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This publication has been prepared to offer in a synthetical manner the performance of the Argentine international trade in order to provide updated information to the world community.

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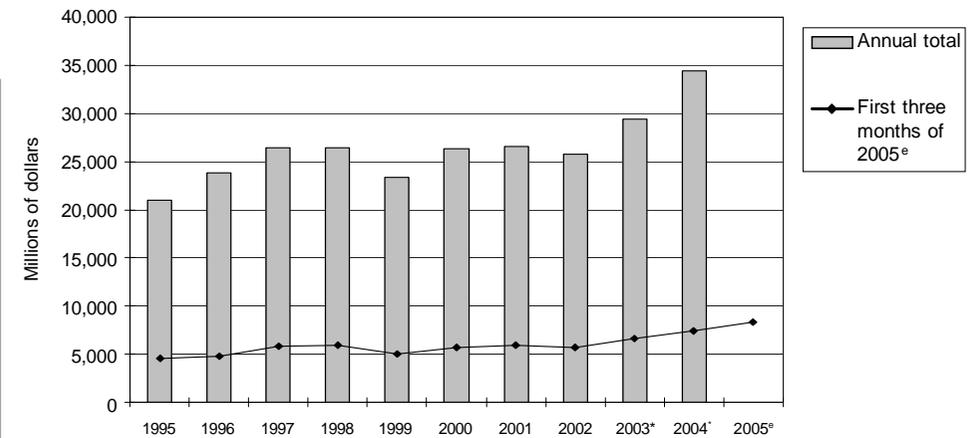
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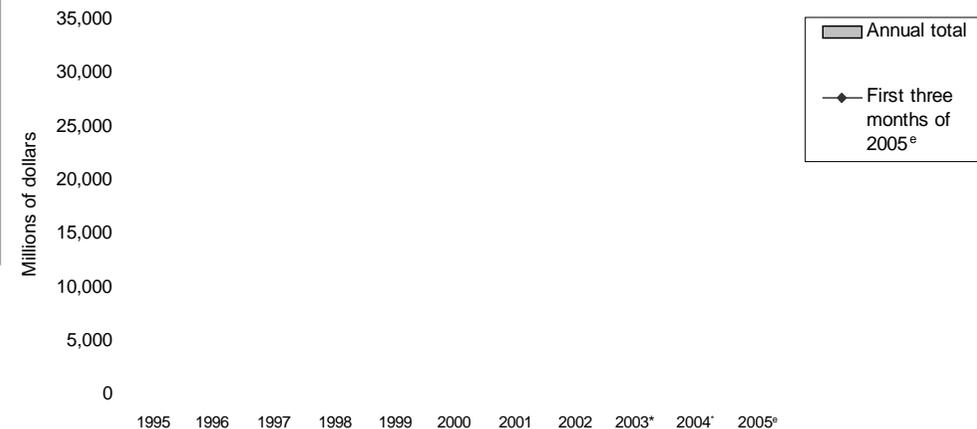
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Exports



Imports



➔ **Note:** totals may not match from partials sums due to rounding off.

CONCEPTUAL AND METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

Basic Information

INDEC foreign trade statistics are based on the customs declaration forms that register imports and exports of goods.

Since 1995, complementary sources of information have been incorporated because of the lack of customs declaration forms regarding certain exports and imports transactions which should be included in the foreign trade statistics; this is the case of trade on electrical energy by binational entities such as Salto Grande, Yaciretá and others.

The customs declaration forms are registered in an interactive entry system which controls the validity of the data, and allows to detect not received documentation in order to claim them to the customs.

Statistics Coverage

The primary objective of the official statistics on ARGENTINE FOREIGN TRADE is to measure the change in the stock of material resources of the country resulting from the movement of merchandises into or out Argentina.

The transactions can be classified into two main groups: ordinary and of special treatment.

In ordinary transactions importers and exporters receive or send merchandises through usual change operations and have no transportation peculiarities. These operations are included in the statistics and are classified since 1995 according to the MERCOSUR Common Nomenclature also based on the Harmonized System.

There are some transactions of special treatment which are also included in the statistics such as:

- samples
- donations
- temporary admission of goods for processing
- no tangible objects as natural gas or electricity

Special treatment transactions excluded from statistics are:

- goods consigned by the government to their representatives abroad
- monetary gold
- luggage and personal belongings of international passengers

- goods in transit
- military goods
- trade between the continental Argentine territory and Tierra del Fuego Special Customs Area.

COMMERCIAL SYSTEM

The national compilation of the international merchandise trade statistics is based on the special system (except electricity and trade between the continental territory and the Special Customs Area) by which imports and exports are registered on their way through customs, according to the United Nations Statistical Office definition. On the contrary, those countries which use the general trade system, register the transactions when goods cross the boundary of the national territory. This concept implies that the statistical frontier coincides with the geographic limits of the country, while for the special system the statistical border is the customs frontier.

STATISTICAL PERIOD

For the compilation of imports, the statistical period corresponds to the dispatch time independently from the arrival of the merchandises to the country; at the same time, exports are registered according to the final load for shipment date.

VALUES

The value assigned to exports is FOB-type value (free on board), on the port or loading place of the merchandises. It means that the transaction price also includes the cost to deliver goods to the port or loading place.

The imports are registered on a CIF-type basis, although it is also available information on imports FOB valued. The CIF value includes the FOB value plus the freight and insurance (duties are excluded) to deliver the merchandise from the port or loading place, to the first port or place of arrival in Argentina.

The values expressed in different currency from american dollars are converted to that currency according to the monthly average exchange rate, elaborated by the Banco de la Nación Argentina (buyer for the exports, seller for the imports).

TRADING PARTNER

Imports can be classified according to the country of consignment or origin. The definitions recommended by the Customs Cooperation Council are:

Country of consignment is the place "from which merchandises were initially dispatched to the importer country with no commercial intermediaries".

Country of origin is the place "from which merchandises have been produced or manufactured according to the established criteria to apply the customs tariffs, quantity restrictions or any other trade related measure".

Traditionally, INDEC has published imports data according to the consignment country. Starting in 1995, the country of origin is officially used to define the Argentine imports partner country, even when the information according to the country of consignment will continue being elaborated. Data according to the country of origin is available from 1987. Exports are classified according to the country of destination.

Country of destination is the place "declared at the moment of shipment as the country where finally merchandises will be delivered".

For the imports and exports statistics, data by country are grouped in two different manners: by continent or by a specific economic area.

Since January 2001, the INDEC has introduced a metodological change in the registration of foreign trade statistics in response to the relevant international recommendations. These changes will contribute to the harmonization of economic statistics and the improvement of their international comparability.

The implemented changes apply only to the foreign trade operations in customs-free zones. In the former system of special registration, applied until 2000, imports included the goods passing from customs-free zones to the customs controlled territory. Under the current system the goods are registered upon their entrance to the free zones. Similarly, in the former system exports included the goods leaving customs controlled territory and entering the free zones. With the current system, the goods are registered as exports when they leave the free zone bound for a foreign destination.

This decision applies to foreign trade statistics since 1997, when the first customs-free zones started operating in Argentina. For this reason, as previously announced, the INDEC will inform in its yearly publication, "Comercio Exterior Argentino", year 2000, the corrections covering the Argentine foreign trade for 1997-1999.

As from the month of January, 2004, exports and imports performed under the courier regime have been included.

Table 1. Argentine foreign trade by economic areas

| Period | Exports (FOB) | | | Imports (CIF) | | | Balance | |
|--------------|---------------------|---|--|---------------------|---|--|---------------------|---|
| | 2004* | Accumulated Jan - Mar 2005 ^e | Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year % | 2004* | Accumulated Jan - Mar 2005 ^e | Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year % | 2004* | Accumulated Jan - Mar 2005 ^e |
| | Thousand of dollars | | | Thousand of dollars | | | Thousand of dollars | |
| TOTAL | 34,452,614 | 8,273,034 | 12.5 | 22,320,108 | 5,952,661 | 28.4 | 12,132,507 | 2,320,373 |
| MERCOSUR | 6,770,384 | 1,611,756 | 5.6 | 8,210,963 | 2,349,780 | 40.7 | -1,440,579 | -738,024 |
| NAFTA | 5,041,384 | 1,302,058 | 29.7 | 4,320,010 | 1,021,789 | 6.4 | 721,374 | 280,269 |
| U.E. | 6,081,680 | 1,462,993 | -4.2 | 4,198,726 | 1,071,129 | 11.2 | 1,882,954 | 391,864 |
| ASEAN | 1,216,806 | 308,025 | 183.5 | 469,923 | 158,312 | 63.1 | 746,884 | 149,713 |
| REST | 15,342,360 | 3,588,201 | 12.5 | 5,120,487 | 1,351,651 | 42.7 | 10,221,874 | 2,236,550 |

Table 2. Exports and imports, percent distribution by main countries of destination and origin

| Country of destination | Exports (FOB) | | Country of origin | Imports (CIF) | |
|---------------------------|---------------|---|----------------------|---------------|---|
| | 2004* % | Accumulated Jan-Mar 2005 ^e | | 2004* % | Accumulated Jan-Mar 2005 ^e |
| Total | 100 | 100 | Total | 100 | 100 |
| Brazil | 16 | 16 | Brazil | 34 | 36 |
| United States | 11 | 12 | United States | 15 | 14 |
| Chile | 11 | 12 | China | 6 | 7 |
| Spain | 4 | 5 | Germany | 5 | 5 |
| China | 8 | 4 | Italy | 3 | 3 |
| Netherlands | 4 | 3 | Japan | 3 | 3 |
| Mexico | 3 | 3 | Mexico | 3 | 3 |
| Italy | 3 | 3 | Spain | 2 | 2 |
| Egypt | 2 | 3 | France | 3 | 2 |
| Germany | 2 | 2 | Chile | 2 | 2 |
| Rest | 36 | 37 | Rest | 24 | 23 |

Table 3. Exports and imports according to continent and country of destination and origin

| Continent and Country | Exports (FOB) | | | Imports (CIF) | | | Balance | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | 2004* | Accumulated Jan - Mar 2005° | Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year % | 2004* | Accumulated Jan - Mar 2005° | Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year % | 2004* | Accumulated Jan - Mar 2005° |
| | Thousand of dollars | | | Thousand of dollars | | | Thousand of dollars | |
| Total | 34,452,614 | 8,273,034 | 12.5 | 22,320,108 | 5,952,661 | 28.4 | 12,132,507 | 2,320,373 |
| AFRICA | 2,577,533 | 729,878 | 12.3 | 180,891 | 23,433 | -24.7 | 2,396,642 | 706,445 |
| Algeria | 449,733 | 146,630 | 26.9 | 282 | 612 | /// | 449,451 | 146,018 |
| Angola | 81,136 | 26,255 | 72.7 | - | - | - | 81,135 | 26,255 |
| Benin | 3,250 | 60 | -86.2 | - | - | - | 3,250 | 60 |
| Botswana | 31 | 640 | /// | - | - | - | 31 | 640 |
| Burkina Faso | 488 | 174 | 443.8 | 8 | 1 | /// | 480 | 174 |
| Burundi | 145 | - | - | - | - | - | 145 | - |
| Cameroon | 3,538 | 1,180 | 314.0 | 39 | - | - | 3,499 | 1,179 |
| Cape Verde | 498 | 467 | /// | - | - | - | 498 | 467 |
| Central Africa Republic | 45 | - | - | - | - | - | 45 | - |
| Chad | 454 | - | -100.0 | - | - | - | 454 | - |
| Comoros | 195 | 37 | /// | 28 | 2 | /// | 168 | 36 |
| Congo | 35,611 | 5,778 | -31.7 | 2,059 | 23 | -11.5 | 33,553 | 5,755 |
| Cost of Ivory | 5,336 | 4,346 | 428.7 | 496 | 193 | 250.9 | 4,841 | 4,153 |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | 16,650 | 3,716 | -30.6 | - | - | - | 16,650 | 3,716 |
| Egypt | 595,470 | 221,113 | 47.7 | 18,143 | 1,080 | -71.1 | 577,328 | 220,034 |
| Equatorial Guinea | 762 | 551 | 206.1 | - | - | - | 762 | 551 |
| Ethiopia | 106 | 100 | 270.4 | - | - | - | 106 | 100 |
| Gabon | 5,775 | 1,243 | 9.9 | - | 3 | /// | 5,775 | 1,240 |
| Gambia, The | 1,850 | 293 | -67.6 | - | - | - | 1,850 | 293 |
| Ghana | 13,339 | 3,095 | 96.6 | 30,793 | 2,252 | -67.0 | -17,454 | 843 |
| Guinea | 862 | 285 | 141.5 | - | - | - | 862 | 285 |
| Kenya | 77,718 | 17,851 | -38.5 | 178 | 3 | -83.3 | 77,540 | 17,848 |
| Lesotho | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Liberia | 3,572 | 593 | -72.3 | 25 | - | -100.0 | 3,546 | 593 |
| Lybia | 53,893 | 12,457 | 50.7 | - | - | - | 53,893 | 12,457 |
| Madagascar | 23,486 | 2,021 | -25.0 | 112 | 26 | -7.1 | 23,374 | 1,995 |
| Malawi | 2,023 | 1,066 | 48.1 | 1,154 | 1,979 | /// | 869 | -913 |
| Mali | 1,171 | 921 | 37.7 | - | - | - | 1,171 | 921 |
| Mauritania | 3,692 | 2,841 | /// | 46 | 1 | -66.7 | 3,646 | 2,840 |
| Mauritius | 23,922 | 9,854 | 204.6 | 44 | 23 | 91.7 | 23,877 | 9,831 |
| Morocco | 210,982 | 40,364 | -36.4 | 4,926 | 230 | -94.0 | 206,056 | 40,135 |
| Mozambique | 48,893 | 14,149 | 87.7 | - | 5 | /// | 48,893 | 14,144 |
| Namibia | 2,917 | 448 | -78.2 | 2 | 13 | /// | 2,915 | 435 |
| Niger | 5,713 | 3,756 | 54.4 | - | - | - | 5,713 | 3,756 |
| Nigeria | 97,906 | 23,208 | 65.5 | 15,362 | 38 | -29.6 | 82,544 | 23,170 |
| Rwanda | 119 | - | -100.0 | - | - | - | 119 | - |
| Senegal | 21,026 | 6,497 | 12.8 | 3 | - | - | 21,023 | 6,497 |
| Sierra Leone | 3,851 | 417 | -18.7 | 1 | - | - | 3,851 | 417 |
| Somalia | - | - | - | 15 | - | -100.0 | -15 | - |
| South Africa | 608,708 | 129,853 | -21.4 | 90,728 | 15,296 | 10.7 | 517,981 | 114,558 |

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| | Thousand of dollars | | | Thousand of dollars | | | Thousand of dollars | |
| Sudan | 4,661 | 10,832 | /// | 137 | 13 | -66.7 | 4,524 | 10,819 |
| Tanzania | 26,110 | 16,296 | /// | - | - | - | 26,110 | 16,296 |
| Territories linked to France | 16,028 | 2,888 | -14.6 | - | - | - | 16,028 | 2,888 |
| Territories linked to Spain | 1,630 | 469 | -55.3 | - | - | - | 1,630 | 469 |
| Territories linked to United Kingdom | - | 49 | /// | - | - | - | - | 49 |
| Togo | 1,999 | 1,345 | 317.7 | - | - | - | 1,999 | 1,345 |
| Tunisia | 113,259 | 14,978 | -59.3 | 15,914 | 274 | -88.9 | 97,345 | 14,704 |
| Uganda | 1,748 | 490 | /// | - | - | - | 1,748 | 490 |
| Zambia | 1,106 | 48 | -78.1 | - | 22 | /// | 1,106 | 26 |
| Zimbabwe | 5,306 | 13 | -40.9 | 338 | 1,317 | 854.4 | 4,968 | -1,304 |
| Rest | 819 | 209 | /// | 58 | 26 | /// | 761 | 183 |
| AMERICA | 18,027,563 | 4,391,739 | 14.9 | 13,343,823 | 3,604,338 | 29.1 | 4,683,739 | 787,400 |
| Antigua and Barbuda | 174 | 61 | 165.2 | - | - | - | 174 | 61 |
| Bahamas, The | 25,632 | 2,320 | /// | 1,145 | 334 | 53.2 | 24,487 | 1,986 |
| Barbados | 2,546 | 199 | -46.5 | 60 | 2 | -92.0 | 2,486 | 197 |
| Belize | 1,011 | 89 | 8.5 | - | - | - | 1,011 | 89 |
| Bolivia | 290,963 | 65,007 | 7.9 | 138,670 | 53,929 | 164.4 | 152,293 | 11,078 |
| Free Trade zone Santa Cruz de la Sierra (Bolivia) | 6 | - | - | - | - | - | 6 | - |
| Brazil | 5,551,837 | 1,346,668 | 5.2 | 7,568,321 | 2,161,707 | 40.1 | -2,016,485 | -815,039 |
| Free trade zone Manaus (Brazil) | 7 | - | - | 35,763 | 11,654 | 729.5 | -35,756 | -11,654 |
| Canada | 176,910 | 43,389 | 53.0 | 129,879 | 40,045 | 78.3 | 47,031 | 3,344 |
| Chile | 3,856,448 | 962,626 | 16.3 | 404,300 | 125,629 | 35.1 | 3,452,148 | 836,997 |
| Free Trade zone Iquique (Chile) | 203 | 20 | -46.0 | - | - | - | 203 | 20 |
| Punta Arenas (Chile) | 368 | 152 | 253.5 | - | - | - | 368 | 152 |
| Colombia | 273,790 | 65,202 | 10.5 | 46,800 | 10,539 | 38.1 | 226,989 | 54,663 |
| Costa Rica | 59,405 | 14,589 | 31.4 | 17,028 | 4,421 | 68.4 | 42,377 | 10,168 |
| Cuba | 91,358 | 35,435 | 158.5 | 1,509 | 365 | 31.8 | 89,848 | 35,070 |
| Dominica | 264 | 159 | /// | 30 | - | - | 234 | 159 |
| Dominican Republic | 107,899 | 17,157 | -41.6 | 918 | 278 | 113.9 | 106,981 | 16,879 |
| Ecuador | 195,180 | 35,594 | -26.6 | 54,526 | 15,894 | 11.3 | 140,654 | 19,700 |
| El Salvador | 56,717 | 3,763 | -38.0 | 41 | 2 | -60.0 | 56,676 | 3,761 |
| Grenada | 560 | 7 | -94.0 | 549 | 313 | 255.7 | 11 | -306 |
| Guatemala | 87,824 | 14,830 | 1.3 | 204 | 49 | -18.3 | 87,620 | 14,781 |
| Guyana | 1,182 | 379 | 124.3 | 4 | - | -100.0 | 1,178 | 379 |
| Haiti | 12,733 | 2,980 | 43.5 | 48 | 9 | -40.0 | 12,685 | 2,971 |
| Honduras | 32,581 | 3,133 | 14.6 | 79 | 4 | -20.0 | 32,502 | 3,130 |
| Jamaica | 10,195 | 947 | -39.9 | 35 | 3 | -62.5 | 10,161 | 944 |
| Mexico | 1,039,704 | 227,921 | 23.8 | 757,907 | 158,376 | 73.6 | 281,797 | 69,545 |
| Nicaragua | 13,324 | 1,915 | 71.1 | 20 | 18 | /// | 13,304 | 1,897 |
| Panama | 80,950 | 7,080 | -38.2 | 357 | 54 | -62.5 | 80,593 | 7,026 |
| Free trade zone Colon (Panama) | 3,353 | 456 | -2.8 | 1 | - | - | 3,352 | 456 |
| Paraguay | 514,686 | 89,617 | -20.5 | 379,729 | 119,634 | 49.3 | 134,957 | -30,016 |
| Peru | 496,350 | 132,993 | 24.8 | 33,292 | 8,472 | 33.9 | 463,058 | 124,521 |
| Saint Lucia | 1,117 | 78 | -69.3 | - | - | - | 1,116 | 78 |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | 338 | 156 | 140.0 | - | - | - | 338 | 156 |

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| | Thousand of dollars | | | Thousand of dollars | | | Thousand of dollars | |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis | 172 | 53 | 23.3 | - | - | - | 172 | 53 |
| Suriname | 3,383 | 753 | -23.9 | - | - | - | 3,383 | 753 |
| Territories linked to Netherlands | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Territories linked to France | 2,957 | 2,464 | 540.0 | - | - | - | 2,957 | 2,464 |
| Territories linked to United Kingdom | 759 | 324 | 431.2 | 1 | - | - | 759 | 324 |
| Territories linked to United States | 25 | 9 | /// | 946 | 1,639 | /// | -921 | -1,630 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 23,856 | 5,843 | 4.8 | 3,654 | - | -100.0 | 20,201 | 5,843 |
| United States | 3,730,031 | 1,014,208 | 31.6 | 3,388,319 | 808,961 | -3.6 | 341,712 | 205,247 |
| Puerto Rico (Associated to the United States) | 94,714 | 16,528 | -18.7 | 42,959 | 12,768 | 66.5 | 51,755 | 3,759 |
| Uruguay | 684,920 | 171,699 | 32.8 | 226,594 | 56,084 | 23.8 | 458,326 | 115,615 |
| Free trade zone Colonia (Uruguay) | 5,329 | 1,131 | 5.9 | 486 | 666 | 316.3 | 4,843 | 465 |
| Free trade zone Florida (Uruguay) | 107 | 6 | /// | - | - | - | 107 | 6 |
| Free trade zone Libertad (Uruguay) | 111 | - | -100.0 | 16 | - | -100.0 | 95 | - |
| Free trade zone Montevideo (Uruguay) | 13,185 | 2,635 | 2.5 | 21 | - | -100.0 | 13,165 | 2,635 |
| Free trade zone Nueva Helvecia (Uruguay) | - | - | - | 29 | - | - | -29 | - |
| Free trade zone Nueva Palmira (Uruguay) | 84 | - | -100.0 | 4 | 35 | /// | 80 | -35 |
| Free trade zone Rio Negro (Uruguay) | 118 | - | -100.0 | - | - | - | 118 | - |
| Free trade zone Rivera (Uruguay) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Free trade zone San Jose (Uruguay) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Venezuela | 430,804 | 77,248 | 1.5 | 53,642 | 4,358 | -33.8 | 377,162 | 72,891 |
| Rest | 51,392 | 23,917 | 121.4 | 55,935 | 8,097 | -16.1 | -4,543 | 15,820 |
| ASIA | 6,426,337 | 1,255,484 | 22.2 | 3,299,767 | 961,788 | 55.5 | 3,126,570 | 293,696 |
| Afghanistan | 455 | - | -100.0 | 2 | - | - | 453 | - |
| Bahrain | 9,927 | 1,151 | -69.2 | - | - | - | 9,927 | 1,151 |
| Bangladesh | 142,510 | 61,025 | 190.2 | 1,089 | 507 | 67.3 | 141,421 | 60,518 |
| Bhutan | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Brunei | 156 | - | -100.0 | - | - | - | 156 | - |
| Cambodia | 1,239 | 412 | 13.8 | 337 | 80 | -24.5 | 902 | 332 |
| China | 2,622,369 | 294,070 | -23.8 | 1,400,938 | 411,187 | 84.3 | 1,221,431 | -117,116 |
| Hong-Kong | 106,899 | 27,727 | -10.1 | 27,898 | 11,432 | 43.5 | 79,001 | 16,295 |
| Macau | 55 | - | -100.0 | 25 | 4 | /// | 30 | -4 |
| Georgia | 611 | 445 | /// | 7 | - | -100.0 | 604 | 445 |
| India | 567,125 | 144,601 | 68.2 | 160,993 | 56,734 | 31.5 | 406,131 | 87,867 |
| Indonesia | 234,579 | 91,521 | /// | 107,343 | 32,419 | 41.5 | 127,237 | 59,103 |
| Iran | 1,134 | 57 | 96.6 | 1,330 | 226 | -69.8 | -196 | -169 |
| Iraq | 34,398 | 2,437 | 214.1 | - | - | - | 34,398 | 2,437 |
| Israel | 174,837 | 48,012 | 9.4 | 57,944 | 13,752 | 38.7 | 116,893 | 34,259 |
| Japan | 356,858 | 49,995 | -58.2 | 612,158 | 169,674 | 42.5 | -255,300 | -119,679 |
| Jordan | 76,255 | 22,884 | 85.6 | 7 | - | -100.0 | 76,248 | 22,884 |
| Kazajstan | 1,502 | 647 | 44.1 | 14,006 | 4,389 | 95.4 | -12,504 | -3,743 |
| Kuwait | 23,759 | 5,732 | 338.6 | 5,536 | - | - | 18,222 | 5,732 |
| Lebanon | 33,434 | 6,529 | -23.6 | 157 | - | -100.0 | 33,277 | 6,529 |
| Malaysia | 278,601 | 79,011 | 106.7 | 130,851 | 29,781 | -5.7 | 147,750 | 49,230 |

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| | Thousand of dollars | | | Thousand of dollars | | | Thousand of dollars | |
| Maldives | 85 | - | -100.0 | - | - | - | 85 | - |
| Myanmar | 109 | - | -100.0 | 4,533 | 1,485 | 161.0 | -4,424 | -1,485 |
| Nepal | 668 | - | -100.0 | 2 | - | - | 666 | - |
| Oman | 26,007 | 17,643 | 410.4 | 4 | - | -100.0 | 26,003 | 17,643 |
| Pakistan | 43,159 | 9,465 | 17.8 | 27,390 | 5,786 | 1.4 | 15,769 | 3,679 |
| Philippines | 251,732 | 27,296 | -24.7 | 20,682 | 5,725 | 11.7 | 231,050 | 21,572 |
| Qatar | 7,974 | 2,513 | 751.9 | 1 | - | - | 7,973 | 2,513 |
| Korea Republican | 313,842 | 63,592 | 3.9 | 307,316 | 77,543 | 23.2 | 6,526 | -13,951 |
| Saudi Arabia | 173,753 | 25,815 | -40.4 | 10,539 | 347 | -74.8 | 163,214 | 25,469 |
| Singapore | 14,235 | 2,370 | -25.8 | 64,645 | 17,937 | 36.6 | -50,410 | -15,567 |
| Sri Lanka | 54,756 | 29,042 | /// | 5,217 | 1,376 | 27.6 | 49,539 | 27,666 |
| Syria | 124,219 | 34,348 | 76.1 | 1,203 | 45 | -95.2 | 123,016 | 34,302 |
| Taiwan | 81,215 | 20,516 | 104.7 | 186,583 | 49,467 | 19.5 | -105,368 | -28,951 |
| Tayiskistan | - | - | - | 2 | 1 | /// | -2 | -1 |
| Thailand | 287,892 | 63,947 | 253.7 | 129,894 | 66,204 | 223.0 | 157,998 | -2,257 |
| Turkmenistan | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| United Arab Emirates | 188,056 | 54,976 | 33.1 | 2,864 | 325 | 166.4 | 185,191 | 54,651 |
| Uzbekistan | 1,745 | - | - | 6 | - | - | 1,739 | - |
| Vietnam | 148,207 | 43,468 | 578.7 | 11,608 | 4,681 | 48.1 | 136,599 | 38,786 |
| Yemen | 38,691 | 23,732 | 41.2 | 5 | - | - | 38,686 | 23,732 |
| Rest | 3,290 | 506 | 35.3 | 6,652 | 681 | -54.5 | -3,362 | -175 |
| EUROPE | 6,927,266 | 1,748,888 | 0.6 | 5,154,834 | 1,297,789 | 13.6 | 1,772,432 | 451,099 |
| Albania | 2,563 | 369 | -26.8 | 17 | 3 | 50.0 | 2,546 | 367 |
| Austria | 12,179 | 2,386 | -25.9 | 88,179 | 24,712 | 54.5 | -76,000 | -22,326 |
| Belarus | 2,737 | 652 | 118.1 | 2,173 | 408 | 88.9 | 563 | 244 |
| Belgium | 250,716 | 64,241 | -12.2 | 140,041 | 33,837 | 7.5 | 110,675 | 30,404 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 4,577 | 1,070 | -59.7 | 611 | 18 | -80.7 | 3,967 | 1,052 |
| Bulgaria | 22,013 | 2,810 | -58.4 | 4,367 | 1,212 | 27.0 | 17,646 | 1,599 |
| Croatia | 21,878 | 3,665 | 9.2 | 357 | 273 | 57.8 | 21,521 | 3,392 |
| Cyprus | 19,973 | 2,283 | -77.1 | 46 | 8 | -11.1 | 19,926 | 2,275 |
| Czech Republic | 19,896 | 4,281 | -21.1 | 38,610 | 8,584 | 26.8 | -18,714 | -4,303 |
| Denmark | 285,864 | 55,127 | -24.8 | 101,519 | 37,442 | 44.5 | 184,345 | 17,685 |
| Estonia | 3,554 | 980 | -14.0 | 744 | 569 | 417.3 | 2,810 | 411 |
| Finland | 72,130 | 11,529 | -45.0 | 74,328 | 22,587 | 48.9 | -2,198 | -11,058 |
| France | 297,363 | 112,261 | 35.3 | 586,316 | 134,336 | -15.1 | -288,953 | -22,075 |
| Monaco | 11 | - | - | 994 | 205 | 3.5 | -983 | -205 |
| Germany | 720,402 | 181,900 | 21.5 | 1,093,713 | 280,148 | 11.0 | -373,312 | -98,248 |
| Greece | 113,167 | 11,261 | -66.8 | 12,213 | 3,465 | 122.8 | 100,955 | 7,796 |
| Hungary | 11,149 | 2,359 | -24.7 | 21,547 | 4,954 | 1.4 | -10,398 | -2,595 |
| Iceland | 373 | 83 | -32.5 | 328 | 60 | 1.7 | 46 | 23 |
| Ireland | 46,102 | 10,653 | -29.1 | 48,436 | 11,885 | 16.4 | -2,334 | -1,232 |
| Italy | 950,031 | 226,303 | -9.8 | 623,140 | 175,215 | 17.6 | 326,891 | 51,088 |
| San Marino | 2 | - | - | 24 | 1 | /// | -21 | -1 |
| Letonia | 7,903 | 3,662 | 112.4 | 26,764 | 2,102 | /// | -18,861 | 1,560 |

Table 3. (conclusion)

| Continent and Country | Exports (FOB) | | | Imports (CIF) | | | Balance | |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | 2004* | Accumulated Jan - Mar 2005° | Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year % | 2004* | Accumulated Jan - Mar 2005° | Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year % | 2004* | Accumulated Jan - Mar 2005° |
| | Thousand of dollars | | | Thousand of dollars | | | Thousand of dollars | |
| Liechtenstein | 24 | 4 | /// | 517 | 181 | 248.1 | -493 | -177 |
| Lithuania | 14,326 | 2,940 | -36.0 | 91 | 53 | 112.0 | 14,235 | 2,886 |
| Luxembourg | 782 | 191 | 76.9 | 7,589 | 2,909 | 234.4 | -6,807 | -2,717 |
| Macedonia | 1,956 | 189 | -56.1 | 383 | 140 | -61.9 | 1,572 | 50 |
| Malta | 5,091 | 545 | -86.9 | 799 | 292 | 77.0 | 4,292 | 253 |
| Netherlands | 1,230,412 | 280,479 | -5.0 | 172,339 | 52,898 | 21.8 | 1,058,073 | 227,581 |
| Norway | 22,717 | 6,375 | -7.7 | 24,067 | 3,666 | 41.0 | -1,350 | 2,709 |
| Poland | 182,273 | 63,528 | 62.7 | 42,537 | 5,991 | -44.4 | 139,737 | 57,537 |
| Portugal | 132,241 | 41,188 | 3.0 | 49,649 | 9,874 | -27.7 | 82,592 | 31,313 |
| Romania | 13,842 | 645 | -29.5 | 23,820 | 5,466 | 249.9 | -9,978 | -4,821 |
| Russia | 358,277 | 122,453 | 100.5 | 135,708 | 13,564 | -40.0 | 222,569 | 108,888 |
| Slovakia | 39 | 3 | -25.0 | 11,952 | 2,117 | 16.2 | -11,913 | -2,113 |
| Slovenia | 12,768 | 2,193 | -53.7 | 4,118 | 1,110 | 17.1 | 8,650 | 1,083 |
| Spain | 1,349,958 | 392,569 | 3.8 | 516,731 | 146,939 | 23.6 | 833,227 | 245,630 |
| Sweden | 46,469 | 8,137 | -55.2 | 266,480 | 58,451 | -0.9 | -220,012 | -50,314 |
| Switzerland | 20,877 | 28,740 | 530.8 | 247,957 | 51,093 | 14.2 | -227,080 | -22,353 |
| Territories linked to United Kingdom | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | - |
| Turkey | 239,584 | 29,268 | -38.6 | 25,739 | 11,507 | 39.7 | 213,845 | 17,760 |
| Ukraine | 24,585 | 6,824 | 235.8 | 18,456 | 3,466 | 713.6 | 6,129 | 3,358 |
| United Kingdom | 404,004 | 64,300 | -29.8 | 311,442 | 76,225 | 13.9 | 92,562 | -11,925 |
| Yugoslavia (Servia, Montenegro) | 2,131 | 345 | 72.5 | 364 | 152 | -31.8 | 1,767 | 193 |
| Rest | 324 | 99 | 230.0 | 429,629 | 109,673 | 53.7 | -429,305 | -109,574 |
| OCEANIA | 137,978 | 32,227 | 22.8 | 85,354 | 26,888 | 11.9 | 52,624 | 5,339 |
| Australia | 124,217 | 29,254 | 26.1 | 73,094 | 24,647 | 38.3 | 51,122 | 4,607 |
| Fiji | 59 | - | - | - | - | - | 59 | - |
| New Zealand | 11,146 | 2,454 | 3.5 | 12,226 | 2,239 | -63.9 | -1,080 | 215 |
| Papua New Guinea | 31 | - | - | 14 | - | - | 17 | - |
| Territories linked to France | 2,455 | 516 | -19.8 | - | - | - | 2,455 | 516 |
| Territories linked to the United States | - | 3 | /// | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| Vanuatu | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Rest | 71 | - | -100.0 | 20 | 2 | - | 51 | -2 |
| Rest | 355,937 | 114,817 | 28.5 | 255,438 | 38,424 | 29.9 | 100,499 | 76,393 |

Table 4. Exports and imports according to Sections and Chapters of the Harmonized System

| Section chapter | Exports (FOB) | | | Imports (CIF) | | | Balance |
|--|---------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| | 2004* | Accumulated Jan-Mar 2005 ^e | Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year % | 2004* | Accumulated Jan-Mar 2005 ^e | Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year % | Accumulated Jan-Mar 2005 ^e |
| | Thousand of dollars | | | Thousand of dollars | | | Thousand of dollars |
| Total | 34,452,614 | 8,273,034 | 12.5 | 22,320,108 | 5,952,661 | 28.4 | 2,320,373 |
| I Live animals and products of animal origin | 2,514,078 | 656,434 | 23.3 | 103,700 | 28,845 | 15.1 | 627,589 |
| 1 Live animals | 11,315 | 3,785 | -14.9 | 5,976 | 1,949 | 8.5 | 1,836 |
| 2 Meat and edible meat offal | 1,024,703 | 276,981 | 37.2 | 57,848 | 15,996 | 14.0 | 260,985 |
| 3 Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates | 789,913 | 181,717 | -3.2 | 9,769 | 4,527 | 73.9 | 177,190 |
| 4 Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, n.e.s.o.i. | 654,792 | 185,496 | 42.5 | 15,160 | 2,092 | -46.2 | 183,404 |
| 5 Products of animal origin, n.e.s.o.i. | 33,355 | 8,455 | 4.8 | 14,946 | 4,281 | 56.1 | 4,174 |
| II Products of vegetable origin | 5,495,983 | 1,442,035 | 39.3 | 387,609 | 110,392 | 33.3 | 1,331,643 |
| 6 Live trees and other plants; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage | 2,092 | 293 | -24.3 | 2,488 | 714 | 125.9 | -421 |
| 7 Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers | 200,252 | 63,774 | 5.2 | 11,562 | 2,396 | 56.1 | 61,378 |
| 8 Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melon | 601,174 | 242,485 | 29.0 | 73,333 | 16,379 | 11.5 | 226,106 |
| 9 Coffee, tea, mate and spices | 61,042 | 17,451 | 7.4 | 45,221 | 12,349 | 25.6 | 5,102 |
| 10 Cereals | 2,703,671 | 962,634 | 40.7 | 12,299 | 929 | -58.2 | 961,705 |
| 11 Milling industry products; malt; starches; inulin; wheat gluten | 92,913 | 24,724 | 48.0 | 5,201 | 1,173 | 11.1 | 23,551 |
| 12 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruits; industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder | 1,829,756 | 129,961 | 89.3 | 204,505 | 68,532 | 53.2 | 61,429 |
| 13 Lac; gums; resins and other vegetable saps and extracts | 983 | 148 | -39.6 | 29,256 | 6,455 | -13.5 | -6,307 |
| 14 Vegetable plaiting materials and vegetable products, n.e.s.o.i. | 4,100 | 565 | 24.2 | 3,744 | 1,465 | 53.6 | -900 |
| III Fats and oils | 3,167,980 | 741,963 | 0.6 | 39,757 | 9,391 | -10.6 | 732,572 |
| 15 Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes | 3,167,980 | 741,963 | 0.6 | 39,757 | 9,391 | -10.6 | 732,572 |
| IV Feeding products, beverages and tobacco | 5,446,984 | 1,096,498 | -9.9 | 307,557 | 90,732 | 14.3 | 1,005,766 |
| 16 Edible preparations of meat, fish, crustaceans molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates | 212,820 | 51,051 | 10.1 | 38,543 | 16,497 | 7.0 | 34,554 |
| 17 Sugars and sugar confectionary | 146,599 | 22,521 | 8.7 | 19,895 | 5,383 | 20.2 | 17,138 |
| 18 Cocoa and cocoa preparations | 79,933 | 20,518 | 10.2 | 66,263 | 18,677 | 8.4 | 1,841 |
| 19 Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; bakers' wares | 176,074 | 37,636 | 1.2 | 16,068 | 3,931 | 10.6 | 33,705 |

Table 4. (continuation)

| Section chapter | Exports (FOB) | | | Imports (CIF) | | | Balance |
|---|---------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| | 2004* | Accumulated Jan-Mar 2005 ^e | Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year % | 2004* | Accumulated Jan-Mar 2005 ^e | Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year % | Accumulated Jan-Mar 2005 ^e |
| | Thousand of dollars | | | Thousand of dollars | | | Thousand of dollars |
| 20 Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants | 446,131 | 89,435 | 21.3 | 37,647 | 8,022 | -5.0 | 81,413 |
| 21 Miscellaneous edible preparations | 76,720 | 15,831 | 13.0 | 56,481 | 15,424 | 19.6 | 407 |
| 22 Beverages, spirits and vinegar | 273,088 | 66,586 | 27.1 | 22,160 | 5,908 | 24.3 | 60,678 |
| 23 Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed | 3,843,332 | 762,731 | -18.7 | 26,151 | 6,611 | 19.7 | 756,120 |
| 24 Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes | 192,287 | 30,190 | 84.3 | 24,348 | 10,279 | 44.6 | 19,911 |
| V Mineral products | 6,545,940 | 1,399,087 | -4.6 | 1,250,370 | 333,580 | 64.1 | 1,065,507 |
| 25 Salt; sulfur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement | 44,146 | 11,089 | 10.0 | 47,796 | 13,010 | 18.8 | -1,921 |
| 26 Ores, slag and ash | 652,040 | 73,925 | -56.9 | 281,594 | 96,578 | 39.6 | -22,653 |
| 27 Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes | 5,849,754 | 1,314,073 | 2.3 | 920,980 | 223,992 | 81.8 | 1,090,081 |
| VI Industrial products | 2,149,122 | 550,226 | 19.9 | 4,232,598 | 1,046,122 | 18.1 | -495,896 |
| 28 Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare-earth metals, of radioactive elements or of isotopes | 194,493 | 51,140 | 4.6 | 376,114 | 99,477 | 12.9 | -48,337 |
| 29 Organic chemicals | 505,555 | 154,950 | 35.7 | 1,621,562 | 425,192 | 19.6 | -270,242 |
| 30 Pharmaceutical products | 344,792 | 71,790 | -4.8 | 545,076 | 150,324 | 15.1 | -78,534 |
| 31 Fertilizers | 87,523 | 26,707 | 16.9 | 430,249 | 26,684 | -41.1 | 23 |
| 32 Tanning or dyeing extracts; tannins and derivatives; dyes, pigments and other coloring matter; paints and varnishes; putty and other mastics; inks | 122,895 | 33,066 | 11.4 | 248,773 | 62,939 | 6.8 | -29,873 |
| 33 Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations | 239,009 | 67,708 | 37.4 | 139,546 | 36,486 | 12.9 | 31,222 |
| 34 Soap etc.; lubricating products; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles etc, modeling pastes; dental waxes and dental preparations with a basic of plaster | 81,512 | 21,967 | 23.8 | 161,624 | 42,992 | 14.2 | -21,025 |
| 35 Albuminoidal substances; modified starches; glues; enzymes | 96,002 | 21,879 | 11.3 | 61,548 | 17,839 | 15.9 | 4,040 |
| 36 Explosives; pyrotechnic products; matches; pyrophoric alloys; certain combustible preparations | 4,636 | 1,886 | 198.9 | 10,422 | 1,098 | -45.8 | 788 |
| 37 Photographic or cinematographic goods | 57,402 | 15,638 | 34.6 | 99,304 | 27,822 | 21.2 | -12,184 |
| 38 Miscellaneous chemical products | 415,303 | 83,496 | 21.4 | 538,377 | 155,270 | 59.7 | -71,774 |
| VII Plastic, rubber and its manufactures | 1,129,221 | 325,396 | 32.2 | 1,639,117 | 485,026 | 29.7 | -159,630 |
| 39 Plastics and articles thereof | 937,845 | 274,851 | 32.7 | 1,163,784 | 356,503 | 33.9 | -81,652 |
| 40 Rubber and articles thereof | 191,377 | 50,545 | 29.8 | 475,332 | 128,522 | 19.1 | -77,977 |

Table 4. (continuation)

| Section chapter | Exports (FOB) | | | Imports (CIF) | | | Balance |
|--|---------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| | 2004* | Accumulated Jan-Mar 2005 ^o | Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year % | 2004* | Accumulated Jan-Mar 2005 ^o | Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year % | Accumulated Jan-Mar 2005 ^o |
| | Thousand of dollars | Thousand of dollars | | Thousand of dollars | Thousand of dollars | | Thousand of dollars |
| VIII Leathers and leather manufactures | 943,795 | 220,038 | 6.6 | 71,634 | 18,883 | 23.1 | 201,155 |
| 41 Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and leather | 822,836 | 190,108 | -- | 33,729 | 7,013 | -6.5 | 183,095 |
| 42 Articles of leather; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of gut | 95,270 | 25,155 | 105.5 | 36,242 | 11,567 | 55.1 | 13,588 |
| 43 Furskins and artificial fur; manufactures thereof | 25,688 | 4,775 | 2.0 | 1,663 | 303 | -20.5 | 4,472 |
| IX Wood, charcoal, cork, cork manufactures, cross-ties of wood | 277,433 | 65,261 | 21.3 | 111,730 | 29,055 | -8.7 | 36,206 |
| 44 Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal | 274,553 | 64,854 | 21.7 | 65,814 | 21,688 | 22.0 | 43,166 |
| 45 Cork and articles of cork | 2,849 | 403 | -24.5 | 45,035 | 7,174 | -48.5 | -6,771 |
| 46 Manufactures of straw, esparto or other plaiting materials; Basketware and wickerwork | 31 | 4 | - | 881 | 192 | 68.4 | -188 |
| X Wood pulp, paper, paperboard | 488,195 | 123,239 | 6.7 | 662,726 | 198,519 | 28.2 | -75,280 |
| 47 Pulp of wood or other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap) paper and paperboard | 138,052 | 30,061 | -15.2 | 70,008 | 20,592 | 36.7 | 9,469 |
| 48 Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard | 287,810 | 78,421 | 17.7 | 524,645 | 153,713 | 25.8 | -75,292 |
| 49 Printed books, newspapers, pictures and other printed products; manuscripts, typescripts and plans | 62,333 | 14,757 | 10.0 | 68,074 | 24,214 | 37.7 | -9,457 |
| XI Textile stuff and manufactures | 463,453 | 115,056 | 0.7 | 760,966 | 210,987 | 21.4 | -95,931 |
| 50 Silk, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof | 2 | 1 | /// | 1,154 | 295 | 9.7 | -294 |
| 51 Wool and fine or coarse animal hair, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof; horsehair yarn and woven | 178,558 | 47,586 | -3.6 | 9,934 | 2,469 | -16.4 | 45,117 |
| 52 Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof | 37,858 | 7,177 | -13.7 | 151,031 | 38,597 | 17.0 | -31,420 |
| 53 Vegetable textile fibers nesoi; yarns and woven fabrics of vegetable textile fibers nesoi and paper | 32 | 15 | 275.0 | 4,231 | 457 | 37.7 | -442 |
| 54 Manmade filaments, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof | 64,295 | 12,098 | -21.9 | 135,267 | 34,784 | 11.1 | -22,686 |
| 55 Manmade staple fibers. including yarns and woven fabrics thereof | 15,528 | 4,974 | 35.1 | 149,867 | 42,447 | 22.0 | -37,473 |
| 56 Wadding, felt and nonwovens; special yarns; twine, cordage, ropes and cables and articles thereof | 39,071 | 10,219 | 6.6 | 36,191 | 8,903 | 21.8 | 1,316 |
| 57 Carpets and other textile floor coverings | 4,737 | 1,222 | 35.5 | 9,565 | 2,759 | 96.4 | -1,537 |
| 58 Special woven fabrics; tufted textile fabrics; lace; tapestries; trimmings; embroidery | 9,901 | 4,692 | /// | 22,414 | 13,240 | 43.5 | -8,548 |
| 59 Impregnated, coated, covered or laminated textile fabrics; textile articles suitable for industrial use | 34,303 | 8,354 | - | 55,741 | 13,992 | 21.8 | -5,638 |
| 60 Knitted or crocheted fabrics | 7,512 | 1,249 | -13.3 | 40,475 | 12,793 | 1.6 | -11,544 |
| 61 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted | 37,277 | 9,302 | 9.9 | 35,416 | 11,253 | 31.1 | -1,951 |
| 62 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted | 24,780 | 6,148 | 1.5 | 58,628 | 16,891 | 30.2 | -10,743 |

Table 4. (continuation)

| Section chapter | Exports (FOB) | | | Imports (CIF) | | | Balance |
|--|---------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| | 2004* | Accumulated Jan-Mar 2005 ^e | | 2004* | Accumulated Jan-Mar 2005 ^e | | Accumulated Jan-Mar 2005 ^e |
| | Thousand of dollars | | Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year % | Thousand of dollars | | Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year % | Thousand of dollars |
| 63 Made-up textile articles nesoi; needlecraft sets; worn clothing and worn textile articles; rags | 9,600 | 2,020 | -10.5 | 51,052 | 12,106 | 58.5 | -10,086 |
| XII Footwear, umbrellas, artificial flowers and others | 21,402 | 7,428 | 63.4 | 154,929 | 36,267 | 24.6 | -28,839 |
| 64 Footwear, gaiters and the like; parts of such articles | 19,982 | 7,106 | 64.5 | 146,061 | 34,358 | 22.7 | -27,252 |
| 65 Headgear and parts thereof | 1,034 | 173 | 23.6 | 3,940 | 1,143 | 103.7 | -970 |
| 66 Umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof | 196 | 114 | 245.5 | 3,112 | 385 | 95.4 | -271 |
| 67 Prepared feathers and down and articles thereof; artificial flowers; articles of human hair | 190 | 35 | -32.7 | 1,816 | 382 | 9.1 | -347 |
| XIII Stone manufactures, plaster, cement, amianthus, mica, ceramic, glass | 123,569 | 30,588 | 13.2 | 207,842 | 57,262 | 40.5 | -26,674 |
| 68 Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials | 43,494 | 10,725 | 19.9 | 42,775 | 14,221 | 49.3 | -3,496 |
| 69 Ceramic products | 44,038 | 10,360 | 5.6 | 71,696 | 18,856 | 46.7 | -8,496 |
| 70 Glass and glassware | 36,036 | 9,503 | 14.8 | 93,370 | 24,186 | 31.5 | -14,683 |
| XIV Fine pearls, stones and precious metals, coins and others | 145,518 | 39,506 | 36.9 | 29,826 | 9,444 | 36.1 | 30,062 |
| 71 Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semiprecious stones, precious metals; precious metal clad metals, and articles thereof; imitation jewelry; coin | 145,518 | 39,506 | 36.9 | 29,826 | 9,444 | 36.1 | 30,062 |
| XV Common metals and manufactures | 1,670,522 | 472,000 | 42.0 | 1,462,730 | 476,246 | 57.8 | -4,246 |
| 72 Iron and steel | 569,280 | 207,267 | 80.6 | 567,621 | 162,356 | 50.8 | 44,911 |
| 73 Articles of iron or steel | 611,170 | 113,648 | -3.6 | 343,591 | 158,100 | 111.9 | -44,452 |
| 74 Copper and articles thereof | 9,942 | 3,274 | 97.0 | 120,436 | 36,225 | 45.2 | -32,951 |
| 75 Nickel and articles thereof | 69 | 9 | 350.0 | 21,234 | 6,514 | 67.8 | -6,505 |
| 76 Aluminum and articles thereof | 381,483 | 121,875 | 57.0 | 97,806 | 27,604 | 33.4 | 94,271 |
| 78 Lead and articles thereof | 22,800 | 7,014 | 47.3 | 541 | 74 | -59.8 | 6,940 |
| 79 Zinc and articles thereof | 12,982 | 2,552 | -1.5 | 23,470 | 6,571 | -5.0 | -4,019 |
| 80 Tin and articles thereof | 6 | 8 | /// | 11,364 | 1,108 | -54.9 | -1,100 |
| 81 Base metals nesoi; cermets; articles thereof | 2,355 | 283 | -28.4 | 15,928 | 4,039 | 34.7 | -3,756 |
| 82 Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof of base metal | 36,080 | 9,544 | 22.4 | 172,341 | 49,241 | 24.7 | -39,697 |
| 83 Miscellaneous articles of base metal | 24,355 | 6,525 | 30.9 | 88,398 | 24,414 | 35.0 | -17,889 |
| XVI Machines, instruments and electric material | 1,052,076 | 282,132 | 30.3 | 6,361,238 | 1,681,169 | 38.3 | -1,399,037 |
| 84 Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof | 772,635 | 214,029 | 33.1 | 3,767,028 | 1,022,947 | 33.2 | -808,918 |
| 85 Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television recorder | 279,442 | 68,103 | 22.1 | 2,594,211 | 658,222 | 46.9 | -590,119 |
| XVII Transport equipment | 2,107,399 | 522,413 | 37.6 | 3,638,419 | 886,786 | 8.7 | -364,373 |

Table 4. (conclusion)

| Section chapter | Exports (FOB) | | | Imports (CIF) | | | Balance |
|---|---------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| | 2004* | Accumulated Jan-Mar 2005 ^e | | 2004* | Accumulated Jan-Mar 2005 ^e | | Accumulated Jan-Mar 2005 ^e |
| | Thousand of dollars | | Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year % | Thousand of dollars | | Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year % | Thousand of dollars |
| 86 Railway or tramway locomotives, rolling stock, track fixtures and fittings, and parts thereof; mechanical | 5,758 | 1,315 | 10.7 | 8,229 | 22,108 | 359.4 | -20,793 |
| 87 Vehicles, other than railway or tramway rolling stock, and parts and accessories thereof | 2,062,305 | 503,637 | 35.3 | 3,084,413 | 823,640 | 45.7 | -320,003 |
| 88 Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof | 26,276 | 2,152 | 110.8 | 509,660 | 38,047 | -84.3 | -35,895 |
| 89 Ships, boats and floating structures | 13,059 | 15,308 | 186.2 | 36,117 | 2,990 | 11.9 | 12,318 |
| XVIII Optical instruments, medical-surgical precision, watches and music | 125,806 | 28,036 | 10.0 | 516,946 | 137,240 | 19.2 | -109,204 |
| 90 Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; parts and accessories thereof | 123,023 | 27,565 | 11.6 | 483,484 | 128,388 | 18.0 | -100,823 |
| 91 Clocks and watches and parts thereof | 1,769 | 245 | -58.1 | 26,273 | 7,223 | 35.5 | -6,978 |
| 92 Musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof | 1,014 | 225 | 19.0 | 7,190 | 1,630 | 55.7 | -1,405 |
| XIX Arms and ammunition | 9,304 | 2,255 | -5.6 | 5,679 | 1,003 | -21.5 | 1,252 |
| 93 Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof | 9,304 | 2,255 | -5.6 | 5,679 | 1,003 | -21.5 | 1,252 |
| XX Commodities and different products | 215,919 | 37,805 | -39.0 | 279,902 | 69,679 | 39.4 | -31,874 |
| 94 Furniture; bedding, cushions etc.; lamps and Lighting fittings n.e.s.o.i.; illuminated signs, nameplates and the like; prefabricated buildings | 195,462 | 33,240 | -43.2 | 101,033 | 23,951 | 24.7 | 9,289 |
| 95 Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof | 14,731 | 2,797 | 17.2 | 114,911 | 26,560 | 101.7 | -23,763 |
| 96 Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 5,726 | 1,769 | 69.6 | 63,958 | 19,168 | 8.8 | -17,399 |
| XXI Works of art, antiques | 2,979 | 820 | 57.1 | 1,374 | 431 | 107.2 | 389 |
| 97 Works of art-collectors'pieces and antiques | 2,979 | 820 | 57.1 | 1,374 | 431 | 107.2 | 389 |
| Special transactions | 355,937 | 114,817 | 28.5 | 93,457 | 35,602 | 53.5 | 79,215 |
| Transportation fuel supply | 321,233 | 103,851 | 32.5 | 84,105 | 24,553 | 64.5 | 79,298 |
| Other soipping stores | 33,147 | 7,740 | -27.1 | 9,352 | 2,217 | 19.6 | 5,523 |
| Residual | 1,557 | 585,0 | 70.1 | - | - | - | 585 |
| Couriers | - | 2,641 | /// | - | 8,832 | /// | -6,191 |

Table 5. Exports and Imports, percent distribution according to the Sections of the Harmonized System

| Section | Exports | | Imports | |
|---|------------|--|------------|--|
| | 2004* | Accumulated Jan-Mar 2005 ^e | 2004* | Accumulated Jan-Mar 2005 ^e |
| Total General | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| I Live animals and products of animal origin | 7 | 8 | 1 | -- |
| II Products of vegetable origin | 17 | 17 | 2 | 2 |
| III Fats and oils | 10 | 9 | -- | -- |
| IV Feeding products, beverages and tobacco | 16 | 13 | 1 | 2 |
| V Mineral products | 19 | 18 | 6 | 6 |
| VI Industrial products | 6 | 7 | 19 | 18 |
| VII Plastic, rubber and its manufactures | 3 | 4 | 7 | 8 |
| VIII Leathers and leather manufactures (except footwear) | 3 | 3 | -- | -- |
| IX Wood, charcoal, cork, cork manufactures, cross-ties of wood | 1 | 1 | 1 | -- |
| X Wood pulp, paper, paperboard | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| XI Textile stuff and manufactures | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| XII Footwear, umbrellas, artificial flowers and others | -- | -- | 1 | 1 |
| XIII Stone manufactures, plaster, cement, amianthus, mica, ceramic, glass | -- | -- | 1 | 1 |
| XIV Fine pearls, stones and precious metals, coins and others | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| XV Common metals and manufactures | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| XVI Machines, instruments and electric material | 3 | 3 | 29 | 28 |
| XVII Transport equipment | 5 | 6 | 16 | 15 |
| XVIII Optical instruments, medical-surgical precision, watches and music | -- | -- | 2 | 2 |
| XIX Arms and ammunition | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| XX Commodities and different products | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| XXI Works of art, antiques | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 99 Special transactions | 1 | 1 | -- | 1 |

Table 6. Exports by main groups of commodities according to the tariff schedule of the Harmonized System

| Groups of commodities | 2004* | Accumulated Jan - Mar 2005 ^e | |
|---|---------------------|---|--|
| | Millions of dollars | Millions of dollars | Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year % |
| Total | 34,453 | 8,273 | 12.5 |
| 230400 Soybean oilcake and other solid residues resulting from the extraction of soybean oil, whether or not ground in the form of pellets | 3,606 | 714 | -18.9 |
| 270900 Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals crude | 2,315 | 495 | -2.0 |
| 150710 Soybean oil and its fractions, crude, whether or not degummed | 2,241 | 432 | -16.6 |
| 120100 Soybeans, whether of not broken | 1,737 | 102 | 82.1 |
| 271011 Petroleum oils and preparations | 1,551 | 379 | 13.8 |
| 100190 Wheat (other than durum wheat), and meslin | 1,373 | 599 | 58.0 |
| 100590 Corn (maize) other than seed corn | 1,179 | 316 | 19.7 |
| 260300 Copper ores and concentrates | 642 | 71 | -58.2 |
| 271019 Other petroleum products, n.e.s.o.i. | 623 | 116 | -15.9 |
| 870323 Motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons with spark-ignition internal combustion reciprocating piston engine, cylinder capacity over 1,500 cc but not exceeding 3,000 cc | 619 | 146 | 43.1 |
| 151211 Sunflower-seed or safflower oil, and fractions thereof, crude, not chemically modified | 495 | 196 | 49.6 |
| 271121 Natural gas, gaseous | 423 | 116 | 17.2 |
| 020230 Meat of bovine animals frozen: boneless | 408 | 110 | 59.4 |
| 020130 Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled: boneless | 404 | 103 | 27.2 |
| 870421 Motor vehicles for goods transport n.e.s.o.i., with compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel), g.v.w. not exceeding over 5 metric tons | 371 | 88 | 31.3 |
| 040221 Milk and cream, concentrated not sweetened, in powder, granules or other | 364 | 102 | 41.7 |
| 271112 Propane | 279 | 58 | -10.8 |
| 410441 Full grain, unsplit; grain splits tanned or crust hides and skins of bovine or equine animals, without hair on, whether or not split, but not further prepared | 261 | 59 | 11.3 |
| 271113 Butanes | 257 | 51 | -21.5 |
| 870840 Gear boxes for motor vehicles | 256 | 67 | 31.4 |
| 030420 Fish fillets, frozen | 255 | 62 | 5.1 |
| 730429 Casing and tubing pipes, seamless, of a kind used in drilling for oil or gas, of iron (except cast iron) or steel, n.e.s.o.i. solid forms, of a fat content, by weight, exceeding 1,5% | 230 | 46 | -4.2 |
| 760120 Aluminum alloys, unwrought | 217 | 75 | 74.4 |
| 030613 Shrimps and prawns | 215 | 21 | -52.3 |
| 220421 Wine of fresh grapes excluding grape of heading 2009 in containers holding 2 liters or less | 195 | 47 | 27.0 |
| 160250 Prepared of preserved meat, meat offal or blood of bovine animals, n.e.s.o.i. | 190 | 46 | 9.5 |
| 870899 Parts and accessories for motor vehicles of headings 8701 to 8705, n.e.s.o.i. | 189 | 46 | 27.8 |

Table 6. (conclusion)

| Groups of commodities | 2004* | Accumulated Jan - Mar 2005 ^e | |
|--|---------------------|---|--|
| | Millions of dollars | Millions of dollars | Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year % |
| 271119 Other liquefied petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons | 173 | 34 | -10.5 |
| 240120 Tobacco partly or wholly stemmed/stripped | 169 | 25 | 108.3 |
| 870431 Motor vehicles for the transport of goods. Other, with spark-ignition internal combustion piston engine g.v.w. not exceeding 5 metric tons | 169 | 42 | 35.5 |
| 300490 Medicaments in measured doses, etc, excluding vaccines, etc, coated bandages etc., and pharmaceutical goods, n.e.s.o.i. | 165 | 35 | - |
| 080820 Pears and quinces, fresh | 154 | 123 | 26.8 |
| 380830 Herbicides, antisprouting products and plant-growth regulators | 152 | 28 | 21.7 |
| 390190 Other polymers of ethylene, in primary forms | 145 | 38 | 5.6 |
| 410449 Other tanned or crust hides and skins of bovine or equine animals, without hair on, whether or not split, but not further prepared | 141 | 31 | -6.1 |
| 710812 Gold unwrought forms | 138 | 38 | 40.7 |
| 470321 Chemical woodpulp, soda or sulfate, other than dissolving grades, semibleached or bleached coniferous | 136 | 29 | -17.1 |
| 940190 Parts seats | 134 | 18 | -60.9 |
| 080550 Lemons and limes | 128 | 4 | 100.0 |
| 040900 Natural honey | 120 | 31 | 6.9 |
| 730410 Line pipe of a kind used for oil or gas pipelines | 115 | 13 | -43.5 |
| 721049 Otherwise plated or coated with zinc n.e.s.o.i. | 115 | 39 | 105.3 |
| 390120 Polyethylene having a specific gravity of 0.94 or more, in primary forms allied industries, n.e.s.o.i. | 113 | 34 | 36.0 |
| 151790 Margarine, Artificial mixtures of two or more of the products provided for in headings 1501 to 1515, inclusive n.e.s.o.i. | 112 | 26 | 44.4 |
| 510529 Wool tops (Other) | 108 | 26 | -7.1 |
| 401110 New pneumatic tires, of rubber, radial | 107 | 26 | 23.8 |
| 150790 Other Soybean oil and its fractions, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified, n.e.s.o.i. | 107 | 32 | 68.4 |
| 390760 Polyethylene terephthalate, in primary forms | 107 | 33 | 26.9 |
| 410419 Other, whole bovine leather, of a unit surface area not exceeding 28 square feet (2.6 m ²) | 99 | 25 | 4.2 |
| 410792 Leather further prepared after tanning or crusting, including parchment-dressed leather, (including buffalo) or equine animals, without hair on, other than leather of heading 4114 (con.): Other, including sides: Grain splits: | 96 | 24 | -7.7 |
| Rest | 10,555 | 2,856 | 25.6 |

Table 7. Imports by main groups of commodities according to the tariff schedule of the Harmonized System

| Groups of commodities | 2004* | Accumulated Jan - Mar 2005 ^e | |
|--|---------------------|---|--|
| | Millions of dollars | Millions of dollars | Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year % |
| Total | 22,320 | 5,953 | 28.4 |
| 852520 Transmission apparatus incorporating reception apparatus for radiotelephony, radiotelegraphy, radiobroadcasting or television | 902 | 212 | 53.6 |
| 870323 Motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons with spark-ignition internal combustion reciprocating piston engine, cylinder capacity over 1,500 cc but over 3,000 cc | 684 | 189 | 58.8 |
| 880240 Airplanes and otherairgraf, of an unlanden weight exceeding 15.000 kg | 442 | 19 | -91.1 |
| 271019 Other petroleum products, n.e.s.o.i. | 321 | 32 | 23.1 |
| 870829 Parts and accessories for motor vehicles, n.e.s.o.i. | 288 | 75 | 38.9 |
| 870899 Parts and accesories of bodies including for vehicles, n.e.s.o.i. | 275 | 78 | 47.2 |
| 293100 Organo-inorganic compounds, n.e.s.o.i. | 269 | 60 | 25.0 |
| 300490 Medicaments in measured doses, etc., (excluding vaccines etc.) coated bandages etc., and pharmaceutical goods, n.e.s.o.i. | 264 | 68 | 6.3 |
| 271600 Electrical energy | 232 | 78 | 73.3 |
| 870421 Motor vehicles, for the transport of goods with compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semidiesel) g.v.w. not over 5 metric tons | 230 | 69 | 64.3 |
| 843351 Other harvesting machinery; threshing machinery; combine harvester-threshers | 215 | 42 | -43.2 |
| 847330 Parts and accesories for automatic data processing machines and units thereof magnetic or optical reader, transcribing machines, list, n.e.s.o.i. | 213 | 56 | 47.4 |
| 870332 Motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons with compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel), cylinder capacity over 1,500 cc but no over 2,500 cc | 205 | 42 | 68.0 |
| 847160 Input or output units, wether or not containing storage units in the same housing | 182 | 45 | 104.5 |
| 840820 Compression-ignition internal combustion piston engines (diesel orsemidiesel), for the propulsion of vehicles of chapter 87 | 176 | 39 | 34.5 |
| 260112 Iron ores and concetrate, other than roasted iron pyrites, agglomerated | 162 | 57 | 35.7 |
| 291736 Terephthalic acid and its salts | 156 | 49 | 36.1 |
| 870422 Motor vehicles for the transport of good, g.v.w. exceeding 5 metric tons but not exceeding 20 metric tons | 155 | 40 | 25.0 |
| 120100 Soybeans, whether or not broken | 149 | 51 | 88.9 |
| 870190 Other tractors (other than tractors or heading 8709) | 146 | 23 | -17.9 |
| 870322 Other vehicles, with spark-ignition internal combustion reciprocating piston engine of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1,000 cc but not exceeding 1,500 cc | 139 | 46 | 53.3 |
| 390110 Polythylene having a specific gravity of less than 0.94 in primary forms | 136 | 46 | 76.9 |
| 870120 Road tractors for semi-trailers | 130 | 34 | 54.5 |

Table 7. (conclusion)

| Groups of commodities | | 2004* | Jan - Mar 2005° | |
|-----------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------|--|
| | | Millions of dollars | Millions of dollars | Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year % |
| 310530 | Diammonium hydrogenorthophosphate (diammoium phosphate) | 129 | 4 | -60.0 |
| 852990 | Other printed circuit assemblies | 126 | 18 | -43.8 |
| 870840 | Gear boxes for motor vehicles | 125 | 36 | 63.6 |
| 390760 | Polyethylene terephthakate, in primary forms | 124 | 41 | 24.2 |
| 281820 | Aluminium oxide, except atificial corundum, n.e.s.o.i. | 123 | 33 | -5.7 |
| 270112 | Bituminous coal | 110 | 22 | 22.2 |
| 380820 | Fungicides | 108 | 31 | 158.3 |
| 310540 | Ammonium hydrogenorthophosphate | 106 | 5 | -66.7 |
| 840734 | Spark ignition reciprocating or rotary internal combustion piston engines of a cylinder capacity not over 1,000 cc | 105 | 24 | 41.2 |
| 390120 | Polyethylene having a specific gravity of 094 or more, in primary forms allied industries, n.e.s.o.i. | 99 | 30 | 57.9 |
| 401120 | New pneumatic tires of rubber of a kind used on buses or trucks | 97 | 25 | 8.7 |
| 382490 | Chemical products and preparations of the chemical or allied industries, n.e.s.o.i.; residual products of the chemical or allied industries, n.e.s.o.i. | 92 | 28 | 40.0 |
| 847150 | Digital precessing units other than those of subheading 8471.41 or 8471.49 wether or not cointaining int the same housing one or two of the following types of unit: storage units, input units, output units | 91 | 21 | 50.0 |
| 260111 | Iron and concentrates including roasted iron pyrites | 90 | 30 | 42.9 |
| 847170 | Storage units | 87 | 24 | 33.3 |
| 840999 | Parts for use with compression-ignition internal combustion piston engines, n.e.s.o.i. | 83 | 29 | 61.1 |
| 290531 | Ethylene Glycol (ethanediol) | 82 | 23 | 21.1 |
| 270900 | Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals, crude | 81 | 11 | -35.3 |
| 300210 | Antisera and other blood obtained by means of biotechnological processes | 79 | 32 | 60.0 |
| 841510 | Air conditioning machines, window or wall types, self-contained or "Split-System" | 78 | 13 | 44.4 |
| 841480 | Air compressor, other, except parts | 78 | 30 | 87.5 |
| 401110 | New pneumatic tires, of rubber, of a kind on motor car (including station wagons and racing cars) | 76 | 18 | 20.0 |
| 847180 | Other units of automatic data processing machines | 69 | 21 | 10.5 |
| 380830 | Herbicides, antisprouting, products and plant-growt regulators desinfectants and similar products put up in forms or packings for retail sale or as preparations or articles | 69 | 15 | 66.7 |
| 271121 | Natural gas, gaseous | 68 | 40 | /// |
| 870210 | Motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons, including the d With compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel) | 67 | 28 | 115.4 |
| 854221 | Electronic integrated circuits and microassemblies; parts thereof: digital | 66 | 20 | 42.9 |
| Rest | | 13,741 | 3,851 | 31.6 |