastics	4,545	4,893	50,252	63,803
40	Rubber and articles of rubber	4,424	5,179	51,488	54,892
49	Printed books, newspapers	10,999	8,254	83,852	61,879
60	Knitted/crocheted fabrics	2,398	2,650	20,619	23,984
73	Articles of iron or steel	1,337	13,503	21,777	34,415
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances	11,816	9,819	113,155	118,598
85	Electrical machinery etc.	61,432	55,480	610,671	640,778
88	Aircraft/spacecraft and parts thereof	12,596	9,596	121,923	99,498
90	Optical/photographic/cinematographic instruments	6,296	4,044	78,989	71,770
95	Toys, games and sports requisites	8,226	9,259	121,012	119,355
99	Special classifications	2,115	2,252	26,199	29,809

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## Notes:

1. The commodity breakdown is the Harmonised System (HS) Code at chapter level.

2. A full list of chapters is available on the excel version of this news release:

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## Methodological Notes

1. Data in this release are based on:
  - a. the Intrastat Supplementary Declaration that traders in merchandise goods must submit in respect of Arrivals (Imports) and Dispatches (Exports) of goods from and to the Member States of the European Union (EU), in compliance with Legal Notice 131 of 2004; and
  - b. the Customs Declarations for imports from and exports to countries that are not Member States of the EU.
2. The Intrastat Supplementary Declaration for the collection of data on trade in goods between the Member States of the EU replaced the Customs Declaration as from 1 May 2004. The requirements of the Supplementary Declaration, which at EU level were introduced as from 1 January 1993, are similar in all the Member States of the EU.
3. As from May 2004, with the introduction of the Intrastat Supplementary Declaration as the source document for trade statistics, it was no longer possible to disaggregate total exports into domestic exports and re-exports.
4. The 'Balance of Trade' is the difference between a country's exports and imports. A country has a trade deficit if it imports more than it exports; the opposite scenario is a trade surplus.
5. This news release is based on data available as on the cut-off date printed on the front page of this release. These are provisional figures based on information provided by traders on a monthly basis. Regular revisions to monthly and annual trade data may be carried out for up to two (2) years after the reference period.
6. National concepts differ from the harmonised methodology used by Eurostat, leading to differences between figures in this release and those published by Eurostat. Malta uses the General Trade system for dissemination purposes, in line with UN recommendations. On the other hand, monthly data sent to Eurostat for both Intra-EU and Extra-EU are compiled according to the Special Trade methodology. A more detailed explanation of these two concepts can be found at <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/reports.aspx?id=7>.
7. Individual countries' data not appearing in this release are available from the NSO upon request and in the excel version.
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  - i. Up to 31 December 2014, the euro area included Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia (from 2014), Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain. From 1 January 2015, the euro area also includes Lithuania. Trade data for Lithuania is included with the euro area data as from reference month January 2015.
  - ii. The European Union includes Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia (from July 2013), Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.
  - iii. EFTA (European Free Trade Association) countries comprise Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.
9. Totals may not add up due to rounding.
10. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:

Sources and Methods: [https://nso.gov.mt/en/nso/Sources\\_and\\_Methods/Unit\\_A4/International\\_Trade/Pages/External-Trade-Statistics.aspx](https://nso.gov.mt/en/nso/Sources_and_Methods/Unit_A4/International_Trade/Pages/External-Trade-Statistics.aspx)

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11. Any quotations from this news release are to be cited and/or referenced.
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