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## International Trade: September 2018

Cut-off date:  
**6 November 2018**

Provisional data for international trade show that a trade deficit of €171.9 million was registered in September, compared to a deficit of €234.4 million in the corresponding month of 2017. Both imports and exports show decreases of €107.9 million and €45.5 million respectively (Table 1a). The decrease in the value of imports was primarily due to mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (€104.4 million), with the same commodity group (€45.5 million) accounting for the main decrease in exports (Table 2).

### January-September 2018

During the first nine months this year, the trade deficit increased by €261.8 million when compared to the corresponding period of 2017, reaching €2,272.6 million. Imports increased by €51.0 million while exports decreased by €210.8 million (Table 1a). Higher imports were mainly due to increases in chemicals (€50.0 million), mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (€40.9 million), and semi-manufactured goods (€31.7 million). These were partly outweighed by a decrease of €86.1 million in machinery and transport equipment. With regard to exports, the main decrease was registered in mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (€285.1 million), partly outweighed by increases of €48.1 million in miscellaneous manufactured articles and €25.2 million in semi-manufactured goods (Table 2).

Malta's trade imports from the European Union reached €3,105.0 million, or 68.1 per cent of total imports. There was an increase of €675.9 million in imports from euro area countries when compared to the same period of 2017. Main increases and decreases in imports were registered from Italy (€181.9 million) and Canada (€145.8 million) respectively. The main increase in exports was directed to France (€34.0 million), whereas Egypt (€77.3 million) registered the highest decrease (Table 3) ■

**Chart 1. International Trade**

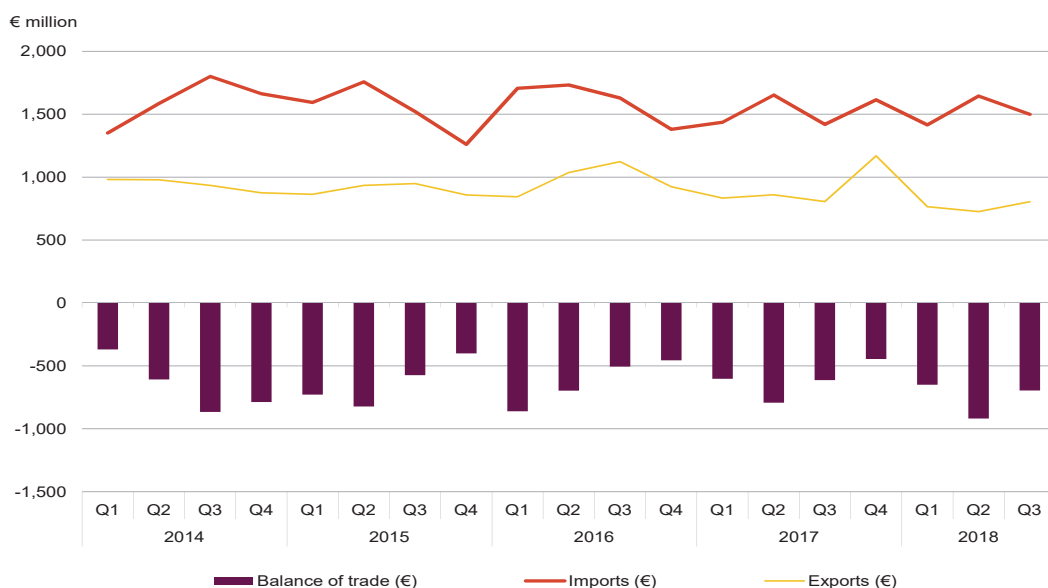


Table 1a. Trade by period and broad economic category

€ million

Broad economic category	2016 <sup>P</sup>	2017 <sup>P</sup>	September		January-September	
			2017 <sup>P</sup>	2018 <sup>P</sup>	2017 <sup>P</sup>	2018 <sup>P</sup>
<b>Imports</b>	<b>6,447.0</b>	<b>6,121.9</b>	<b>495.7</b>	<b>387.8</b>	<b>4,508.2</b>	<b>4,559.2</b>
<b>Industrial Supplies</b>	<b>1,334.7</b>	<b>1,322.0</b>	<b>96.9</b>	<b>112.4</b>	<b>982.2</b>	<b>1,048.8</b>
Primary	112.7	126.3	2.6	6.1	72.4	74.3
Semi-Finished	1,028.6	1,010.5	82.4	93.6	772.3	813.5
Finished	193.4	185.3	11.9	12.6	137.5	161.0
<b>Capital Goods and Others</b>	<b>2,282.0</b>	<b>1,682.8</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>56.5</b>	<b>1,187.0</b>	<b>1,090.0</b>
<b>Consumer Goods</b>	<b>1,240.6</b>	<b>1,345.4</b>	<b>116.0</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>992.5</b>	<b>1,040.6</b>
Food and Beverages	499.2	530.2	50.7	40.5	391.0	397.3
Durable Goods	432.3	468.8	35.6	33.0	348.8	344.2
Others	309.2	346.4	29.7	26.7	252.8	299.0
<b>Fuels and Lubricants</b>	<b>1,589.8</b>	<b>1,771.7</b>	<b>226.9</b>	<b>118.7</b>	<b>1,346.5</b>	<b>1,379.8</b>
<b>Exports</b>	<b>3,925.7</b>	<b>3,664.8</b>	<b>261.3</b>	<b>215.8</b>	<b>2,497.4</b>	<b>2,286.6</b>
<b>Balance of Trade</b>	<b>-2,521.3</b>	<b>-2,457.2</b>	<b>-234.4</b>	<b>-171.9</b>	<b>-2,010.8</b>	<b>-2,272.6</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	2017			2018		
	Q2 <sup>P</sup>	Q3 <sup>P</sup>	Q4 <sup>P</sup>	Q1 <sup>P</sup>	Q2 <sup>P</sup>	Q3 <sup>P</sup>
<b>Imports</b>	<b>1,653.2</b>	<b>1,419.5</b>	<b>1,614.7</b>	<b>1,416.2</b>	<b>1,645.2</b>	<b>1,499.8</b>
<b>Industrial Supplies</b>	<b>348.4</b>	<b>337.8</b>	<b>340.1</b>	<b>319.6</b>	<b>375.5</b>	<b>354.2</b>
Primary	36.6	20.3	53.9	5.8	41.1	27.4
Semi-Finished	263.6	277.6	238.3	243.9	285.4	284.7
Finished	48.1	39.9	47.9	70.0	49.0	42.1
<b>Capital Goods and Others</b>	<b>604.9</b>	<b>240.4</b>	<b>496.5</b>	<b>282.1</b>	<b>485.1</b>	<b>323.7</b>
<b>Consumer Goods</b>	<b>338.3</b>	<b>342.4</b>	<b>352.9</b>	<b>339.1</b>	<b>349.8</b>	<b>352.3</b>
Food and Beverages	125.8	143.8	139.2	122.0	135.5	139.8
Durable Goods	126.5	112.1	120.0	113.5	119.3	112.0
Others	86.0	86.5	93.7	103.6	94.9	100.5
<b>Fuels and Lubricants</b>	<b>361.6</b>	<b>498.9</b>	<b>425.2</b>	<b>475.4</b>	<b>434.9</b>	<b>469.6</b>
<b>Exports</b>	<b>860.3</b>	<b>805.9</b>	<b>1,169.6</b>	<b>765.7</b>	<b>726.0</b>	<b>804.3</b>
<b>Balance of Trade</b>	<b>-793.0</b>	<b>-613.5</b>	<b>-445.1</b>	<b>-650.5</b>	<b>-919.2</b>	<b>-695.5</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	2016 <sup>P</sup>	2017 <sup>P</sup>	September		January-September	
			2017 <sup>P</sup>	2018 <sup>P</sup>	2017 <sup>P</sup>	2018 <sup>P</sup>
Total Exports	3,925.7	3,664.8	261.3	215.8	2,497.4	2,286.6
Exports of Fuels and Lubricants	1,130.1	1,379.1	93.2	36.0	944.9	650.9
<b>Exports net of Fuels and Lubricants</b>	<b>2,795.5</b>	<b>2,285.7</b>	<b>168.1</b>	<b>179.8</b>	<b>1,552.5</b>	<b>1,635.8</b>

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Notes:

1 Table 1c is based on the United Nations Statistical Division BEC codes (Broad Economic Categories). Figures for 'Fuels and Lubricants' refer to BEC 0031 and BEC 0032: respectively 'Fuels and lubricants, primary' and 'Fuels and lubricants, processed'.

2 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>	September		January-September	
			2017 <sup>P</sup>	2018 <sup>P</sup>	2017 <sup>P</sup>	2018 <sup>P</sup>
<b>Imports</b>	<b>6,447.0</b>	<b>6,121.9</b>	<b>495.7</b>	<b>387.8</b>	<b>4,508.2</b>	<b>4,559.2</b>
Food	571.5	624.3	53.8	49.1	439.3	440.5
Beverages and Tobacco	98.0	95.9	6.2	7.8	73.3	81.0
Crude Materials	26.4	26.2	1.8	1.8	20.4	17.8
Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and related materials	1,597.0	1,775.0	227.0	122.6	1,347.9	1,388.8
Animal and Vegetable Oils and Fats	9.4	9.3	0.9	0.8	7.2	7.2
Chemicals	465.7	517.7	43.4	45.6	390.8	440.8
Semi-Manufactured Goods	375.9	361.2	23.4	29.5	268.9	300.6
Machinery and Transport Equipment	2,852.4	2,238.4	95.6	93.4	1,603.3	1,517.2
Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	439.0	468.7	43.2	36.8	353.1	362.0
Miscellaneous Transactions and Commodities	11.7	5.3	0.5	0.4	4.1	3.4
<b>Exports</b>	<b>3,925.7</b>	<b>3,664.8</b>	<b>261.3</b>	<b>215.8</b>	<b>2,497.4</b>	<b>2,286.6</b>
Food	255.2	281.4	4.8	7.1	104.2	103.1
Beverages and Tobacco	41.1	38.6	2.7	5.2	26.6	29.8
Crude Materials	12.6	13.4	1.6	1.1	10.4	10.6
Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and related materials	1,162.6	1,428.3	93.2	47.7	978.1	693.0
Animal and Vegetable Oils and Fats	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Chemicals	965.0	383.1	34.6	29.9	272.3	278.6
Semi-Manufactured Goods	120.9	150.7	13.9	10.4	96.0	121.2
Machinery and Transport Equipment	961.7	987.8	77.6	75.3	711.7	704.0
Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	405.8	380.7	32.8	39.1	297.5	345.6
Miscellaneous Transactions and Commodities	0.7	0.8	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.7
<b>Balance of Trade</b>	<b>-2,521.3</b>	<b>-2,457.2</b>	<b>-234.4</b>	<b>-171.9</b>	<b>-2,010.8</b>	<b>-2,272.6</b>
Food	-316.3	-342.9	-49.0	-42.0	-335.1	-337.3
Beverages and Tobacco	-56.9	-57.3	-3.5	-2.6	-46.7	-51.1
Crude Materials	-13.8	-12.9	-0.1	-0.7	-10.0	-7.3
Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and related materials	-434.4	-346.7	-133.7	-74.9	-369.8	-695.8
Animal and Vegetable Oils and Fats	-9.4	-9.3	-0.9	-0.8	-7.2	-7.1
Chemicals	499.3	-134.6	-8.8	-15.7	-118.4	-162.2
Semi-Manufactured Goods	-255.0	-210.5	-9.5	-19.1	-172.9	-179.4
Machinery and Transport Equipment	-1,890.7	-1,250.6	-18.0	-18.1	-891.6	-813.2
Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	-33.2	-88.0	-10.4	2.2	-55.6	-16.3
Miscellaneous Transactions and Commodities	-10.9	-4.5	-0.4	-0.3	-3.5	-2.7

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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

Groupings	September						January-September					
	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>303.5</b>	<b>107.2</b>	<b>-196.3</b>	<b>300.5</b>	<b>124.4</b>	<b>-176.2</b>	<b>2,796.7</b>	<b>1,110.5</b>	<b>-1,686.3</b>	<b>3,391.7</b>	<b>1,207.8</b>	<b>-2,183.9</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
<b>European Union</b>	<b>245.6</b>	<b>104.2</b>	<b>-141.4</b>	<b>262.0</b>	<b>120.8</b>	<b>-141.1</b>	<b>2,380.5</b>	<b>1,050.1</b>	<b>-1,330.4</b>	<b>3,105.0</b>	<b>1,133.6</b>	<b>-1,971.4</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
United Kingdom	25.2	8.4	-16.8	27.5	3.9	-23.6	309.5	59.3	-250.2	367.7	45.3	-322.4
euro area	198.9	78.4	-120.5	222.9	93.8	-129.0	1,911.2	863.4	-1,047.7	2,587.1	928.6	-1,658.5
<i>of which:</i>												
Italy	89.0	23.1	-65.8	78.5	25.6	-52.8	899.5	289.2	-610.3	1,081.4	256.2	-825.3
Netherlands	18.1	1.6	-16.5	36.3	8.3	-28.0	149.1	17.4	-131.7	241.8	49.2	-192.5
Germany	26.3	30.4	4.1	28.5	30.7	2.2	286.1	300.8	14.7	319.7	329.8	10.1
Spain	34.7	2.9	-31.8	27.0	3.0	-24.1	172.3	40.8	-131.5	239.3	41.4	-197.9
Greece	3.1	0.7	-2.5	17.6	0.6	-17.0	76.6	4.6	-71.9	187.5	6.2	-181.2
France	14.6	15.8	1.2	14.7	21.8	7.1	175.6	173.7	-1.9	214.7	207.7	-7.1
<b>EFTA Countries</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>-5.6</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>-22.2</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
Switzerland	2.7	1.1	-1.6	2.3	2.2	-0.1	27.7	22.9	-4.8	27.5	13.8	-13.8
<b>Other European Countries</b>	<b>54.5</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>-52.9</b>	<b>35.9</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>-35.1</b>	<b>384.2</b>	<b>34.0</b>	<b>-350.2</b>	<b>247.2</b>	<b>56.9</b>	<b>-190.3</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
Turkey	14.4	1.3	-13.1	18.8	0.5	-18.3	153.6	17.3	-136.3	122.1	26.1	-96.0
<b>Asia</b>	<b>110.9</b>	<b>48.2</b>	<b>-62.7</b>	<b>63.7</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>-18.7</b>	<b>764.0</b>	<b>381.0</b>	<b>-383.0</b>	<b>680.8</b>	<b>365.4</b>	<b>-315.4</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
China	17.8	3.0	-14.8	18.1	1.4	-16.7	160.4	29.0	-131.4	160.1	25.9	-134.2
India	9.6	1.9	-7.6	10.6	0.8	-9.9	100.1	8.0	-92.2	102.8	8.8	-94.0
Saudi Arabia	9.3	11.4	2.1	7.3	3.3	-4.0	36.2	22.9	-13.3	25.9	4.9	-21.0
Israel	29.3	0.4	-28.9	3.9	0.2	-3.7	102.6	2.1	-100.5	95.3	1.6	-93.7
Korea Republic	3.5	0.5	-3.0	3.6	0.8	-2.9	32.6	11.3	-21.3	30.2	10.5	-19.7
<b>North and Central America</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>-9.9</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>406.2</b>	<b>128.3</b>	<b>-277.8</b>	<b>139.6</b>	<b>131.6</b>	<b>-8.0</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
United States of America	22.6	10.0	-12.6	10.3	11.3	1.0	205.0	98.9	-106.0	88.2	107.1	18.9
Canada	0.4	2.3	1.9	0.4	3.3	2.9	195.4	18.7	-176.6	49.6	15.2	-34.4
<b>Africa</b>	<b>47.0</b>	<b>43.6</b>	<b>-3.4</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>222.7</b>	<b>379.2</b>	<b>156.5</b>	<b>155.8</b>	<b>343.7</b>	<b>187.9</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
Egypt	40.7	1.6	-39.1	5.0	0.9	-4.1	130.9	132.5	1.6	52.9	55.2	2.3
<b>Australia and Oceania</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>-15.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>-6.5</b>
<b>South America</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>32.9</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>-29.1</b>	<b>48.9</b>	<b>31.2</b>	<b>-17.7</b>
<b>Caribbean and Bahamas Islands</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>-8.3</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>260.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>-258.1</b>	<b>132.3</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>-129.6</b>
<b>Ships and Aircraft Stores</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>47.6</b>	<b>47.6</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>486.3</b>	<b>482.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>200.8</b>	<b>200.7</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>495.7</b>	<b>261.3</b>	<b>-234.4</b>	<b>387.8</b>	<b>215.8</b>	<b>-171.9</b>	<b>4,508.2</b>	<b>2,497.4</b>	<b>-2,010.8</b>	<b>4,559.2</b>	<b>2,286.6</b>	<b>-2,272.6</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://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

€ 000

Chapter number	Commodity description	September		January-September	
		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	4,604	4,802	42,363	46,257
03	Fish and crustaceans, etc.	14,018	15,816	84,348	95,371
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs	4,728	4,042	37,803	40,820
16	Preparations of meat/fish	4,486	4,083	38,817	40,747
19	Preparations of cereals	5,656	4,794	46,695	47,059
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	2,935	2,561	30,405	31,800
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	4,881	6,192	51,207	57,771
23	Food residues and waste	2,660	2,508	25,694	23,093
25	Salt/sulphur/earths/plastering materials and cement	2,116	2,173	19,525	21,911
27	Mineral fuels, oils and products	226,852	122,599	1,348,468	1,388,821
29	Organic chemicals	8,670	11,256	78,125	68,487
30	Pharmaceutical products	16,167	15,244	132,364	179,667
32	Tanning/dyeing extracts and paints	3,193	4,773	27,390	35,977
33	Essential oils and toilet preparations	3,032	3,248	26,827	28,825
39	Plastics and articles of plastics	11,888	11,376	121,590	124,834
40	Rubber and articles of rubber	3,224	2,385	16,204	14,590
48	Paper and paperboard articles	5,246	9,171	50,212	68,289
49	Printed books, newspapers	1,605	2,778	13,130	14,454
61	Knitted clothing	5,315	4,476	41,181	42,722
62	Woven clothing	5,122	3,922	39,335	38,047
64	Footwear, gaiters etc.and parts	5,180	2,814	45,929	36,366
72	Iron and steel	1,438	2,798	18,194	26,451
73	Articles of iron or steel	3,470	3,756	57,240	55,354
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances	21,274	30,308	248,393	323,522
85	Electrical machinery etc.	40,688	34,391	368,546	350,936
87	Vehicles (excluding trains) and parts thereof	11,125	12,609	137,473	124,198
88	Aircraft/spacecraft and parts thereof	7,737	8,403	319,255	366,281
89	Ships, boats and floating structures	14,913	8,308	532,660	352,015
90	Optical/photographic/cinematographic instruments	8,742	7,121	52,602	68,630
94	Furniture; bedding, etc.	3,910	3,972	47,431	48,714
<b>Main exports</b>					
19	Preparations of cereals	429	1,873	13,805	11,478
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	2,730	4,450	47,746	36,981
24	Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	9	2,143	7,142	8,335
27	Mineral fuels, oils and products	93,032	47,584	976,887	691,776
30	Pharmaceutical products	21,437	24,760	205,343	220,527
38	Miscellaneous chemical products	442	848	4,695	4,000
39	Plastics and articles of plastics	5,435	5,564	52,738	49,420
40	Rubber and articles of rubber	5,827	6,060	44,758	49,658
48	Paper and paperboard articles	70	1,405	1,670	6,757
49	Printed books, newspapers	8,289	9,021	47,674	88,719
60	Knitted/crocheted fabrics	2,311	2,385	18,873	18,785
61	Knitted clothing	371	1,156	9,679	10,012
64	Footwear, gaiters etc.and parts	434	1,855	21,333	13,329
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances	11,791	11,684	99,297	113,276
85	Electrical machinery etc.	58,923	58,876	524,965	499,238
88	Aircraft/spacecraft and parts thereof	4,793	4,527	75,766	81,395
90	Optical/photographic/cinematographic instruments	8,716	8,003	61,431	64,948
95	Toys, games and sports requisites	10,107	11,043	101,199	111,552
99	Special classifications	3,356	3,475	23,982	24,067

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Notes:

1. Table 4 is based on the World Customs Organisations Harmonised System (HS) codes. Figures for chapter 27 include 'Industrial supplies, primary' and 'Industrial supplies, processed'.

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 the "Statistical Concepts" link below.
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. 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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10. References to this news release are to be cited appropriately.
11. 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)