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Preliminary figures show that Malta registered a trade deficit of €198.5 million in September 2016, compared to €169.6 million in the corresponding month of 2015.

International Trade: September 2016

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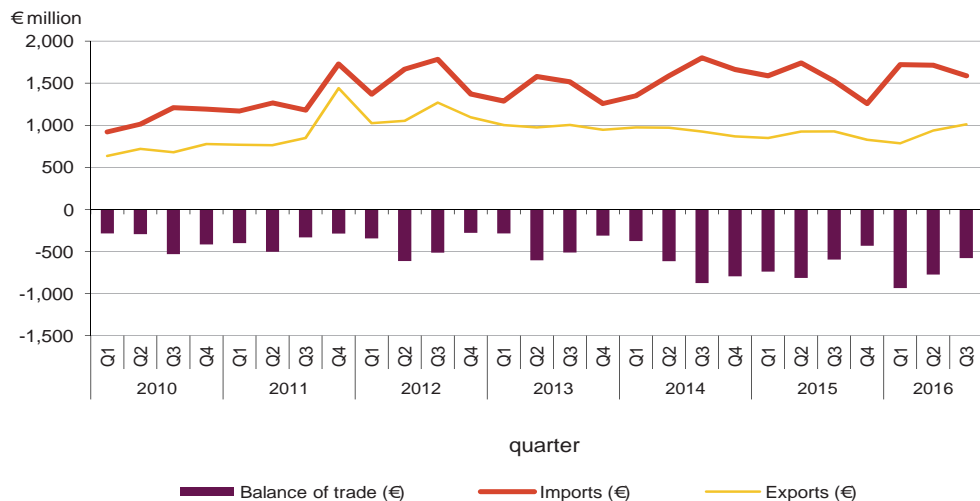
Provisional data for international trade show that the trade deficit in September stood at €198.5 million, up by €28.9 million when compared to the corresponding month of 2015. Both imports and exports decreased by €19.8 million and €48.6 million respectively (Table 1a). The decrease in the value of imports was primarily due to semi-manufactured goods (€19.5 million), while on the exports side mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (€63.8 million) accounted for the main decrease (Table 2).

January-September 2016

During the first nine months this year, the trade deficit widened by €136.5 million when compared to the corresponding period last year. Both imports and exports show an increase of €170.7 million and €34.1 million respectively (Table 1a). Higher imports were mainly due to machinery and transport equipment, which increased by €359.0 million. This was partly outweighed by decreases in mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (€99.6 million), semi-manufactured goods (€43.1 million), and miscellaneous manufactured articles (€33.2 million). The increase in the value of exports was mainly triggered by chemicals (€559.1 million). This was partly outweighed by a decrease of €444.1 million in mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (Table 2).

Malta's trade imports from the European Union reached €2,361.2 million, or 47.0 per cent of total imports. There was a decrease of €315.3 million in imports from euro area countries when compared to the same period last year. Main increases and decreases in imports were registered from the Caribbean and Bahamas Islands (€584.7 million) and the Netherlands (€203.3 million) respectively. On the export side, the main increase was directed to the United States of America (€592.7 million), whereas Africa (€284.9 million) registered the highest decrease (Table 3) ■

Chart 1. International Trade



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Table 1a. Trade by period and broad economic category

€ million

| Broad economic category | 2014 ^P | 2015 ^P | September | | January-September | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | | | 2015 ^P | 2016 ^P | 2015 ^P | 2016 ^P |
| Imports | 6,400.4 | 6,109.5 | 472.5 | 452.7 | 4,851.0 | 5,021.7 |
| Industrial Supplies | 1,412.9 | 1,482.5 | 127.5 | 89.5 | 1,113.3 | 977.6 |
| Primary | 81.2 | 80.0 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 67.6 | 78.9 |
| Semi-Finished | 1,180.7 | 1,191.7 | 111.5 | 69.0 | 905.5 | 764.9 |
| Finished | 151.0 | 210.7 | 10.4 | 14.6 | 140.2 | 133.8 |
| Capital Goods and Others | 1,310.9 | 1,717.8 | 79.2 | 89.9 | 1,476.4 | 1,901.4 |
| Consumer Goods | 1,115.5 | 1,219.7 | 107.2 | 91.9 | 892.8 | 879.2 |
| Food and Beverages | 472.7 | 482.1 | 43.1 | 36.7 | 354.2 | 349.0 |
| Durable Goods | 373.5 | 453.6 | 40.9 | 24.8 | 326.2 | 303.9 |
| Others | 269.3 | 284.1 | 23.2 | 30.3 | 212.4 | 226.3 |
| Fuels and Lubricants | 2,561.1 | 1,689.4 | 158.6 | 181.4 | 1,368.6 | 1,263.4 |
| Exports | 3,737.9 | 3,527.5 | 302.8 | 254.2 | 2,700.4 | 2,734.5 |
| Balance of Trade | -2,662.5 | -2,582.0 | -169.6 | -198.5 | -2,150.6 | -2,287.1 |

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Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

€ million

| Broad economic category | 2015 Q2 ^P | 2015 Q3 ^P | 2015 Q4 ^P | 2016 Q1 ^P | 2016 Q2 ^P | 2016 Q3 ^P |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | | | | | | |
| Industrial Supplies | 372.1 | 392.6 | 369.2 | 343.2 | 321.4 | 312.9 |
| Primary | 29.6 | 21.2 | 12.4 | 22.6 | 30.2 | 26.1 |
| Semi-Finished | 292.5 | 332.2 | 286.3 | 261.5 | 255.9 | 247.5 |
| Finished | 49.9 | 39.2 | 70.5 | 59.1 | 35.4 | 39.3 |
| Capital Goods and Others | 659.7 | 338.5 | 241.5 | 785.8 | 716.2 | 399.5 |
| Consumer Goods | 306.9 | 313.5 | 326.9 | 287.8 | 303.1 | 288.3 |
| Food and Beverages | 124.1 | 127.6 | 127.9 | 109.3 | 121.9 | 117.8 |
| Durable Goods | 107.9 | 117.3 | 127.4 | 107.2 | 104.5 | 92.2 |
| Others | 74.9 | 68.6 | 71.7 | 71.3 | 76.7 | 78.3 |
| Fuels and Lubricants | 400.7 | 479.9 | 320.9 | 304.1 | 371.9 | 587.5 |
| Exports | 925.0 | 927.8 | 827.1 | 786.0 | 938.2 | 1,010.3 |
| Balance of Trade | -814.4 | -596.7 | -431.4 | -934.9 | -774.3 | -577.9 |

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Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

€ million

| Broad economic category | 2014 ^P | 2015 ^P | September | | January-September | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | | | 2015 ^P | 2016 ^P | 2015 ^P | 2016 ^P |
| Total Exports | 3,737.9 | 3,527.5 | 302.8 | 254.2 | 2,700.4 | 2,734.5 |
| Exports of Fuels and Lubricants | 1,608.2 | 1,332.3 | 129.5 | 67.5 | 1,105.5 | 655.3 |
| Exports net of Fuels and Lubricants | 2,129.7 | 2,195.1 | 173.3 | 186.8 | 1,594.9 | 2,079.2 |

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

€ million

| Major commodity group | 2014 ^P | 2015 ^P | September | | January-September | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | | | 2015 ^P | 2016 ^P | 2015 ^P | 2016 ^P |
| Imports | 6,400.4 | 6,109.5 | 472.5 | 452.7 | 4,851.0 | 5,021.7 |
| Food | 505.6 | 517.1 | 46.0 | 40.9 | 387.4 | 395.3 |
| Beverages and Tobacco | 89.8 | 89.7 | 8.1 | 10.1 | 65.6 | 74.4 |
| Crude Materials | 24.4 | 27.4 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 18.9 | 19.4 |
| Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and related materials | 2,563.5 | 1,691.1 | 158.6 | 181.4 | 1,370.1 | 1,270.5 |
| Animal and Vegetable Oils and Fats | 8.7 | 9.2 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 7.0 | 6.8 |
| Chemicals | 509.0 | 507.5 | 48.1 | 37.4 | 378.4 | 351.8 |
| Semi-Manufactured Goods | 342.4 | 414.6 | 38.5 | 19.0 | 314.6 | 271.5 |
| Machinery and Transport Equipment | 1,922.5 | 2,373.4 | 128.7 | 130.1 | 1,954.3 | 2,313.3 |
| Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles | 422.6 | 465.2 | 40.6 | 29.8 | 343.0 | 309.8 |
| Miscellaneous Transactions and Commodities | 11.9 | 14.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 11.7 | 8.8 |
| Exports | 3,737.9 | 3,527.5 | 302.8 | 254.2 | 2,700.4 | 2,734.5 |
| Food | 197.8 | 245.6 | 6.0 | 3.7 | 119.3 | 90.8 |
| Beverages and Tobacco | 45.3 | 42.3 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 31.7 | 32.5 |
| Crude Materials | 16.1 | 15.9 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 12.6 | 9.0 |
| Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and related materials | 1,608.2 | 1,357.5 | 135.2 | 71.4 | 1,123.2 | 679.1 |
| Animal and Vegetable Oils and Fats | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Chemicals | 377.3 | 363.6 | 33.7 | 33.5 | 278.9 | 838.0 |
| Semi-Manufactured Goods | 116.0 | 122.9 | 9.4 | 9.2 | 90.2 | 92.0 |
| Machinery and Transport Equipment | 1,000.2 | 968.0 | 83.6 | 91.6 | 732.6 | 694.3 |
| Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles | 375.7 | 411.0 | 28.7 | 39.5 | 311.3 | 298.4 |
| Miscellaneous Transactions and Commodities | 1.3 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Balance of Trade | -2,662.5 | -2,582.0 | -169.6 | -198.5 | -2,150.6 | -2,287.1 |
| Food | -307.8 | -271.5 | -40.0 | -37.2 | -268.0 | -304.5 |
| Beverages and Tobacco | -44.5 | -47.4 | -3.2 | -5.5 | -33.9 | -41.9 |
| Crude Materials | -8.3 | -11.5 | -1.0 | -1.8 | -6.3 | -10.4 |
| Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and related materials | -955.2 | -333.6 | -23.3 | -110.0 | -246.9 | -591.4 |
| Animal and Vegetable Oils and Fats | -8.7 | -9.1 | -0.9 | -0.6 | -7.0 | -6.8 |
| Chemicals | -131.7 | -143.9 | -14.4 | -3.9 | -99.5 | 486.2 |
| Semi-Manufactured Goods | -226.4 | -291.8 | -29.0 | -9.8 | -224.3 | -179.5 |
| Machinery and Transport Equipment | -922.3 | -1,405.4 | -45.1 | -38.4 | -1,221.6 | -1,619.1 |
| Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles | -46.9 | -54.2 | -11.9 | 9.7 | -31.8 | -11.5 |
| Miscellaneous Transactions and Commodities | -10.6 | -13.5 | -0.9 | -0.9 | -11.2 | -8.3 |

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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

| | September | | | | | | January-September | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| | 2015 ^P | | | 2016 ^P | | | 2015 ^P | | | 2016 ^P | | |
| | 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 |
| Europe | 343.7 | 107.4 | -236.3 | 310.7 | 112.2 | -198.4 | 3,382.7 | 873.2 | -2,509.5 | 2,688.6 | 875.8 | -1,812.8 |
| European Union | 288.9 | 103.4 | -185.6 | 261.4 | 105.2 | -156.2 | 2,821.8 | 812.9 | -2,008.9 | 2,361.2 | 825.7 | -1,535.5 |
| <i>of which:</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| United Kingdom | 28.6 | 10.0 | -18.5 | 22.1 | 9.0 | -13.1 | 328.9 | 95.2 | -233.6 | 254.4 | 79.0 | -175.4 |
| Euro Area | 224.0 | 82.1 | -141.9 | 220.0 | 83.4 | -136.6 | 2,248.0 | 622.0 | -1,625.9 | 1,932.7 | 648.9 | -1,283.9 |
| <i>of which:</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Italy | 111.2 | 13.3 | -97.9 | 110.8 | 9.9 | -100.9 | 1,021.8 | 97.2 | -924.6 | 905.9 | 99.4 | -806.5 |
| Germany | 35.3 | 25.9 | -9.4 | 26.9 | 38.1 | 11.2 | 263.5 | 247.7 | -15.7 | 272.2 | 290.0 | 17.8 |
| Spain | 17.9 | 2.7 | -15.2 | 22.0 | 3.2 | -18.8 | 159.3 | 28.7 | -130.6 | 131.1 | 24.8 | -106.3 |
| Greece | 2.7 | 0.5 | -2.3 | 20.2 | 0.8 | -19.4 | 68.1 | 3.2 | -65.0 | 83.9 | 5.3 | -78.6 |
| France | 27.8 | 34.6 | 6.8 | 16.9 | 21.8 | 4.9 | 172.2 | 189.1 | 16.9 | 212.8 | 171.6 | -41.1 |
| Netherlands | 12.3 | 1.7 | -10.5 | 12.0 | 5.1 | -6.9 | 386.9 | 27.0 | -359.8 | 183.6 | 23.8 | -159.8 |
| EFTA Countries | 5.0 | 2.5 | -2.5 | 5.5 | 6.2 | 0.7 | 42.2 | 27.5 | -14.7 | 48.7 | 21.9 | -26.8 |
| <i>of which:</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Switzerland | 4.0 | 2.2 | -1.8 | 3.8 | 5.9 | 2.1 | 35.0 | 21.2 | -13.8 | 44.4 | 18.5 | -25.9 |
| Other European Countries | 49.7 | 1.5 | -48.2 | 43.8 | 0.8 | -42.9 | 518.7 | 32.8 | -485.9 | 278.7 | 28.1 | -250.5 |
| Asia | 84.6 | 44.2 | -40.4 | 54.2 | 50.3 | -4.0 | 565.5 | 491.3 | -74.3 | 601.4 | 392.5 | -208.9 |
| <i>of which:</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| China | 17.6 | 1.6 | -16.0 | 10.9 | 7.5 | -3.4 | 141.5 | 36.2 | -105.3 | 150.7 | 26.1 | -124.6 |
| Saudi Arabia | 11.1 | 1.4 | -9.6 | 10.4 | 0.0 | -10.3 | 42.9 | 25.3 | -17.6 | 61.1 | 10.5 | -50.6 |
| India | 19.7 | 0.4 | -19.3 | 9.1 | 1.0 | -8.0 | 85.1 | 18.5 | -66.5 | 87.8 | 10.9 | -76.8 |
| Israel | 0.6 | 0.1 | -0.4 | 7.9 | 0.3 | -7.6 | 6.6 | 6.2 | -0.3 | 69.8 | 2.5 | -67.3 |
| Japan | 6.7 | 1.4 | -5.3 | 3.1 | 2.1 | -1.0 | 52.4 | 15.5 | -36.9 | 40.7 | 15.7 | -25.1 |
| North and Central America | 33.6 | 18.5 | -15.1 | 16.7 | 17.3 | 0.7 | 587.8 | 145.4 | -442.4 | 735.5 | 728.2 | -7.2 |
| <i>of which:</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| United States of America | 19.0 | 12.8 | -6.3 | 16.1 | 14.0 | -2.1 | 250.2 | 102.0 | -148.2 | 239.8 | 694.7 | 454.8 |
| Canada | 7.1 | 4.8 | -2.3 | 0.2 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 319.6 | 29.4 | -290.2 | 491.5 | 21.7 | -469.7 |
| Africa | 7.3 | 68.5 | 61.3 | 25.7 | 55.2 | 29.6 | 88.7 | 733.2 | 644.5 | 198.9 | 448.3 | 249.5 |
| <i>of which:</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Egypt | 2.0 | 49.0 | 47.0 | 19.3 | 32.5 | 13.2 | 18.5 | 330.2 | 311.7 | 85.6 | 248.5 | 162.9 |
| Australia and Oceania | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 34.7 | 11.4 | -23.3 | 27.3 | 10.7 | -16.6 |
| South America | 1.6 | 2.2 | 0.5 | 2.0 | 0.4 | -1.6 | 20.3 | 9.9 | -10.4 | 30.9 | 2.0 | -28.9 |
| Ships and Aircraft Stores | 0.1 | 60.6 | 60.5 | 0.1 | 16.4 | 16.3 | 23.7 | 433.6 | 409.8 | 6.8 | 272.8 | 266.0 |
| Caribbean and Bahamas Islands | 1.0 | 0.8 | -0.2 | 43.1 | 0.9 | -42.2 | 147.7 | 2.5 | -145.2 | 732.4 | 4.2 | -728.1 |
| Grand Total | 472.5 | 302.8 | -169.6 | 452.7 | 254.2 | -198.5 | 4,851.0 | 2,700.4 | -2,150.6 | 5,021.7 | 2,734.5 | -2,287.1 |

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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.

Table 4. Trade by period and principal traded commodities

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| Chapter number | Commodity description | September | | January-September | |
|---------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | | 2015 ^P | 2016 ^P | 2015 ^P | 2016 ^P |
| Main imports | | | | | |
| 02 | Meat and edible offal | 4,737 | 3,438 | 39,095 | 38,420 |
| 03 | Fish and crustaceans, etc. | 7,466 | 7,385 | 48,539 | 69,460 |
| 04 | Dairy produce; birds' eggs | 3,413 | 3,830 | 34,087 | 33,546 |
| 08 | Edible fruit and nuts | 3,131 | 2,146 | 25,986 | 26,346 |
| 16 | Preparations of meat/fish | 4,538 | 3,317 | 34,335 | 33,519 |
| 17 | Sugars and sugar confectionary | 1,723 | 2,443 | 15,951 | 17,320 |
| 19 | Preparations of cereals | 5,207 | 4,988 | 44,881 | 44,481 |
| 21 | Miscellaneous edible preparations | 3,251 | 2,009 | 29,762 | 27,278 |
| 22 | Beverages, spirits and vinegar | 5,616 | 4,938 | 47,806 | 46,637 |
| 23 | Food residues and waste | 3,275 | 2,816 | 24,505 | 22,136 |
| 24 | Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes | 2,577 | 5,179 | 18,418 | 28,364 |
| 27 | Mineral fuels, oils and products | 158,569 | 182,008 | 1,370,134 | 1,272,041 |
| 29 | Organic chemicals | 19,345 | 7,151 | 107,526 | 88,488 |
| 30 | Pharmaceutical products | 9,699 | 13,581 | 98,598 | 105,075 |
| 32 | Tanning/dyeing extracts and paints | 3,032 | 2,176 | 23,683 | 22,598 |
| 33 | Essential oils and toilet preparations | 3,192 | 3,021 | 31,879 | 27,661 |
| 39 | Plastics and articles of plastics | 13,853 | 10,035 | 121,555 | 109,177 |
| 48 | Paper and paperboard articles | 5,744 | 5,076 | 58,977 | 52,169 |
| 49 | Printed books, newspapers | 2,304 | 3,146 | 13,882 | 15,147 |
| 61 | Knitted clothing | 7,227 | 4,240 | 39,592 | 34,003 |
| 62 | Woven clothing | 4,810 | 3,107 | 33,436 | 30,189 |
| 64 | Footwear, gaiters etc.and parts | 2,696 | 3,263 | 20,935 | 21,854 |
| 73 | Articles of iron or steel | 16,831 | 2,534 | 96,932 | 61,899 |
| 84 | Machinery and mechanical appliances | 35,687 | 15,599 | 221,184 | 215,576 |
| 85 | Electrical machinery etc. | 46,391 | 33,790 | 419,343 | 350,937 |
| 87 | Vehicles (excluding trains) and parts thereof | 27,762 | 9,402 | 161,456 | 122,900 |
| 88 | Aircraft/spacecraft and parts thereof | 7,111 | 25,353 | 420,214 | 678,878 |
| 89 | Ships, boats and floating structures | 2,628 | 46,507 | 730,455 | 933,564 |
| 90 | Optical/photographic/cinematographic instruments | 3,960 | 3,730 | 50,608 | 50,528 |
| 94 | Furniture; bedding, etc. | 4,907 | 2,959 | 50,542 | 46,274 |
| Main exports | | | | | |
| 03 | Fish and crustaceans, etc. | 1,594 | 970 | 18,339 | 13,726 |
| 21 | Miscellaneous edible preparations | 2,836 | 1,883 | 58,313 | 48,266 |
| 24 | Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes | 2,235 | 2,016 | 9,607 | 13,406 |
| 27 | Mineral fuels, oils and products | 135,098 | 71,268 | 1,122,466 | 677,873 |
| 29 | Organic chemicals | 10,856 | 7,413 | 66,407 | 31,970 |
| 30 | Pharmaceutical products | 20,626 | 23,496 | 183,545 | 779,426 |
| 38 | Miscellaneous chemical products | 536 | 1,097 | 6,014 | 6,679 |
| 39 | Plastics and articles of plastics | 3,306 | 4,206 | 39,800 | 41,268 |
| 40 | Rubber and articles of rubber | 4,306 | 4,654 | 42,440 | 42,417 |
| 49 | Printed books, newspapers | 10,436 | 4,238 | 93,884 | 63,732 |
| 60 | Knitted/crocheted fabrics | 1,870 | 2,207 | 18,542 | 15,870 |
| 64 | Footwear, gaiters etc.and parts | 200 | 879 | 6,619 | 3,568 |
| 84 | Machinery and mechanical appliances | 8,269 | 14,296 | 80,762 | 80,929 |
| 85 | Electrical machinery etc. | 61,582 | 64,974 | 550,521 | 490,882 |
| 87 | Vehicles (excluding trains) and parts thereof | 6,179 | 2,675 | 36,500 | 25,981 |
| 88 | Aircraft/spacecraft and parts thereof | 7,625 | 9,618 | 60,255 | 99,130 |
| 90 | Optical/photographic/cinematographic instruments | 5,002 | 6,554 | 58,053 | 59,916 |
| 95 | Toys, games and sports requisites | 6,134 | 20,875 | 71,872 | 101,735 |
| 99 | Special classifications | 3,239 | 3,064 | 21,685 | 21,161 |

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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.
8.
 - 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.
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