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Preliminary figures show that Malta registered a trade deficit of €302.9 million in October, compared to €172.9 million in the corresponding month last year.

## International Trade: October 2014

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Provisional data for international trade show that the trade deficit in October stood at €302.9 million, up by €130.0 million when compared to the corresponding month in 2013. Both imports and exports increased by €222.2 million and €92.2 million respectively (Table 1a). The increase in the value of imports was primarily due to mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (+€128.6 million). Other increases were recorded for machinery and transport equipment, chemicals, beverages and tobacco, semi-manufactured goods, and miscellaneous manufactured articles. Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials accounted for the main increase in the value of exports (+€64.4 million). Other increases were registered for chemicals, food, miscellaneous manufactured articles, crude materials, and beverages and tobacco (Table 2).

### January-October 2014

During the first ten months this year, the trade deficit widened by €526.6 million, to €2,149.0 million. When compared to the corresponding period last year, imports registered an increase of €474.8 million, while exports decreased by €51.7 million (Table 1a). The increase in imports was mainly due to mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (+€327.7 million), with other increases registered for machinery and transport equipment, chemicals, semi-manufactured goods, beverages and tobacco, and animal and vegetable oils and fats. The decrease in the value of exports was primarily due to machinery and transport equipment (-€136.0 million), with other decreases noted for miscellaneous manufactured articles, food, semi-manufactured goods, and miscellaneous transactions and commodities (Table 2).

Malta's trade imports from the European Union reached €2,642.1 million, or 49.7 per cent of the total for the period under review (Table 3). There was a drop of €263.7 million in imports from euro area countries when compared to the same period last year. Main increases and decreases in imports were registered from Canada and Italy respectively. On the export side the main increase was to Egypt, with exports to Singapore registering a decrease of €84.4 million ■

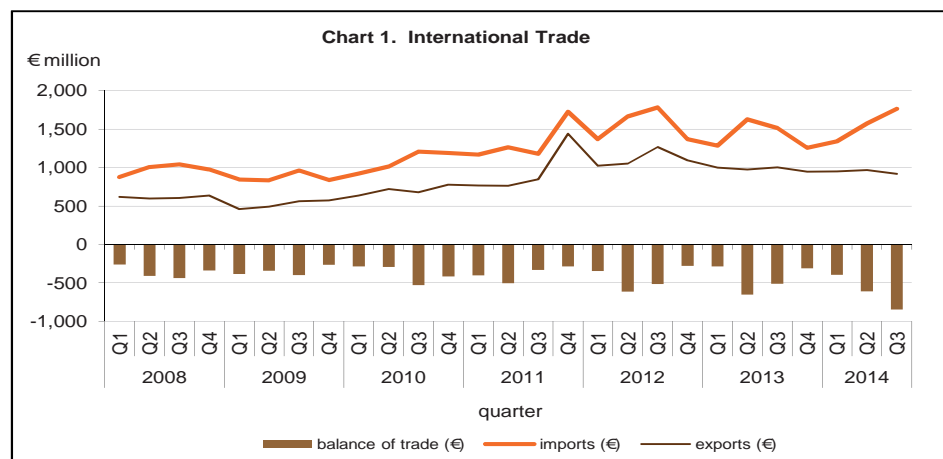
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Table 1a. Trade by final use\*

€ million

|                                 | 2012 <sup>P</sup> | 2013 <sup>P</sup> | October           |                   | January-October   |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                 |                   |                   | 2013 <sup>P</sup> | 2014 <sup>P</sup> | 2013 <sup>P</sup> | 2014 <sup>P</sup> |
| <b>Imports</b>                  | <b>6,187.5</b>    | <b>5,684.5</b>    | <b>415.8</b>      | <b>638.0</b>      | <b>4,843.8</b>    | <b>5,318.6</b>    |
| <b>Industrial Supplies</b>      | <b>1,564.9</b>    | <b>1,549.5</b>    | <b>131.6</b>      | <b>133.5</b>      | <b>1,307.4</b>    | <b>1,164.1</b>    |
| Primary                         | 111.6             | 95.1              | 16.7              | 14.6              | 89.5              | 73.5              |
| Semi-Finished                   | 1,302.5           | 1,294.5           | 101.8             | 105.9             | 1,085.9           | 969.8             |
| Finished                        | 150.8             | 159.9             | 13.1              | 13.0              | 132.0             | 120.9             |
| <b>Capital Goods and Others</b> | <b>811.0</b>      | <b>868.6</b>      | <b>105.1</b>      | <b>195.6</b>      | <b>775.6</b>      | <b>1,024.6</b>    |
| <b>Consumer Goods</b>           | <b>1,023.3</b>    | <b>1,036.8</b>    | <b>100.6</b>      | <b>101.9</b>      | <b>863.0</b>      | <b>899.4</b>      |
| Food and Beverages              | 427.5             | 449.0             | 43.3              | 43.2              | 372.3             | 383.2             |
| Durable Goods                   | 339.4             | 335.0             | 33.5              | 33.6              | 278.3             | 295.7             |
| Others                          | 256.4             | 252.8             | 23.8              | 25.1              | 212.4             | 220.5             |
| <b>Fuels and Lubricants</b>     | <b>2,788.3</b>    | <b>2,229.7</b>    | <b>78.5</b>       | <b>207.0</b>      | <b>1,897.7</b>    | <b>2,230.6</b>    |
| <b>Exports</b>                  | <b>4,438.6</b>    | <b>3,925.4</b>    | <b>242.9</b>      | <b>335.1</b>      | <b>3,221.3</b>    | <b>3,169.6</b>    |
| <b>Balance of Trade</b>         | <b>-1,748.9</b>   | <b>-1,759.1</b>   | <b>-172.9</b>     | <b>-302.9</b>     | <b>-1,622.4</b>   | <b>-2,149.0</b>   |

Table 1b. Trade by final use - last six quarters\*

€ million

|                                 | 2013 Q2 <sup>P</sup> | 2013 Q3 <sup>P</sup> | 2013 Q4 <sup>P</sup> | 2014 Q1 <sup>P</sup> | 2014 Q2 <sup>P</sup> | 2014 Q3 <sup>P</sup> |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Imports</b>                  | <b>1,626.7</b>       | <b>1,514.9</b>       | <b>1,256.5</b>       | <b>1,342.9</b>       | <b>1,575.3</b>       | <b>1,762.4</b>       |
| <b>Industrial Supplies</b>      | <b>391.8</b>         | <b>385.7</b>         | <b>373.7</b>         | <b>359.7</b>         | <b>323.9</b>         | <b>347.0</b>         |
| Primary                         | 21.8                 | 32.3                 | 22.3                 | 11.1                 | 18.9                 | 28.8                 |
| Semi-Finished                   | 325.5                | 319.4                | 310.4                | 305.7                | 269.7                | 288.5                |
| Finished                        | 44.6                 | 33.9                 | 41.0                 | 42.9                 | 35.3                 | 29.7                 |
| <b>Capital Goods and Others</b> | <b>251.1</b>         | <b>272.8</b>         | <b>198.2</b>         | <b>142.8</b>         | <b>288.1</b>         | <b>398.2</b>         |
| <b>Consumer Goods</b>           | <b>260.6</b>         | <b>269.3</b>         | <b>274.3</b>         | <b>239.6</b>         | <b>285.4</b>         | <b>272.5</b>         |
| Food and Beverages              | 111.0                | 122.1                | 120.0                | 99.0                 | 119.2                | 121.7                |
| Durable Goods                   | 85.3                 | 82.8                 | 90.1                 | 79.7                 | 95.8                 | 86.6                 |
| Others                          | 64.3                 | 64.5                 | 64.1                 | 60.9                 | 70.3                 | 64.2                 |
| <b>Fuels and Lubricants</b>     | <b>723.2</b>         | <b>587.1</b>         | <b>410.4</b>         | <b>600.8</b>         | <b>678.0</b>         | <b>744.7</b>         |
| <b>Exports</b>                  | <b>974.1</b>         | <b>1,003.2</b>       | <b>947.0</b>         | <b>950.0</b>         | <b>966.2</b>         | <b>918.3</b>         |
| <b>Balance of Trade</b>         | <b>-652.6</b>        | <b>-511.7</b>        | <b>-309.6</b>        | <b>-392.9</b>        | <b>-609.2</b>        | <b>-844.1</b>        |

Table 1c. Total exports net of fuels and lubricants\*

€ million

|  | 2012 <sup>P</sup> | 2013 <sup>P</sup> | October           |                   | January-October   |                   |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|  |                   |                   | 2013 <sup>P</sup> | 2014 <sup>P</sup> | 2013 <sup>P</sup> | 2014 <sup>P</sup> |
| Total Exports                              | 4,438.6           | 3,925.4           | 242.9             | 335.1             | 3,221.3           | 3,169.6           |
| Exports of Fuels and Lubricants            | 2,010.7           | 1,665.7           | 86.0              | 150.4             | 1,377.1           | 1,462.7           |
| <b>Exports net of Fuels and Lubricants</b> | <b>2,427.9</b>    | <b>2,259.8</b>    | <b>156.9</b>      | <b>184.7</b>      | <b>1,844.3</b>    | <b>1,706.9</b>    |

\* Classification by Broad Economic Categories

<sup>P</sup> Provisional

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 2. Balance of trade by major commodity groups

€ million

|   | 2012 <sup>P</sup> | 2013 <sup>P</sup> | October           |                   | January-October   |                   |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|   |                   |                   | 2013 <sup>P</sup> | 2014 <sup>P</sup> | 2013 <sup>P</sup> | 2014 <sup>P</sup> |
| <b>Imports</b>                                  | <b>6,187.5</b>    | <b>5,684.5</b>    | <b>415.8</b>      | <b>638.0</b>      | <b>4,843.8</b>    | <b>5,318.6</b>    |
| Food  | 500.4             | 502.0             | 56.2              | 55.6              | 425.4             | 419.7             |
| Beverages and Tobacco                           | 85.4              | 74.8              | 6.0               | 8.9               | 64.1              | 74.5              |
| Crude Materials                                 | 28.9              | 26.4              | 3.0               | 2.7               | 23.7              | 20.9              |
| Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and related materials | 2,791.3           | 2,235.8           | 78.5              | 207.1             | 1,903.8           | 2,231.5           |
| Animal and Vegetable Oils and Fats              | 9.0               | 8.5               | 0.9               | 0.9               | 7.0               | 7.5               |
| Chemicals                                       | 447.5             | 439.2             | 38.7              | 49.5              | 376.5             | 406.5             |
| Semi-Manufactured Goods                         | 318.5             | 310.6             | 25.6              | 28.1              | 258.3             | 271.9             |
| Machinery and Transport Equipment               | 1,567.7           | 1,668.0           | 169.4             | 247.2             | 1,432.0           | 1,543.3           |
| Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles             | 408.9             | 398.4             | 36.3              | 36.7              | 334.1             | 332.6             |
| Miscellaneous Transactions and Commodities      | 29.7              | 20.9              | 1.4               | 1.3               | 18.9              | 10.2              |
| <b>Exports</b>                                  | <b>4,438.6</b>    | <b>3,925.4</b>    | <b>242.9</b>      | <b>335.1</b>      | <b>3,221.3</b>    | <b>3,169.6</b>    |
| Food  | 187.5             | 212.5             | 11.0              | 19.1              | 119.7             | 116.9             |
| Beverages and Tobacco                           | 39.7              | 35.5              | 3.7               | 4.0               | 29.9              | 40.0              |
| Crude Materials                                 | 20.0              | 15.3              | 0.9               | 1.9               | 12.1              | 14.2              |
| Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and related materials | 2,010.8           | 1,665.7           | 86.0              | 150.4             | 1,377.1           | 1,462.7           |
| Animal and Vegetable Oils and Fats              | 0.0               | 0.0               | 0.0               | 0.0               | 0.0               | 0.0               |
| Chemicals                                       | 321.2             | 358.1             | 19.3              | 39.2              | 288.8             | 314.8             |
| Semi-Manufactured Goods                         | 126.5             | 117.8             | 10.3              | 9.4               | 100.2             | 98.2              |
| Machinery and Transport Equipment               | 1,322.2           | 1,112.4           | 80.5              | 78.9              | 947.0             | 811.0             |
| Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles             | 400.9             | 404.5             | 30.8              | 32.1              | 343.4             | 310.4             |
| Miscellaneous Transactions and Commodities      | 9.7               | 3.7               | 0.3               | 0.0               | 3.2               | 1.3               |
| <b>Balance of Trade</b>                         | <b>-1,748.9</b>   | <b>-1,759.1</b>   | <b>-172.9</b>     | <b>-302.9</b>     | <b>-1,622.4</b>   | <b>-2,149.0</b>   |
| Food  | -312.9            | -289.5            | -45.2             | -36.5             | -305.8            | -302.8            |
| Beverages and Tobacco                           | -45.7             | -39.3             | -2.3              | -4.8              | -34.2             | -34.4             |
| Crude Materials                                 | -8.9              | -11.1             | -2.1              | -0.8              | -11.6             | -6.7              |
| Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and related materials | -780.6            | -570.1            | 7.5               | -56.7             | -526.7            | -768.8            |
| Animal and Vegetable Oils and Fats              | -9.0              | -8.5              | -0.9              | -0.8              | -7.0              | -7.5              |
| Chemicals                                       | -126.3            | -81.1             | -19.3             | -10.3             | -87.8             | -91.7             |
| Semi-Manufactured Goods                         | -191.9            | -192.9            | -15.3             | -18.7             | -158.1            | -173.6            |
| Machinery and Transport Equipment               | -245.5            | -555.6            | -88.8             | -168.3            | -485.0            | -732.3            |
| Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles             | -8.0              | 6.1               | -5.4              | -4.5              | 9.3               | -22.2             |
| Miscellaneous Transactions and Commodities      | -20.0             | -17.1             | -1.1              | -1.3              | -15.6             | -8.9              |

<sup>P</sup> Provisional

Notes: The commodity breakdown is in accordance with S.I.T.C. Rev. 3 (see methodological note 8).

Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 3. Direction of trade

€ million

| Region and Country                   | October              |                        |                     |                      |                        |                     | January-October      |                        |                     |                      |                        |                     |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
|                                      | 2013 <sup>P</sup>    |                        |                     | 2014 <sup>P</sup>    |                        |                     | 2013 <sup>P</sup>    |                        |                     | 2014 <sup>P</sup>    |                        |                     |
|                                      | Arrivals/<br>Imports | Dispatches/<br>Exports | Balance of<br>Trade | Arrivals/<br>Imports | Dispatches/<br>Exports | Balance of<br>Trade | Arrivals/<br>Imports | Dispatches/<br>Exports | Balance of<br>Trade | Arrivals/<br>Imports | Dispatches/<br>Exports | Balance of<br>Trade |
| <b>Europe</b>                        | <b>262.1</b>         | <b>95.9</b>            | <b>-166.2</b>       | <b>364.8</b>         | <b>95.5</b>            | <b>-269.3</b>       | <b>3,498.1</b>       | <b>1,245.1</b>         | <b>-2,253.0</b>     | <b>3,540.5</b>       | <b>1,105.6</b>         | <b>-2,434.9</b>     |
| <i>of which:</i>                     |                      |                        |                     |                      |                        |                     |                      |                        |                     |                      |                        |                     |
| <b>European Union</b>                | <b>221.4</b>         | <b>77.6</b>            | <b>-143.8</b>       | <b>295.2</b>         | <b>82.0</b>            | <b>-213.2</b>       | <b>2,832.3</b>       | <b>1,008.2</b>         | <b>-1,824.1</b>     | <b>2,642.1</b>       | <b>915.8</b>           | <b>-1,726.4</b>     |
| <i>of which:</i>                     |                      |                        |                     |                      |                        |                     |                      |                        |                     |                      |                        |                     |
| United Kingdom                       | 24.9                 | 9.1                    | -15.8               | 27.0                 | 9.6                    | -17.4               | 259.9                | 88.0                   | -171.9              | 314.1                | 79.4                   | -234.6              |
| Euro Area                            | 175.1                | 58.8                   | -116.3              | 248.1                | 56.2                   | -192.0              | 2,313.5              | 777.9                  | -1,535.5            | 2,049.8              | 694.2                  | -1,355.5            |
| <i>of which:</i>                     |                      |                        |                     |                      |                        |                     |                      |                        |                     |                      |                        |                     |
| Italy                                | 78.3                 | 8.3                    | -70.0               | 86.1                 | 10.2                   | -76.0               | 1,235.8              | 95.9                   | -1,139.8            | 946.4                | 122.0                  | -824.4              |
| Greece                               | 6.5                  | 0.1                    | -6.4                | 56.5                 | 0.1                    | -56.4               | 114.8                | 56.6                   | -58.3               | 132.9                | 26.0                   | -106.9              |
| Spain                                | 9.5                  | 1.2                    | -8.2                | 28.4                 | 2.0                    | -26.3               | 122.6                | 29.8                   | -92.9               | 177.9                | 28.1                   | -149.9              |
| France                               | 25.5                 | 18.5                   | -7.0                | 24.6                 | 10.7                   | -14.0               | 246.9                | 207.8                  | -39.1               | 190.6                | 164.7                  | -25.9               |
| Germany                              | 24.0                 | 26.1                   | 2.1                 | 23.2                 | 25.6                   | 2.4                 | 268.7                | 301.6                  | 32.9                | 266.6                | 267.1                  | 0.5                 |
| Netherlands                          | 18.2                 | 2.6                    | -15.6               | 12.9                 | 3.8                    | -9.1                | 183.0                | 43.2                   | -139.8              | 199.8                | 34.1                   | -165.7              |
| <b>EFTA Countries</b>                | <b>4.4</b>           | <b>2.8</b>             | <b>-1.6</b>         | <b>7.3</b>           | <b>3.0</b>             | <b>-4.3</b>         | <b>108.3</b>         | <b>24.1</b>            | <b>-84.2</b>        | <b>81.9</b>          | <b>22.2</b>            | <b>-59.7</b>        |
| <i>of which:</i>                     |                      |                        |                     |                      |                        |                     |                      |                        |                     |                      |                        |                     |
| Switzerland                          | 4.2                  | 2.2                    | -2.0                | 6.6                  | 2.6                    | -4.0                | 43.5                 | 18.6                   | -24.9               | 41.8                 | 16.8                   | -24.9               |
| <b>Other European Countries</b>      | <b>36.2</b>          | <b>15.4</b>            | <b>-20.8</b>        | <b>62.4</b>          | <b>10.6</b>            | <b>-51.8</b>        | <b>557.5</b>         | <b>212.8</b>           | <b>-344.7</b>       | <b>816.4</b>         | <b>167.7</b>           | <b>-648.8</b>       |
| <b>Asia</b>                          | <b>66.3</b>          | <b>50.1</b>            | <b>-16.2</b>        | <b>89.8</b>          | <b>61.9</b>            | <b>-28.0</b>        | <b>743.2</b>         | <b>833.9</b>           | <b>90.7</b>         | <b>610.9</b>         | <b>582.2</b>           | <b>-28.7</b>        |
| <i>of which:</i>                     |                      |                        |                     |                      |                        |                     |                      |                        |                     |                      |                        |                     |
| Republic of Korea                    | 6.5                  | 4.1                    | -2.4                | 17.3                 | 0.5                    | -16.8               | 69.4                 | 8.8                    | -60.6               | 65.9                 | 32.0                   | -33.9               |
| China                                | 9.5                  | 2.0                    | -7.4                | 15.8                 | 2.5                    | -13.4               | 117.6                | 40.2                   | -77.4               | 121.5                | 18.4                   | -103.1              |
| India                                | 8.7                  | 2.4                    | -6.3                | 11.5                 | 1.2                    | -10.3               | 74.8                 | 23.6                   | -51.1               | 84.1                 | 24.1                   | -60.1               |
| Saudi Arabia                         | 2.9                  | 1.8                    | -1.2                | 9.3                  | 2.8                    | -6.5                | 9.4                  | 25.8                   | 16.4                | 75.6                 | 13.9                   | -61.7               |
| Singapore                            | 4.7                  | 20.1                   | 15.4                | 8.4                  | 12.8                   | 4.4                 | 73.4                 | 232.1                  | 158.7               | 50.0                 | 147.7                  | 97.7                |
| <b>North and Central America</b>     | <b>47.7</b>          | <b>18.3</b>            | <b>-29.4</b>        | <b>168.1</b>         | <b>15.2</b>            | <b>-152.9</b>       | <b>188.4</b>         | <b>183.8</b>           | <b>-4.6</b>         | <b>755.2</b>         | <b>170.3</b>           | <b>-584.8</b>       |
| <i>of which:</i>                     |                      |                        |                     |                      |                        |                     |                      |                        |                     |                      |                        |                     |
| Canada                               | 41.7                 | 4.5                    | -37.3               | 159.5                | 3.4                    | -156.1              | 92.9                 | 22.1                   | -70.8               | 207.2                | 25.0                   | -182.2              |
| <b>Africa</b>                        | <b>7.7</b>           | <b>43.9</b>            | <b>36.2</b>         | <b>10.7</b>          | <b>136.4</b>           | <b>125.7</b>        | <b>239.2</b>         | <b>504.1</b>           | <b>264.9</b>        | <b>229.3</b>         | <b>875.6</b>           | <b>646.3</b>        |
| <i>of which:</i>                     |                      |                        |                     |                      |                        |                     |                      |                        |                     |                      |                        |                     |
| Egypt                                | 0.7                  | 11.4                   | 10.8                | 5.8                  | 76.9                   | 71.2                | 9.0                  | 169.0                  | 160.0               | 31.0                 | 443.1                  | 412.2               |
| Libya                                | 1.4                  | 9.6                    | 8.2                 | 2.0                  | 10.3                   | 8.3                 | 101.4                | 205.0                  | 103.5               | 23.0                 | 184.4                  | 161.4               |
| Morocco                              | 1.0                  | 0.1                    | -1.0                | 0.9                  | 0.2                    | -0.6                | 5.1                  | 1.2                    | -3.9                | 44.1                 | 20.2                   | -24.0               |
| <b>Australia and Oceania</b>         | <b>1.1</b>           | <b>0.8</b>             | <b>-0.3</b>         | <b>0.7</b>           | <b>1.1</b>             | <b>0.4</b>          | <b>15.9</b>          | <b>8.3</b>             | <b>-7.7</b>         | <b>80.0</b>          | <b>10.7</b>            | <b>-69.3</b>        |
| <b>South America</b>                 | <b>0.8</b>           | <b>0.6</b>             | <b>-0.2</b>         | <b>1.8</b>           | <b>0.5</b>             | <b>-1.3</b>         | <b>14.9</b>          | <b>10.2</b>            | <b>-4.7</b>         | <b>21.7</b>          | <b>14.3</b>            | <b>-7.4</b>         |
| <b>Ships and Aircraft Stores</b>     | <b>0.1</b>           | <b>32.8</b>            | <b>32.7</b>         | <b>0.1</b>           | <b>24.1</b>            | <b>24.0</b>         | <b>76.1</b>          | <b>434.4</b>           | <b>358.3</b>        | <b>78.9</b>          | <b>406.2</b>           | <b>327.3</b>        |
| <b>Caribbean and Bahamas Islands</b> | <b>30.0</b>          | <b>0.5</b>             | <b>-29.5</b>        | <b>1.9</b>           | <b>0.4</b>             | <b>-1.6</b>         | <b>68.0</b>          | <b>1.6</b>             | <b>-66.4</b>        | <b>2.2</b>           | <b>4.7</b>             | <b>2.5</b>          |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                   | <b>415.8</b>         | <b>242.9</b>           | <b>-172.9</b>       | <b>638.0</b>         | <b>335.1</b>           | <b>-302.9</b>       | <b>4,843.8</b>       | <b>3,221.3</b>         | <b>-1,622.4</b>     | <b>5,318.6</b>       | <b>3,169.6</b>         | <b>-2,149.0</b>     |

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Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Arrivals/Dispatches relate to transactions with EU Member States

Imports/Exports relate to transactions with Non-EU Member States

See note 7 for country groupings.

Table 4. Trade by principal traded commodities

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| CHP NO | Commodity description                                  | October           |                   | January-October   |                   |
|--------|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|        |  | 2013 <sup>P</sup> | 2014 <sup>P</sup> | 2013 <sup>P</sup> | 2014 <sup>P</sup> |
|        |  | Main imports      |                   |                   |                   |
| 2      | Meat and edible offal                                  | 5,123             | 5,639             | 40,543            | 42,819            |
| 3      | Fish and crustaceans, etc                              | 7,867             | 2,813             | 51,497            | 48,277            |
| 4      | Dairy produce; birds' eggs                             | 3,959             | 3,690             | 36,594            | 37,085            |
| 8      | Edible fruit and nuts                                  | 3,417             | 2,741             | 27,813            | 26,359            |
| 10     | Cereals  | 9,348             | 12,803            | 41,233            | 31,691            |
| 16     | Preparations of meat/fish                              | 3,944             | 4,395             | 36,583            | 40,147            |
| 18     | Cocoa and cocoa preparations                           | 2,715             | 3,262             | 16,103            | 16,381            |
| 19     | Preparations of cereals                                | 5,485             | 6,608             | 46,946            | 48,123            |
| 21     | Miscellaneous edible preparations                      | 2,526             | 2,612             | 28,706            | 31,839            |
| 22     | Beverages, spirits and vinegar                         | 5,119             | 5,026             | 46,974            | 48,831            |
| 23     | Food residues and waste                                | 4,171             | 3,555             | 28,696            | 27,541            |
| 24     | Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes           | 893               | 3,923             | 17,577            | 26,223            |
| 27     | Mineral fuels, oils and products                       | 78,504            | 207,109           | 1,904,721         | 2,231,581         |
| 29     | Organic chemicals                                      | 5,341             | 18,899            | 88,250            | 129,488           |
| 30     | Pharmaceutical products                                | 12,351            | 11,588            | 96,633            | 98,915            |
| 32     | Tanning/dyeing extracts and paints                     | 3,819             | 2,936             | 26,888            | 24,056            |
| 33     | Essential oils and toilet preparations                 | 3,971             | 3,190             | 35,717            | 33,404            |
| 39     | Plastics and articles of plastics                      | 13,005            | 12,554            | 126,366           | 117,694           |
| 48     | Paper and paperboard articles                          | 4,990             | 8,128             | 65,510            | 65,910            |
| 61     | Knitted clothing                                       | 4,001             | 3,857             | 32,613            | 34,233            |
| 62     | Woven clothing   | 3,243             | 2,692             | 28,564            | 30,007            |
| 71     | Pearls, precious stones/metals and imitation jewellery | 5,913             | 4,102             | 52,122            | 37,351            |
| 73     | Articles of iron or steel                              | 3,373             | 3,391             | 33,007            | 45,654            |
| 84     | Machinery and mechanical appliances                    | 20,953            | 26,900            | 200,967           | 212,310           |
| 85     | Electrical machinery etc.                              | 60,595            | 48,556            | 638,676           | 486,836           |
| 87     | Vehicles (excluding trains) and parts thereof          | 11,426            | 12,951            | 94,600            | 104,945           |
| 88     | Aircraft/spacecraft and parts thereof                  | 42,308            | 154,540           | 174,174           | 255,880           |
| 89     | Ships, boats and floating structures                   | 34,618            | 4,706             | 332,035           | 488,036           |
| 90     | Optical/photographic/cinematographic instruments       | 3,368             | 6,124             | 45,356            | 47,033            |
| 94     | Furniture; bedding, etc;                               | 4,237             | 4,640             | 43,635            | 45,311            |
|        |  | Main exports      |                   |                   |                   |
| 3      | Fish and crustaceans, etc                              | 4,738             | 10,364            | 27,753            | 30,116            |
| 19     | Preparations of cereals                                | 1,266             | 2,384             | 19,036            | 19,854            |
| 21     | Miscellaneous edible preparations                      | 3,799             | 5,053             | 56,615            | 57,813            |
| 27     | Mineral fuels, oils and products                       | 85,981            | 150,252           | 1,376,342         | 1,461,884         |
| 29     | Organic chemicals                                      | 2,210             | 11,868            | 40,870            | 86,193            |
| 30     | Pharmaceutical products                                | 13,523            | 24,064            | 219,898           | 202,988           |
| 33     | Essential oils and toilet preparations                 | 1,315             | 2,038             | 14,285            | 14,191            |
| 39     | Plastics and articles of plastics                      | 4,865             | 3,175             | 42,275            | 33,735            |
| 40     | Rubber and articles of rubber                          | 4,310             | 5,049             | 41,050            | 46,078            |
| 49     | Printed books, newspapers                              | 6,119             | 10,589            | 91,778            | 77,045            |
| 60     | Knitted/crocheted fabrics                              | 3,749             | 2,335             | 33,302            | 22,831            |
| 71     | Pearls, precious stones/metals and imitation jewellery | 3,204             | 1,917             | 29,963            | 22,195            |
| 84     | Machinery and mechanical appliances                    | 7,373             | 10,419            | 64,849            | 85,267            |
| 85     | Electrical machinery etc.                              | 68,197            | 61,607            | 798,742           | 628,971           |
| 87     | Vehicles (excluding trains) and parts thereof          | 1,105             | 3,391             | 14,707            | 15,133            |
| 88     | Aircraft/spacecraft and parts thereof                  | 3,694             | 3,252             | 69,025            | 81,052            |
| 90     | Optical/photographic/cinematographic instruments       | 6,157             | 7,442             | 52,893            | 55,325            |
| 95     | Toys, games and sports requisites                      | 7,922             | 6,882             | 95,034            | 89,262            |
| 99     | Special classifications                                | 2,821             | 2,779             | 21,955            | 23,683            |

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Note: The commodity breakdown is the Harmonised System (HS) Code at chapter level (see methodological note 8).

## 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 cut-off date printed on the front 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. Totals may not add up due to rounding. Furthermore, 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 on these two concepts can be found at <http://www.nso.gov.mt/site/page.aspx?pageid=359>.
6. Individual countries' data not appearing in this release are available from the NSO upon request.
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  - i. The euro area includes Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia (from 2014), Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain.
  - 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.
8. SITC Rev. 3: Standard International Trade Classification Revision 3.  
HS/CN Codes: Harmonised System (HS) and Combined Nomenclature (CN).

For further information on Classifications used please refer to: <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/index.cfm?>