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Provisional figures for registered trade in goods in Malta recorded a deficit of €334.1 million during May 2023, compared to a deficit of €468.5 million in the corresponding month of 2022.



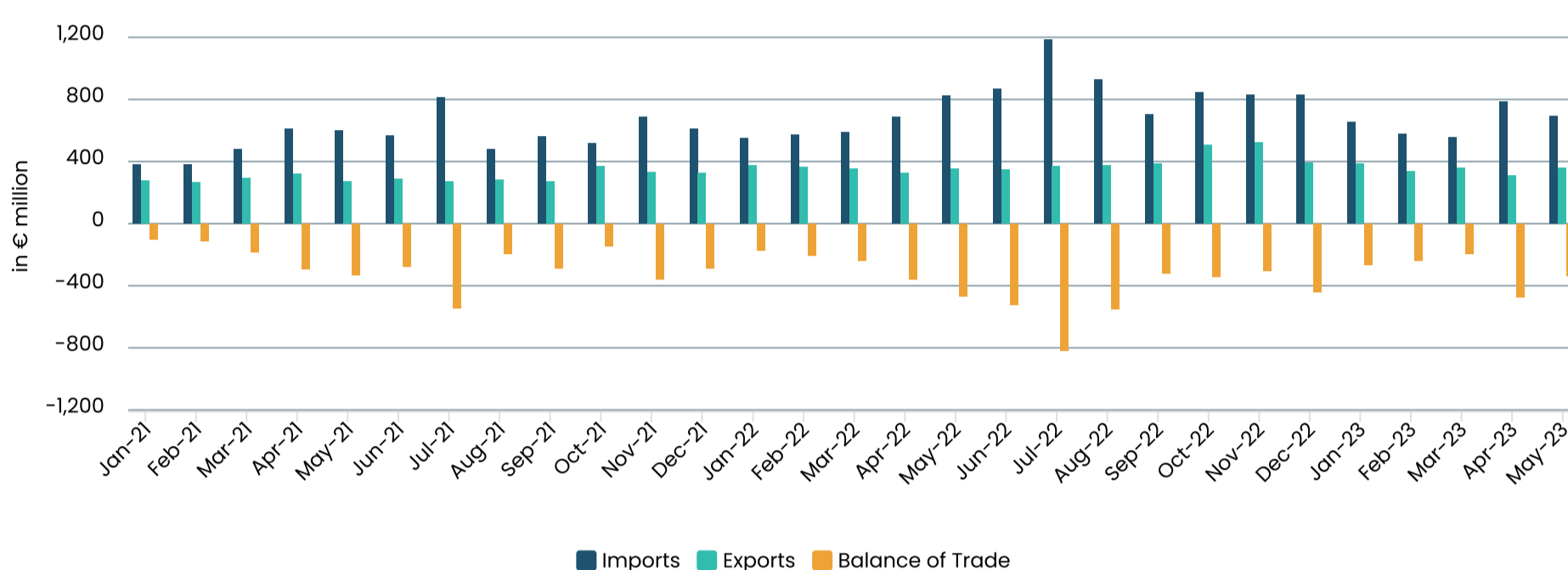
### Total Trade in Goods: May 2023

Data in this news release presents all international trade in goods registered up to the indicated cut-off date. Provisional data recorded a total trade in goods deficit of €334.1 million during May, compared to a deficit of €468.5 million in the corresponding month of 2022. Imports amounted to €693.9 million, while exports totalled €359.7 million. This represents a decline of €127.8 million in imports and an increase of €6.4 million in exports over the same month of the previous year (Table 1). The main decrease in imports was primarily due to Machinery and transport equipment (€103.8 million), while on the exports side, the main increases were registered in Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (€9.8 million), Miscellaneous manufactured articles (€9.4 million), and Machinery and transport equipment (€3.6 million), partly offset by a decrease in Chemicals (€16.5 million) (Table 3).

### Total Trade in Goods: January-May 2023

During the first five months of the year, the total trade in goods deficit widened by €61.3 million when compared to the corresponding period of 2022, reaching €1,509.7 million. Imports increased by €40.8 million, while exports declined by €20.5 million, amounting to €3,261.7 million and €1,752.0 million, respectively (Table 1). Higher imports were mainly recorded in Miscellaneous manufactured articles (€31.2 million), Food (€26.1 million), and Semi-manufactured goods (€16.5 million), partly offset by a decrease in Chemicals (€37.3 million). On the exports side, the main decreases were registered in Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (€54.6 million), and Chemicals (€42.8 million), partly offset by increases in Machinery and transport equipment (€57.2 million), and Miscellaneous manufactured articles (€24.1 million) (Table 3).

### Chart 1. International Trade in Goods: Monthly



Goods were imported mainly from the European Union (49.5 per cent) and Asia (21.3 per cent). Similarly, exports were mostly directed to the European Union (36.7 per cent) and Asia (15.2 per cent). The main increase in imports was recorded from the United Kingdom (€136.7 million), whereas the largest drop was registered from Canada (€111.6 million). Exports to Germany saw the highest increase (€190.3 million), while those to France experienced the largest decrease (€118.0 million) (Table 4).

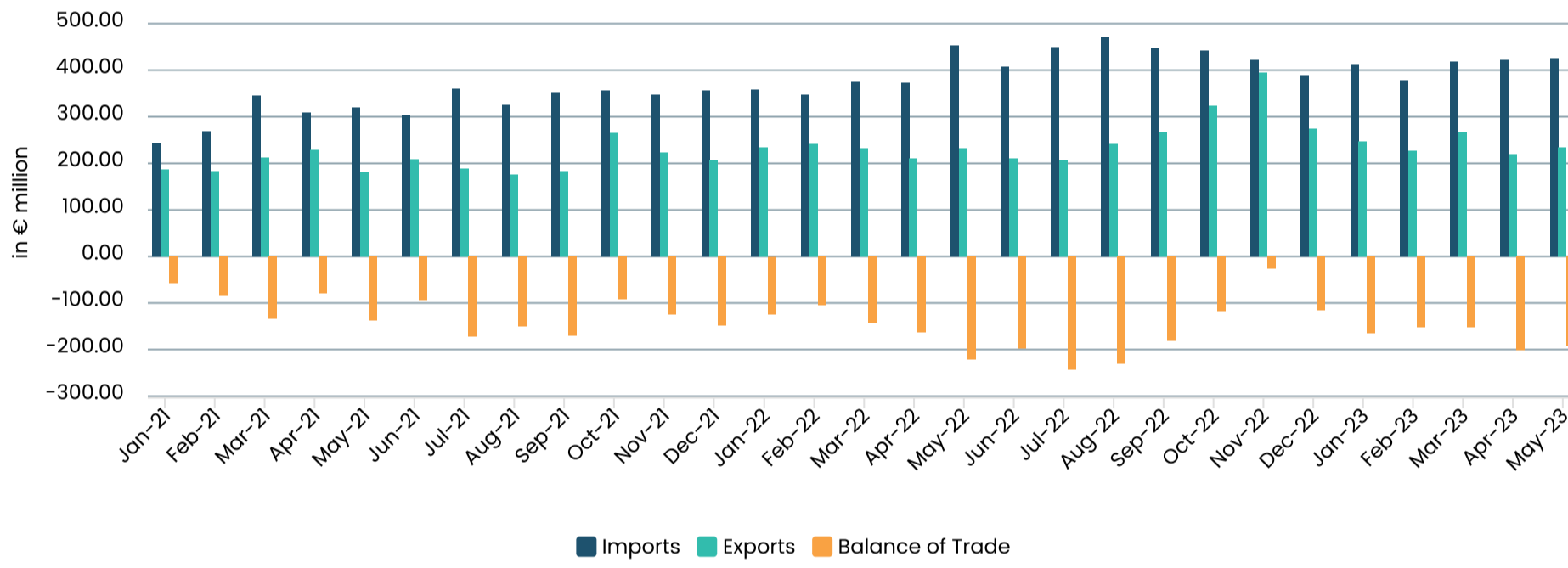
### Trade in Goods excluding specific chapters<sup>1</sup>: May 2023

In May, the deficit of trade in goods excluding specific chapters amounted to €191.9 million, compared to a deficit of €221.3 million recorded in the same month of 2022. At €426.6 million, imports decreased by 6.0 per cent, while exports dropped by 0.8 per cent reaching €234.6 million, when compared to the corresponding month of the previous year (Table 1).

### Trade in Goods excluding specific chapters<sup>1</sup>: January-May 2023

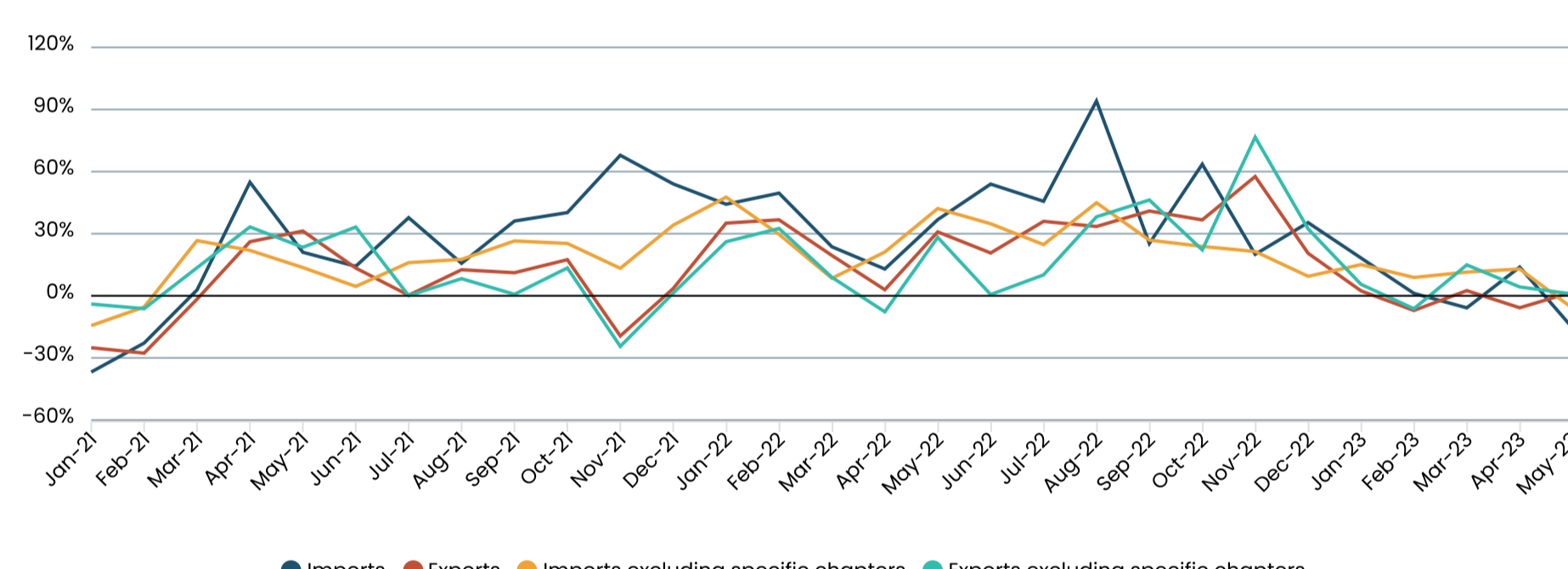
During the first five months of 2023, the deficit of trade in goods excluding specific chapters widened by €105.3 million when compared to the same period of 2022, reaching €861.7 million. Imports and exports increased by 7.8 per cent and 3.8 per cent, respectively, and amounted to €2,058.7 million and €1,197.0 million (Table 1).

### Chart 2. Trade in Goods excluding specific chapters<sup>1</sup> - Monthly



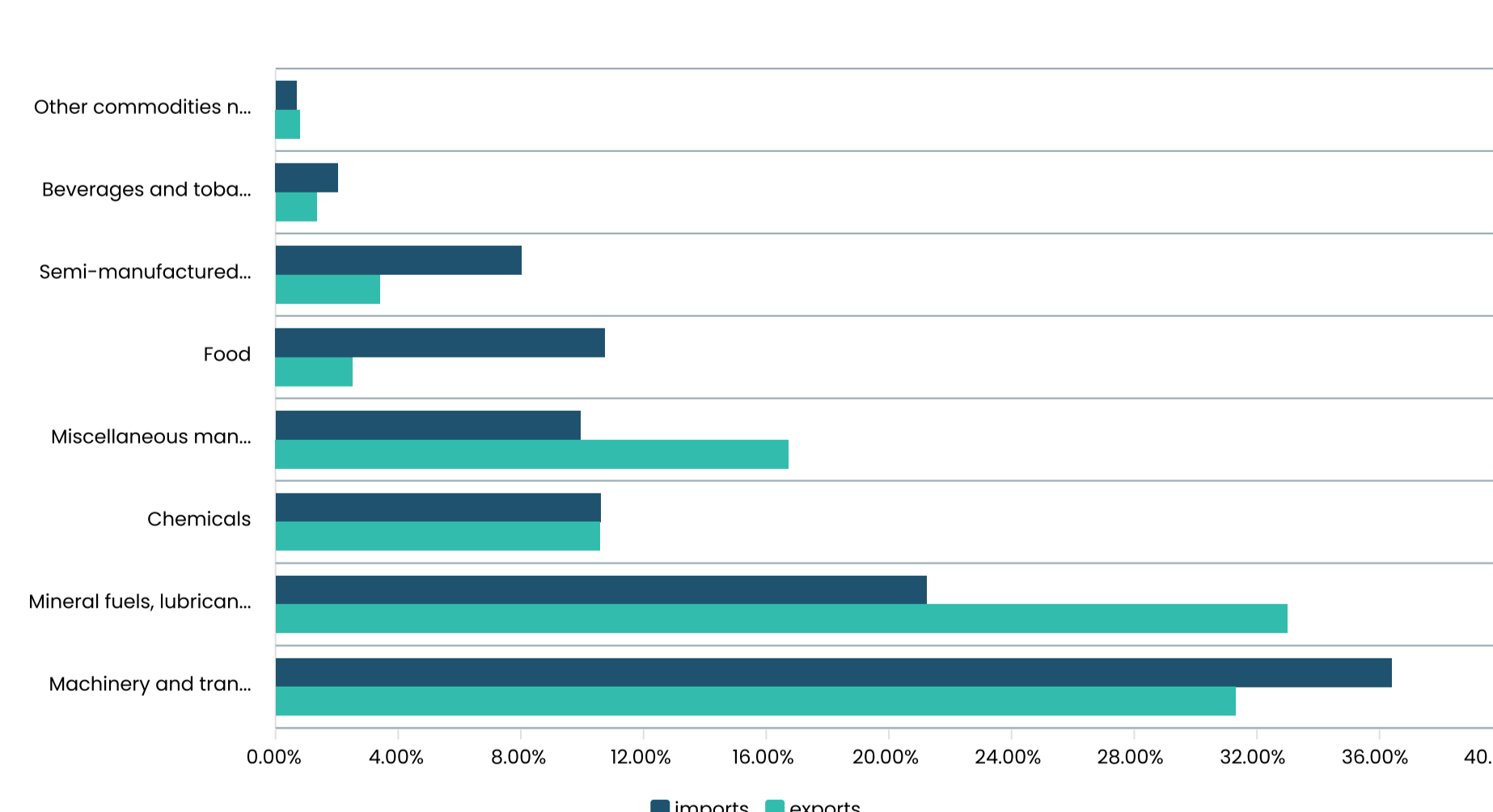
### Chart 3. Percentage change of Trade in Goods

Over the corresponding month of the previous year



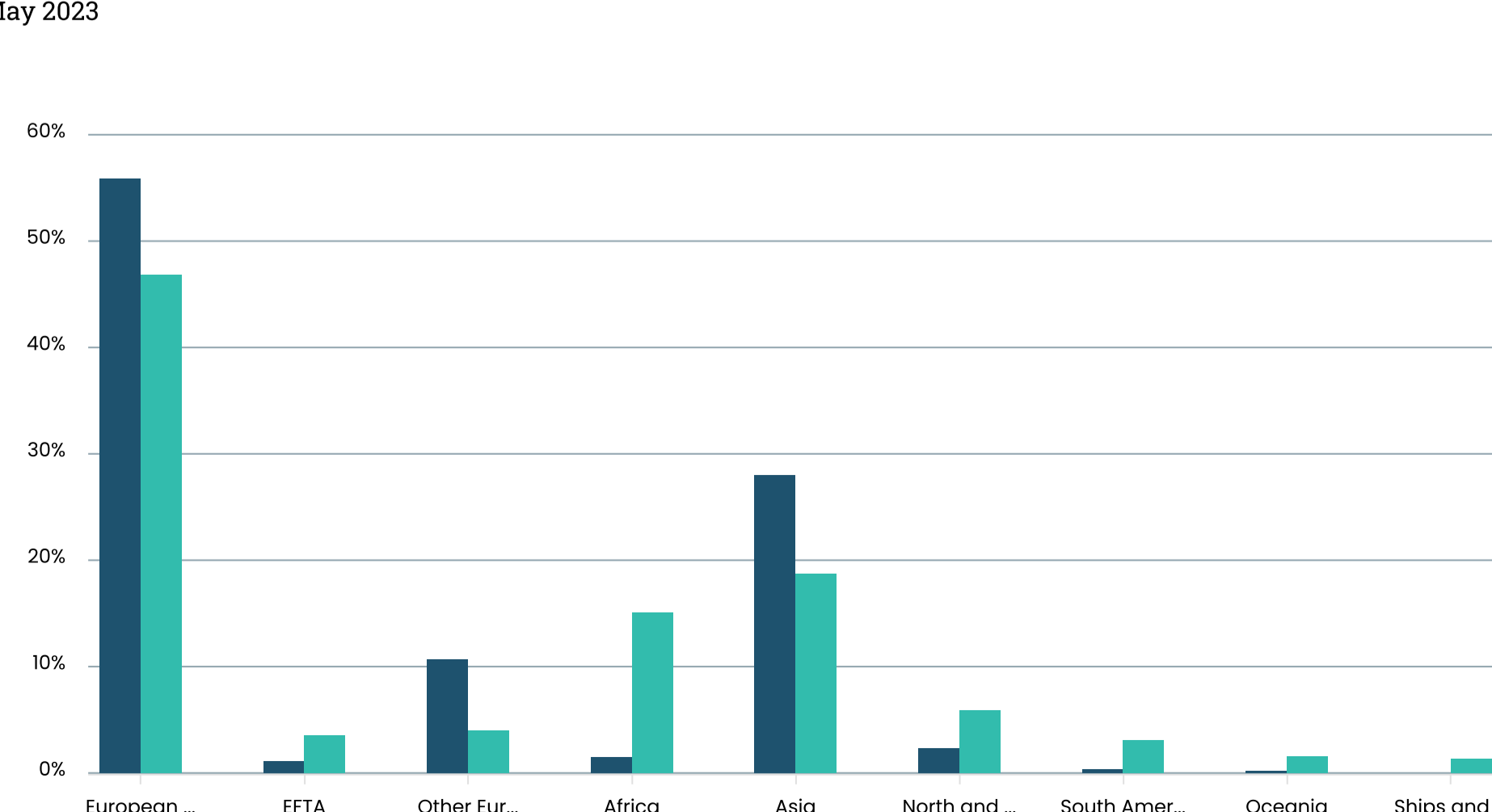
### Chart 4. Percentage distribution of total Trade in Goods by major commodity group

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### Chart 5. Percentage distribution of Trade in Goods excluding specific chapters<sup>1</sup> by continent/region

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<sup>1</sup> Data excluding Mineral oils, fuels and products (Chapter 27), Aircrafts/spacecrafts and parts thereof (Chapter 88) and Ships, boats and floating structures (Chapter 89). See methodological note 8. Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 1. Trade in Goods by period and trade flow

€ million

Trade flow	2021 <sup>P</sup>	2022 <sup>P</sup>	percentage change <sup>1</sup>	May			January-May		
				2022 <sup>P</sup>	2023 <sup>P</sup>	percentage change <sup>1</sup>	2022 <sup>P</sup>	2023 <sup>P</sup>	percentage change <sup>1</sup>
<b>Imports</b>	<b>6,685.4</b>	<b>9,406.8</b>	<b>40.7</b>	<b>821.7</b>	<b>693.9</b>	<b>-15.6</b>	<b>3,220.9</b>	<b>3,261.7</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Imports excluding specific chapters <sup>2</sup>	3,889.2	4,942.8	27.1	454.0	426.6	-6.0	1,910.0	2,058.7	7.8
<b>Exports</b>	<b>3,566.5</b>	<b>4,668.3</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>353.3</b>	<b>359.7</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1,772.5</b>	<b>1,752.0</b>	<b>-1.2</b>
Exports excluding specific chapters <sup>2</sup>	2,444.6	3,074.4	25.8	232.7	234.6	0.8	1,153.6	1,197.0	3.8
<b>Balance of Trade</b>	<b>-3,118.9</b>	<b>-4,738.5</b>	<b>-51.9</b>	<b>-468.5</b>	<b>-334.1</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>-1,448.4</b>	<b>-1,509.7</b>	<b>-4.2</b>
Balance of Trade excluding specific chapters <sup>2</sup>	-1,444.6	-1,868.4	-29.3	-221.3	-191.9	13.3	-756.4	-861.7	-13.9

<sup>P</sup> Provisional<sup>1</sup> For calculation of Balance of Trade percentage change refer to methodological note 12.<sup>2</sup> Data excluding chapters 27, 88 and 89. Refer to methodological note 8.

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

**Table 2. Total Trade in Goods by period and Broad Economic Category (BEC)**

€ million

Broad Economic Category (BEC)	2021 <sup>P</sup>	2022 <sup>P</sup>	May		January-May	
			2022 <sup>P</sup>	2023 <sup>P</sup>	2022 <sup>P</sup>	2023 <sup>P</sup>
<b>Imports</b>	<b>6,685.4</b>	<b>9,406.8</b>	<b>821.7</b>	<b>693.9</b>	<b>3,220.9</b>	<b>3,261.7</b>
<b>Industrial supplies</b>	<b>1,640.5</b>	<b>2,213.4</b>	<b>206.2</b>	<b>177.8</b>	<b>831.5</b>	<b>867.1</b>
Primary	112.3	192.8	22.5	19.5	46.8	44.3
Semi-finished	1,415.6	1,881.2	171.1	147.4	726.7	760.7
Finished	112.6	139.4	12.6	11.0	58.0	62.1
<b>Capital goods and others</b>	<b>1,969.9</b>	<b>2,668.7</b>	<b>284.1</b>	<b>186.3</b>	<b>860.5</b>	<b>799.5</b>
<b>Consumer goods</b>	<b>1,645.5</b>	<b>1,952.7</b>	<b>171.7</b>	<b>181.9</b>	<b>773.9</b>	<b>830.7</b>
Food and beverages	563.9	697.6	61.0	66.2	264.3	289.5
Durable goods	585.9	708.9	63.9	62.5	275.2	302.3
Others	495.7	546.2	46.8	53.2	234.3	238.9
<b>Fuels and lubricants</b>	<b>1,429.5</b>	<b>2,572.0</b>	<b>159.8</b>	<b>147.8</b>	<b>755.0</b>	<b>764.4</b>
<b>Exports</b>	<b>3,566.5</b>	<b>4,668.3</b>	<b>353.3</b>	<b>359.7</b>	<b>1,772.5</b>	<b>1,752.0</b>
<b>Industrial supplies</b>	<b>1,211.0</b>	<b>1,646.4</b>	<b>131.2</b>	<b>141.8</b>	<b>658.9</b>	<b>678.8</b>
Primary	26.8	30.7	3.5	2.7	12.0	13.8
Semi-finished	1,099.0	1,534.0	118.1	128.9	608.9	625.9
Finished	85.2	81.7	9.5	10.2	38.0	39.1
<b>Capital goods and others</b>	<b>316.2</b>	<b>340.0</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>141.7</b>	<b>134.5</b>
<b>Consumer goods</b>	<b>1,024.1</b>	<b>1,158.3</b>	<b>84.5</b>	<b>75.5</b>	<b>387.8</b>	<b>409.2</b>
Food and beverages	267.4	404.7	11.5	10.5	69.3	77.0
Durable goods	225.4	236.6	20.3	22.0	86.2	99.4
Others	531.3	517.0	52.7	43.0	232.4	232.8
<b>Fuels and lubricants</b>	<b>1,015.3</b>	<b>1,523.8</b>	<b>109.3</b>	<b>119.1</b>	<b>584.1</b>	<b>529.5</b>
<b>Balance of Trade</b>	<b>-3,118.9</b>	<b>-4,738.5</b>	<b>-468.5</b>	<b>-334.1</b>	<b>-1,448.4</b>	<b>-1,509.7</b>

<sup>P</sup> Provisional

Notes:

1 Table 2 is based on the United Nations' Statistical Division Broad Economic Categories (BEC) codes. Figures for 'Fuels and Lubricants' refer to 'Fuels and Lubricants, primary' (BEC 0031) and 'Fuels and Lubricants, processed' (BEC 0032). Refer to methodological note 13.

2 Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 2a. Total Trade in Goods by quarter and Broad Economic Category (BEC)

€ million

Broad Economic Category (BEC)	2022				2023
	Q1 <sup>P</sup>	Q2 <sup>P</sup>	Q3 <sup>P</sup>	Q4 <sup>P</sup>	Q1 <sup>P</sup>
<b>Imports</b>	<b>1,710.7</b>	<b>2,378.6</b>	<b>2,816.5</b>	<b>2,501.1</b>	<b>1,783.8</b>
<b>Industrial supplies</b>	<b>459.0</b>	<b>557.8</b>	<b>667.7</b>	<b>529.0</b>	<b>493.9</b>
Primary	14.1	67.1	91.0	20.6	19.1
Semi-finished	410.0	456.8	542.5	471.9	441.2
Finished	34.9	33.9	34.2	36.5	33.6
<b>Capital goods and others</b>	<b>339.9</b>	<b>713.5</b>	<b>806.6</b>	<b>808.7</b>	<b>332.5</b>
<b>Consumer goods</b>	<b>453.4</b>	<b>482.3</b>	<b>509.5</b>	<b>507.5</b>	<b>490.5</b>
Food and beverages	148.4	177.3	189.5	182.4	168.7
Durable goods	157.5	175.2	182.1	194.1	180.7
Others	147.5	129.8	137.9	131.0	141.1
<b>Fuels and lubricants</b>	<b>458.4</b>	<b>625.1</b>	<b>832.7</b>	<b>655.9</b>	<b>466.9</b>
<b>Exports</b>	<b>1,091.7</b>	<b>1,029.2</b>	<b>1,130.6</b>	<b>1,416.9</b>	<b>1,083.7</b>
<b>Industrial supplies</b>	<b>404.3</b>	<b>374.3</b>	<b>432.4</b>	<b>435.3</b>	<b>402.0</b>
Primary	6.4	8.1	8.3	7.9	8.3
Semi-finished	376.0	344.9	405.3	407.8	372.3
Finished	21.9	21.3	18.9	19.5	21.4
<b>Capital goods and others</b>	<b>84.1</b>	<b>80.7</b>	<b>77.0</b>	<b>98.1</b>	<b>87.8</b>
<b>Consumer goods</b>	<b>239.9</b>	<b>216.7</b>	<b>219.2</b>	<b>482.4</b>	<b>267.4</b>
Food and beverages	50.7	26.7	35.8	291.5	58.7
Durable goods	49.3	57.9	65.6	63.8	62.3
Others	139.9	132.2	117.8	127.1	146.4
<b>Fuels and lubricants</b>	<b>363.3</b>	<b>357.5</b>	<b>401.9</b>	<b>401.0</b>	<b>326.5</b>
<b>Balance of Trade</b>	<b>-618.9</b>	<b>-1,349.4</b>	<b>-1,685.9</b>	<b>-1,084.2</b>	<b>-700.1</b>

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2 Data in Table 2a includes all Trade Chapters.

3 Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 3. Total Trade in Goods by period and major commodity group

€ million

Major commodity group <sup>1</sup>	2021 <sup>P</sup>	2022 <sup>P</sup>	May		January-May	
			2022 <sup>P</sup>	2023 <sup>P</sup>	2022 <sup>P</sup>	2023 <sup>P</sup>
<b>Imports</b>	<b>6,685.4</b>	<b>9,406.8</b>	<b>821.7</b>	<b>693.9</b>	<b>3,220.9</b>	<b>3,261.7</b>
Food	606.2	799.4	72.9	74.8	270.3	296.4
Beverages and tobacco	110.0	134.6	14.1	14.1	49.3	56.0
Crude materials	37.5	43.7	3.7	3.3	19.8	14.9
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1,432.1	2,573.0	160.0	147.9	755.4	766.4
Animal and vegetable oils and fats	11.1	16.8	2.0	1.1	7.2	5.5
Chemicals	772.8	918.1	83.5	73.9	380.7	343.4
Semi-manufactured goods	510.0	646.4	63.6	55.7	275.3	291.8
Machinery and transport equipment	2,569.9	3,524.3	357.2	253.4	1,175.8	1,168.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	632.1	746.0	64.3	69.3	285.4	316.6
Miscellaneous transactions and commodities	3.6	4.5	0.4	0.4	1.7	1.8
<b>Exports</b>	<b>3,566.5</b>	<b>4,668.3</b>	<b>353.3</b>	<b>359.7</b>	<b>1,772.5</b>	<b>1,752.0</b>
Food	256.9	386.7	9.3	9.1	61.7	68.1
Beverages and tobacco	31.5	35.5	4.4	4.8	12.7	20.2
Crude materials	26.9	30.8	3.5	2.7	12.0	13.9
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1,015.3	1,523.8	109.3	119.1	584.1	529.5
Animal and vegetable oils and fats	0.1	3.2	0.1	0.0	3.1	0.1
Chemicals	612.3	572.2	54.7	38.2	251.7	208.9
Semi-manufactured goods	126.6	168.6	11.5	12.3	80.1	62.3
Machinery and transport equipment	855.1	1,248.5	109.4	113.0	490.6	547.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	639.9	695.5	51.0	60.4	275.6	299.7
Miscellaneous transactions and commodities	1.9	3.7	0.1	0.1	0.9	1.6
<b>Balance of Trade</b>	<b>-3,118.9</b>	<b>-4,738.5</b>	<b>-468.5</b>	<b>-334.1</b>	<b>-1,448.4</b>	<b>-1,509.7</b>
Food	-349.3	-412.7	-63.6	-65.8	-208.6	-228.3
Beverages and tobacco	-78.5	-99.0	-9.6	-9.3	-36.6	-35.8
Crude materials	-10.7	-12.9	-0.2	-0.5	-7.8	-1.0
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	-416.9	-1,049.2	-50.7	-28.8	-171.3	-237.0
Animal and vegetable oils and fats	-11.1	-13.6	-2.0	-1.1	-4.0	-5.4
Chemicals	-160.5	-345.9	-28.9	-35.7	-129.0	-134.5
Semi-manufactured goods	-383.4	-477.9	-52.0	-43.4	-195.3	-229.5
Machinery and transport equipment	-1,714.7	-2,275.8	-247.9	-140.4	-685.1	-621.1
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	7.8	-50.5	-13.3	-8.9	-9.8	-16.9
Miscellaneous transactions and commodities	-1.6	-0.9	-0.3	-0.3	-0.8	-0.2

<sup>P</sup> Provisional<sup>1</sup> The commodity grouping is in accordance with the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) Rev. 4. Refer to methodological note 13.

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 4. Direction of total Trade in Goods by period and continent/region/country

€ million

Continent/Region/Country	May						January-May					
	2022 <sup>P</sup>			2023 <sup>P</sup>			2022 <sup>P</sup>			2023 <sup>P</sup>		
	Imports	Exports	Balance of Trade	Imports	Exports	Balance of Trade	Imports	Exports	Balance of Trade	Imports	Exports	Balance of Trade
<b>Europe</b>	<b>489.7</b>	<b>160.3</b>	<b>-329.4</b>	<b>527.8</b>	<b>147.3</b>	<b>-380.5</b>	<b>2,117.6</b>	<b>748.4</b>	<b>-1,369.3</b>	<b>2,113.1</b>	<b>751.2</b>	<b>-1,361.8</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
<b>European Union</b>	<b>433.2</b>	<b>128.2</b>	<b>-304.9</b>	<b>352.7</b>	<b>123.4</b>	<b>-229.3</b>	<b>1,802.7</b>	<b>611.3</b>	<b>-1,191.3</b>	<b>1,615.6</b>	<b>641.9</b>	<b>-973.7</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
Euro area <sup>1</sup>	416.4	94.4	-322.1	336.6	103.1	-233.6	1,718.7	492.4	-1,226.3	1,528.9	533.2	-995.7
<i>of which:</i>												
Italy	191.1	16.7	-174.4	120.2	12.2	-108.0	682.7	77.0	-605.7	592.1	68.4	-523.7
France	32.1	32.1	0.0	56.7	4.6	-52.0	137.9	144.0	6.1	265.3	26.0	-239.3
Ireland	5.8	0.3	-5.5	41.1	0.2	-40.9	137.4	2.6	-134.8	56.6	1.5	-55.2
Germany	49.2	31.9	-17.3	30.2	70.7	40.5	183.6	156.5	-27.0	163.4	346.8	183.4
Spain	38.1	2.8	-35.2	23.8	4.1	-19.6	164.3	19.7	-144.6	183.2	23.8	-159.5
Netherlands	28.4	3.8	-24.6	21.1	3.5	-17.6	112.9	18.3	-94.6	109.8	19.4	-90.4
<b>EFTA Countries</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>-2.1</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>-7.9</b>	<b>33.8</b>	<b>30.1</b>	<b>-3.7</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
Switzerland	2.9	2.3	-0.6	10.0	2.6	-7.4	18.9	10.1	-8.8	31.5	13.6	-17.9
<b>Other European Countries</b>	<b>52.6</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>-23.4</b>	<b>164.7</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>-149.2</b>	<b>293.8</b>	<b>123.8</b>	<b>-170.0</b>	<b>463.7</b>	<b>79.2</b>	<b>-384.5</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
United Kingdom	31.6	25.2	-6.4	89.4	7.7	-81.8	151.4	97.3	-54.1	288.1	43.7	-244.4
Azerbaijan	0.0	-	0.0	54.7	-	-54.7	3.9	-	-3.9	66.8	0.0	-66.8
<b>Africa</b>	<b>33.9</b>	<b>27.9</b>	<b>-6.0</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>35.8</b>	<b>29.6</b>	<b>64.2</b>	<b>170.4</b>	<b>106.2</b>	<b>125.1</b>	<b>138.7</b>	<b>13.7</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
Tunisia	1.1	3.3	2.2	2.7	4.6	1.9	19.4	15.9	-3.5	31.9	14.3	-17.6
<b>Asia</b>	<b>140.5</b>	<b>47.3</b>	<b>-93.2</b>	<b>122.3</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>-77.2</b>	<b>595.1</b>	<b>254.3</b>	<b>-340.7</b>	<b>695.2</b>	<b>266.2</b>	<b>-429.0</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
China	34.1	5.6	-28.5	36.5	2.6	-33.9	155.0	24.6	-130.4	159.9	12.1	-147.9
India	14.1	4.3	-9.9	23.3	4.4	-18.9	76.5	12.0	-64.5	95.1	17.7	-77.4
Taiwan	8.7	0.6	-8.1	12.5	0.7	-11.8	29.4	2.6	-26.9	47.9	3.6	-44.3
South Korea	10.4	1.9	-8.4	11.9	1.4	-10.5	37.2	13.9	-23.3	82.7	22.4	-60.3
Japan	7.2	2.3	-4.9	11.9	2.4	-9.6	28.6	36.7	8.1	51.1	36.5	-14.6
<b>North and Central America</b>	<b>154.0</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>-140.8</b>	<b>35.5</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>-21.2</b>	<b>405.5</b>	<b>70.6</b>	<b>-334.9</b>	<b>317.7</b>	<b>64.7</b>	<b>-253.0</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
United States Of America	16.3	10.5	-5.8	33.2	11.1	-22.1	72.4	55.8	-16.6	155.0	47.3	-107.7
Canada	56.9	0.9	-56.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	165.3	5.8	-159.5	53.7	9.7	-44.0
<b>South America</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>32.7</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>-21.7</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>12.0</b>
<b>Oceania</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>9.3</b>
<b>Ships and Aircraft Stores</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>99.4</b>	<b>99.4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>106.5</b>	<b>106.5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>512.4</b>	<b>512.4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>499.1</b>	<b>499.1</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>821.7</b>	<b>353.3</b>	<b>-468.5</b>	<b>693.9</b>	<b>359.7</b>	<b>-334.1</b>	<b>3,220.9</b>	<b>1,772.5</b>	<b>-1,448.4</b>	<b>3,261.7</b>	<b>1,752.0</b>	<b>-1,509.7</b>

<sup>P</sup> Provisional<sup>1</sup> As of 1 January 2023, the euro area includes Croatia. For the exclusion/inclusion of Croatia in the euro area computation, refer to methodological note 7(i).

Notes:

1. The selection of countries is based on the highest values of imports in the month under review.
2. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 4a. Total imports by period and region/country

€ 000

Region/Country	May		January-May	
	2022 <sup>P</sup>	2023 <sup>P</sup>	2022 <sup>P</sup>	2023 <sup>P</sup>
<b>European Union</b>				
Austria	3,380	2,677	10,483	11,097
Belgium	11,273	8,252	50,414	40,756
Bulgaria	602	971	8,432	6,071
Croatia (Hrvatska)	3,016	18,124	10,885	23,447
Cyprus	823	1,063	6,290	4,258
Czech Republic (Czechia)	1,190	1,919	7,199	8,667
Denmark	1,809	3,578	10,211	15,259
Estonia (Eesti)	347	309	1,263	1,204
Finland (Suomi)	2,016	1,339	5,301	5,360
France	32,086	56,672	137,899	265,313
Germany	49,204	30,201	183,553	163,423
Greece	50,041	7,398	190,059	51,826
Hungary (Magyarország)	2,599	2,503	6,714	7,277
Ireland	5,764	41,142	137,403	56,646
Italy	191,068	120,192	682,728	592,069
Latvia (Latvija)	413	154	2,514	2,065
Lithuania (Lietuva)	300	390	1,464	1,464
Luxembourg	234	442	687	987
Netherlands	28,376	21,105	112,900	109,824
Northern Ireland <sup>1</sup>	105	97	779	700
Poland (Polska)	3,602	3,075	16,844	16,561
Portugal	1,508	1,415	23,305	7,099
Romania	804	1,277	5,795	16,293
Slovakia (Slovensko)	577	445	1,407	2,799
Slovenia (Slovenija)	947	1,528	6,779	6,018
Spain	38,079	23,765	164,286	183,230
Stores & Provisions - Intra Community Trade	-	-	-	-
Sweden	3,011	2,678	17,087	15,882
<b>Total European Union</b>	<b>433,176</b>	<b>352,711</b>	<b>#####</b>	<b>#####</b>
<b>Total Euro Area</b>	<b>416,437</b>	<b>336,613</b>	<b>#####</b>	<b>#####</b>
<b>European Free Trade Area (EFTA)</b>				
Iceland	858	8	936	33
Liechtenstein	-	4	6	9
Norway	133	414	1,284	2,250
Switzerland	2,893	9,983	18,865	31,470
<b>Total European Free Trade Area</b>	<b>3,884</b>	<b>10,409</b>	<b>21,090</b>	<b>33,762</b>
<b>Other European Countries</b>				
Albania (Shqipëria)	516	322	5,582	1,738
Andorra	0	0	1	6
Armenia (Hayastan)	7	0	18	8
Azerbaijan	0	54,657	3,874	66,836
Belarus	0	1	28	22
Bosnia - Herzegovina	9	2	104	300
Faroe Islands (Far Oer)	-	-	-	-
Georgia (Sakartvelo)	2	3	12	14,423
Gibraltar	4	33	12	39
Kosovo	-	-	54	117
Moldova	12	0	70	5
Montenegro (Crna Gora)	48	27	330	138
Republic of Northern Macedonia	169	96	361	324
Russian Federation	76	15	48,049	44
San Marino	189	202	586	659

Table 4a. Total imports by period and region/country

€ 000

Region/Country	May		January-May	
	2022 <sup>P</sup>	2023 <sup>P</sup>	2022 <sup>P</sup>	2023 <sup>P</sup>
Serbia	529	244	1,869	1,238
Turkey	19,385	19,233	79,256	88,194
Ukraine	123	390	2,250	1,466
United Kingdom	31,567	89,448	151,389	288,137
Vatican City	-	1	-	4
<b>Total Other European Countries</b>	<b>52,638</b>	<b>164,675</b>	<b>293,846</b>	<b>463,697</b>
<b>Africa</b>				
Algeria	9,028	53	9,386	43,084
Angola	0	-	0	-
Benin	-	-	0	0
Botswana	0	-	0	-
Bouvet Island	-	-	-	-
British Indian Ocean Territory	-	-	-	-
Burkina Faso	-	-	2	0
Burundi	-	-	-	0
Cameroon	79	1	363	201
Cape Verde	-	-	-	-
Central African Republic	-	-	-	-
Ceuta	-	-	-	-
Chad	-	-	-	-
Comoros	-	-	-	-
Congo	-	-	-	0
Congo Democratic Republic (Ex-Zaire)	-	-	-	-
Cote D'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	0	-	25	0
Djibouti	-	-	0	-
Egypt	2,100	1,990	9,506	12,593
Equatorial Guinea	-	-	-	-
Eritrea	-	-	-	-
Ethiopia	5	0	6	2
Eswatini (Swaziland)	3	2	4	8
Gabon	69	31	69	31
Gambia	0	-	0	0
Ghana	0	4	2	9
Guinea	-	-	-	1
Guinea-Bissau	-	-	-	-
Kenya	8	109	117	176
Lesotho	-	-	-	-
Liberia	-	-	0	-
Libya	20,893	17	20,904	32,020
Madagascar	2	2	4	6
Malawi	-	102	400	158
Mali	0	0	1	0
Mauritania	-	-	-	0
Mauritius	76	396	870	1,915
Melilla	-	-	-	-
Morocco	406	642	1,457	1,930
Mozambique	-	-	-	-
Namibia	-	-	0	-
Niger	0	-	0	0
Nigeria	1	2	546	10
Rwanda	-	-	-	0
Sao Tome & Principe	-	-	-	-
Senegal	0	4	53	111
Seychelles	0	0	95	110
Sierra Leone	-	-	-	-
Somalia	-	-	-	-
South Africa	157	182	629	701
South Sudan	-	-	-	-
St. Helena	-	-	-	-
Sudan	0	-	0	0
Tanzania	-	-	0	0



Table 4a. Total imports by period and region/country

€ 000

Region/Country	May		January-May	
	2022 <sup>P</sup>	2023 <sup>P</sup>	2022 <sup>P</sup>	2023 <sup>P</sup>
Togo	18	0	354	81
Tunisia	1,057	2,712	19,401	31,893
Uganda	-	0	1	11
Western Sahara	-	-	-	-
Zambia	-	-	-	0
Zimbabwe	-	-	-	0
<b>Total Africa</b>	<b>33,904</b>	<b>6,249</b>	<b>64,195</b>	<b>125,052</b>
<b>Asia</b>				
Afghanistan	-	-	3	-
Bahrain	120	1	197	156
Bangladesh	559	390	1,867	1,687
Bhutan	-	-	-	-
Brunei (Darussalam)	0	0	0	0
Cambodia	340	276	867	1,221
China	34,144	36,517	155,012	159,935
East Timor	-	-	-	-
Hong Kong	1,681	2,201	6,573	7,771
India	14,120	23,276	76,541	95,083
Indonesia	132	670	1,564	30,482
Iran (Islamic Republic)	-	-	13	14
Iraq	-	-	0	0
Israel	3,846	260	70,993	51,679
Japan	7,204	11,929	28,585	51,113
Jordan	1	4	216	121
Kazakhstan	27,783	2	31,679	31,010
Kuwait	2	3	5	8
Kyrgyz Republic	1	1	2	1
Laos	-	-	-	0
Lebanon	57	228	289	696
Macao	-	1	0	3
Malaysia	1,891	3,347	9,689	15,148
Maldives	1	0	1	3
Mongolia	-	-	-	1
Myanmar	22	38	83	113
Nepal	0	0	2	7
North Korea	-	-	-	-
Oman	355	1,732	1,505	1,978
Pakistan	510	455	2,009	1,772
Palestine	2	-	54	53
Philippines	4,013	2,889	16,186	14,998
Qatar	0	2	673	1,863
Saudi Arabia	14,284	536	53,469	14,698
Singapore	3,684	3,603	26,853	16,856
South Korea	10,357	11,944	37,232	82,674
Sri Lanka	139	177	1,295	711
Syria	0	0	18	0
Taiwan	8,721	12,528	29,434	47,891
Tajikistan	-	-	-	-
Thailand	2,451	2,976	8,740	11,370
Turkmenistan	-	514	15,994	28,157
United Arab Emirates	1,029	2,124	5,668	8,287
Uzbekistan	1	0	28	181
Vietnam	3,035	3,634	11,726	17,426
Yemen Arab Republic	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Asia</b>	<b>140,483</b>	<b>122,258</b>	<b>595,066</b>	<b>695,169</b>
<b>North and Central America</b>				
Anguilla	0	-	0	-
Antigua & Barbuda	-	0	0	0
Aruba	-	-	1	-
Bahamas	-	-	0	30,700
Barbados	0	-	1	-

Table 4a. Total imports by period and region/country

€ 000

Region/Country	May		January-May	
	2022 <sup>P</sup>	2023 <sup>P</sup>	2022 <sup>P</sup>	2023 <sup>P</sup>
Belize	-	-	-	-
Bermuda	0	-	0	0
Bonaire, St. Eustatius & Saba	-	-	-	-
Canada	56,916	982	165,324	53,697
Cayman Islands	4,900	-	89,625	-
Costa Rica	441	648	1,258	1,710
Cuba	25	14	330	29
Curacao	-	-	-	0
Dominica	-	-	-	0
Dominican Republic	4	34	156	335
El Salvador	-	0	1	0
Greenland	-	-	-	-
Grenada	-	-	-	-
Guatemala	4	0	15	17
Haiti	-	-	0	-
Honduras	0	8	2	34
Jamaica	12	-	13	3
Mexico	379	533	1,300	1,097
Montserrat	-	-	-	-
Nicaragua	20	-	29	-
Panama	0	-	1	6
Sint Maarten	-	-	-	-
St. Barthelemy	-	-	-	-
St. Kitts & Nevis	-	-	-	-
St. Lucia	-	-	-	-
St. Pierre & Miquelon	-	-	-	-
St. Vincent	-	-	-	-
Trinidad & Tobago	1	0	23	24,925
Turks & Caicos Islands	-	-	-	-
United States Of America	16,303	33,239	72,417	154,990
Virgin Islands (American)	-	-	-	-
Virgin Islands Tortola (British)	75,000	-	75,000	50,130
<b>Total North and Central America</b>	<b>154,006</b>	<b>35,459</b>	<b>405,496</b>	<b>317,674</b>
<b>South America</b>				
Argentina	947	20	1,286	234
Bolivia	-	-	-	0
Brazil	789	461	27,537	3,261
Chile	176	171	1,566	800
Colombia	5	8	17	118
Ecuador	514	719	1,912	2,843
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	-	-	-	-
Guyana	-	-	0	-
Paraguay	17	16	17	34
Peru	0	3	68	113
Surinam	-	-	-	-
Uruguay	59	40	261	264
Venezuela	0	0	0	1
<b>Total South America</b>	<b>2,506</b>	<b>1,439</b>	<b>32,664</b>	<b>7,668</b>
<b>Oceania</b>				
American Samoa	-	-	-	-
Antarctica	-	-	-	-
Australia	505	479	2,549	1,755
Christmas Island	-	-	-	-
Cocos Island	-	-	-	-
Cook Island	-	-	-	-
Fiji	-	-	-	0
French Southern Territories	-	-	-	-
Guam	-	-	-	-
Heard & Mcdonald Islands	-	-	-	-
Kiribati	-	-	-	-
Mariana Islands (Northern)	-	-	-	-
Marshall Island	-	-	2,150	-

Table 4a. Total imports by period and region/country

€ 000

Region/Country	May		January-May	
	2022 <sup>P</sup>	2023 <sup>P</sup>	2022 <sup>P</sup>	2023 <sup>P</sup>
Micronesia	-	-	-	-
Nauru	-	-	-	-
New Caledonia	-	-	-	-
New Zealand	616	184	1,051	1,284
Niue	-	-	-	-
Norfolk Island	-	-	-	-
Palau	-	-	-	-
Papua New Guinea	-	-	-	-
Pitcairn	-	-	-	-
Samoa	-	-	-	-
Solomon Islands	-	-	-	-
South Georgia & The South Sandwich	-	-	-	-
Tahiti French Polynesia	11	-	141	41
Tokelau	-	-	-	-
Tonga	-	-	0	-
Tuvalu	-	-	-	-
United States Minor Outlying Islands	-	-	-	-
Vanuatu	-	-	0	0
Wallis & Futuna	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Oceania</b>	<b>1,131</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>5,892</b>	<b>3,080</b>
<b>Ships and Aircrafts Stores</b>				
Countries and Territories Not Specified - Ext Trade	-	-	-	-
Countries not specified for Comm or Mil Reasons - E	-	-	-	-
High Seas	-	-	-	-
Stores and Provisions - Extra Community Trade	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Ships and Aircrafts Stores</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>821,727</b>	<b>693,864</b>	<b>#####</b>	<b>#####</b>

<sup>P</sup> Provisional<sup>1</sup> Northern Ireland is considered as an EU country for the purpose of Trade. See methodological note 7 (iii).

Notes:

1. Data in Table 4a includes all Trade Chapters.
2. Totals may not add up due to rounding.
3. Values in Table 4a are represented in thousands.

Table 4b. Total exports by period and region/country

€ 000

Region/Country	May		January-May	
	2022 <sup>P</sup>	2023 <sup>P</sup>	2022 <sup>P</sup>	2023 <sup>P</sup>
<b>European Union</b>				
Austria	1,971	1,914	11,594	14,370
Belgium	709	1,039	6,813	7,351
Bulgaria	403	285	2,101	2,256
Croatia (Hrvatska)	192	97	825	1,244
Cyprus	4	67	1,239	260
Czech Republic (Czechia)	2,422	2,049	6,029	7,706
Denmark	190	598	1,224	1,276
Estonia (Eesti)	1	58	293	379
Finland (Suomi)	421	453	2,928	2,524
France	32,053	4,645	144,000	26,001
Germany	31,916	70,696	156,503	346,799
Greece	869	944	34,966	4,708
Hungary (Magyarország)	8,512	1,440	27,328	19,994
Ireland	269	247	2,634	1,454
Italy	16,702	12,220	77,013	68,393
Latvia (Latvija)	104	30	606	182
Lithuania (Lietuva)	238	221	1,154	1,467
Luxembourg	122	62	269	214
Netherlands	3,761	3,542	18,272	19,398
Northern Ireland <sup>1</sup>	-	2	-	2
Poland (Polska)	4,012	2,256	25,850	17,770
Portugal	1,217	1,942	8,137	9,189
Romania	2,130	1,105	8,469	5,012
Slovakia (Slovensko)	508	210	2,795	4,282
Slovenia (Slovenija)	648	517	3,465	1,170
Spain	2,843	4,148	19,713	23,775
Stores & Provisions - Intra Community Trade	14,216	11,494	40,958	48,050
Sweden	1,796	1,170	6,168	6,706
<b>Total European Union</b>	<b>128,230</b>	<b>123,449</b>	<b>611,345</b>	<b>641,932</b>
<b>Total Euro Area</b>	<b>94,357</b>	<b>103,050</b>	<b>492,393</b>	<b>533,161</b>
<b>European Free Trade Area (EFTA)</b>				
Iceland	60	5,237	1,134	13,824
Liechtenstein	-	-	6	-
Norway	461	514	1,929	2,681
Switzerland	2,292	2,558	10,111	13,580
<b>Total European Free Trade Area (EFTA)</b>	<b>2,813</b>	<b>8,310</b>	<b>13,181</b>	<b>30,085</b>
<b>Other European Countries</b>				
Albania (Shqipëria)	0	120	5,639	491
Andorra	-	-	0	2
Armenia (Hayastan)	-	-	0	3
Azerbaijan	-	-	0	2
Belarus	-	-	-	-
Bosnia - Herzegovina	8	0	192	111
Faroe Islands (Far Oer)	-	-	-	-
Georgia (Sakartvelo)	251	21	527	171
Gibraltar	3	4,937	1,086	5,148
Kosovo	-	-	5	14
Moldova	-	-	5	40
Montenegro (Crna Gora)	-	-	5	39
Republic of Northern Macedonia	7	35	17	88
Russian Federation	1	51	119	197
San Marino	-	-	-	-
Serbia	29	26	902	582
Turkey	3,742	2,595	17,370	27,547
Ukraine	0	59	608	1,053
United Kingdom	25,175	7,671	97,338	43,727
Vatican City	-	-	19	0
<b>Total Other European Countries</b>	<b>29,216</b>	<b>15,514</b>	<b>123,833</b>	<b>79,216</b>
<b>Africa</b>				
Algeria	1,163	1,596	5,746	6,147
Angola	156	244	973	3,093
Benin	0	74	0	74

Table 4b. Total exports by period and region/country

€ 000

Region/Country	May		January-May	
	2022 <sup>P</sup>	2023 <sup>P</sup>	2022 <sup>P</sup>	2023 <sup>P</sup>
Botswana	-	-	1	128
Bouvet Island	-	-	-	-
British Indian Ocean Territory	-	-	-	-
Burkina Faso	0	20	8	20
Burundi	19	4,116	28	4,136
Cameroon	-	-	422	465
Cape Verde	194	419	711	1,261
Central African Republic	78	0	142	100
Ceuta	1	0	4	0
Chad	11	0	148	0
Comoros	-	-	-	-
Congo	-	-	507	243
Congo Democratic Republic (Ex-Zaire)	418	112	960	6,497
Cote D'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	210	0	3,042	8
Djibouti	200	0	572	226
Egypt	834	3,295	4,324	9,079
Equatorial Guinea	-	-	253	0
Eritrea	-	-	-	-
Ethiopia	-	-	-	-
Eswatini (Swaziland)	-	-	411	0
Gabon	-	-	0	19
Gambia	16	258	319	2,798
Ghana	1,374	3,306	15,450	17,269
Guinea	2	33	2	75
Guinea-Bissau	-	-	74	105
Kenya	300	321	2,655	1,275
Lesotho	-	-	400	541
Liberia	206	185	2,894	799
Libya	9,253	3,995	58,353	16,654
Madagascar	-	-	0	2,314
Malawi	-	-	279	0
Mali	104	0	368	84
Mauritania	-	-	45	66
Mauritius	133	189	347	405
Melilla	-	-	-	-
Morocco	2,225	1,328	6,595	5,730
Mozambique	-	-	31	0
Namibia	0	3	4	1,507
Niger	-	-	416	142
Nigeria	1,631	2,932	3,743	10,979
Rwanda	1,284	848	1,902	1,657
Sao Tome & Principe	-	-	39	43
Senegal	1,051	301	26,229	765
Seychelles	0	19	35	61
Sierra Leone	0	5,346	2,763	6,928
Somalia	442	0	895	0
South Africa	537	504	1,276	2,477
South Sudan	389	782	2,221	2,059
St. Helena	-	-	-	-
Sudan	502	0	5,932	6,918
Tanzania	1,628	1,027	2,741	2,499
Togo	227	0	227	1
Tunisia	3,277	4,564	15,920	14,320
Uganda	4	0	4	8,733
Western Sahara	-	-	-	-
Zambia	0	2	0	6
Zimbabwe	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Africa</b>	<b>27,867</b>	<b>35,821</b>	<b>170,411</b>	<b>138,705</b>
<b>Asia</b>				
Afghanistan	-	-	-	-
Bahrain	285	608	596	1,828
Bangladesh	44	14	1,256	145
Bhutan	-	-	-	-
Brunei (Darussalam)	2	12	2	59
Cambodia	13	0	13	0
China	5,608	2,590	24,609	12,079
East Timor	-	-	-	-

Table 4b. Total exports by period and region/country

€ 000

Region/Country	May		January-May	
	2022 <sup>P</sup>	2023 <sup>P</sup>	2022 <sup>P</sup>	2023 <sup>P</sup>
Hong Kong	11,664	12,125	57,230	60,980
India	4,268	4,420	12,013	17,732
Indonesia	0	7	38	12
Iran (Islamic Republic)	-	-	-	-
Iraq	101	0	697	549
Israel	1,674	465	4,086	1,840
Japan	2,323	2,366	36,651	36,477
Jordan	46	474	550	1,597
Kazakhstan	0	30	172	100
Kuwait	1	155	450	322
Kyrgyz Republic	-	-	0	757
Laos	-	-	-	-
Lebanon	122	1,423	322	12,978
Macao	-	-	39	0
Malaysia	386	97	6,545	5,640
Maldives	1	0	300	154
Mongolia	-	-	0	3,310
Myanmar	-	-	2	0
Nepal	-	-	-	-
North Korea	-	-	-	-
Oman	696	1	1,479	710
Pakistan	123	55	531	444
Palestine	-	-	6	0
Philippines	506	319	8,901	1,790
Qatar	211	10	4,554	1,592
Saudi Arabia	181	80	2,621	3,155
Singapore	13,714	11,879	63,394	56,960
South Korea	1,937	1,408	13,896	22,364
Sri Lanka	44	42	181	192
Syria	-	-	0	31
Taiwan	610	714	2,555	3,611
Tajikistan	-	-	-	-
Thailand	174	994	1,119	1,923
Turkmenistan	-	-	-	-
United Arab Emirates	2,267	4,715	8,769	14,806
Uzbekistan	-	-	0	113
Vietnam	130	16	571	1,369
Yemen Arab Republic	130	0	198	589
<b>Total Asia</b>	<b>47,258</b>	<b>45,018</b>	<b>254,347</b>	<b>266,208</b>
<b>North and Central America</b>				
Anguilla	-	-	-	-
Antigua & Barbuda	-	-	145	11
Aruba	-	-	59	0
Bahamas	524	0	524	27
Barbados	-	-	-	-
Belize	-	-	63	35
Bermuda	-	-	-	-
Bonaire, St. Eustatius & Saba	-	-	-	-
Canada	934	2,022	5,812	9,709
Cayman Islands	-	-	0	2
Costa Rica	0	0	1	56
Cuba	109	0	381	385
Curacao	-	-	-	-
Dominica	-	-	-	-
Dominican Republic	118	20	366	280
El Salvador	-	-	-	-
Greenland	-	-	-	-
Grenada	-	-	-	-
Guatemala	0	15	0	15
Haiti	-	-	-	-
Honduras	-	-	-	-
Jamaica	-	-	3	40
Mexico	1,031	1,104	7,392	6,765
Montserrat	-	-	-	-
Nicaragua	-	-	-	-
Panama	3	0	21	21
Sint Maarten	-	-	6	0

Table 4b. Total exports by period and region/country

€ 000

Region/Country	May		January-May	
	2022 <sup>P</sup>	2023 <sup>P</sup>	2022 <sup>P</sup>	2023 <sup>P</sup>
St. Barthelemy	-	-	-	-
St. Kitts & Nevis	-	-	-	-
St. Lucia	-	-	-	-
St. Pierre & Miquelon	-	-	-	-
St. Vincent	-	-	-	-
Trinidad & Tobago	-	-	-	-
Turks & Caicos Islands	-	-	2	0
United States Of America	10,515	11,120	55,796	47,318
Virgin Islands (American)	-	-	-	-
Virgin Islands Tortola (British)	-	-	-	-
<b>Total North and Central America</b>	<b>13,234</b>	<b>14,282</b>	<b>70,572</b>	<b>64,665</b>
<b>South America</b>				
Argentina	0	6,898	3	17,937
Bolivia	-	-	-	-
Brazil	204	369	1,322	1,232
Chile	2,177	32	9,340	393
Colombia	30	0	155	105
Ecuador	0	1	112	1
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	-	-	-	-
Guyana	-	-	-	-
Paraguay	-	-	-	-
Peru	22	0	22	0
Surinam	-	-	-	-
Uruguay	-	-	6	3
Venezuela	-	-	-	-
<b>Total South America</b>	<b>2,434</b>	<b>7,301</b>	<b>10,960</b>	<b>19,671</b>
<b>Oceania</b>				
American Samoa	-	-	-	-
Antarctica	-	-	-	-
Australia	1,391	3,553	3,742	11,689
Christmas Island	-	-	-	-
Cocos Island	-	-	-	-
Cook Island	-	-	-	-
Fiji	0	3	0	3
French Southern Territories	-	-	-	-
Guam	-	-	-	-
Heard & McDonald Islands	-	-	-	-
Kiribati	-	-	-	-
Mariana Islands (Northern)	-	-	-	-
Marshall Island	1,165	0	1,165	0
Micronesia	-	-	-	-
Nauru	-	-	-	-
New Caledonia	-	-	-	-
New Zealand	229	15	552	721
Niue	-	-	-	-
Norfolk Island	-	-	-	-
Palau	-	-	-	-
Papua New Guinea	-	-	-	-
Pitcairn	-	-	-	-
Samoa	-	-	-	-
Solomon Islands	-	-	-	-
South Georgia & The South Sandwich	-	-	-	-
Tahiti French Polynesia	-	-	2	0
Tokelau	-	-	-	-
Tonga	-	-	-	-
Tuvalu	-	-	-	-
United States Minor Outlying Islands	-	-	-	-
Vanuatu	-	-	-	-
Wallis & Futuna	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Oceania</b>	<b>2,785</b>	<b>3,572</b>	<b>5,461</b>	<b>12,413</b>
<b>Ships and Aircrafts Stores</b>				
Countries and Territories Not Specified - External Trade	-	-	-	-
Countries not specified for Commercial or Military Reasons	-	-	-	-
High Seas	-	-	-	-
Stores and Provisions - Extra Community Trade	99,414	106,482	512,437	499,130
<b>Total Ships and Aircrafts Stores</b>	<b>99,414</b>	<b>106,482</b>	<b>512,437</b>	<b>499,130</b>

**Table 4b. Total exports by period and region/country**

€ 000

Region/Country	May		January-May	
	2022 <sup>P</sup>	2023 <sup>P</sup>	2022 <sup>P</sup>	2023 <sup>P</sup>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>353,251</b>	<b>359,748</b>	<b>1,772,547</b>	<b>1,752,025</b>

<sup>P</sup> Provisional

<sup>1</sup> Northern Ireland is considered as an EU country for the purpose of Trade. See methodological note 7 (

Notes:

1. Data in Table 4b includes all Trade Chapters.
2. Totals may not add up due to rounding.
3. Values in Table 4b are represented in thousands.



Table 5. Direction of Trade in Goods excluding specific chapters<sup>1</sup> by period and continent/region

€ million

Continent/Region	May						January-May					
	2022 <sup>P</sup>			2023 <sup>P</sup>			2022 <sup>P</sup>			2023 <sup>P</sup>		
	Imports	Exports	Balance of Trade	Imports	Exports	Balance of Trade	Imports	Exports	Balance of Trade	Imports	Exports	Balance of Trade
<b>Europe</b>	<b>329.0</b>	<b>138.8</b>	<b>-190.2</b>	<b>288.8</b>	<b>127.4</b>	<b>-161.4</b>	<b>1,378.7</b>	<b>652.3</b>	<b>-726.4</b>	<b>1,384.9</b>	<b>680.5</b>	<b>-704.4</b>
<b>European Union</b>	<b>275.5</b>	<b>111.0</b>	<b>-164.5</b>	<b>238.4</b>	<b>109.9</b>	<b>-128.5</b>	<b>1,141.6</b>	<b>534.1</b>	<b>-607.5</b>	<b>1,136.6</b>	<b>581.0</b>	<b>-555.6</b>
Euro area <sup>2</sup>	258.8	89.4	-169.4	222.5	98.8	-123.6	1,058.2	450.6	-607.6	1,063.0	513.1	-549.9
<b>EFTA countries</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>-7.7</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>29.5</b>	<b>5.7</b>
<b>Other European countries</b>	<b>49.7</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>-24.7</b>	<b>45.6</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>-36.3</b>	<b>216.5</b>	<b>105.4</b>	<b>-111.1</b>	<b>224.6</b>	<b>70.0</b>	<b>-154.6</b>
<b>Africa</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>27.7</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>35.5</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>141.9</b>	<b>121.6</b>	<b>32.9</b>	<b>138.2</b>	<b>105.4</b>
<b>Asia</b>	<b>108.6</b>	<b>46.5</b>	<b>-62.1</b>	<b>119.4</b>	<b>44.0</b>	<b>-75.4</b>	<b>458.9</b>	<b>251.6</b>	<b>-207.3</b>	<b>583.0</b>	<b>262.8</b>	<b>-320.1</b>
<b>North and Central America</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>39.9</b>	<b>69.0</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>47.3</b>	<b>62.4</b>	<b>15.1</b>
<b>South America</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>12.0</b>
<b>Oceania</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>9.3</b>
<b>Ships and Aircraft Stores</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>21.0</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>454.0</b>	<b>232.7</b>	<b>-221.3</b>	<b>426.6</b>	<b>234.6</b>	<b>-191.9</b>	<b>1,910.0</b>	<b>1,153.6</b>	<b>-756.4</b>	<b>2,058.7</b>	<b>1,197.0</b>	<b>-861.7</b>

<sup>P</sup> Provisional<sup>1</sup> Data excluding chapters 27, 88 and 89. Refer to methodological note 8.<sup>2</sup> As of 1 January 2023, the euro area includes Croatia. For the exclusion/inclusion of Croatia in the euro area computation, refer to methodological note 7(i).

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 6. Total Trade in Goods by period and main trade chapter

€ million

Trade chapter	Chapter description	May		January-May	
		2022 <sup>P</sup>	2023 <sup>P</sup>	2022 <sup>P</sup>	2023 <sup>P</sup>
<b>Imports</b>					
27	Mineral fuels, oils and products	160.0	147.9	757.6	766.4
85	Electrical machinery etc.	73.8	76.0	328.9	385.6
88	Aircraft/spacecraft and parts thereof	61.2	71.7	381.4	279.2
89	Ships, boats and floating structures	146.5	47.7	171.9	157.4
30	Pharmaceutical products	28.9	34.8	159.7	151.9
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances	51.9	34.5	189.5	191.4
87	Vehicles (excluding trains) and parts thereof	24.3	23.9	106.1	159.2
39	Plastics and articles of plastics	21.5	22.1	94.9	94.3
03	Fish and crustaceans, etc.	14.0	14.3	19.5	20.3
90	Optical/photographic/cinematographic instruments	8.4	13.7	41.8	53.6
48	Paper and paperboard articles	7.9	11.8	43.6	66.9
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	10.5	11.3	36.1	42.0
73	Articles of iron or steel	9.1	9.9	43.1	63.8
94	Furniture; bedding, etc.	11.4	9.5	46.2	43.7
19	Preparations of cereals	7.5	8.1	33.7	37.3
<b>Exports</b>					
27	Mineral fuels, oils and products	109.3	119.1	584.1	529.5
85	Electrical machinery etc.	86.2	95.5	392.3	454.7
30	Pharmaceutical products	36.8	28.0	174.0	156.2
49	Printed books, newspapers	17.5	27.1	117.3	129.6
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances	10.8	14.1	59.4	69.8
95	Toys, games and sports requisites	10.7	8.8	45.8	46.1
40	Rubber and articles of rubber	6.3	7.1	31.1	36.0
90	Optical/photographic/cinematographic instruments	7.6	6.8	49.5	45.4
39	Plastics and articles of plastics	6.3	6.6	31.8	30.6
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	6.3	6.1	19.9	20.5
88	Aircraft/spacecraft and parts thereof	7.7	5.4	29.3	24.9
29	Organic chemicals	13.0	4.7	53.0	21.3
64	Footwear, gaiters etc.and parts	3.8	4.4	12.4	19.1
99	Special classifications	3.0	3.4	8.7	13.3
60	Knitted/crocheted fabrics	3.1	2.5	14.0	11.4

<sup>P</sup> Provisional

Notes:

1. Table 6 is based on the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1577. Refer to methodological note 13.
2. Figures for Chapter 27 include 'Industrial supplies, primary' and 'Industrial supplies, processed'.
3. Totals may not add up due to rounding.
4. Data shows the top 15 chapters, sorted in descending order according to imports/exports values for the month under review.

Table 6a. Total Imports by period and trade chapter

€ 000

Trade chapter	Chapter description	May		January-May	
		2022 <sup>1</sup>	2023	2022 <sup>1</sup>	2023 <sup>f</sup>
01	Live animals	12	4	72	112
02	Meat and edible offal	6,664	7,934	31,180	34,415
03	Fish and crustaceans, etc.	14,004	14,325	19,522	20,299
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs	5,950	6,610	27,657	29,755
05	Products of animal origin	6	18	124	71
06	Live trees and plants	545	486	2,598	2,565
07	Edible vegetables	2,128	2,367	10,672	12,488
08	Edible fruit and nuts	4,070	4,046	17,038	19,488
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	1,135	1,440	5,123	5,511
10	Cereals	7,726	4,824	20,149	19,187
11	Milling industry products	1,163	976	5,337	6,158
12	Oil seeds, oleaginous fruits	495	579	3,728	3,748
13	Lac, gums, resins, etc.	120	201	768	316
14	Vegetable plaiting products	9	2	18	9
15	Animal/vegetable fats/oil	2,553	1,452	9,755	7,781
16	Preparations of meat/fish	5,915	6,413	23,564	25,678
17	Sugars and sugar confectionary	1,408	1,733	7,136	8,440
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	1,438	1,217	8,479	9,082
19	Preparations of cereals	7,483	8,133	33,675	37,255
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit and nuts	3,495	3,716	14,224	17,128
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	5,293	6,102	24,402	26,056
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	10,544	11,275	36,099	42,035
23	Food residues and waste	4,217	4,353	18,178	20,636
24	Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	3,628	3,200	13,545	15,477
25	Salt/sulphur/earths/plastering materials and cement	4,736	4,623	22,087	21,581
26	Ores, slag and ash	2	-	96	45
27	Mineral fuels, oils and products	160,018	147,896	757,624	766,442
28	Inorganic chemicals and compounds	1,106	631	3,012	3,340
29	Organic chemicals	19,610	6,512	64,970	39,966
30	Pharmaceutical products	28,884	34,808	159,697	151,917
31	Fertilisers	410	246	1,219	916
32	Tanning/dyeing extracts and paints	5,365	4,874	23,371	28,630
33	Essential oils and toilet preparations	5,946	6,146	25,584	28,614
34	Soap, etc, lubricants, waxes, dental preparations	3,169	2,542	13,284	13,177
35	Albuminoidal substances	647	763	3,422	3,218
36	Explosives/pyrotechnic	9	41	82	118
37	Photographic/cinema	135	126	580	679
38	Miscellaneous chemical products	4,396	4,392	24,765	16,561
39	Plastics and articles of plastics	21,455	22,082	94,909	94,290
40	Rubber and articles of rubber	2,644	3,117	12,544	14,101
41	Raw hides and skins (excluding furskins) and leather	10	4	27	17
42	Articles of leather; saddlery	2,006	3,834	10,527	17,817
43	Furskins and artificial fur; manufactures thereof	1	5	20	20
44	Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal	3,198	2,913	14,204	11,986
45	Cork and articles of cork	40	17	61	75
46	Manufactures of straw, etc.	40	47	205	190
47	Pulp of wood, etc.; paper waste	0	2	37	22
48	Paper and paperboard articles	7,898	11,772	43,638	66,891
49	Printed books, newspapers	1,338	2,198	7,065	8,460

Table 6a. Total Imports by period and trade chapter

€ 000

Trade chapter	Chapter description	May		January-May	
		2022 <sup>1</sup>	2023	2022 <sup>1</sup>	2023 <sup>f</sup>
50	Silk	12	6	93	49
51	Woven fabric of wool/fine animal hair	2	49	55	219
52	Cotton	28	54	145	209
53	Other vegetable textile fibres	21	71	176	168
54	Man-made filaments	666	1,212	4,003	4,676
55	Man-made staple fibres	136	103	622	602
56	Wadding, felt and nonwovens	951	317	3,141	3,053
57	Carpets and other textile floor coverings	234	215	1,488	969
58	Special woven fabrics	64	174	551	621
59	Impregnated/coated/laminated textile fabrics	446	110	1,930	899
60	Knitted/crocheted fabrics	16	25	321	219
61	Knitted clothing	8,668	7,487	39,344	39,311
62	Woven clothing	6,819	7,409	27,466	32,104
63	Made up textile articles	2,166	1,597	8,802	6,704
64	Footwear, gaiters etc.and parts	5,272	6,097	23,524	32,850
65	Headgear and parts thereof	318	326	1,832	1,592
66	Umbrellas, sun umbrellas and parts	278	78	829	792
67	Prepared feathers/down articles	118	200	593	652
68	Articles of stone/plaster/cement etc.	1,971	2,000	9,753	9,236
69	Ceramic products	4,451	3,576	15,803	16,524
70	Glass and glassware	2,141	2,804	9,436	11,470
71	Pearls, precious stones/metals and imitation jewellery	3,287	1,932	12,356	10,922
72	Iron and steel	13,291	3,736	49,978	27,578
73	Articles of iron or steel	9,070	9,872	43,135	63,758
74	Copper and articles thereof	2,131	1,823	7,867	8,552
75	Nickel and articles thereof	97	64	470	401
76	Aluminium and articles thereof	5,104	5,098	19,902	21,424
78	Lead and articles thereof	1	6	35	15
79	Zinc and articles thereof	108	76	795	497
80	Tin and articles thereof	1	3	38	41
81	Other base metals/cermets and articles thereof	90	52	1,192	479
82	Tools, implements/cutlery etc., parts	1,591	1,528	5,405	5,215
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal	2,394	1,901	9,837	7,276
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances	51,947	34,469	189,521	191,400
85	Electrical machinery etc.	73,768	75,990	328,947	385,645
86	Railway locomotives, etc., parts	7	197	41	847
87	Vehicles (excluding trains) and parts thereof	24,291	23,858	106,075	159,236
88	Aircraft/spacecraft and parts thereof	61,240	71,665	381,428	279,160
89	Ships, boats and floating structures	146,465	47,742	171,874	157,352
90	Optical/photographic/cinematographic instruments	8,411	13,690	41,762	53,621
91	Clocks and watches/parts	1,767	936	8,034	4,957
92	Musical instruments and parts thereof	222	139	960	590
93	Arms and ammunition and parts thereof	138	278	1,316	712
94	Furniture; bedding, etc.	11,414	9,493	46,215	43,732
95	Toys, games and sports requisites	3,662	1,842	15,187	11,680
96	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,736	1,707	8,086	7,593
97	Works of art, collector's pieces and antiques	339	852	1,576	3,243
98	Complete industrial plant	1,300	-	2,880	-
99	Special classifications	13	9	34	87

**Table 6a. Total Imports by period and trade chapter**

€ 000

Trade chapter	Chapter description	May		January-May	
		2022 <sup>1</sup>	2023	2022 <sup>1</sup>	2023 <sup>f</sup>
<b>Total</b>		<b>821,727</b>	<b>693,864</b>	<b>3,220,932</b>	<b>3,261,697</b>

<sup>p</sup> Provisional

Notes:

1. The commodity breakdown is the Harmonised System (HS) Code at Chapter level.
2. Totals may not add up due to rounding.
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Table 6b. Total Exports by period and trade chapter

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Trade chapter	Chapter description	May		January-May	
		2022 <sup>P</sup>	2023 <sup>P</sup>	2022 <sup>P</sup>	2023 <sup>P</sup>
01	Live animals	134	139	211	389
02	Meat and edible offal	39	22	92	112
03	Fish and crustaceans, etc.	1,784	1,028	35,465	40,989
04	Dairy produce; birds' eggs	165	1	1,696	327
05	Products of animal origin	-	-	0	17
06	Live trees and plants	-	-	-	-
07	Edible vegetables	63	106	147	235
08	Edible fruit and nuts	5	1	16	17
09	Coffee, tea, mate and spices	1	0	3	89
10	Cereals	8	7	23	32
11	Milling industry products	200	87	611	327
12	Oil seeds, oleaginous fruits	-	-	0	48
13	Lac, gums, resins, etc.	0	9	98	16
14	Vegetable plaiting products	-	-	-	-
15	Animal/vegetable fats/oil	92	7	3,129	121
16	Preparations of meat/fish	2	1	14	17
17	Sugars and sugar confectionary	0	-	0	7
18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations	17	51	224	118
19	Preparations of cereals	502	788	3,051	4,068
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit and nuts	8	25	56	86
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	6,294	6,142	19,946	20,531
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	766	929	3,312	3,675
23	Food residues and waste	74	745	292	1,034
24	Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	1,833	1,991	3,997	9,047
25	Salt/sulphur/earths/plastering materials and cement	12	8	45	57
26	Ores, slag and ash	-	-	-	4
27	Mineral fuels, oils and products	109,303	119,144	584,100	529,454
28	Inorganic chemicals and compounds	19	48	694	11,960
29	Organic chemicals	12,991	4,724	53,041	21,315
30	Pharmaceutical products	36,751	28,022	173,980	156,170
31	Fertilisers	-	-	-	0
32	Tanning/dyeing extracts and paints	19	17	226	141
33	Essential oils and toilet preparations	2,288	2,461	7,263	7,673
34	Soap, etc, lubricants, waxes, dental preparations	16	46	67	125
35	Albuminoidal substances	34	54	320	284
36	Explosives/pyrotechnic	-	-	3	-
37	Photographic/cinema	52	34	154	290
38	Miscellaneous chemical products	271	1,037	5,326	2,582
39	Plastics and articles of plastics	6,293	6,640	31,810	30,597
40	Rubber and articles of rubber	6,262	7,070	31,083	35,990
41	Raw hides and skins (excluding furskins) and leather	22	19	43	37
42	Articles of leather; saddlery	364	152	1,721	5,634
43	Furskins and artificial fur; manufactures thereof	-	-	-	0
44	Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal	7	6	69	121
45	Cork and articles of cork	-	0	-	9
46	Manufactures of straw, etc.	-	1	1	2
47	Pulp of wood, etc.; paper waste	406	196	1,708	1,146

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Trade chapter	Chapter description	May		January-May	
		2022 <sup>P</sup>	2023 <sup>P</sup>	2022 <sup>P</sup>	2023 <sup>P</sup>
48	Paper and paperboard articles	249	1,588	2,151	4,003
49	Printed books, newspapers	17,457	27,118	117,265	129,558
50	Silk	0	1	0	1
51	Woven fabric of wool/fine animal hair	-	-	-	330
52	Cotton	-	-	-	0
53	Other vegetable textile fibres	1	-	31	58
54	Man-made filaments	585	305	3,521	3,225
55	Man-made staple fibres	-	-	2	69
56	Wadding, felt and nonwovens	12	3	22	52
57	Carpets and other textile floor coverings	99	-	456	11
58	Special woven fabrics	3	14	7	43
59	Impregnated/coated/laminated textile fabrics	4	3	24	56
60	Knitted/crocheted fabrics	3,101	2,507	14,005	11,396
61	Knitted clothing	3,770	2,253	12,568	12,880
62	Woven clothing	601	348	3,049	2,091
63	Made up textile articles	135	119	454	477
64	Footwear, gaiters etc.and parts	3,821	4,369	12,388	19,133
65	Headgear and parts thereof	88	22	497	114
66	Umbrellas, sun umbrellas and parts	9	0	15	4
67	Prepared feathers/down articles	0	-	2	0
68	Articles of stone/plaster/cement etc.	2	40	35	77
69	Ceramic products	37	3	315	27
70	Glass and glassware	423	20	2,203	1,858
71	Pearls, precious stones/metals and imitation jewellery	1,028	416	4,770	3,589
72	Iron and steel	2,357	1,498	8,471	9,435
73	Articles of iron or steel	371	481	24,469	2,713
74	Copper and articles thereof	603	641	1,713	2,661
75	Nickel and articles thereof	29	-	31	1
76	Aluminium and articles thereof	215	372	1,267	1,556
78	Lead and articles thereof	2	28	26	49
79	Zinc and articles thereof	-	-	0	4
80	Tin and articles thereof	-	3	-	3
81	Other base metals/cermets and articles thereof	-	-	-	4
82	Tools, implements/cutlery etc., parts	70	94	572	576
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal	92	51	539	186
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances	10,834	14,134	59,354	69,798
85	Electrical machinery etc.	86,185	95,544	392,329	454,664
86	Railway locomotives, etc., parts	-	-	8	274
87	Vehicles (excluding trains) and parts thereof	918	753	3,807	3,298
88	Aircraft/spacecraft and parts thereof	7,739	5,443	29,324	24,894
89	Ships, boats and floating structures	3,494	548	5,513	651
90	Optical/photographic/cinematographic instruments	7,555	6,768	49,542	45,444
91	Clocks and watches/parts	323	189	2,044	1,311
92	Musical instruments and parts thereof	4	2	13	19
93	Arms and ammunition and parts thereof	-	-	12	23
94	Furniture; bedding, etc.	183	67	735	710
95	Toys, games and sports requisites	10,654	8,821	45,803	46,059

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Trade chapter	Chapter description	May		January-May	
		2022 <sup>P</sup>	2023 <sup>P</sup>	2022 <sup>P</sup>	2023 <sup>P</sup>
96	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3	36	161	140
97	Works of art, collector's pieces and antiques	69	39	343	343
98	Complete industrial plant	-	-	-	-
99	Special classifications	3,030	3,351	8,653	13,260
<b>Total</b>		<b>353,251</b>	<b>359,748</b>	<b>1,772,547</b>	<b>1,752,025</b>

<sup>P</sup> Provisional

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## Methodological Notes

1. Figures presented in this news release are based on register data available as at the cut-off date printed on the front page of this release. These are provisional figures based on information provided by traders and customs declarations on a monthly basis. Regular revisions to monthly and annual trade data may be carried out on a regular basis or as deemed necessary. No estimations are included in these figures to compensate for late or non-response by traders or late documentation of customs declarations.

2. Data in this release are based on:

i. 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 105 of 2008, and

ii. The Customs Declarations for imports from and exports to countries that are not Member States of the EU.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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 signifies a trade surplus.

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 in the "Statistical Concepts" link below (see point 13).

7. i. The euro area (Trading Partners) include Austria, Belgium, Croatia (from January 2023), Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia (from January 2014), Lithuania (from January 2015), Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain.

ii. The EU (Trading Partners) include Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia (from July 2013), Cyprus, Czech Republic (Czechia), Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden. As of 1 February 2020, the United Kingdom is no longer part of the EU. The transition period that was in place – during which nothing changed – ended on 31 December 2020.

For reference periods February 2020 onwards, monthly news releases having a country breakdown will carry EU data excluding the United Kingdom. Users are advised to use data with caution when making comparisons since this will result in discrepancies, unless United Kingdom information is removed from previous figures.

iii. As from 1 January 2021, following the Withdrawal Agreement (Brexit) between the United Kingdom and the EU, Northern Ireland is to be considered as part of the EU for International Trade purposes.

iv. EFTA (European Free Trade Association) countries comprise Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

8. As from the publication relating to the January 2021 reference period, the format of the news release changed. The main enhancement was the reporting of statistics which exclude specific chapters, namely Mineral fuels, oils and products (Chapter 27), Aircrafts/spacecrafts and parts thereof (Chapter 88) and Ships, boats and floating structures (Chapter 89). These are categories which are dominated by one-off transactions that could weigh heavily on the overall headline figures. Therefore, while the official figures remain those for total trade, data excluding these specific chapters is, in many cases, more suitable to analyse underlying economic trends.

9. In April 2023, the Office launched an exercise aimed at enhancing the coverage, and thus reliability, of trade in goods data. This involved using an administrative source, in particular VAT data, to crosscheck existing data. Contact was made with traders, reminding them of their legal obligation to record intra-EU trade in the Intrastat system, which is resulting in the narrowing of data gaps. To provide users with consistent time series data, whenever possible, data extending back to 2016 is being requested. This process, which is still ongoing, is likely to lead to larger revisions than usual in the short term.

10. As from the reference period January 2021, data in Table 3 is based on the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) Rev.4.

11. As from the reference period January 2021, the Caribbean and the Bahamas Islands are included under North and Central America.

12. The percentage change for the Balance of Trade between the current month (y) and the corresponding month of the previous year (x), is worked using the formula  $((y-x)/abs(x))*100$ . A negative percentage change in the Balance of Trade means that it has widened (deteriorated), while a positive percentage change means that the Balance of Trade has narrowed (improved).

13. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:

[Sources and Methods](#)

[Statistical Concepts](#)

[Metadata](#)

[BEC Classification](#)

[SITC Rev. 4](#)

[Combined Nomenclature Classification](#)

[The Combined Nomenclature Classification Regulation \(EU\) 2022/1998](#)

14. References to this news release are to be cited appropriately.

15. Statistics in this news release should be interpreted in the context of the COVID-19 situation.

16. A detailed news release calendar is available [online](#).

17. For more information on International Trade in Goods visit the [International Trade section](#) on the website.