

Provisional figures for registered trade in goods in Malta recorded a deficit of €334.1 million during November 2021, compared to a surplus of €22.0 million in the corresponding month of 2020.

## International Trade in Goods: November 2021

Cut-off date:  
3 January 2022

### Total Trade in Goods: November 2021

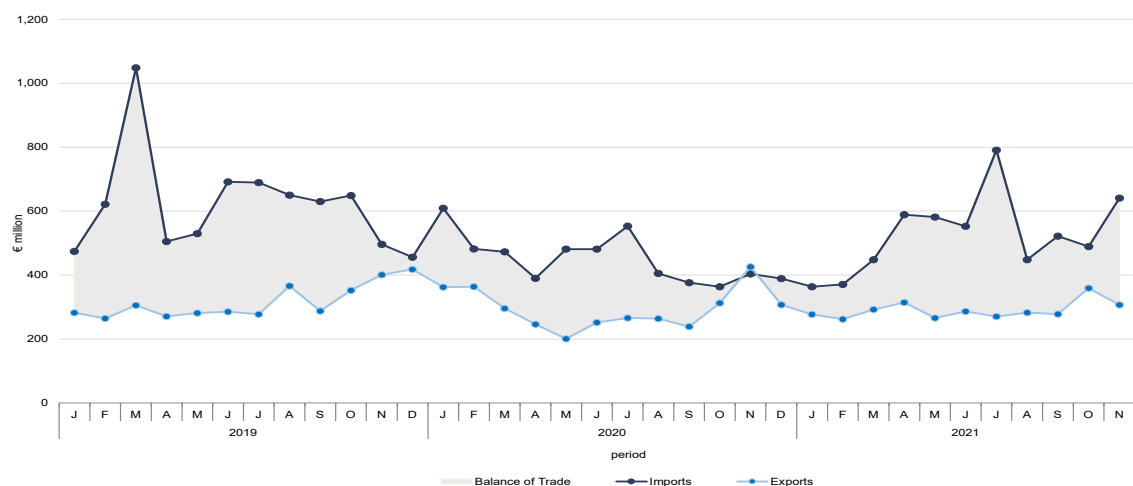
Data in this news release presents all international trade in goods registered up to the indicated cut-off date. Provisional data recorded a total trade in goods deficit of €334.1 million during November, compared to a surplus of €22.0 million in the corresponding month of 2020. Imports amounted to €640.9 million, while exports totalled €306.7 million. This represents an increase of €237.0 million in imports and a decline of €119.2 million in exports over the same month of the previous year (Table 1). The rise in the value of imports was primarily due to Machinery and transport equipment (€184.2 million), and Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (€39.8 million). On the exports side, the main decreases were registered in Chemicals (€33.9 million), Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (€31.6 million), and Machinery and transport equipment (€30.7 million) (Table 3).



### Total Trade in Goods: January-November 2021

During the first eleven months of the year, the total trade in goods deficit widened by €811.6 million when compared to the corresponding period of 2020, reaching €2,603.5 million. Imports increased by €779.2 million, while exports decreased by €32.5 million, amounting to €5,796.6 million and €3,193.0 million, respectively (Table 1). Higher imports were mainly recorded in Machinery and transport equipment (€445.3 million), Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (€163.5 million), Chemicals (€56.0 million), and Miscellaneous manufactured articles (€53.4 million). On the exports side, Machinery and transport equipment (€91.5 million), and Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (€60.4 million) accounted for the main declines, partly offset by an increase in Chemicals (€114.4 million) (Table 3).

Chart 1. Total Trade in Goods - monthly



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Goods were imported mainly from the European Union (54.9 per cent) and Asia (17.4 per cent). Similarly, exports were mostly directed to the European Union (35.4 per cent) and Asia (19.3 per cent). The main increase and decrease in imports were registered from Italy (€242.6 million) and China (€67.2 million), respectively. With respect to exports, the main increase was directed to the United Kingdom (€50.3 million), whereas Germany reported the highest decrease (€81.5 million) (Table 4).

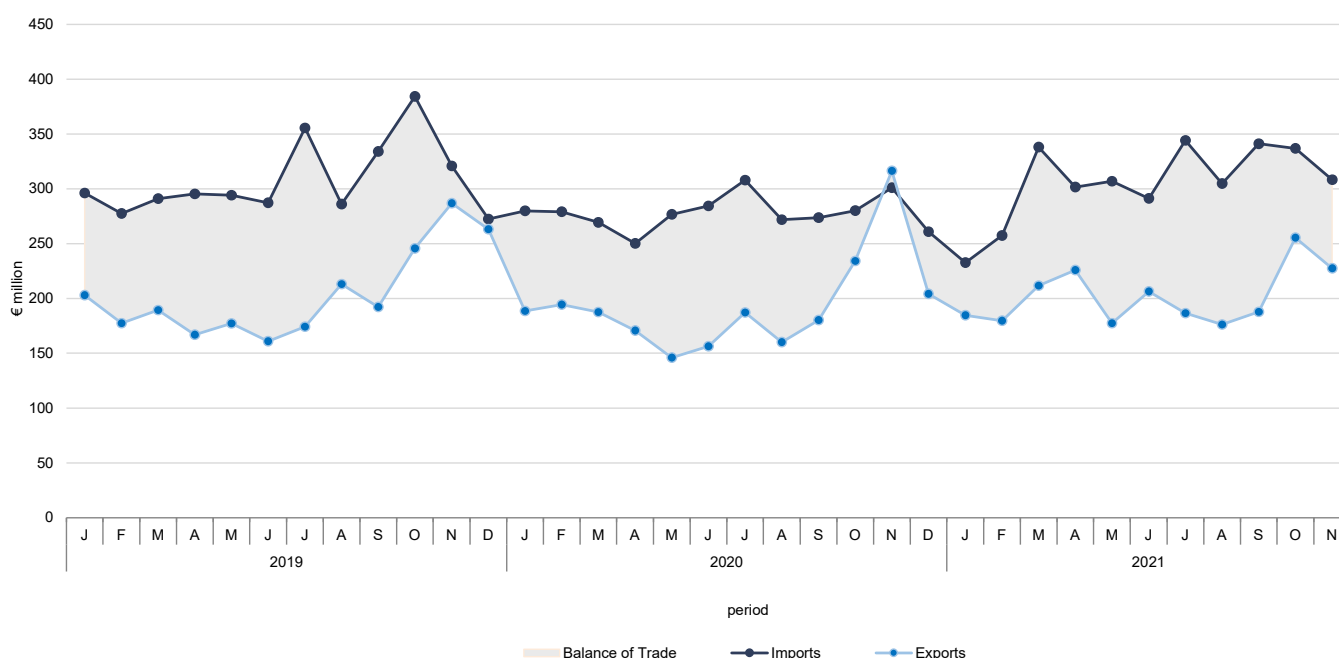
### Trade in Goods excluding specific chapters<sup>1</sup>: November 2021

In November, the deficit of trade in goods excluding specific chapters amounted to €80.7 million, compared to a deficit of €15.3 million recorded in the same month of 2020. Imports and exports amounted to €308.3 million and €227.5 million, respectively. This represents a 2.4 per cent increase in imports and a 28.1 per cent decrease in exports over the corresponding month of the previous year (Table 1).

### Trade in Goods excluding specific chapters<sup>1</sup>: January-November 2021

During the first eleven months of 2021, the deficit of trade in goods excluding specific chapters widened by €192.0 million when compared to the same period of 2020, reaching €1,144.4 million. Both imports and exports increased by 9.4 per cent and 4.6 per cent, respectively, and amounted to €3,363.2 million and €2,218.8 million (Table 1).

Chart 2. Trade in Goods excluding specific chapters<sup>1</sup> - monthly



<sup>1</sup> Data excluding Mineral oils, fuels and products (Chapter 27), Aircrafts/spacecrafts and parts thereof (Chapter 88) and Ships, boats and floating structures (Chapter 89). See methodological note 8.

Table 1. Trade in Goods by period and trade flow

| Trade flow  | 2019 <sup>P</sup> |                   |                                |                                | 2020 <sup>P</sup> |                                | percentage change <sup>1</sup> |                                | November          |                   |                   |                   | January-November  |                   |                   |                   |                                |                                |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|   | 2020 <sup>P</sup> |                   | percentage change <sup>1</sup> |                                | 2020 <sup>P</sup> |                                | percentage change <sup>1</sup> |                                | 2020 <sup>P</sup> |                   | 2021 <sup>P</sup> |                   | 2020 <sup>P</sup> |                   | 2021 <sup>P</sup> |                   | percentage change <sup>1</sup> |                                |
|   | 2019 <sup>P</sup> | 2020 <sup>P</sup> | percentage change <sup>1</sup> | percentage change <sup>1</sup> | 2020 <sup>P</sup> | percentage change <sup>1</sup> | 2020 <sup>P</sup>              | percentage change <sup>1</sup> | 2020 <sup>P</sup> | 2021 <sup>P</sup> | 2020 <sup>P</sup> | 2021 <sup>P</sup> | 2020 <sup>P</sup> | 2021 <sup>P</sup> | 2020 <sup>P</sup> | 2021 <sup>P</sup> | percentage change <sup>1</sup> | percentage change <sup>1</sup> |
| <b>Imports</b>  | 7,441.7           | 5,406.0           | -27.4                          | 58.7                           | 403.9             | 640.9                          | 58.7                           | 5017.4                         | 5,796.6           | 15.5              |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                                |                                |
| Imports excluding specific chapters <sup>2</sup>          | 3,694.4           | 3,334.8           | -9.7                           | 2.4                            | 301.0             | 308.3                          | 2.4                            | 3,074.0                        | 3,363.2           | 9.4               |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                                |                                |
| <b>Exports</b>  | 3,789.7           | 3,532.8           | -6.8                           | -28.0                          | 425.9             | 306.7                          | -28.0                          | 3,225.5                        | 3,193.0           | -1.0              |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                                |                                |
| Exports excluding specific chapters <sup>2</sup>          | 2,450.1           | 2,325.7           | -5.1                           | -28.1                          | 316.3             | 227.5                          | -28.1                          | 2,121.5                        | 2,218.8           | 4.6               |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                                |                                |
| <b>Balance of Trade</b>                                   | -3,652.0          | -1,873.2          | 48.7                           | -1,616.9                       | 22.0              | -334.1                         | -1,616.9                       | -1,791.9                       | -2,603.5          | -45.3             |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                                |                                |
| Balance of Trade excluding specific chapters <sup>2</sup> | -1,244.3          | -1,009.1          | 18.9                           | -626.7                         | 15.3              | -80.7                          | -626.7                         | -952.4                         | -1,144.4          | -20.2             |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                                |                                |

<sup>P</sup> Provisional

<sup>1</sup> For calculation of Balance of Trade percentage change refer to methodological note 11.

<sup>2</sup> Data excluding chapters 27, 88 and 89. Refer to methodological note 8.  
Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Chart 3. Percentage change of Trade in Goods over the corresponding month of the previous year

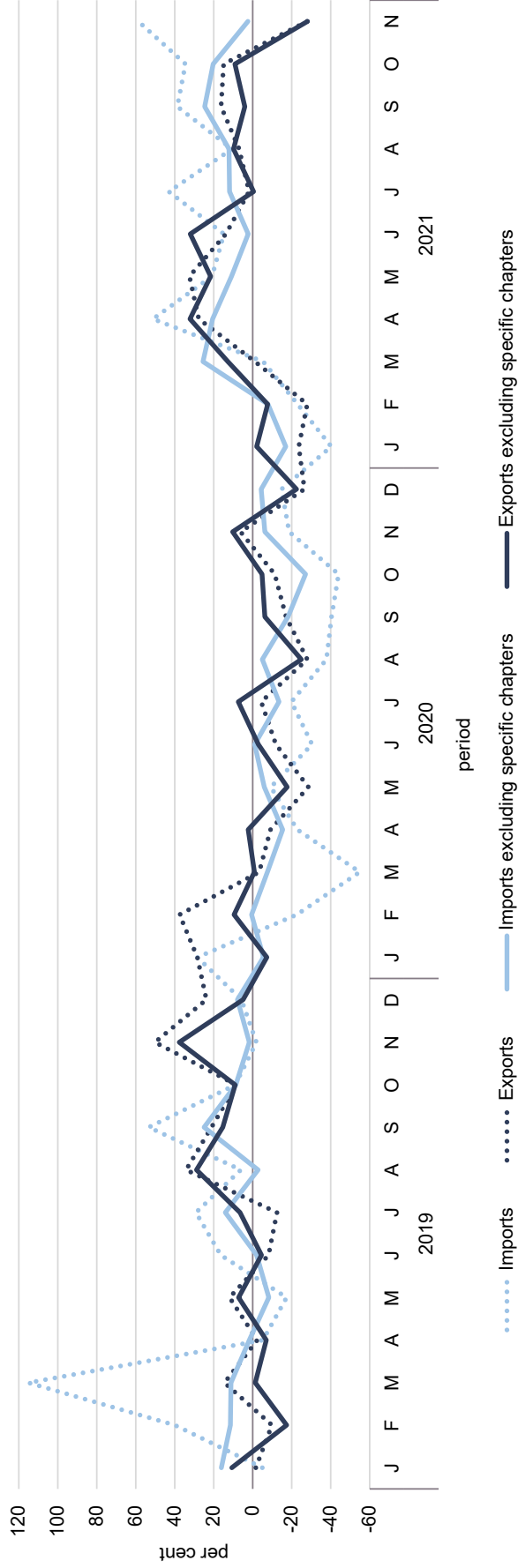


Table 2. Total Trade in Goods by period and Broad Economic Category (BEC)

| Broad Economic Category (BEC)   | 2019 <sup>P</sup> |          |                   |  | 2020 <sup>P</sup> |  | percentage change <sup>1</sup> |  | November          |        |                   | January-November |                   |       |                                |  |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|--|-------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|-------------------|--------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------|--------------------------------|--|
|                                 | 2019 <sup>P</sup> |          | 2020 <sup>P</sup> |  | 2020 <sup>P</sup> |  | percentage change <sup>1</sup> |  | 2020 <sup>P</sup> |        | 2021 <sup>P</sup> |                  | 2021 <sup>P</sup> |       | percentage change <sup>1</sup> |  |
|                                 |                   |          |                   |  |                   |  |                                |  |                   |        |                   |                  |                   |       |                                |  |
| <b>Imports</b>                  | 7,441.7           | 5,406.0  | -27.4             |  |                   |  |                                |  | 403.9             | 640.9  | 58.7              | 5,017.4          | 5,796.6           | 15.5  |                                |  |
| <b>Industrial supplies</b>      | 1,664.1           | 1,392.0  | -16.4             |  |                   |  |                                |  | 128.2             | 124.2  | -3.1              | 1,299.3          | 1,451.7           | 11.7  |                                |  |
| Primary                         | 120.1             | 86.8     | -27.8             |  |                   |  |                                |  | 4.5               | 6.5    | 44.2              | 83.7             | 101.6             | 21.5  |                                |  |
| Semi-finished                   | 1,339.5           | 1,206.1  | -10.0             |  |                   |  |                                |  | 116.5             | 107.7  | -7.5              | 1,122.3          | 1,247.8           | 11.2  |                                |  |
| Finished                        | 204.5             | 99.1     | -51.5             |  |                   |  |                                |  | 7.2               | 10.0   | 39.7              | 93.4             | 102.3             | 9.6   |                                |  |
| <b>Capital goods and others</b> | 2,381.9           | 1,337.4  | -43.9             |  |                   |  |                                |  | 62.4              | 255.1  | 308.8             | 1,271.3          | 1,653.1           | 30.0  |                                |  |
| <b>Consumer goods</b>           | 1,553.6           | 1,454.1  | -6.4              |  |                   |  |                                |  | 125.7             | 133.0  | 5.8               | 1,330.9          | 1,408.2           | 5.8   |                                |  |
| Food and beverages              | 560.0             | 501.5    | -10.5             |  |                   |  |                                |  | 42.1              | 46.7   | 10.9              | 458.7            | 487.5             | 6.3   |                                |  |
| Durable goods                   | 549.9             | 494.8    | -10.0             |  |                   |  |                                |  | 45.5              | 49.9   | 9.7               | 452.9            | 490.3             | 8.3   |                                |  |
| Others                          | 443.7             | 457.7    | 3.2               |  |                   |  |                                |  | 38.1              | 36.5   | -4.4              | 419.4            | 430.4             | 2.6   |                                |  |
| <b>Fuels and lubricants</b>     | 1,842.1           | 1,222.5  | -33.6             |  |                   |  |                                |  | 87.5              | 128.5  | 46.8              | 1,115.9          | 1,283.6           | 15.0  |                                |  |
| <b>Exports</b>                  | 3,789.7           | 3,532.8  | -6.8              |  |                   |  |                                |  | 425.9             | 306.7  | -28.0             | 3,225.5          | 3,193.0           | -1.0  |                                |  |
| <b>Industrial supplies</b>      | 1,387.0           | 1,169.3  | -15.7             |  |                   |  |                                |  | 103.8             | 72.1   | -30.5             | 1,079.9          | 1,113.3           | 3.1   |                                |  |
| Primary                         | 14.3              | 10.4     | -27.2             |  |                   |  |                                |  | 1.2               | 0.7    | -39.9             | 10.0             | 21.7              | 117.4 |                                |  |
| Semi-finished                   | 1,144.0           | 1,030.2  | -9.9              |  |                   |  |                                |  | 95.3              | 62.4   | -34.5             | 947.6            | 1,022.0           | 7.9   |                                |  |
| Finished                        | 228.7             | 128.7    | -43.7             |  |                   |  |                                |  | 7.3               | 9.0    | 23.9              | 122.4            | 69.7              | -43.1 |                                |  |
| <b>Capital goods and others</b> | 288.5             | 317.6    | 10.1              |  |                   |  |                                |  | 31.0              | 24.5   | -20.8             | 298.9            | 281.3             | -5.9  |                                |  |
| <b>Consumer goods</b>           | 985.5             | 1,001.0  | 1.6               |  |                   |  |                                |  | 188.2             | 138.8  | -26.3             | 899.5            | 911.7             | 1.3   |                                |  |
| Food and beverages              | 302.3             | 286.3    | -5.3              |  |                   |  |                                |  | 95.9              | 91.0   | -5.1              | 233.4            | 218.5             | -6.4  |                                |  |
| Durable goods                   | 262.5             | 230.3    | -12.3             |  |                   |  |                                |  | 21.1              | 15.8   | -25.3             | 216.1            | 212.5             | -1.7  |                                |  |
| Others                          | 420.8             | 484.4    | 15.1              |  |                   |  |                                |  | 71.3              | 32.0   | -55.0             | 450.1            | 480.7             | 6.8   |                                |  |
| <b>Fuels and lubricants</b>     | 1,128.6           | 1,044.9  | -7.4              |  |                   |  |                                |  | 102.9             | 71.3   | -30.8             | 947.1            | 886.7             | -6.4  |                                |  |
| <b>Balance of Trade</b>         | -3,652.0          | -1,873.2 | 48.7              |  |                   |  |                                |  | 22.0              | -334.1 | -1,616.9          | -1,791.9         | -2,603.5          | -45.3 |                                |  |

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<sup>1</sup> For calculation of Balance of Trade percentage change refer to methodological note 11.

Notes:

- Table 2 is based on the United Nations' Statistical Division Broad Economic Categories (BEC) codes. Figures for 'Fuels and Lubricants, primary' (BEC 0031) and 'Fuels and Lubricants, processed' (BEC 0032). Refer to methodological note 13.
- Totals may not add up due to rounding.
- A disaggregation by quarter is available in the excel version of this news release:  
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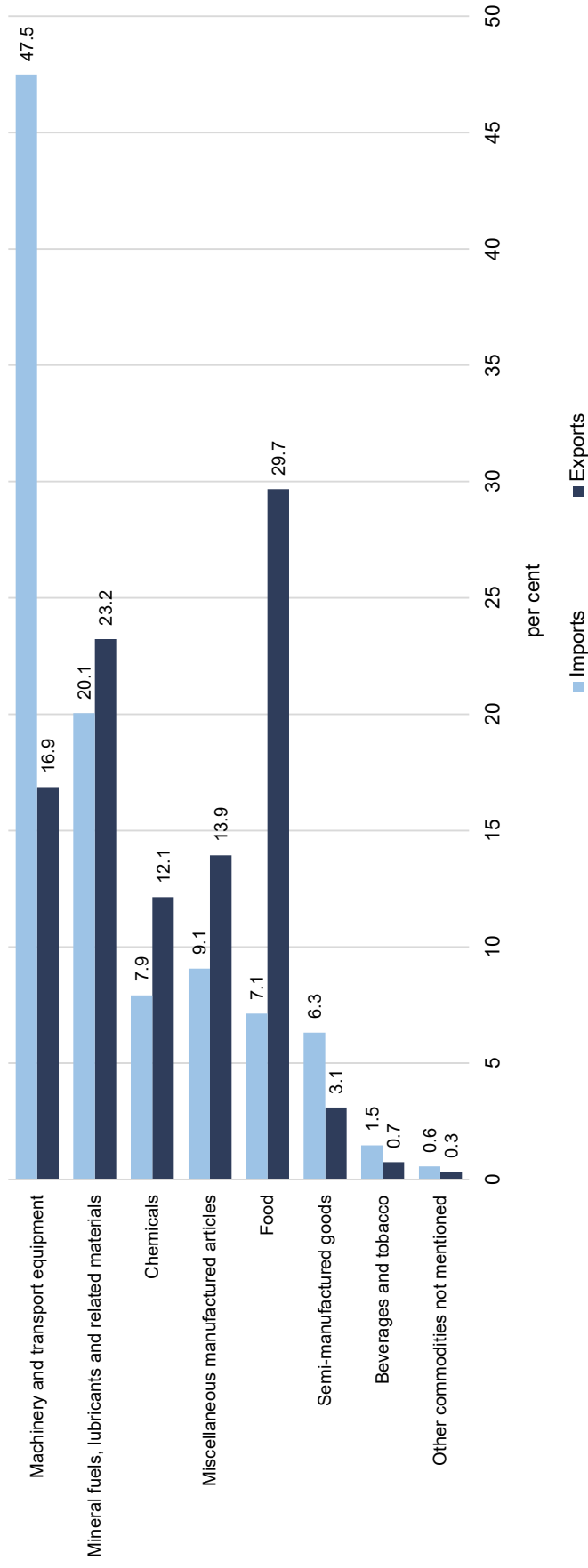
Table 3. Total Trade in Goods by period and major commodity group

| Major commodity group <sup>1</sup>              | € million         |                   |                                |                   |                   |                                |                   |                   |                                |                   |                   |                                |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
|   | 2019 <sup>p</sup> |                   |                                | 2020 <sup>p</sup> |                   |                                | November          |                   |                                | January-November  |                   |                                |
|   | 2019 <sup>p</sup> | 2020 <sup>p</sup> | percentage change <sup>2</sup> | 2020 <sup>p</sup> | 2021 <sup>p</sup> | percentage change <sup>2</sup> | 2020 <sup>p</sup> | 2021 <sup>p</sup> | percentage change <sup>2</sup> | 2020 <sup>p</sup> | 2021 <sup>p</sup> | percentage change <sup>2</sup> |
| <b>Imports</b>                                  | <b>7,441.7</b>    | <b>5,406.0</b>    | <b>-27.4</b>                   | <b>403.9</b>      | <b>640.9</b>      | <b>58.7</b>                    | <b>5,017.4</b>    | <b>5,796.6</b>    | <b>15.5</b>                    |                   |                   |                                |
| Food  | 615.2             | 543.4             | -11.7                          | 42.1              | 45.7              | 8.5                            | 501.9             | 529.3             | 5.5                            |                   |                   |                                |
| Beverages and tobacco                           | 128.2             | 105.1             | -18.0                          | 8.0               | 9.4               | 16.8                           | 95.8              | 96.5              | 0.7                            |                   |                   |                                |
| Crude materials                                 | 36.4              | 31.1              | -14.6                          | 2.8               | 2.3               | -16.1                          | 29.0              | 30.2              | 4.1                            |                   |                   |                                |
| Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials | 1,858.3           | 1,229.2           | -33.9                          | 88.7              | 128.5             | 44.8                           | 1,122.6           | 1,286.1           | 14.6                           |                   |                   |                                |
| Animal and vegetable oils and fats              | 9.7               | 9.2               | -5.1                           | 0.7               | 1.1               | 59.4                           | 8.5               | 9.7               | 14.3                           |                   |                   |                                |
| Chemicals                                       | 701.2             | 672.7             | -4.1                           | 54.7              | 50.7              | -7.3                           | 623.3             | 679.3             | 9.0                            |                   |                   |                                |
| Semi-manufactured goods                         | 443.5             | 454.4             | 2.5                            | 41.6              | 40.5              | -2.8                           | 419.5             | 449.8             | 7.2                            |                   |                   |                                |
| Machinery and transport equipment               | 3,062.2           | 1,845.8           | -39.7                          | 120.2             | 304.4             | 153.3                          | 1,742.3           | 2,187.6           | 25.6                           |                   |                   |                                |
| Miscellaneous manufactured articles             | 582.4             | 511.1             | -12.2                          | 44.5              | 58.1              | 30.6                           | 470.9             | 524.3             | 11.3                           |                   |                   |                                |
| Miscellaneous transactions and commodities      | 4.6               | 4.0               | -13.1                          | 0.4               | 0.1               | -67.9                          | 3.6               | 3.6               | -0.2                           |                   |                   |                                |
| <b>Exports</b>                                  | <b>3,789.7</b>    | <b>3,532.8</b>    | <b>-6.8</b>                    | <b>425.9</b>      | <b>306.7</b>      | <b>-28.0</b>                   | <b>3,225.5</b>    | <b>3,193.0</b>    | <b>-1.0</b>                    |                   |                   |                                |
| Food  | 287.4             | 284.8             | -0.9                           | 96.7              | 91.0              | -5.9                           | 230.0             | 208.1             | -9.5                           |                   |                   |                                |
| Beverages and tobacco                           | 46.9              | 41.4              | -11.8                          | 0.8               | 2.3               | 183.6                          | 38.7              | 28.2              | -27.0                          |                   |                   |                                |
| Crude materials                                 | 10.0              | 10.4              | 4.5                            | 1.2               | 0.7               | -40.9                          | 10.0              | 21.7              | 118.3                          |                   |                   |                                |
| Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials | 1,158.3           | 1,044.9           | -9.8                           | 102.9             | 71.3              | -30.8                          | 947.1             | 886.7             | -6.4                           |                   |                   |                                |
| Animal and vegetable oils and fats              | 0.0               | 0.0               | -21.2                          | 0.0               | 0.0               | -42.9                          | 0.0               | 0.1               | 157.0                          |                   |                   |                                |
| Chemicals                                       | 496.4             | 482.7             | -2.8                           | 71.1              | 37.2              | -47.7                          | 444.6             | 559.0             | 25.7                           |                   |                   |                                |
| Semi-manufactured goods                         | 137.8             | 102.5             | -25.6                          | 10.9              | 9.5               | -12.9                          | 93.6              | 119.0             | 27.1                           |                   |                   |                                |
| Machinery and transport equipment               | 1,025.7           | 937.0             | -8.7                           | 82.4              | 51.7              | -37.2                          | 867.3             | 775.8             | -10.6                          |                   |                   |                                |
| Miscellaneous manufactured articles             | 624.6             | 627.2             | 0.4                            | 59.8              | 42.7              | -28.5                          | 592.6             | 592.4             | 0.0                            |                   |                   |                                |
| Miscellaneous transactions and commodities      | 2.6               | 1.9               | -26.6                          | 0.0               | 0.3               | 699.0                          | 1.6               | 1.9               | 21.0                           |                   |                   |                                |
| <b>Balance of Trade</b>                         | <b>-3,652.0</b>   | <b>-1,873.2</b>   | <b>48.7</b>                    | <b>22.0</b>       | <b>-334.1</b>     | <b>-1,616.9</b>                | <b>-1,791.9</b>   | <b>-2,603.5</b>   | <b>-45.3</b>                   |                   |                   |                                |
| Food  | -327.8            | -258.6            | 21.1                           | 54.6              | 45.3              | -17.0                          | -271.9            | -321.2            | -18.1                          |                   |                   |                                |
| Beverages and tobacco                           | -81.2             | -63.7             | 21.5                           | -7.2              | -7.1              | 1.9                            | -57.2             | -68.3             | -19.5                          |                   |                   |                                |
| Crude materials                                 | -26.4             | -20.6             | 21.9                           | -1.6              | -1.6              | -2.9                           | -19.1             | -8.5              | 55.5                           |                   |                   |                                |
| Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials | -700.0            | -184.3            | 73.7                           | 14.2              | -57.2             | -503.2                         | -175.5            | -399.4            | -127.6                         |                   |                   |                                |
| Animal and vegetable oils and fats              | -9.7              | -9.2              | 5.1                            | -0.7              | -1.1              | -59.4                          | -8.5              | -9.7              | -14.0                          |                   |                   |                                |
| Chemicals                                       | -204.8            | -190.0            | 7.2                            | 16.4              | -13.5             | -182.5                         | -178.7            | -120.3            | 32.7                           |                   |                   |                                |
| Semi-manufactured goods                         | -305.7            | -351.9            | -15.1                          | -30.7             | -30.9             | -0.8                           | -325.9            | -330.8            | -1.5                           |                   |                   |                                |
| Machinery and transport equipment               | -2,036.5          | -908.8            | 55.4                           | -37.7             | -252.6            | -569.3                         | -875.0            | -1,411.9          | -61.4                          |                   |                   |                                |
| Miscellaneous manufactured articles             | 42.2              | 116.0             | 175.2                          | 15.3              | -15.4             | -200.9                         | 121.7             | 68.1              | -44.1                          |                   |                   |                                |
| Miscellaneous transactions and commodities      | -1.9              | -2.0              | -5.2                           | -0.4              | 0.1               | 135.7                          | -2.0              | -1.6              | 17.5                           |                   |                   |                                |

<sup>p</sup> Provisional<sup>1</sup> The commodity grouping is in accordance with the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) Rev. 4. Refer to methodological note 13.<sup>2</sup> For calculation of Balance of Trade percentage change refer to methodological note 11.

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

**Chart 4. Percentage distribution of total Trade in Goods in November 2021 by major commodity group**



**Notes:**

1. The commodity grouping is in accordance with the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) Rev. 4. Refer to methodological note 13.
2. "Other commodities not mentioned" includes the commodity groups "Miscellaneous transactions and commodities", "Animal and vegetable oils and fats" and "Crude materials".
3. Total of percentages may not add up due to rounding.

Table 4. Direction of total Trade in Goods by period and continent/region/country

| Continent/Region/Country         | November          |         |                  |                   |         |                  | January-November  |         |                  |                   |         |                  |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|---------|------------------|-------------------|---------|------------------|-------------------|---------|------------------|-------------------|---------|------------------|
|                                  | 2020 <sup>p</sup> |         |                  | 2021 <sup>p</sup> |         |                  | 2020 <sup>p</sup> |         |                  | 2021 <sup>p</sup> |         |                  |
|                                  | Imports           | Exports | Balance of Trade | Imports           | Exports | Balance of Trade | Imports           | Exports | Balance of Trade | Imports           | Exports | Balance of Trade |
| <b>Europe</b>                    | 311.9             | 146.6   | -165.1           | 414.3             | 91.9    | -322.3           | 3,395.8           | 1,266.4 | -2,129.3         | 3,963.6           | 1,304.8 | -2,658.8         |
| <i>of which:</i>                 |                   |         |                  |                   |         |                  |                   |         |                  |                   |         |                  |
| <b>European Union</b>            | 243.5             | 128.9   | -114.7           | 307.7             | 68.4    | -239.4           | 2,682.1           | 1,154.1 | -1,528.0         | 3,182.2           | 1,129.2 | -2,053.0         |
| <i>of which:</i>                 |                   |         |                  |                   |         |                  |                   |         |                  |                   |         |                  |
| Euro area                        | 223.0             | 85.3    | -137.7           | 296.8             | 52.8    | -244.1           | 2,518.4           | 955.4   | -1,563.1         | 3,010.2           | 870.1   | -2,140.1         |
| <i>of which:</i>                 |                   |         |                  |                   |         |                  |                   |         |                  |                   |         |                  |
| Italy                            | 86.7              | 19.9    | -66.8            | 157.0             | 11.8    | -145.2           | 964.6             | 151.6   | -813.1           | 1,207.2           | 182.6   | -1,024.7         |
| Spain                            | 30.1              | 2.6     | -27.5            | 55.5              | 4.7     | -50.8            | 236.6             | 31.4    | -205.2           | 327.2             | 32.7    | -294.5           |
| Germany                          | 31.1              | 29.9    | -1.2             | 24.7              | 22.4    | -2.3             | 311.0             | 402.0   | 91.0             | 278.0             | 320.5   | 42.5             |
| France                           | 25.9              | 22.1    | -3.7             | 16.8              | 3.1     | -13.7            | 306.8             | 222.2   | -84.7            | 371.1             | 147.4   | -223.6           |
| Greece                           | 8.9               | 0.3     | -8.6             | 13.4              | 1.2     | -12.2            | 90.5              | 11.7    | -78.8            | 149.9             | 37.0    | -112.9           |
| Netherlands                      | 25.4              | 3.5     | -21.9            | 13.0              | 3.0     | -9.9             | 168.8             | 49.8    | -118.9           | 269.5             | 42.4    | -227.0           |
| <b>EFTA Countries</b>            | 1.8               | 0.9     | -0.8             | 6.4               | 1.0     | -5.4             | 37.2              | 17.1    | -20.1            | 59.6              | 34.1    | -25.5            |
| <i>of which:</i>                 |                   |         |                  |                   |         |                  |                   |         |                  |                   |         |                  |
| Norway                           | 0.1               | 0.3     | 0.2              | 3.9               | 0.1     | -3.8             | 8.4               | 3.6     | -4.8             | 5.5               | 3.8     | -1.7             |
| <b>Other European Countries</b>  | 66.6              | 16.8    | -49.8            | 100.1             | 22.5    | -77.6            | 676.6             | 95.2    | -581.4           | 721.8             | 141.5   | -580.3           |
| <i>of which:</i>                 |                   |         |                  |                   |         |                  |                   |         |                  |                   |         |                  |
| United Kingdom                   | 48.9              | 13.6    | -35.3            | 81.4              | 15.7    | -65.7            | 392.6             | 43.2    | -349.3           | 394.5             | 93.5    | -301.0           |
| Turkey                           | 8.8               | 2.1     | -6.8             | 13.6              | 2.1     | -11.5            | 172.5             | 29.4    | -143.1           | 228.7             | 27.3    | -201.3           |
| <b>Africa</b>                    | 13.5              | 43.7    | 30.2             | 20.3              | 41.3    | 21.0             | 218.7             | 397.4   | 178.8            | 161.9             | 338.2   | 176.4            |
| <i>of which:</i>                 |                   |         |                  |                   |         |                  |                   |         |                  |                   |         |                  |
| Algeria                          | 8.1               | 1.2     | -6.9             | 17.9              | 0.9     | -17.0            | 109.4             | 11.1    | -98.2            | 61.0              | 12.0    | -48.9            |
| <b>Asia</b>                      | 64.5              | 145.7   | 81.2             | 84.1              | 120.6   | 36.5             | 917.1             | 698.2   | -218.9           | 1,011.5           | 617.1   | -394.4           |
| <i>of which:</i>                 |                   |         |                  |                   |         |                  |                   |         |                  |                   |         |                  |
| China                            | 19.5              | 5.5     | -13.9            | 29.5              | 4.9     | -24.6            | 353.6             | 35.7    | -317.9           | 286.4             | 56.8    | -229.6           |
| Kazakhstan                       | 0.0               | 0.0     | 0.0              | 11.1              | -       | -11.1            | 6.0               | 0.1     | -5.9             | 11.1              | 0.1     | -11.0            |
| Taiwan                           | 2.4               | 1.7     | -0.7             | 8.4               | 0.2     | -8.3             | 21.0              | 4.8     | -16.1            | 55.3              | 3.3     | -52.0            |
| South Korea                      | 3.4               | 17.2    | 13.8             | 8.2               | 28.0    | 19.8             | 46.1              | 42.9    | -3.2             | 65.5              | 49.5    | -16.0            |
| India                            | 14.0              | 2.9     | -11.1            | 7.4               | 1.4     | -5.9             | 166.1             | 21.2    | -144.9           | 151.3             | 32.4    | -118.9           |
| <b>North and Central America</b> | 10.8              | 12.5    | 1.7              | 118.7             | 22.2    | -96.5            | 451.2             | 133.5   | -317.6           | 597.8             | 171.7   | -426.1           |
| <i>of which:</i>                 |                   |         |                  |                   |         |                  |                   |         |                  |                   |         |                  |
| Canada                           | 0.5               | 2.5     | 2.0              | 103.5             | 0.6     | -102.9           | 145.5             | 14.7    | -130.8           | 319.0             | 16.8    | -302.2           |
| United States Of America         | 10.2              | 7.7     | -2.5             | 15.0              | 20.1    | 5.1              | 112.0             | 105.5   | -6.5             | 147.0             | 132.7   | -14.2            |
| <b>South America</b>             | 1.6               | 0.3     | -1.3             | 2.8               | 0.4     | -2.4             | 20.3              | 12.5    | -7.8             | 20.6              | 24.2    | 3.5              |
| <b>Oceania</b>                   | 1.6               | 0.3     | -1.3             | 0.7               | 0.3     | -0.4             | 14.4              | 4.2     | -10.2            | 41.2              | 4.8     | -36.4            |
| <b>Ships and Aircraft Stores</b> | -                 | 76.8    | 76.8             | -                 | 29.9    | 29.9             | 0.0               | 713.3   | 713.3            | 0.0               | 732.3   | 732.3            |
| <b>Grand Total</b>               | 403.9             | 425.9   | 22.0             | 640.9             | 306.7   | -334.1           | 5,017.4           | 3,225.5 | -1,791.9         | 5,796.6           | 3,193.0 | -2,603.5         |

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<sup>1</sup> For the exclusion/inclusion of the United Kingdom in the European Union computation, refer to methodological note 7 (ii).

Notes:

1. The selection of countries is based on the highest values of imports in the month under review.

2. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

3. A full list of countries is available in the excel version of this news release:

[https://nsso.gov.mt/en/News\\_Releases/View\\_by\\_Unit/Unit\\_A4/International\\_Trade/Pages/International\\_Trade-in-Goods.aspx](https://nsso.gov.mt/en/News_Releases/View_by_Unit/Unit_A4/International_Trade/Pages/International_Trade-in-Goods.aspx)

Table 5. Direction of Trade in Goods excluding specific chapters<sup>1</sup> by period and continent/region

| Continent/Region          | € million    |              |                  |                  |              |                  |                   |                |                  |                   |                |                  |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|
|                           | November     |              |                  | January-November |              |                  | 2020 <sup>p</sup> |                |                  | 2021 <sup>p</sup> |                |                  |
|                           | Imports      | Exports      | Balance of Trade | Imports          | Exports      | Balance of Trade | Imports           | Exports        | Balance of Trade | Imports           | Exports        | Balance of Trade |
| Europe                    | 227.8        | 127.9        | -99.9            | 217.9            | 79.4         | -138.5           | 2196.2            | 1054.1         | -1,142.1         | 2301.3            | 1,104.2        | -1,197.1         |
| European Union            | 183.5        | 111.8        | -71.7            | 174.7            | 58.7         | -116.0           | 1740.3            | 966.6          | -773.7           | 1,865.3           | 948.5          | -916.7           |
| Euro area                 | 169.1        | 69.3         | -99.9            | 163.8            | 47.8         | -115.9           | 1615.9            | 795.7          | -820.2           | 1,723.6           | 724.0          | -999.6           |
| EFTA countries            | 1.7          | 0.9          | -0.7             | 6.4              | 0.9          | -5.5             | 33.0              | 16.9           | -16.1            | 51.1              | 32.1           | -19.0            |
| Other European countries  | 42.6         | 15.3         | -27.4            | 36.8             | 19.9         | -16.9            | 422.9             | 70.6           | -352.3           | 385.0             | 123.6          | -261.4           |
| Africa                    | 5.1          | 31.7         | 26.6             | 3.6              | 15.0         | 11.4             | 69.4              | 279.2          | 209.8            | 72.8              | 283.2          | 210.4            |
| Asia                      | 55.8         | 136.1        | 80.3             | 72.1             | 115.9        | 43.8             | 716.1             | 636.2          | -79.8            | 873.2             | 609.6          | -263.7           |
| North and Central America | 10.3         | 12.1         | 1.8              | 11.1             | 8.6          | -2.5             | 65.6              | 107.7          | 42.1             | 87.1              | 134.9          | 47.8             |
| South America             | 1.6          | 0.3          | -1.3             | 2.8              | 0.4          | -2.4             | 20.2              | 11.7           | -8.5             | 20.5              | 23.9           | 3.4              |
| Oceania                   | 0.3          | 0.3          | -0.1             | 0.7              | 0.3          | -0.4             | 6.4               | 4.1            | -2.3             | 8.2               | 4.8            | -3.4             |
| Ships and Aircraft Stores | -            | 7.9          | 7.9              | -                | 7.8          | 7.8              | 0.0               | 28.4           | 28.4             | 0.0               | 58.2           | 58.2             |
| <b>Grand Total</b>        | <b>301.0</b> | <b>316.3</b> | <b>15.3</b>      | <b>308.3</b>     | <b>227.5</b> | <b>-80.7</b>     | <b>3074.0</b>     | <b>2,121.5</b> | <b>-952.4</b>    | <b>3,363.2</b>    | <b>2,218.8</b> | <b>-1,144.4</b>  |

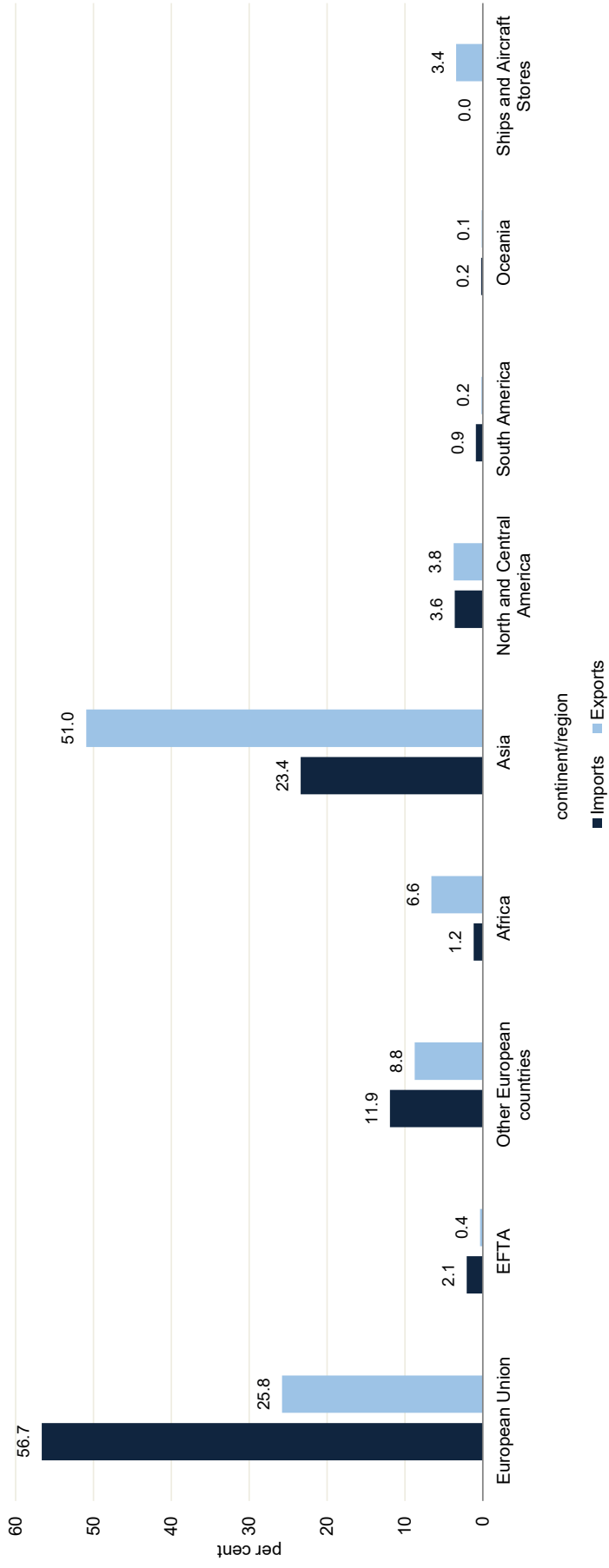
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<sup>1</sup> Data excluding chapters 27, 88 and 89. Refer to methodological note 8.

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.



Chart 5. Percentage distribution of Trade in Goods excluding specific chapters<sup>1</sup> in November 2021 by continent/region



<sup>1</sup> Data excluding chapters 27, 88 and 89. Refer to methodological note 8.

Table 6. Total Trade in Goods by period and main trade chapter

| Trade chapter | Chapter description                              | November          |                   |                   | January-November  |                   |                   | percentage change |
|---------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|               |  | 2020 <sup>p</sup> | 2021 <sup>p</sup> | percentage change | 2020 <sup>p</sup> | 2021 <sup>p</sup> | percentage change |                   |
|               |  |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
|               |  | <b>Imports</b>    |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| 27            | Mineral fuels, oils and products                 | 88.8              | 128.5             | 44.8              | 1,122.6           | 1,287.7           | 14.7              |                   |
| 88            | Aircraft/spacecraft and parts thereof            | 4.6               | 112.7             | 2,359.7           | 557.8             | 661.1             | 18.5              |                   |
| 89            | Ships, boats and floating structures             | 9.5               | 91.4              | 858.4             | 263.0             | 484.5             | 84.2              |                   |
| 85            | Electrical machinery etc.                        | 63.0              | 58.7              | -6.9              | 488.3             | 564.4             | 15.6              |                   |
| 84            | Machinery and mechanical appliances              | 29.7              | 26.7              | -9.9              | 287.1             | 319.3             | 11.2              |                   |
| 30            | Pharmaceutical products                          | 25.1              | 21.4              | -14.7             | 262.6             | 279.5             | 6.5               |                   |
| 39            | Plastics and articles of plastics                | 13.5              | 15.4              | 14.8              | 160.1             | 167.8             | 4.8               |                   |
| 87            | Vehicles (excluding trains) and parts thereof    | 13.4              | 15.3              | 14.3              | 147.0             | 159.6             | 8.6               |                   |
| 90            | Optical/photographic/cinematographic instruments | 6.0               | 12.7              | 112.7             | 75.6              | 87.9              | 16.2              |                   |
| 48            | Paper and paperboard articles                    | 11.2              | 9.4               | -16.2             | 109.4             | 109.4             | 0.0               |                   |
| 61            | Knitted clothing                                 | 7.0               | 8.2               | 16.5              | 62.0              | 72.0              | 16.1              |                   |
| 94            | Furniture; bedding, etc.                         | 7.4               | 7.3               | -1.1              | 67.4              | 76.5              | 13.5              |                   |
| 22            | Beverages, spirits and vinegar                   | 5.5               | 7.2               | 32.0              | 56.6              | 67.7              | 19.5              |                   |
| 19            | Preparations of cereals                          | 5.7               | 6.7               | 17.0              | 58.0              | 57.2              | -1.5              |                   |
| 73            | Articles of iron or steel                        | 5.2               | 5.7               | 8.6               | 55.8              | 64.8              | 16.2              |                   |
|               |  | <b>Exports</b>    |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| 03            | Fish and crustaceans, etc.                       | 82.8              | 75.8              | -8.5              | 158.9             | 135.5             | -14.7             |                   |
| 27            | Mineral fuels, oils and products                 | 102.9             | 71.2              | -30.8             | 946.3             | 885.9             | -6.4              |                   |
| 85            | Electrical machinery etc.                        | 61.8              | 36.7              | -40.6             | 592.5             | 575.1             | -2.9              |                   |
| 30            | Pharmaceutical products                          | 58.7              | 23.8              | -59.4             | 334.1             | 373.7             | 11.9              |                   |
| 90            | Optical/photographic/cinematographic instruments | 10.8              | 12.7              | 17.9              | 92.2              | 86.5              | -6.2              |                   |
| 49            | Printed books, newspapers                        | 25.0              | 9.8               | -60.7             | 246.4             | 254.9             | 3.4               |                   |
| 95            | Toys, games and sports requisites                | 13.9              | 9.7               | -30.4             | 136.1             | 129.0             | -5.2              |                   |
| 21            | Miscellaneous edible preparations                | 10.8              | 9.7               | -10.0             | 50.4              | 51.2              | 1.7               |                   |
| 29            | Organic chemicals                                | 7.6               | 9.1               | 18.5              | 65.0              | 124.1             | 91.0              |                   |
| 88            | Aircraft/spacecraft and parts thereof            | 6.7               | 7.8               | 17.3              | 157.0             | 84.4              | -46.3             |                   |
| 84            | Machinery and mechanical appliances              | 13.4              | 6.6               | -51.1             | 111.2             | 105.7             | -5.0              |                   |
| 39            | Plastics and articles of plastics                | 5.9               | 5.7               | -4.4              | 76.5              | 70.9              | -7.3              |                   |
| 19            | Preparations of cereals                          | 2.7               | 5.3               | 94.4              | 16.7              | 17.1              | 2.3               |                   |
| 40            | Rubber and articles of rubber                    | 5.4               | 5.1               | -7.2              | 47.4              | 60.7              | 28.1              |                   |
| 60            | Knitted/crocheted fabrics                        | 2.4               | 2.6               | 6.6               | 21.8              | 25.8              | 18.7              |                   |

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Notes:

1. Table 6 is based on the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1577. Refer to methodological note 13.
2. Figures for Chapter 27 include 'Industrial supplies, primary' and 'Industrial supplies, processed'.
3. A full list of chapters is available in the excel version of this news release: [https://hso.gov.mt/en/News\\_Releases/View\\_by\\_Unit/Unit\\_A4/International\\_Trade/Pages/International\\_Trade-in-Goods.aspx](https://hso.gov.mt/en/News_Releases/View_by_Unit/Unit_A4/International_Trade/Pages/International_Trade-in-Goods.aspx)
4. Totals may not add up due to rounding.
5. Data is sorted in descending order according to imports/exports values for the month under review.

## Methodological Notes

1. Figures presented in this news release are based on register data available as at the cut-off date printed on the front page of this release. These are provisional figures based on information provided by traders and customs declarations 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. No estimations are included in these figures to compensate for late or non-response by traders or late documentation of customs declarations.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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 signifies a trade surplus.
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 in the "Statistical Concepts" link below (see point 13).
7.
  - i. Up to 31 December 2014, the euro area (Trading Partners) 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 EU (Trading Partners) include Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia (from July 2013), Cyprus, Czech Republic (Czechia), Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden. As of 1 February 2020, the United Kingdom is no longer part of the EU.  

For reference periods February 2020 onwards, monthly news releases having a country breakdown will carry EU data excluding the United Kingdom. Users are advised to use data with caution when making comparisons since this will result in discrepancies, unless United Kingdom information is removed from previous figures.
  - iii. EFTA (European Free Trade Association) countries comprise Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.
  - iv. As from 1st January 2021, following the Withdrawal Agreement (Brexit) between the United Kingdom and the EU, Northern Ireland is to be considered as part of the EU for International Trade purposes.
8. As from the publication relating to the January 2021 reference period, the format of the news release changed. The main enhancement was the reporting of statistics which exclude specific chapters, namely Mineral fuels, oils and products (Chapter 27), Aircrafts/spacecrafts and parts thereof (Chapter 88) and Ships, boats and floating structures (Chapter 89). These are categories which are dominated by one-off transactions that could weigh heavily on the overall headline figures. Therefore, while the official figures remain those for total trade, data excluding these specific chapters is, in many cases, more suitable to analyse underlying economic trends.
9. As from the reference period January 2021, data in Table 3 is based on the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) Rev.4.
10. As from the reference period January 2021, the Caribbean and the Bahamas Islands are included under North and Central America.
11. The percentage change for the Balance of Trade between the current month (y) and the corresponding month of the previous year (x), is worked using the formula  $((y-x)/abs(x))*100$ . A negative percentage change in the Balance of Trade means that it has widened (deteriorated), while a positive percentage change means that the Balance of Trade has narrowed (improved).
12. More detailed and disaggregated data not appearing in this release is available in the excel version of this release or upon request from the NSO.

13. 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)  
Statistical Concepts: <https://metadata.nso.gov.mt/concepts.aspx>  
Metadata: <https://metadata.nso.gov.mt/reports.aspx?id=7>  
BEC Classification: <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/trade/classifications/bec.asp>  
SITC Rev. 4: <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/trade/sitcrev4.htm>  
Combined Nomenclature Classification: <https://eurostat.prod.3ceonline.com/>  
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1577 link:  
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L:2020:361:FULL&from=EN>
14. References to this news release are to be cited appropriately.
15. A detailed news release calendar is available on:  
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16. For more information on International Trade in Goods visit the website:  
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