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Preliminary figures show that Malta registered a trade deficit of €272.1 million in July 2017, compared to €168.9 million in the corresponding month of 2016.

## International Trade: July 2017

Cut-off date:  
5 September 2017

Provisional data for international trade show that the trade deficit in July stood at €272.1 million, up by €103.2 million when compared to the corresponding month of 2016. Both imports and exports decreased by €190.6 million and €293.8 million (Table 1a). The decrease in the value of imports was primarily due to machinery and transport equipment (€159.7 million) and mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (€49.3 million). On the exports side, chemicals (€259.3 million) accounted for the main decrease (Table 2).

### January-July 2017

During the first seven months this year, the trade deficit widened by €241.0 million when compared to the corresponding period of 2016, reaching €2,080.6 million. Both imports and exports show decreases of €495.9 million and €736.9 million respectively (Table 1a). Lower imports were mainly due to machinery and transport equipment, which decreased by €752.9 million. This was partly outweighed by an increase of €222.8 million in mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials. On the exports side, the main decreases were registered in chemicals (€590.0 million) and mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (€171.6 million) (Table 2).

Malta's trade imports from the European Union reached €1,913.1 million, or 52.6 per cent of total imports. There was an increase of €24.8 million in imports from euro area countries when compared to the same period of 2016. Main increases and decreases in imports were registered from the Russian Federation (€127.1 million) and Canada (€347.7 million) respectively. On the export side, the main increase was directed to Switzerland (€8.5 million), whereas the United States of America (€589.1 million) registered the highest decrease (Table 3) ■

### International Trade

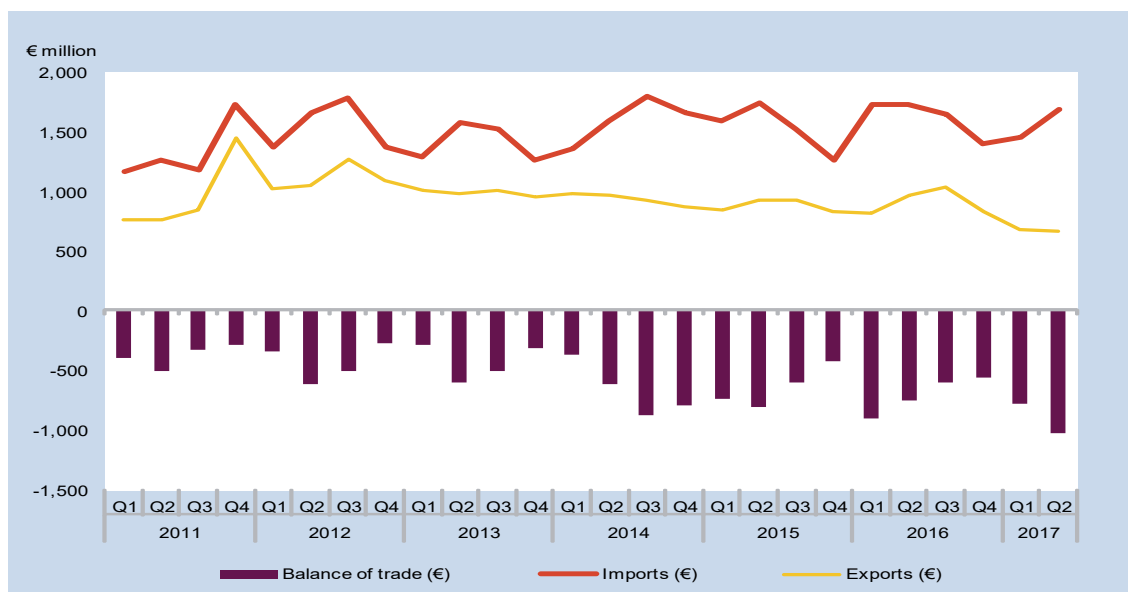


Table 1a. Trade by period and broad economic category

€ million

Broad economic category	2015 <sup>P</sup>	2016 <sup>P</sup>	July		January-July	
			2016 <sup>P</sup>	2017 <sup>P</sup>	2016 <sup>P</sup>	2017 <sup>P</sup>
<b>Imports</b>	<b>6,114.8</b>	<b>6,491.1</b>	<b>685.2</b>	<b>494.6</b>	<b>4,132.4</b>	<b>3,636.5</b>
<b>Industrial Supplies</b>	<b>1,483.1</b>	<b>1,325.9</b>	<b>107.8</b>	<b>126.6</b>	<b>775.4</b>	<b>756.8</b>
Primary	80.0	106.6	9.9	14.5	62.7	65.1
Semi-Finished	1,192.3	1,026.1	87.4	98.8	607.6	582.4
Finished	210.8	193.2	10.4	13.3	105.1	109.2
<b>Capital Goods and Others</b>	<b>1,718.2</b>	<b>2,251.8</b>	<b>239.1</b>	<b>80.5</b>	<b>1,744.5</b>	<b>1,007.3</b>
<b>Consumer Goods</b>	<b>1,224.0</b>	<b>1,241.1</b>	<b>105.8</b>	<b>104.4</b>	<b>704.0</b>	<b>734.3</b>
Food and Beverages	485.9	498.8	43.5	44.2	276.4	286.5
Durable Goods	453.8	433.5	37.5	35.6	253.9	260.5
Others	284.3	308.8	24.8	24.6	173.6	187.2
<b>Fuels and Lubricants</b>	<b>1,689.4</b>	<b>1,672.3</b>	<b>232.5</b>	<b>183.1</b>	<b>908.5</b>	<b>1,138.1</b>
<b>Exports</b>	<b>3,528.0</b>	<b>3,645.9</b>	<b>516.3</b>	<b>222.5</b>	<b>2,292.8</b>	<b>1,555.9</b>
<b>Balance of Trade</b>	<b>-2,586.8</b>	<b>-2,845.2</b>	<b>-168.9</b>	<b>-272.1</b>	<b>-1,839.6</b>	<b>-2,080.6</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 Q1 <sup>P</sup>	2016 Q2 <sup>P</sup>	2016 Q3 <sup>P</sup>	2016 Q4 <sup>P</sup>	2017 Q1 <sup>P</sup>	2017 Q2 <sup>P</sup>
<b>Industrial Supplies</b>	<b>344.6</b>	<b>323.1</b>	<b>326.6</b>	<b>331.6</b>	<b>293.5</b>	<b>336.8</b>
Primary	22.6	30.2	26.5	27.3	15.6	35.1
Semi-Finished	262.7	257.5	260.0	245.9	228.8	254.9
Finished	59.3	35.4	40.1	58.4	49.1	46.8
<b>Capital Goods and Others</b>	<b>786.9</b>	<b>718.5</b>	<b>422.3</b>	<b>324.1</b>	<b>330.9</b>	<b>595.9</b>
<b>Consumer Goods</b>	<b>289.0</b>	<b>309.1</b>	<b>308.2</b>	<b>334.7</b>	<b>309.5</b>	<b>320.4</b>
Food and Beverages	109.5	123.4	127.2	138.8	120.8	121.5
Durable Goods	108.0	108.4	100.5	116.6	108.3	116.6
Others	71.5	77.3	80.6	79.3	80.4	82.3
<b>Fuels and Lubricants</b>	<b>304.1</b>	<b>371.9</b>	<b>588.9</b>	<b>407.5</b>	<b>520.9</b>	<b>434.0</b>
<b>Exports</b>	<b>812.6</b>	<b>963.9</b>	<b>1,038.2</b>	<b>831.2</b>	<b>674.8</b>	<b>658.7</b>
<b>Balance of Trade</b>	<b>-912.0</b>	<b>-758.8</b>	<b>-607.9</b>	<b>-566.7</b>	<b>-780.0</b>	<b>-1,028.5</b>

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Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

€ million

Broad economic category	2015 <sup>P</sup>	2016 <sup>P</sup>	July		January-July	
			2016 <sup>P</sup>	2017 <sup>P</sup>	2016 <sup>P</sup>	2017 <sup>P</sup>
Total Exports	3,528.0	3,645.9	516.3	222.5	2,292.8	1,555.9
Exports of Fuels and Lubricants	1,332.3	894.2	92.4	62.0	543.9	359.2
<b>Exports net of Fuels and Lubricants</b>	<b>2,195.7</b>	<b>2,751.7</b>	<b>423.9</b>	<b>160.5</b>	<b>1,748.9</b>	<b>1,196.7</b>

<sup>P</sup> Provisional

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

€ million

Major commodity group	2015 <sup>P</sup>	2016 <sup>P</sup>	July		January-July	
			2016 <sup>P</sup>	2017 <sup>P</sup>	2016 <sup>P</sup>	2017 <sup>P</sup>
			<b>Imports</b>	<b>6,114.8</b>	<b>6,491.1</b>	<b>685.2</b>
Food	521.4	564.0	50.1	54.9	310.3	320.5
Beverages and Tobacco	89.7	97.9	7.4	8.9	55.4	56.2
Crude Materials	27.5	26.3	1.6	2.4	15.2	16.7
Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and related materials	1,691.1	1,679.6	232.5	183.2	915.5	1,138.3
Animal and Vegetable Oils and Fats	9.2	9.4	0.8	0.6	5.6	5.2
Chemicals	507.6	465.4	41.3	53.2	271.7	301.3
Semi-Manufactured Goods	414.8	375.0	30.6	35.0	226.4	213.2
Machinery and Transport Equipment	2,374.0	2,821.5	283.0	123.3	2,076.6	1,323.7
Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	465.3	440.3	36.8	32.7	249.1	258.2
Miscellaneous Transactions and Commodities	14.1	11.7	1.0	0.3	6.6	3.2
<b>Exports</b>	<b>3,528.0</b>	<b>3,645.9</b>	<b>516.3</b>	<b>222.5</b>	<b>2,292.8</b>	<b>1,555.9</b>
Food	245.6	254.8	3.7	4.7	84.3	93.1
Beverages and Tobacco	42.3	41.1	3.9	4.0	24.3	20.7
Crude Materials	15.9	12.6	0.8	1.7	7.3	7.8
Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and related materials	1,357.5	926.6	92.4	74.4	559.8	388.2
Animal and Vegetable Oils and Fats	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Chemicals	363.6	921.9	289.4	30.1	778.1	188.1
Semi-Manufactured Goods	122.9	121.2	9.4	8.7	75.3	73.8
Machinery and Transport Equipment	968.0	960.3	77.7	68.0	536.8	548.6
Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	411.5	406.6	38.9	30.8	226.6	235.1
Miscellaneous Transactions and Commodities	0.6	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4
<b>Balance of Trade</b>	<b>-2,586.8</b>	<b>-2,845.2</b>	<b>-168.9</b>	<b>-272.1</b>	<b>-1,839.6</b>	<b>-2,080.6</b>
Food	-275.8	-309.3	-46.4	-50.3	-226.0	-227.4
Beverages and Tobacco	-47.4	-56.8	-3.5	-5.0	-31.1	-35.4
Crude Materials	-11.5	-13.7	-0.8	-0.6	-7.9	-8.9
Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and related materials	-333.6	-753.0	-140.1	-108.7	-355.7	-750.1
Animal and Vegetable Oils and Fats	-9.2	-9.4	-0.8	-0.6	-5.6	-5.1
Chemicals	-144.0	456.6	248.1	-23.1	506.4	-113.2
Semi-Manufactured Goods	-291.9	-253.7	-21.2	-26.3	-151.2	-139.4
Machinery and Transport Equipment	-1,406.0	-1,861.3	-205.3	-55.3	-1,539.8	-775.2
Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	-53.8	-33.8	2.1	-1.9	-22.5	-23.1
Miscellaneous Transactions and Commodities	-13.5	-10.9	-1.0	-0.3	-6.2	-2.8

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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

	July						January-July					
	2016 <sup>P</sup>			2017 <sup>P</sup>			2016 <sup>P</sup>			2017 <sup>P</sup>		
	Arrivals/ Imports	Dispatches/ Exports	Balance of Trade	Arrivals/ Imports	Dispatches/ Exports	Balance of Trade	Arrivals/ Imports	Dispatches/ Exports	Balance of Trade	Arrivals/ Imports	Dispatches/ Exports	Balance of Trade
<b>Europe</b>	<b>367.0</b>	<b>115.3</b>	<b>-251.7</b>	<b>313.3</b>	<b>115.8</b>	<b>-197.5</b>	<b>2,098.2</b>	<b>740.7</b>	<b>-1,357.4</b>	<b>2,252.5</b>	<b>710.0</b>	<b>-1,542.5</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
<b>European Union</b>	<b>357.5</b>	<b>113.0</b>	<b>-244.5</b>	<b>246.0</b>	<b>105.9</b>	<b>-140.1</b>	<b>1,853.7</b>	<b>700.6</b>	<b>-1,153.1</b>	<b>1,913.1</b>	<b>657.6</b>	<b>-1,255.5</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
United Kingdom	50.0	9.2	-40.8	28.8	6.8	-22.0	213.2	65.9	-147.3	264.9	44.2	-220.7
Euro Area	280.6	89.9	-190.7	204.4	83.4	-121.0	1,509.5	561.5	-948.0	1,534.3	526.1	-1,008.2
<i>of which:</i>												
Italy	164.6	23.7	-140.9	101.4	13.6	-87.8	707.3	144.4	-562.8	729.8	97.5	-632.3
France	23.0	20.8	-2.1	25.5	25.6	0.1	182.8	123.8	-59.0	136.7	124.8	-11.9
Germany	26.9	31.2	4.3	24.1	32.8	8.7	219.0	225.3	6.3	226.5	232.2	5.7
Netherlands	26.4	7.8	-18.6	12.7	1.8	-10.9	143.2	17.2	-126.0	99.0	13.6	-85.4
Spain	10.5	1.9	-8.7	11.4	3.1	-8.3	84.5	20.0	-64.5	141.9	27.3	-114.6
Greece	3.8	0.7	-3.1	7.6	0.7	-6.9	59.0	4.2	-54.8	74.6	3.5	-71.1
<b>EFTA Countries</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>-2.6</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>-2.1</b>	<b>39.4</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>-24.9</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>-2.0</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
Switzerland	3.8	0.9	-2.9	2.7	0.7	-2.0	37.2	11.6	-25.6	22.8	20.1	-2.7
<b>Other European Countries</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>-4.6</b>	<b>64.4</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>-55.3</b>	<b>205.1</b>	<b>25.6</b>	<b>-179.4</b>	<b>314.3</b>	<b>29.3</b>	<b>-285.0</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
Russian Federation	0.3	0.1	-0.2	46.8	0.1	-46.7	75.4	2.6	-72.8	202.5	0.5	-202.0
<b>Asia</b>	<b>63.7</b>	<b>32.8</b>	<b>-30.9</b>	<b>83.9</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>-52.8</b>	<b>462.9</b>	<b>277.0</b>	<b>-185.9</b>	<b>584.0</b>	<b>295.0</b>	<b>-289.0</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
China	17.5	1.9	-15.6	17.5	3.3	-14.1	120.1	13.9	-106.2	123.5	22.0	-101.5
Saudi Arabia	0.1	0.0	-0.1	16.9	0.1	-16.9	37.8	10.3	-27.5	26.8	11.4	-15.4
India	9.2	1.2	-8.0	12.2	0.6	-11.5	68.4	7.0	-61.3	78.7	5.4	-73.3
Taiwan	3.1	0.3	-2.7	8.2	0.5	-7.6	22.8	3.3	-19.6	38.0	4.1	-34.0
Iraq	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.6	0.1	-6.5	0.0	0.6	0.6	6.6	1.5	-5.1
<b>North and Central America</b>	<b>140.4</b>	<b>280.4</b>	<b>140.0</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>-5.3</b>	<b>697.8</b>	<b>694.3</b>	<b>-3.5</b>	<b>329.2</b>	<b>102.8</b>	<b>-226.5</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
United States of America	26.4	276.6	250.2	17.8	9.0	-8.8	203.3	667.2	463.9	180.5	78.1	-102.4
Canada	113.8	2.2	-111.6	0.4	3.2	2.7	491.0	17.7	-473.3	143.3	14.9	-128.4
<b>Africa</b>	<b>60.9</b>	<b>64.9</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>34.3</b>	<b>40.3</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>140.9</b>	<b>351.6</b>	<b>210.7</b>	<b>166.5</b>	<b>291.8</b>	<b>125.4</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
Egypt	4.7	34.2	29.5	25.2	28.8	3.7	56.4	191.1	134.7	84.9	113.2	28.4
<b>Australia and Oceania</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>-15.2</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>-4.7</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>-12.6</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>-14.8</b>
<b>South America</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>-2.4</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>-7.5</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>-26.1</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>-26.6</b>
<b>Ships and Aircraft Stores</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>217.0</b>	<b>210.4</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>146.6</b>	<b>143.5</b>
<b>Caribbean and Bahamas Islands</b>	<b>32.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>-32.0</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-30.9</b>	<b>678.2</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>-675.2</b>	<b>252.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>-250.1</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>685.2</b>	<b>516.3</b>	<b>-168.9</b>	<b>494.6</b>	<b>222.5</b>	<b>-272.1</b>	<b>4,132.4</b>	<b>2,292.8</b>	<b>-1,839.6</b>	<b>3,636.5</b>	<b>1,555.9</b>	<b>-2,080.6</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://inso.gov.mt/en/News\\_Releases/View\\_by\\_Unit/Unit\\_A4/International\\_Trade/Pages/International-Trade.aspx](http://inso.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	July		January-July	
		2016 <sup>P</sup>	2017 <sup>P</sup>	2016 <sup>P</sup>	2017 <sup>P</sup>
<b>Main imports</b>					
02	Meat and edible offal	4,724	5,624	29,696	32,573
03	Fish and crustaceans, etc.	13,001	15,421	51,267	54,208
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs	3,850	4,380	26,549	28,023
08	Edible fruit and nuts	2,927	3,076	21,224	21,104
16	Preparations of meat/fish	3,703	4,639	26,223	29,695
19	Preparations of cereals	4,668	4,736	34,942	35,121
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit and nuts	2,354	2,911	14,682	16,061
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	3,358	3,840	22,721	23,015
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	5,543	6,715	35,721	38,636
23	Food residues and waste	2,672	2,911	17,152	18,759
27	Mineral fuels, oils and products	232,509	183,069	916,484	1,139,092
29	Organic chemicals	9,114	19,547	62,399	62,766
30	Pharmaceutical products	12,634	13,588	81,003	100,059
32	Tanning/dyeing extracts and paints	2,408	4,663	17,742	20,992
38	Miscellaneous chemical products	1,834	2,319	12,601	17,270
39	Plastics and articles of plastics	15,233	12,377	90,609	94,601
44	Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal	1,397	2,447	11,576	12,942
48	Paper and paperboard articles	7,242	5,462	43,429	39,109
61	Knitted clothing	4,091	3,230	26,902	29,189
62	Woven clothing	2,327	4,001	23,763	27,280
64	Footwear, gaiters etc.and parts	3,837	3,110	16,396	34,881
72	Iron and steel	773	3,321	11,708	14,203
73	Articles of iron or steel	5,638	10,811	51,720	48,786
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances	26,511	33,359	179,653	188,019
85	Electrical machinery etc.	43,006	37,451	279,105	276,741
87	Vehicles (excluding trains) and parts thereof	13,220	14,195	103,417	93,458
88	Aircraft/spacecraft and parts thereof	118,566	4,629	638,155	253,248
89	Ships, boats and floating structures	83,476	34,400	863,983	514,508
90	Optical/photographic/cinematographic instruments	4,762	4,368	38,232	35,942
94	Furniture; bedding, etc.	5,520	5,091	40,131	36,495
<b>Main exports</b>					
03	Fish and crustaceans, etc.	1,141	1,297	12,124	19,167
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	1,745	2,318	44,957	41,890
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	894	952	5,019	5,133
24	Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	1,303	1,263	10,221	6,522
27	Mineral fuels, oils and products	92,277	74,332	558,918	387,362
30	Pharmaceutical products	284,999	26,190	735,877	139,506
33	Essential oils and toilet preparations	591	878	9,326	7,972
39	Plastics and articles of plastics	5,129	4,627	32,913	42,080
40	Rubber and articles of rubber	4,635	4,834	34,287	34,770
49	Printed books, newspapers	10,369	5,929	49,999	34,966
60	Knitted/crocheted fabrics	1,009	1,356	12,469	15,121
72	Iron and steel	360	1,515	2,814	3,959
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances	9,146	8,369	60,512	74,999
85	Electrical machinery etc.	60,312	50,826	375,373	398,118
87	Vehicles (excluding trains) and parts thereof	1,211	1,539	21,783	7,237
88	Aircraft/spacecraft and parts thereof	9,587	7,000	82,256	67,034
90	Optical/photographic/cinematographic instruments	7,368	6,073	48,753	47,859
95	Toys, games and sports requisites	10,640	11,710	70,311	78,809
99	Special classifications	2,941	3,455	15,306	17,274

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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:  
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