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## International Trade: April 2018

Cut-off date:  
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Provisional data for international trade shows that a trade surplus of €157.3 million was registered in April, compared to a deficit of €222.1 million in the corresponding month of 2017. This surplus was due to an increase in exports in the ships, boats and floating structures commodity group (Table 4). Imports decreased by €56.5 million, while exports show an increase of €322.9 million (Table 1a). The decrease in the value of imports was primarily due machinery and transport equipment (€70.5 million), with the same commodity group (€352.9 million) accounting for the main increase in exports (Table 2).

### January-April 2018

During the first four months this year, the trade deficit narrowed by €371.2 million when compared to the corresponding period of 2017, reaching €458.8 million. Imports show a decrease of €111.4 million, while exports increased by €259.8 million (Table 1a). Lower imports were mainly due to a decrease of €125.3 million in machinery and transport equipment. With regard to exports, the main increase was also registered in machinery and transport equipment (€358.4 million), which was partly outweighed by a decrease of €165.7 million in mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (Table 2).

Malta's trade imports from the European Union reached €1,235.3 million, or 67.5 per cent of total imports. There was an increase of €173.6 million in imports from euro area countries when compared to the same period of 2017. Main increases and decreases in imports were registered from the United Kingdom (€69.3 million) and Canada (€146.4 million) respectively. The main increase in exports was directed to the United Arab Emirates (€356.3 million), whereas Egypt (€31.7 million) registered the highest decrease (Table 3) ■

### International Trade

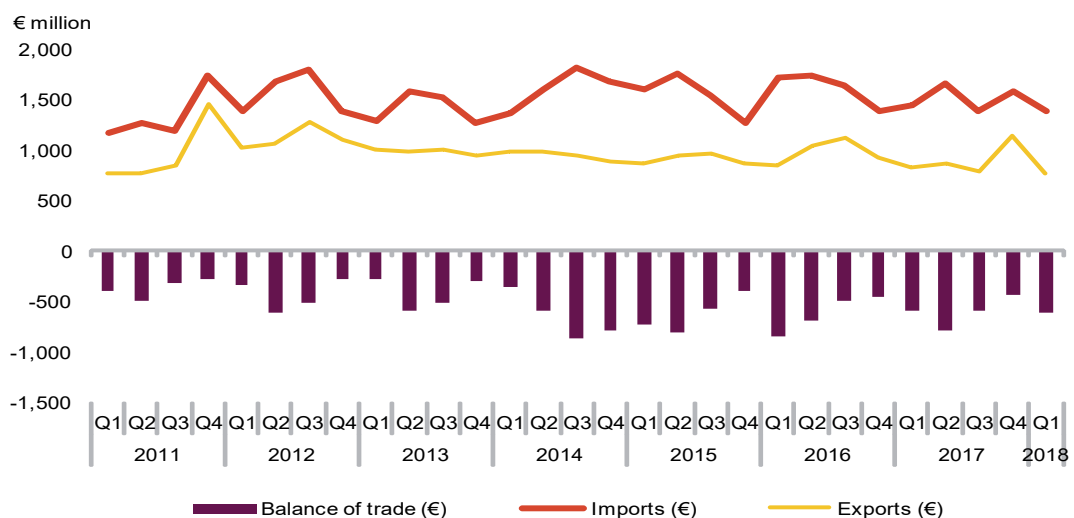


Table 1a. Trade by period and broad economic category

€ million

Broad economic category	2016 <sup>P</sup>	2017 <sup>P</sup>	April		January-April	
			2017 <sup>P</sup>	2018 <sup>P</sup>	2017 <sup>P</sup>	2018 <sup>P</sup>
<b>Imports</b>	<b>6,447.9</b>	<b>6,057.5</b>	<b>504.2</b>	<b>447.7</b>	<b>1,940.3</b>	<b>1,828.9</b>
<b>Industrial Supplies</b>	<b>1,334.5</b>	<b>1,317.3</b>	<b>109.4</b>	<b>114.0</b>	<b>405.6</b>	<b>428.6</b>
Primary	112.7	123.2	3.5	5.2	18.9	10.7
Semi-Finished	1,028.2	1,008.8	88.2	93.0	319.4	332.7
Finished	193.5	185.2	17.8	15.8	67.3	85.2
<b>Capital Goods and Others</b>	<b>2,283.1</b>	<b>1,683.3</b>	<b>154.2</b>	<b>90.0</b>	<b>496.4</b>	<b>368.9</b>
<b>Consumer Goods</b>	<b>1,240.6</b>	<b>1,340.7</b>	<b>106.2</b>	<b>106.8</b>	<b>417.9</b>	<b>438.7</b>
Food and Beverages	499.1	529.4	39.8	41.8	161.1	161.2
Durable Goods	432.3	465.5	41.8	37.3	152.0	148.0
Others	309.1	345.9	24.6	27.7	104.8	129.4
<b>Fuels and Lubricants</b>	<b>1,589.8</b>	<b>1,716.2</b>	<b>134.4</b>	<b>136.9</b>	<b>620.5</b>	<b>592.8</b>
<b>Exports</b>	<b>3,927.2</b>	<b>3,600.3</b>	<b>282.1</b>	<b>605.0</b>	<b>1,110.3</b>	<b>1,370.1</b>
<b>Balance of Trade</b>	<b>-2,520.8</b>	<b>-2,457.2</b>	<b>-222.1</b>	<b>157.3</b>	<b>-830.0</b>	<b>-458.8</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 Q4 <sup>P</sup>	2017 Q1 <sup>P</sup>	2017 Q2 <sup>P</sup>	2017 Q3 <sup>P</sup>	2017 Q4 <sup>P</sup>	2018 Q1 <sup>P</sup>
<b>Imports</b>	<b>1,380.3</b>	<b>1,436.0</b>	<b>1,651.7</b>	<b>1,388.2</b>	<b>1,581.5</b>	<b>1,381.2</b>
<b>Industrial Supplies</b>	<b>337.1</b>	<b>296.2</b>	<b>348.0</b>	<b>337.4</b>	<b>335.7</b>	<b>314.6</b>
Primary	32.1	15.5	36.6	20.3	50.8	5.5
Semi-Finished	246.6	231.2	263.3	277.2	237.1	239.7
Finished	58.4	49.5	48.1	39.9	47.8	69.4
<b>Capital Goods and Others</b>	<b>331.8</b>	<b>342.2</b>	<b>604.8</b>	<b>240.2</b>	<b>496.2</b>	<b>278.8</b>
<b>Consumer Goods</b>	<b>335.2</b>	<b>311.6</b>	<b>337.3</b>	<b>341.2</b>	<b>350.6</b>	<b>331.9</b>
Food and Beverages	138.9	121.3	125.7	143.2	139.2	119.5
Durable Goods	116.8	110.1	125.6	111.6	118.1	110.7
Others	79.5	80.2	86.0	86.4	93.3	101.7
<b>Fuels and Lubricants</b>	<b>376.2</b>	<b>486.1</b>	<b>361.6</b>	<b>469.5</b>	<b>399.1</b>	<b>455.8</b>
<b>Exports</b>	<b>923.9</b>	<b>828.2</b>	<b>859.7</b>	<b>781.2</b>	<b>1,131.2</b>	<b>765.1</b>
<b>Balance of Trade</b>	<b>-456.4</b>	<b>-607.8</b>	<b>-792.0</b>	<b>-607.0</b>	<b>-450.3</b>	<b>-616.1</b>

<sup>P</sup> Provisional

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

€ million

Broad economic category	2016 <sup>P</sup>	2017 <sup>P</sup>	April		January-April	
			2017 <sup>P</sup>	2018 <sup>P</sup>	2017 <sup>P</sup>	2018 <sup>P</sup>
Total Exports	3,927.2	3,600.3	282.1	605.0	1,110.3	1,370.1
Exports of Fuels and Lubricants	1,130.1	1,313.1	120.0	60.7	423.8	253.9
<b>Exports net of Fuels and Lubricants</b>	<b>2,797.0</b>	<b>2,287.2</b>	<b>162.0</b>	<b>544.4</b>	<b>686.5</b>	<b>1,116.3</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	2016 <sup>P</sup>	2017 <sup>P</sup>	April		January-April	
			2017 <sup>P</sup>	2018 <sup>P</sup>	2017 <sup>P</sup>	2018 <sup>P</sup>
<b>Imports</b>	<b>6,448.0</b>	<b>6,057.5</b>	<b>504.2</b>	<b>447.7</b>	<b>1,940.3</b>	<b>1,828.9</b>
Food	571.5	620.4	37.7	42.1	164.8	155.0
Beverages and Tobacco	98.0	95.6	8.3	8.9	27.4	30.7
Crude Materials	26.4	26.2	3.4	1.8	10.6	7.2
Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and related materials	1,597.0	1,719.4	134.4	136.9	620.6	595.7
Animal and Vegetable Oils and Fats	9.4	9.3	0.7	0.7	2.8	2.8
Chemicals	465.6	517.5	40.5	45.5	161.2	189.3
Semi-Manufactured Goods	375.5	360.4	36.0	36.9	116.1	132.9
Machinery and Transport Equipment	2,853.4	2,238.5	204.4	133.9	684.2	558.9
Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	439.4	464.8	38.2	40.4	150.5	154.8
Miscellaneous Transactions and Commodities	11.7	5.3	0.5	0.7	2.1	1.5
<b>Exports</b>	<b>3,927.2</b>	<b>3,600.3</b>	<b>282.1</b>	<b>605.0</b>	<b>1,110.3</b>	<b>1,370.1</b>
Food	254.9	280.9	11.0	9.8	67.8	75.0
Beverages and Tobacco	41.1	38.6	3.5	2.6	9.1	10.9
Crude Materials	12.6	13.3	0.9	1.7	4.0	4.9
Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and related materials	1,162.6	1,362.2	120.0	60.7	433.7	268.0
Animal and Vegetable Oils and Fats	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Chemicals	965.0	383.2	23.1	41.9	111.8	131.4
Semi-Manufactured Goods	121.2	151.6	9.2	11.4	41.6	64.8
Machinery and Transport Equipment	962.4	988.5	81.6	434.5	310.8	669.2
Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	406.6	381.1	32.6	42.4	131.4	145.7
Miscellaneous Transactions and Commodities	0.7	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2
<b>Balance of Trade</b>	<b>-2,520.8</b>	<b>-2,457.2</b>	<b>-222.1</b>	<b>157.3</b>	<b>-830.0</b>	<b>-458.8</b>
Food	-316.6	-339.5	-26.7	-32.3	-97.0	-80.0
Beverages and Tobacco	-56.9	-57.0	-4.8	-6.3	-18.3	-19.8
Crude Materials	-13.8	-12.9	-2.5	-0.1	-6.6	-2.3
Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and related materials	-434.4	-357.2	-14.4	-76.3	-186.9	-327.8
Animal and Vegetable Oils and Fats	-9.4	-9.2	-0.7	-0.7	-2.8	-2.8
Chemicals	499.4	-134.3	-17.4	-3.6	-49.4	-57.9
Semi-Manufactured Goods	-254.3	-208.8	-26.9	-25.4	-74.5	-68.1
Machinery and Transport Equipment	-1,891.0	-1,250.0	-122.7	300.7	-373.3	110.3
Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	-32.8	-83.8	-5.6	2.0	-19.1	-9.2
Miscellaneous Transactions and Commodities	-10.9	-4.5	-0.5	-0.7	-2.0	-1.4

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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

	April						January-April					
	2017 <sup>P</sup>			2018 <sup>P</sup>			2017 <sup>P</sup>			2018 <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>331.6</b>	<b>115.3</b>	<b>-216.3</b>	<b>320.7</b>	<b>117.6</b>	<b>-203.0</b>	<b>1,200.0</b>	<b>469.8</b>	<b>-730.2</b>	<b>1,358.9</b>	<b>508.6</b>	<b>-850.3</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
<b>European Union</b>	<b>287.2</b>	<b>109.4</b>	<b>-177.8</b>	<b>294.1</b>	<b>114.2</b>	<b>-179.9</b>	<b>1,007.9</b>	<b>443.8</b>	<b>-564.1</b>	<b>1,235.3</b>	<b>495.7</b>	<b>-739.6</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
United Kingdom	44.3	4.3	-40.0	27.1	6.1	-21.0	139.3	24.5	-114.9	208.6	24.4	-184.2
Euro Area	228.7	89.7	-139.0	258.3	89.0	-169.3	805.9	368.6	-437.2	979.5	413.4	-566.1
<i>of which:</i>												
Italy	94.9	37.0	-57.9	114.4	14.2	-100.2	347.3	119.3	-228.0	393.2	99.3	-294.0
Germany	47.0	31.8	-15.2	36.9	43.6	6.7	143.2	136.6	-6.6	151.7	154.5	2.7
Netherlands	10.7	1.8	-8.9	32.8	1.9	-30.9	62.7	7.3	-55.4	86.2	30.4	-55.8
Greece	21.1	0.1	-21.0	30.2	1.4	-28.8	52.2	1.9	-50.3	95.4	2.9	-92.5
France	16.3	12.6	-3.7	17.6	17.4	-0.2	61.4	69.5	8.1	57.7	81.5	23.8
Spain	20.4	2.9	-17.5	12.2	4.3	-7.9	79.4	17.8	-61.5	80.5	25.3	-55.2
<b>EFTA Countries</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>-17.3</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
Switzerland	3.1	4.3	1.2	2.9	0.8	-2.1	10.2	11.4	1.2	15.2	5.7	-9.5
<b>Other European Countries</b>	<b>41.3</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>-40.1</b>	<b>23.6</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>-21.4</b>	<b>179.9</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>-167.4</b>	<b>98.9</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>-93.4</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
Turkey	17.5	0.9	-16.7	19.6	1.9	-17.7	57.7	10.8	-46.9	40.3	4.1	-36.2
<b>Asia</b>	<b>70.3</b>	<b>36.6</b>	<b>-33.8</b>	<b>91.1</b>	<b>390.9</b>	<b>299.9</b>	<b>375.3</b>	<b>179.4</b>	<b>-195.9</b>	<b>298.0</b>	<b>531.3</b>	<b>233.3</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
United Arab Emirates	0.7	3.4	2.7	33.1	360.8	327.7	3.0	11.0	8.0	35.9	367.3	331.5
China	20.0	2.7	-17.3	14.5	1.9	-12.6	71.4	10.7	-60.7	63.6	16.7	-46.9
India	10.9	0.6	-10.2	10.4	1.1	-9.3	47.2	3.1	-44.1	45.9	3.0	-42.9
Saudi Arabia	0.1	0.5	0.4	5.9	0.6	-5.4	1.1	8.4	7.3	6.6	1.3	-5.3
Singapore	1.6	8.8	7.2	4.8	7.7	2.9	94.3	42.1	-52.2	16.0	38.2	22.2
<b>North and Central America</b>	<b>64.4</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>-49.1</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>22.6</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>228.5</b>	<b>63.2</b>	<b>-165.3</b>	<b>48.1</b>	<b>63.2</b>	<b>15.1</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
United States of America	18.6	12.3	-6.2	14.5	20.0	5.5	74.2	49.9	-24.4	44.4	52.4	8.0
Canada	45.7	1.6	-44.1	0.5	1.3	0.8	149.7	6.6	-143.0	3.3	6.0	2.7
<b>Africa</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>38.0</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>44.3</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>96.7</b>	<b>175.6</b>	<b>79.0</b>	<b>81.3</b>	<b>190.1</b>	<b>108.8</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
Egypt	15.8	14.0	-1.8	8.8	1.4	-7.4	28.3	64.0	35.7	23.8	32.3	8.4
<b>Australia and Oceania</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>-9.4</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>-5.0</b>
<b>South America</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>-9.8</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>-12.5</b>
<b>Ships and Aircraft Stores</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>75.6</b>	<b>75.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>215.9</b>	<b>214.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>65.4</b>	<b>65.4</b>
<b>Caribbean and Bahamas Islands</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-10.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>-12.7</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>-13.5</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>504.2</b>	<b>282.1</b>	<b>-222.1</b>	<b>447.7</b>	<b>605.0</b>	<b>157.3</b>	<b>1,940.3</b>	<b>1,110.3</b>	<b>-830.0</b>	<b>1,828.9</b>	<b>1,370.1</b>	<b>-458.8</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

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Chapter number	Commodity description	April		January-April	
		2017 <sup>P</sup>	2018 <sup>P</sup>	2017 <sup>P</sup>	2018 <sup>P</sup>
<b>Main imports</b>					
02	Meat and edible offal	4,405	5,562	17,778	19,719
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs	3,808	4,286	14,861	16,893
08	Edible fruit and nuts	3,137	2,756	13,807	11,148
10	Cereals	1,100	3,875	11,664	6,003
16	Preparations of meat/fish	3,461	3,271	16,350	15,096
19	Preparations of cereals	5,613	4,761	20,747	19,333
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	3,388	4,217	12,146	12,865
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	5,506	6,489	18,273	21,142
23	Food residues and waste	2,655	3,047	10,967	10,569
24	Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	2,894	2,462	9,296	9,845
25	Salt/sulphur/earths/plastering materials and cement	2,260	2,356	9,003	8,780
27	Mineral fuels, oils and products	135,579	136,923	621,520	595,749
29	Organic chemicals	8,007	10,056	26,254	24,118
30	Pharmaceutical products	11,264	15,229	54,711	81,841
32	Tanning/dyeing extracts and paints	3,157	3,087	10,628	12,599
33	Essential oils and toilet preparations	2,705	3,416	10,922	11,874
39	Plastics and articles of plastics	14,247	14,580	54,140	55,902
48	Paper and paperboard articles	5,609	6,309	22,472	28,297
61	Knitted clothing	4,361	3,337	17,935	16,393
62	Woven clothing	4,170	4,469	16,834	18,838
64	Footwear, gaiters etc.and parts	5,858	3,238	22,697	15,723
72	Iron and steel	826	4,989	7,530	11,081
73	Articles of iron or steel	10,691	9,114	23,497	28,367
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances	23,906	30,507	101,733	122,882
85	Electrical machinery etc.	42,367	40,236	160,891	143,895
87	Vehicles (excluding trains) and parts thereof	18,446	16,486	59,816	56,429
88	Aircraft/spacecraft and parts thereof	73,517	43,523	214,997	131,768
89	Ships, boats and floating structures	46,420	3,426	147,822	102,008
90	Optical/photographic/cinematographic instruments	5,951	10,332	21,065	33,740
94	Furniture; bedding, etc.	5,265	4,923	20,412	19,678
<b>Main exports</b>					
03	Fish and crustaceans, etc.	1,328	1,506	15,166	43,778
19	Preparations of cereals	2,840	2,275	11,334	7,326
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	6,704	5,359	27,737	22,309
27	Mineral fuels, oils and products	119,903	60,517	433,120	267,435
29	Organic chemicals	583	7,981	5,445	11,132
30	Pharmaceutical products	18,527	29,071	86,185	103,789
39	Plastics and articles of plastics	5,210	6,223	24,580	21,594
40	Rubber and articles of rubber	4,279	5,390	19,979	23,950
49	Printed books, newspapers	1,851	10,572	17,537	33,283
60	Knitted/crocheted fabrics	2,221	2,067	8,914	8,763
64	Footwear, gaiters etc.and parts	5,869	1,719	13,421	5,460
73	Articles of iron or steel	769	1,995	5,246	20,646
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances	13,413	10,139	43,796	53,071
85	Electrical machinery etc.	59,564	51,275	224,964	212,409
88	Aircraft/spacecraft and parts thereof	7,666	10,719	37,746	37,674
89	Ships, boats and floating structures	137	360,706	387	362,152
90	Optical/photographic/cinematographic instruments	5,744	8,974	25,575	28,721
95	Toys, games and sports requisites	11,646	15,481	46,463	52,015
99	Special classifications	2,278	2,434	6,962	7,651

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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. References to this news release are to be cited appropriately.
12. A detailed news release calendar is available on [https://nso.gov.mt/en/News\\_Releases/Release\\_Calendar/Pages/News-Release-Calendar.aspx](https://nso.gov.mt/en/News_Releases/Release_Calendar/Pages/News-Release-Calendar.aspx)