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External Trade

- Great Britain, the USA and Belgium remain the most significant destinations for Irish exports.
- Pharmaceuticals, Organic Chemicals and Office Machinery remain the dominant products exported.
- The EU (particularly the UK, Germany, Netherlands and France), the USA, Norway and China are the main import sources with steady increases in the latter over recent years being of particular significance.
- Office Machinery, Road Vehicles, Petroleum and Electrical Machinery are the leading products imported.

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Introduction

This chapter contains information on Ireland's external merchandise trade. Statistics on Ireland's trade in goods with other countries are compiled and published in detail on a monthly basis. The sources for these estimates are a combination of Customs-based non-EU trade statistics and the Intrastat survey of Irish traders engaged in trade with other EU member states which is conducted by the Revenue Commissioners.

Long term growth

Between 1971 and 2006, exports at current prices grew from €684m to €88,704m while imports increased from €959m to €60,398m. The resulting merchandise trade balance at current prices changed from a deficit of €275m in 1971 to a surplus of €28,306m in 2006.

The volume of exports is estimated to have increased by a factor of twenty-two between 1971 and 2006 while import volumes for the same period increased by a factor of nine.

Trade by area

Merchandise exports to the USA rose from €7,743m in 1998 to €16,219m in 2006 accounting for the significant increase in the share of exports going to countries outside Europe. Exports to Great Britain increased from €11,417m in 1998 to €13,881m in 2006.

Merchandise imports from the European Union increased from €21,989m in 1998 (EU15) to €36,095m in 2006 (EU25). Imports from Great Britain totalled €17,843m in 2006 accounting for 30% of Ireland's total imports.

Imports by main use

The proportion of Producers Capital Goods imported ready for use is at its lowest in 2006 (11.6%) for the period under review.

Technical Notes

Scope of merchandise trade data

Ireland's merchandise trade is compiled according to the 'general' system of recording international trade whereby imports and exports are recorded at the time the goods cross the territorial boundaries of a country. This differs from the Balance of Payments definition of merchandise trade which records imports and exports only when a transfer of ownership occurs ie when payment is received.

Valuation

For merchandise imports the cif value (inclusive of cost, insurance and freight to the point of entry to the State) is used. This is normally the transaction value.

For merchandise exports the fob (free on board) value is used. This is the cost of goods to the purchaser abroad up to the point where the goods are put on board the exporting vessel or aircraft or are conveyed to the land frontier.

Exclusions

Certain classes of goods are excluded from the trade statistics. These include, in particular, transit trade, certain categories of temporary trade where the goods are returned to the original country without change of ownership and certain goods which are not the subject of a commercial transaction.

Notes to the tables

In all tables 'Unclassified estimates' comprises those estimates which cannot be allocated on a country or commodity basis.

Tables 15.10 to 15.13 show trade classified by the trading areas. The countries comprising each of these are as follows:

EFTA (European Free Trade Area): Iceland, Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

Other Europe: Ceuta, Melilla, Faroe Islands, Gibraltar, San Marino, Bulgaria, Belarus, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro, Turkey, Andorra, Vatican City, Romania, Albania, Moldova, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ukraine and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement): USA, Canada and Mexico.

Other APEC (Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation and excluding NAFTA countries): Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei, Singapore, Philippines, China, South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand, Chile (from 1998), Papua New Guinea (from 1998), Russia (from 1998), Vietnam (from 1998), Peru (from 1998).

OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development): EU (excluding Cyprus, Estonia, Latvia, Malta, Slovenia), EFTA (excluding Liechtenstein), Turkey, USA, Canada, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico (from 1995), South Korea (from 1998); unclassified estimates are excluded.

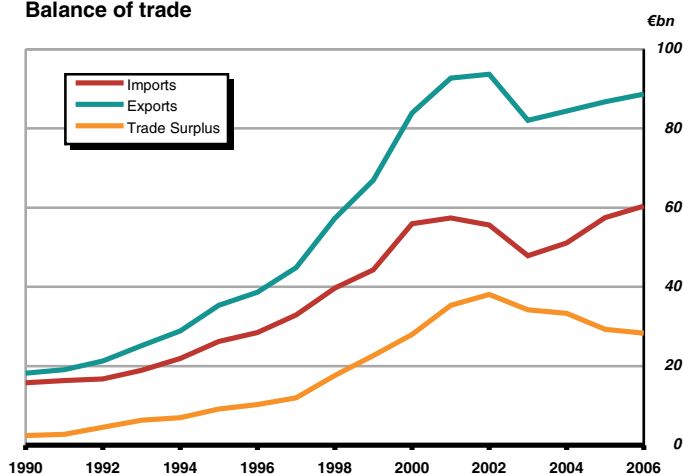
Table 15.1 Summary of external trade

Year	Value			Volume index	
	Imports	Exports	Trade surplus ¹	Imports	Exports
	€m	€m	€m	Base year 1990=100	
1971	958.53	684.01	-274.62	35.40	20.50
1972	1,064.10	822.16	-241.94	37.50	21.80
1973	1,444.00	1,103.60	-340.40	45.10	23.90
1974	2,064.98	1,440.20	-624.78	44.20	25.20
1975	2,163.76	1,837.82	-326.04	38.30	27.20
1976	2,968.60	2,360.50	-608.00	44.20	28.20
1977	3,924.63	3,197.40	-727.23	49.90	33.20
1978	4,714.66	3,762.49	-952.18	57.10	36.70
1979	6,130.17	4,415.77	-1,714.40	65.50	39.60
1980	6,882.87	5,183.71	-1,699.16	62.30	42.70
1981	8,352.90	6,066.30	-2,286.60	63.70	43.00
1982	8,654.70	7,226.59	-1,428.11	61.50	46.10
1983	9,353.91	8,816.90	-537.01	63.50	51.70
1984	11,316.10	11,297.49	-18.61	70.00	61.20
1985	11,971.34	12,371.06	399.81	72.30	65.20
1986	10,946.79	11,902.91	956.11	74.40	67.60
1987	11,624.71	13,616.04	1,991.33	79.10	77.40
1988	12,970.12	15,623.87	2,653.85	82.80	82.90
1989	15,597.84	18,534.37	2,936.62	93.60	92.20
1990	15,832.11	18,203.85	2,371.74	100.00	100.00
1991	16,317.15	19,070.07	2,752.92	100.80	105.60
1992	16,753.94	21,260.24	4,506.40	105.60	121.10
1993	18,899.67	25,178.53	6,278.85	113.00	133.40
1994	21,945.39	28,890.86	6,945.57	127.90	153.20
1995	26,180.86	35,330.08	9,149.22	146.30	184.00
1996	28,479.46	38,608.93	10,129.56	160.90	202.20
1997	32,863.49	44,867.97	12,004.48	184.80	232.40
1998	39,714.99	57,321.82	17,606.72	218.30	289.20
1999	44,327.06	66,956.21	22,629.15	236.50	336.50
2000	55,908.80	83,888.90	27,980.10	275.20	401.40
2001	57,384.20	92,689.90	35,305.70	274.20	422.00
2002	55,628.10	93,675.20	38,047.10	276.60	435.10
2003	47,864.60	82,076.10	34,211.50	259.70	418.40
2004	51,105.40	84,409.50	33,304.10	283.60	446.50
2005	57,464.90	86,732.30	29,267.30	316.30	456.70
2006	60,397.60	88,703.70	28,306.10	317.70	457.40

¹ Surplus, as used here, differs from the Balance of International Payments concept of current account balance, which includes in addition, transactions relating to invisibles.

Source: CSO

Balance of trade



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Table 15.2 Imports by country of origin

	€m								
Country of origin	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Great Britain	12,393.5	13,485.1	16,408.2	19,249.9	19,083.9	13,662.1	14,885.4	16,995.3	17,842.7
Northern Ireland	1,073.0	1,141.4	1,205.0	1,231.3	1,036.3	1,042.3	1,149.3	1,275.6	1,296.9
Austria	83.6	108.0	131.9	149.7	206.4	163.1	136.6	233.6	232.5
Belgium & Luxembourg	463.8	590.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Belgium	0.0	0.0	902.3	864.4	788.4	751.2	945.4	1,061.4	1,202.7
Luxembourg	0.0	0.0	10.5	11.7	20.8	20.6	24.2	29.7	43.2
Denmark	261.7	353.8	657.5	725.6	694.1	815.2	763.2	784.4	634.6
Finland	311.7	295.4	341.6	450.1	728.6	264.3	255.1	277.7	315.1
France	1,552.3	1,820.9	2,577.0	2,751.7	2,265.2	1,913.6	2,343.7	1,980.2	2,129.0
Germany	2,466.8	2,751.4	3,336.2	3,520.5	3,564.3	3,498.2	3,850.1	4,512.1	4,934.8
Greece	24.9	31.8	39.2	47.5	42.4	49.1	40.3	39.5	50.7
Italy	768.3	927.1	1,253.1	1,185.4	1,098.6	1,072.0	1,125.1	1,254.3	1,532.8
Netherlands	1,233.2	1,335.8	1,778.0	1,860.0	1,858.8	1,679.2	1,944.0	2,286.5	2,408.0
Portugal	107.5	115.7	136.3	158.6	170.3	179.2	206.9	201.5	231.7
Spain	439.9	541.3	757.8	645.9	676.9	666.5	679.7	845.1	969.3
Sweden	392.8	450.8	607.8	510.8	421.4	435.1	521.2	529.4	661.9
Czech Republic ¹	51.4	62.7	109.9	123.0	143.0	144.6	117.4	180.0	283.3
Hungary ¹	237.3	243.7	299.7	408.5	182.3	163.5	216.8	177.4	328.1
Poland ¹	72.1	87.6	102.6	121.0	126.6	158.2	134.0	126.4	175.6
Other new accession states ²	50.8	76.9	111.5	114.4	126.9	153.1	143.0	151.8	168.5
EU country not specified	4.6	426.6	607.7	678.1	513.0	436.8	405.3	530.8	653.3
EU countries	21,989.2	24,846.6	31,373.8	34,808.1	33,748.0	27,267.9	29,886.7	33,472.5	36,094.7
<i>of which EU-15</i>	<i>21,577.6</i>	<i>24,375.7</i>	<i>30,750.1</i>	<i>34,041.2</i>	<i>33,169.3</i>	<i>26,648.5</i>	<i>29,275.5</i>	<i>32,837.0</i>	<i>35,139.2</i>
Australia	46.3	62.6	73.5	95.6	130.1	124.2	177.8	133.1	143.2
Brazil	42.4	82.3	127.3	135.8	159.3	221.5	233.0	209.6	187.3
Canada	371.1	375.4	504.3	621.9	423.8	452.4	270.8	285.3	396.1
China	639.4	656.0	900.4	1,085.9	1,495.1	2,215.5	2,776.7	3,756.8	4,432.6
Costa Rica	8.8	26.6	50.4	114.8	183.7	49.8	28.2	35.1	40.5
Guinea	93.5	81.8	90.7	106.8	83.4	60.0	70.3	71.3	60.8
Hong Kong	240.2	443.6	650.2	532.6	498.3	382.3	496.2	484.0	334.2
India	80.9	106.2	135.3	153.4	156.2	134.8	153.0	232.9	230.5
Indonesia	82.4	73.8	107.9	116.7	125.7	80.7	79.3	106.9	148.0
Israel	180.5	270.0	308.4	240.6	85.8	83.7	108.4	121.2	92.0
Japan	2,773.1	2,542.2	2,635.2	1,990.9	1,840.3	2,296.4	2,174.8	2,105.1	1,734.8
Malaysia	437.6	579.1	657.9	582.4	675.4	468.8	466.2	561.1	414.2
Mexico	75.3	68.1	142.2	242.8	249.6	209.3	149.7	135.5	149.0
Norway	450.8	531.5	1,091.0	942.2	721.8	760.9	963.3	1,507.0	1,856.0
Philippines	210.0	241.5	449.6	324.9	353.3	181.8	109.8	139.1	147.5
Singapore	1,950.6	1,721.8	2,027.0	1,357.0	1,005.6	1,039.1	885.0	845.0	1,252.5
South Africa	57.3	70.9	103.4	101.7	113.1	154.9	157.6	160.2	182.7
South Korea	637.6	801.9	1,291.0	796.5	889.5	733.4	996.3	919.9	902.1
Switzerland	321.9	285.7	381.0	530.1	616.6	487.5	537.3	550.1	558.5
Taiwan	740.4	911.6	1,011.9	1,075.6	999.1	787.9	949.6	919.2	973.4
Thailand	188.6	156.7	239.9	336.1	283.1	334.9	352.7	387.8	498.4
Turkey	87.8	94.5	125.0	145.1	226.5	262.2	322.1	409.4	519.8
USA	6,362.5	7,383.7	9,148.5	8,699.5	8,517.7	7,416.4	6,984.5	7,999.9	6,798.6
Other Countries ³	497.0	578.1	711.4	811.1	746.1	703.7	769.6	847.4	1,002.9
Country unknown ⁴	66.7	60.1	87.0	125.1	155.2	119.2	104.7	39.7	90.3
Unclassified estimates ⁵	1,083.2	1,275.1	1,484.5	1,311.3	1,145.6	835.4	901.9	1,030.0	1,156.6
TOTAL	39,715.0	44,327.1	55,908.8	57,384.2	55,628.1	47,864.6	51,105.4	57,464.9	60,397.6

¹ Joined EU on 1st May 2004

² Includes Cyprus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Slovakia and Slovenia all of which joined the EU on 1st May 2004

³ Other non-EU countries not listed individually

⁴ Trade for which the country of origin is unknown

⁵ Estimates not allocated by country

Source: CSO

Table 15.3 Exports by country of destination

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Country of destination	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Great Britain	11,416.8	13,175.4	17,083.9	20,765.5	20,853.1	13,434.7	13,714.5	13,775.0	13,881.4
Northern Ireland	1,503.8	1,514.8	1,785.9	1,864.3	1,610.7	1,408.3	1,484.2	1,576.8	1,650.6
Austria	319.9	408.4	464.2	407.2	334.9	332.0	372.1	415.6	422.2
Belgium & Luxembourg	3,645.4	3,491.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Belgium	0.0	0.0	4,113.2	4,431.0	13,547.1	10,334.5	12,321.8	13,540.2	14,201.1
Luxembourg	0.0	0.0	39.0	91.0	76.5	105.8	102.6	186.4	175.9
Denmark	587.0	614.0	621.8	595.6	545.3	504.4	518.4	595.5	596.4
Finland	289.3	522.5	405.3	406.0	303.0	293.9	309.0	339.7	457.3
France	4,814.2	5,636.4	6,342.6	5,531.5	4,685.4	5,010.5	5,041.1	5,712.9	5,049.8
Germany	8,292.6	7,995.8	9,414.7	11,670.6	6,729.1	6,845.4	6,552.7	6,625.3	6,919.3
Greece	156.7	237.8	294.4	326.0	329.9	312.7	331.1	336.6	360.6
Italy	1,937.1	2,532.0	3,316.8	3,309.1	3,597.1	3,748.6	3,812.5	3,713.1	3,630.3
Netherlands	3,165.4	4,155.6	4,687.0	4,236.9	3,493.5	4,184.4	3,864.6	3,609.8	3,357.1
Portugal	233.4	248.6	256.6	302.3	362.1	309.2	341.9	380.1	422.6
Spain	1,537.0	1,830.6	2,123.8	2,283.3	2,239.7	2,359.6	2,447.5	2,979.8	3,257.2
Sweden	1,089.1	1,094.3	1,336.1	1,354.0	1,202.1	1,163.3	988.2	1,070.3	1,088.2
Czech Republic ¹	135.3	203.2	346.5	258.3	198.7	177.1	201.9	269.5	354.5
Hungary ¹	93.6	162.6	224.4	169.2	144.4	138.5	155.5	127.6	242.5
Poland ¹	243.4	254.0	361.0	319.1	282.9	259.6	272.5	292.1	403.4
Other new accession states ²	119.9	133.8	210.9	195.6	186.4	166.5	138.2	137.4	157.1
EU country not specified	54.1	0.8	1.1	1.7	1.2	1.2	38.5	76.4	65.5
EU countries	39,634.0	44,212.4	53,429.3	58,518.2	60,723.0	51,090.1	53,008.8	55,760.2	56,693.0
<i>of which EU-15</i>	<i>39,041.8</i>	<i>43,458.8</i>	<i>52,286.5</i>	<i>57,576.0</i>	<i>59,910.7</i>	<i>50,348.4</i>	<i>52,240.8</i>	<i>54,933.6</i>	<i>55,535.5</i>
Australia	449.1	578.9	580.7	834.8	636.1	647.6	736.1	732.4	804.4
Brazil	145.7	143.6	206.0	225.8	125.2	141.7	151.2	146.9	147.5
Canada	346.2	330.4	394.5	592.5	510.9	469.3	326.4	339.5	375.2
China	75.3	119.0	166.5	338.5	538.7	585.0	639.2	909.6	876.3
Hong Kong	295.1	333.3	617.4	670.2	534.1	688.3	832.9	526.6	627.0
Israel	231.1	284.5	408.8	344.6	242.3	204.2	305.9	284.8	225.8
India	38.1	77.7	109.7	107.0	131.4	95.1	109.5	130.6	154.0
Japan	1,486.7	1,959.0	3,122.9	3,261.1	2,630.8	2,109.4	2,332.6	2,232.9	1,992.5
Malaysia	324.3	824.2	753.6	1,140.3	765.9	578.1	447.5	555.2	953.4
Mexico	164.0	173.4	254.9	552.4	456.6	518.5	462.4	465.5	535.6
Norway	560.4	595.9	614.9	587.2	517.2	530.1	490.3	623.3	607.2
Philippines	288.7	424.0	691.8	769.5	342.7	208.0	194.1	328.5	424.2
Russia	245.9	257.7	177.6	240.6	255.7	251.4	213.1	236.9	283.6
Saudi Arabia	287.9	329.8	357.2	388.2	365.1	273.6	249.7	291.2	332.7
Singapore	375.9	482.1	506.4	641.3	739.3	734.2	866.4	724.4	623.4
South Africa	343.6	369.8	391.6	385.0	274.6	269.1	256.0	267.6	319.6
South Korea	362.7	361.2	1,045.8	695.9	640.4	509.6	587.8	540.6	510.6
Switzerland	1,156.2	1,618.8	2,033.2	2,705.7	3,103.8	2,603.3	2,761.4	3,205.7	2,514.3
Taiwan	147.8	165.2	199.8	377.2	346.0	285.6	355.5	329.3	291.5
Thailand	82.7	96.6	141.1	144.3	112.0	145.1	161.8	134.4	118.0
Turkey	176.3	215.4	387.0	310.4	327.8	303.8	300.5	322.1	369.8
United Arab Emirates	102.6	144.6	218.2	197.9	177.9	115.1	146.1	154.1	216.9
USA	7,742.6	10,336.8	14,227.8	15,694.4	16,509.4	16,939.2	16,555.6	15,474.8	16,218.7
Other Countries ³	1,337.7	1,431.1	1,742.0	1,747.5	1,404.6	1,270.2	1,488.6	1,753.0	2,150.3
Country unknown ⁴	280.6	392.7	320.4	445.9	488.8	499.1	412.7	249.0	283.2
Unclassified estimates ⁵	640.7	698.4	789.7	773.6	775.0	11.3	17.4	13.1	55.0
TOTAL	57,321.9	66,956.2	83,888.9	92,689.9	93,675.2	82,076.1	84,409.5	86,732.3	88,703.7

¹ Joined EU on 1st May 2004² Includes Cyprus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Slovakia and Slovenia all of which joined the EU on 1st May 2004³ Other non-EU countries not listed individually⁴ Trade for which the country of final destination is unknown⁵ Estimates not allocated by country

Source: CSO

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Table 15.4 Imports by SITC section and division

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SITC (Rev 3)	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
0 Food and live animals	2,825.7	3,116.2	3,156.5	3,159.8	3,273.1	3,681.2	4,043.6
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	227.9	198.9	170.6	210.8	224.5	246.0	280.1
01 Meat and meat preparations	299.5	391.6	383.7	416.5	481.3	554.7	607.6
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	273.8	267.9	275.8	333.8	340.1	374.0	402.9
03 Fish, crustaceans and molluscs and preparations thereof	96.5	136.0	119.4	95.5	105.6	132.2	147.9
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	476.1	493.8	500.3	495.6	518.6	556.4	639.6
05 Vegetables and fruit	505.1	573.1	626.2	622.4	603.9	695.3	788.3
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	145.8	176.6	184.6	165.2	174.9	200.7	216.5
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	243.8	257.8	271.7	252.1	254.5	297.9	296.8
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)	351.2	381.3	388.9	335.2	332.9	349.3	369.4
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	206.0	239.0	235.4	232.6	236.8	274.5	294.4
1 Beverages and tobacco	522.1	679.4	728.5	705.7	696.1	776.1	804.5
11 Beverages	446.7	596.3	643.8	598.8	637.9	703.2	725.8
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	75.4	83.1	84.7	106.9	58.1	72.9	78.7
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	819.7	798.8	800.4	790.1	843.9	934.8	1,048.0
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	9.3	4.7	5.3	5.8	3.0	2.6	3.0
22 Oilseeds and oleaginous fruits	11.8	18.1	17.1	14.5	21.8	16.7	20.1
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	23.4	20.1	26.6	19.3	18.1	17.0	20.2
24 Cork and wood	294.3	275.6	267.2	328.0	362.1	395.4	401.1
25 Pulp and waste paper	27.7	28.3	22.6	20.3	20.7	17.2	17.1
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	67.6	62.2	55.1	33.4	20.4	19.9	18.1
27 Crude fertilisers and minerals, excluding coal, petroleum etc	136.5	135.6	171.6	163.9	172.8	215.8	315.3
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	151.0	150.8	125.9	101.3	113.1	127.6	123.7
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials nes	97.9	103.4	109.1	103.7	111.7	122.5	129.5
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2,299.7	2,218.7	1,932.2	1,968.9	2,813.5	4,020.3	4,542.8
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	100.1	149.8	135.0	122.3	204.8	172.6	170.8
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	1,926.2	1,729.5	1,533.2	1,592.8	2,255.1	3,315.2	3,717.9
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	266.7	336.1	244.3	225.0	306.7	492.9	601.5
35 Electric current	6.8	3.3	19.6	28.9	47.0	39.7	52.5
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	121.9	122.8	115.8	120.7	116.8	129.5	162.5
41 Animal oils and fats	10.1	13.3	6.6	3.6	5.0	5.7	6.4
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	64.3	68.4	66.1	74.3	73.9	81.1	105.1
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed; waxes	47.6	41.1	43.0	42.9	37.9	42.7	51.0
5 Chemicals and related products nes	6,105.2	6,340.5	6,922.3	6,897.5	7,139.6	7,419.0	7,983.5
51 Organic chemicals	1,669.4	1,558.3	2,013.8	1,841.0	2,209.2	2,117.3	2,090.5
52 Inorganic chemicals	270.1	239.7	172.5	154.6	177.4	215.8	207.7
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	210.5	179.4	168.1	170.1	173.8	189.5	204.1
54 Medical and pharmaceutical products	1,525.4	1,902.6	2,075.3	2,168.0	1,969.6	1,995.2	2,219.7
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet and cleansing preparations	717.1	830.4	864.6	880.6	900.8	992.1	1,147.8
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	225.8	218.6	186.2	244.0	261.8	292.2	296.6
57 Plastics in primary forms	547.4	537.8	530.0	531.5	567.1	593.7	657.8
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	393.7	414.3	421.3	424.0	427.4	468.9	486.8
59 Chemical materials and products nes	545.8	459.6	490.5	483.6	452.5	554.4	672.6

Table 15.4 Imports by SITC section and division (continued)

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SITC (Rev 3)	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4,350.6	4,390.7	4,338.3	4,245.0	4,619.8	4,947.2	5,501.1
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	11.9	11.8	12.2	10.3	11.9	14.1	15.3
62 Rubber manufactures nes	230.9	221.7	215.0	230.8	233.3	261.9	292.4
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)	232.1	245.2	253.9	269.3	313.7	359.9	376.6
64 Paper, paperboard and articles thereof	838.2	825.7	828.1	798.0	769.8	792.0	813.9
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	605.0	600.2	537.8	491.6	502.5	504.3	518.9
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	565.5	524.4	494.8	550.2	631.9	716.7	852.6
67 Iron and steel	549.7	572.8	661.0	567.7	712.5	716.5	901.9
68 Non-ferrous metals	372.6	481.7	429.5	408.2	447.8	451.4	526.6
69 Manufactures of metals nes	944.7	907.3	905.9	918.8	996.4	1,130.4	1,203.0
7 Machinery and transport equipment	29,739.5	30,224.1	28,317.3	20,732.0	21,963.6	25,001.9	25,396.8
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	736.6	678.9	570.2	679.1	619.2	777.5	736.5
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	1,080.6	1,062.5	1,024.6	1,004.5	1,000.1	1,180.6	1,325.9
73 Metalworking machinery	210.1	144.5	132.9	192.3	144.2	224.5	169.0
74 General industrial machinery and equipment nes and parts nes	1,324.5	1,186.0	1,120.2	1,207.1	1,116.1	1,412.5	1,347.5
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	11,363.2	11,269.5	8,450.4	7,986.7	7,854.5	9,194.8	10,396.2
76 Telecommunications and sound equipment	2,880.9	3,150.2	2,249.7	1,393.7	1,677.6	2,026.3	2,149.0
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances nes and parts	7,048.4	8,496.0	9,943.3	4,646.7	4,721.2	4,353.1	3,845.5
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	4,053.5	3,190.6	3,328.2	2,809.5	3,291.6	3,797.0	4,059.3
79 Other transport equipment	1,041.7	1,046.0	1,497.8	812.4	1,539.2	2,035.7	1,368.0
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5,893.0	6,299.7	6,115.9	6,302.5	6,331.6	7,086.4	7,270.4
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing and electrical fixtures and fittings	213.2	236.7	211.6	226.7	270.7	292.7	315.2
82 Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	326.3	333.0	362.9	360.2	433.7	505.8	607.8
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	90.0	105.5	96.3	65.2	65.7	85.5	90.9
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	1,335.5	1,399.8	1,386.8	1,296.2	1,307.1	1,541.0	1,635.4
85 Footwear	278.9	272.8	273.7	267.0	278.2	322.8	366.0
87 Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus nes	1,175.9	1,010.6	865.0	822.0	716.0	876.7	937.3
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches and clocks	352.3	307.2	244.6	267.3	224.9	260.0	288.8
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	2,121.0	2,634.1	2,675.0	2,998.0	3,035.1	3,201.7	3,029.0
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	1,088.3	1,232.2	1,369.1	1,265.8	1,307.9	1,253.5	1,111.9
Unclassified estimates¹	2,143.0	1,961.0	1,831.8	1,676.6	1,999.5	2,215.0	2,532.5
TOTAL	55,908.8	57,384.2	55,628.1	47,864.6	51,105.4	57,464.9	60,397.6

¹ Estimates for which no commodity breakdown is available

Source: CSO

External Trade

Table 15.5 Exports by SITC section and division

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SITC (Rev 3)	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
0 Food and live animals	5,948.4	5,801.1	5,779.7	5,779.4	6,063.0	6,379.8	6,982.8
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	420.0	184.7	210.8	238.3	229.2	259.2	310.4
01 Meat and meat preparations	1,752.2	1,594.1	1,744.5	1,857.6	2,054.0	2,175.9	2,403.2
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	1,160.6	1,080.9	952.4	955.6	1,056.4	1,107.1	1,180.4
03 Fish, crustaceans and molluscs and preparations thereof	323.9	423.1	410.6	372.3	370.6	336.2	337.2
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	292.2	314.6	258.3	214.9	200.5	254.2	242.6
05 Vegetables and fruit	172.3	229.9	234.3	242.7	217.9	243.9	277.8
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	101.8	113.1	135.6	118.9	142.4	135.5	144.9
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	258.2	259.5	276.5	268.4	268.2	274.6	278.0
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)	121.5	135.1	142.5	152.9	169.7	175.4	144.6
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	1,345.7	1,466.1	1,414.3	1,357.9	1,354.0	1,417.6	1,663.8
1 Beverages and tobacco	958.2	984.7	1,003.0	1,107.5	1,036.7	1,103.4	1,371.5
11 Beverages	854.4	871.0	895.3	1,012.7	949.0	1,013.6	1,297.0
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	103.9	113.8	107.7	94.8	87.7	89.8	74.6
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	942.3	953.2	862.7	865.5	991.4	1,077.1	1,503.6
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	96.6	99.6	104.3	85.6	84.6	74.1	94.0
22 Oilseeds and oleaginous fruits	0.8	1.2	1.2	1.7	6.3	5.2	6.6
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	8.0	1.9	1.0	1.2	1.6	2.1	5.2
24 Cork and wood	61.2	65.9	83.8	81.3	79.1	71.7	70.3
25 Pulp and waste paper	13.9	12.7	18.8	23.5	36.4	46.0	50.7
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	114.8	115.4	125.4	117.2	112.3	110.6	105.2
27 Crude fertilisers and minerals, excluding coal, petroleum etc	33.1	56.2	43.1	52.1	57.3	66.7	85.2
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	517.8	501.9	398.6	420.1	524.0	608.8	1,014.7
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials nes	96.3	98.4	86.5	82.8	89.8	92.0	71.5
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	285.5	296.9	361.9	201.2	399.8	616.2	621.6
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	40.9	53.8	65.2	60.5	59.3	60.7	54.8
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	242.0	239.8	290.7	135.5	322.4	525.2	508.6
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	2.4	3.2	5.7	2.5	6.6	13.3	20.9
35 Electric current	0.2	0.0	0.2	2.7	11.6	17.0	37.4
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	27.3	23.6	25.7	31.3	25.3	18.4	18.7
41 Animal oils and fats	22.0	17.7	21.5	23.6	18.9	15.1	14.2
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	3.9	5.0	1.5	0.9	1.6	1.7	2.2
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed; waxes	1.4	0.9	2.6	6.9	4.8	1.6	2.3
5 Chemicals and related products nes	27,360.5	32,281.4	39,060.6	35,785.5	37,491.8	40,420.8	41,681.6
51 Organic chemicals	16,897.5	17,117.9	17,385.4	15,081.1	14,650.8	17,757.2	18,528.8
52 Inorganic chemicals	356.0	239.8	142.7	131.0	158.1	108.3	115.4
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	58.8	49.5	54.7	59.3	63.1	51.3	50.8
54 Medical and pharmaceutical products	5,311.7	8,975.1	15,671.9	13,611.6	15,154.8	14,531.1	14,771.8
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet and cleansing preparations	2,355.2	3,140.9	3,177.9	4,173.0	4,761.9	5,216.5	5,311.7
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	36.0	43.3	31.2	0.6	0.6	0.6	2.0
57 Plastics in primary forms	196.9	193.1	169.8	179.0	191.3	190.0	208.9
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	207.6	226.4	199.1	190.6	211.1	244.3	251.0
59 Chemical materials and products nes	1,940.9	2,295.2	2,227.9	2,359.2	2,300.2	2,321.5	2,441.1

Table 15.5 Exports by SITC section and division (continued)

€m

SITC (Rev 3)	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1,973.1	1,954.7	1,925.9	1,792.1	1,817.4	1,755.0	1,697.0
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	71.9	74.8	53.0	44.3	36.5	27.4	24.2
62 Rubber manufactures nes	112.9	111.2	95.0	86.5	88.2	72.8	61.9
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)	135.9	166.0	189.0	209.7	223.7	250.9	262.1
64 Paper, paperboard and articles thereof	188.7	190.0	169.9	206.3	185.0	158.9	155.9
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	501.9	479.2	416.5	337.1	327.6	285.1	203.0
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	353.7	338.5	395.6	371.0	375.0	360.7	325.0
67 Iron and steel	129.6	93.6	49.6	55.4	70.3	69.9	88.0
68 Non-ferrous metals	92.8	76.2	72.1	64.1	77.0	79.0	86.3
69 Manufactures of metals nes	385.7	425.1	485.2	417.7	434.1	450.2	490.6
7 Machinery and transport equipment	34,011.7	37,606.7	33,170.8	23,521.3	22,935.0	22,709.6	23,099.7
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	382.3	406.4	494.4	376.5	471.6	523.9	584.3
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	313.8	336.8	283.9	278.5	334.9	271.4	349.1
73 Metalworking machinery	60.1	57.1	108.2	71.3	84.2	81.0	86.7
74 General industrial machinery and equipment nes and parts nes	1,017.2	1,039.0	1,035.8	1,007.8	1,181.8	1,140.9	1,199.9
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	19,616.8	21,034.5	17,329.6	14,837.0	13,383.0	13,980.1	14,030.2
76 Telecommunications and sound equipment	3,736.5	3,657.6	2,638.0	1,392.8	1,495.9	1,459.5	1,362.1
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances nes and parts	7,916.0	10,164.5	10,567.0	5,096.3	5,527.8	4,911.1	5,123.4
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	576.0	672.6	590.5	359.6	321.9	239.3	245.2
79 Other transport equipment	393.0	238.1	123.3	101.4	133.9	102.4	118.8
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	8,863.9	8,969.2	8,284.9	9,456.9	9,910.0	9,066.0	8,565.4
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing and electrical fixtures and fittings	84.3	89.4	99.5	93.9	95.0	103.1	115.2
82 Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	109.8	110.9	123.2	103.2	96.2	109.7	146.1
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	16.5	17.6	19.1	15.8	14.3	14.2	12.5
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	343.3	342.9	338.3	319.7	293.8	262.6	230.7
85 Footwear	31.8	32.7	23.6	29.7	31.1	33.4	28.0
87 Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus nes	1,703.2	1,881.8	2,063.0	3,267.3	3,796.1	2,703.3	2,240.8
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches and clocks	453.2	491.2	564.4	670.6	710.5	786.6	879.7
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	6,121.9	6,002.7	5,053.8	4,956.6	4,873.1	5,053.0	4,912.4
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	2,576.2	2,799.2	2,579.3	2,697.2	2,874.4	2,671.0	2,162.1
Unclassified estimates ¹	941.7	1,019.3	620.9	838.1	864.7	915.0	999.7
TOTAL	83,888.9	92,689.9	93,675.2	82,076.1	84,409.5	86,732.3	88,703.7

¹ Estimates for which no commodity breakdown is available

Source: CSO

External Trade

Table 15.6 Imports according to main use

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Main use	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Producers capital goods ready for use	5,175.5	6,511.9	8,069.5	7,534.3	7,067.3	5,754.6	6,618.6	8,255.4	6,976.4
Consumption goods ready for use									
Food, drink, tobacco	2,022.1	2,292.9	2,481.5	2,881.7	2,958.8	2,952.6	3,059.8	3,480.3	3,803.8
Other	6,256.5	7,094.5	9,004.5	9,565.0	9,801.8	9,740.4	10,135.6	11,207.3	12,039.5
Total	8,278.6	9,387.4	11,486.0	12,446.7	12,760.7	12,692.9	13,195.4	14,687.6	15,843.3
Materials for further production									
Agriculture	631.6	730.4	886.9	941.7	946.3	990.0	1,086.3	1,143.4	1,249.9
Other	23,641.5	25,527.6	33,169.7	34,347.7	32,845.1	26,576.2	28,048.2	30,997.9	33,609.1
Total	24,273.1	26,258.0	34,056.7	35,289.3	33,791.4	27,566.2	29,134.5	32,141.3	34,859.0
Unclassified imports	1,988.5	2,170.0	2,296.6	2,113.8	2,008.7	1,851.4	2,157.0	2,380.6	2,718.9
TOTAL IMPORTS	39,715.0	44,327.1	55,908.8	57,384.2	55,628.1	47,864.6	51,105.4	57,464.9	60,397.6

Source: CSO

Table 15.7 Percentage distribution of imports by main use

%

Main use	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Producers capital goods ready for use	13.0	14.7	14.4	13.1	12.7	12.0	13.0	14.4	11.6
Consumption goods ready for use									
Food, drink, tobacco	5.1	5.2	4.4	5.0	5.3	6.2	6.0	6.1	6.3
Other	15.8	16.0	16.1	16.7	17.6	20.3	19.8	19.5	19.9
Total	20.8	21.2	20.5	21.7	22.9	26.5	25.8	25.6	26.2
Materials for further production									
Agriculture	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.1
Other	59.5	57.6	59.3	59.9	59.0	55.5	54.9	53.9	55.6
Total	61.1	59.2	60.9	61.5	60.7	57.6	57.0	55.9	57.7
Unclassified imports	5.0	4.9	4.1	3.7	3.6	3.9	4.2	4.1	4.5
TOTAL IMPORTS	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: CSO

Distribution of imports by main use, 2006

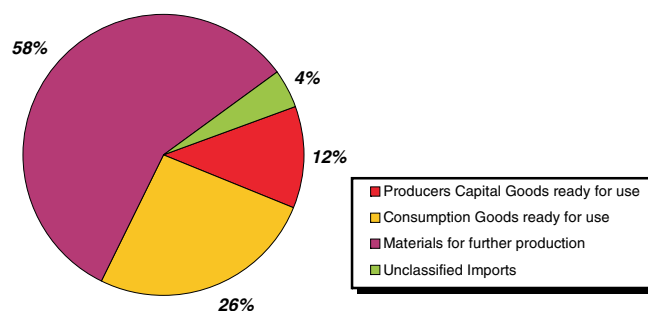


Table 15.8 Exports by industrial origin

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Industrial origin	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Agricultural produce	3,342.7	3,696.8	4,046.6	3,655.7	3,672.8	3,797.9	4,144.4	4,413.3	4,759.4
Forestry and fishing produce	347.5	351.7	385.0	488.9	494.2	453.5	449.6	407.8	407.6
Industrial produce	52,555.6	61,748.8	77,648.5	86,627.8	87,995.8	76,874.5	78,836.0	80,876.2	82,398.4
Unclassified exports	1,078.5	1,162.4	1,808.8	1,917.5	1,512.4	950.2	979.6	1,034.9	1,138.3
Total exports	57,321.8	66,956.2	83,888.9	92,689.9	93,675.2	82,076.1	84,409.5	86,732.3	88,703.7

Source: CSO

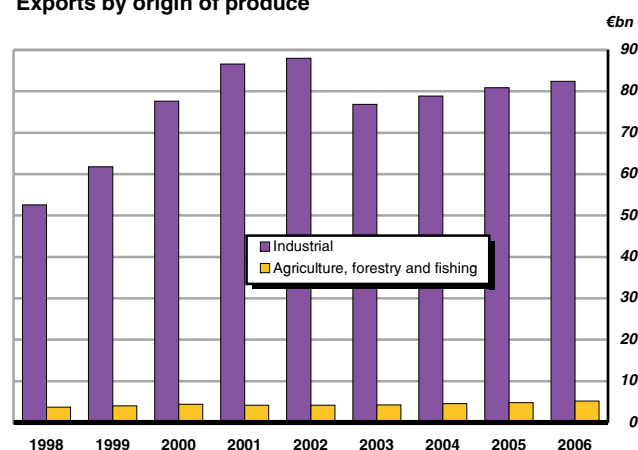
Table 15.9 Percentage distribution of exports by industrial origin

%

Industrial origin	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Agricultural produce	5.8	5.5	4.8	3.9	3.9	4.6	4.9	5.1	5.4
Forestry and fishing produce	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5
Industrial produce	91.7	92.2	92.6	93.5	93.9	93.7	93.4	93.2	92.9
Unclassified exports	1.9	1.7	2.2	2.1	1.6	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3
Total exports	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: CSO

Exports by origin of produce



External Trade

Table 15.10 Imports by area

€m

Area	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
European Union									
Great Britain	12,393.5	13,485.1	16,408.2	19,249.9	19,083.9	13,662.1	14,885.4	16,995.3	17,842.7
Northern Ireland	1,073.0	1,141.4	1,205.0	1,231.3	1,036.3	1,042.3	1,149.3	1,275.6	1,296.9
Other member states	8,111.0	9,322.5	13,136.8	13,563.3	13,041.5	11,944.1	13,851.9	15,201.5	16,955.1
Other European countries									
Members of EFTA	782.5	821.0	1,477.5	1,477.5	1,343.7	1,254.3	1,506.5	2,067.4	2,436.5
Other Europe	537.5	522.6	717.3	887.3	670.6	706.8	100.0	503.1	645.5
Other countries									
NAFTA	6,808.8	7,827.2	9,794.9	9,564.2	9,191.2	8,078.1	7,404.9	8,420.6	7,343.8
Other APEC	8,017.6	8,283.7	10,152.9	8,421.1	8,442.8	8,798.0	9,650.1	10,581.3	11,269.0
Rest of world	846.9	1,571.4	1,435.8	1,553.3	1,505.7	1,410.0	1,484.0	1,293.5	1,308.9
Unclassified	1,144.1	1,352.0	1,580.3	1,436.4	1,312.4	968.9	1,073.3	1,126.6	1,299.1
Total	39,715.0	44,327.1	55,908.8	57,384.2	55,628.1	47,864.6	51,105.4	57,464.9	60,397.6
<i>of which members of OECD</i>	<i>33,098.3</i>	<i>36,946.4</i>	<i>46,692.2</i>	<i>48,787.4</i>	<i>47,131.5</i>	<i>39,905.6</i>	<i>42,371.7</i>	<i>47,418.2</i>	<i>49,052.7</i>

Source: CSO

Table 15.11 Percentage distribution of imports by area

%

Area	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
European Union									
Great Britain	31.2	30.4	29.3	33.5	34.3	28.5	29.1	29.6	29.5
Northern Ireland	2.7	2.6	2.2	2.1	1.9	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1
Other member states	20.4	21.0	23.5	23.6	23.4	25.0	27.1	26.5	28.1
Other European countries									
Members of EFTA	2.0	1.9	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.6	2.9	3.6	4.0
Other Europe	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.2	1.5	0.2	0.9	1.1
Other countries									
NAFTA	17.1	17.7	17.5	16.7	16.5	16.9	14.5	14.7	12.2
Other APEC	20.2	18.7	18.2	14.7	15.2	18.4	18.9	18.4	18.7
Rest of world	2.1	3.5	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.9	2.9	2.3	2.2
Unclassified	2.9	3.1	2.8	2.5	2.4	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<i>of which members of OECD</i>	<i>83.3</i>	<i>83.3</i>	<i>83.5</i>	<i>85.0</i>	<i>84.7</i>	<i>83.4</i>	<i>82.9</i>	<i>82.5</i>	<i>81.2</i>

Source: CSO

Table 15.12 Exports by area

€m

Area	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
European Union									
Great Britain	11,416.8	13,175.4	17,083.9	20,765.5	20,853.1	13,434.7	13,714.5	13,775.0	13,881.4
Northern Ireland	1,503.8	1,514.8	1,785.9	1,864.3	1,610.7	1,408.3	1,484.2	1,576.8	1,650.6
Other member states	26,121.2	28,767.8	33,416.7	34,946.1	37,445.7	35,505.4	37,810.2	40,408.4	41,161.0
Other European countries									
Members of EFTA	1,764.6	2,255.0	2,689.4	3,320.8	3,656.5	3,176.8	3,297.8	3,874.7	3,177.8
Other Europe	846.8	849.7	1,312.0	1,095.4	962.0	878.7	207.2	604.2	699.3
Other countries									
NAFTA	8,252.8	10,840.6	14,877.2	16,839.3	17,476.9	17,927.1	17,344.4	16,279.8	17,129.6
Other APEC	4,248.0	5,735.5	8,208.6	9,310.9	7,706.2	6,900.8	7,582.7	7,510.2	7,767.3
Rest of world	2,255.7	2,726.4	3,407.6	3,328.1	2,700.4	2,333.8	2,538.3	2,441.1	2,898.4
Unclassified	912.2	1,091.0	1,107.5	1,219.5	1,263.7	510.4	430.1	262.1	338.2
Total	57,321.8	66,956.2	83,888.9	92,689.9	93,675.2	82,076.1	84,409.5	86,732.3	88,703.7
<i>of which members of OECD</i>	<i>52,045.4</i>	<i>60,355.2</i>	<i>75,998.7</i>	<i>83,664.8</i>	<i>85,983.9</i>	<i>75,691.8</i>	<i>77,573.8</i>	<i>81,138.0</i>	<i>80,639.5</i>

Source: CSO

Table 15.13 Percentage distribution of exports by area

%

Area	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
European Union									
Great Britain	19.9	19.7	20.4	22.4	22.3	16.4	16.2	15.9	15.6
Northern Ireland	2.6	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.9
Other member states	45.6	43.0	39.8	37.7	40.0	43.3	44.8	46.6	46.4
Other European countries									
Members of EFTA	3.1	3.4	3.2	3.6	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.5	3.6
Other Europe	1.5	1.3	1.6	1.2	1.0	1.1	0.2	0.7	0.8
Other countries									
NAFTA	14.4	16.2	17.7	18.2	18.7	21.8	20.5	18.8	19.3
Other APEC	7.4	8.6	9.8	10.0	8.2	8.4	9.0	8.7	8.8
Rest of world	3.9	4.1	4.1	3.6	2.9	2.8	3.0	2.8	3.3
Unclassified	1.6	1.6	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<i>of which members of OECD</i>	<i>90.8</i>	<i>90.1</i>	<i>90.6</i>	<i>90.3</i>	<i>91.8</i>	<i>92.2</i>	<i>91.9</i>	<i>93.5</i>	<i>90.9</i>

Source: CSO

