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Estimated data for the first three months of 2006



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The National Institute of Statistics and Census (INDEC) presents the Argentine Foreign Trade Statistics publication, whose objective is to disseminate information about exports and imports of merchandises by, respectively, country of destination and origin.

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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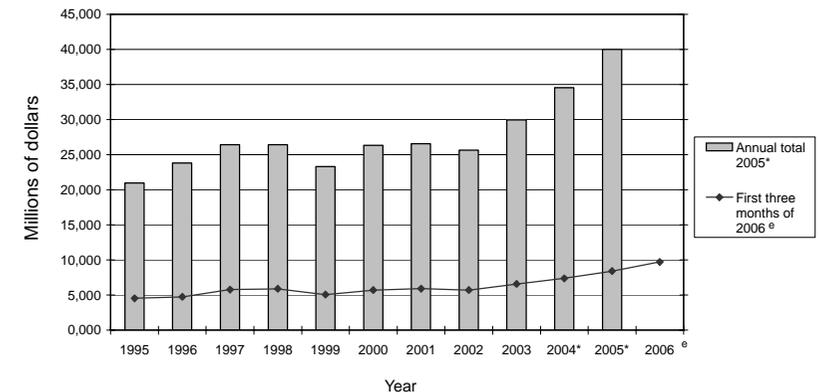
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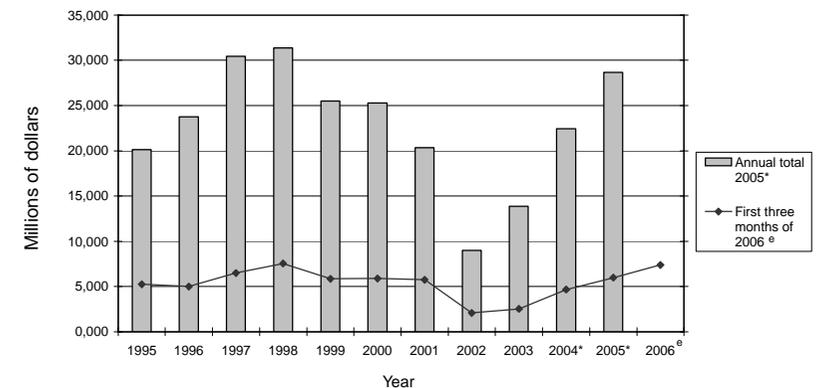
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### Exports



### Imports



# 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: ordinaries 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 an 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	
	2005*	Accumulated Jan - Mar 2006 <sup>e</sup>	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2005*	Accumulated Jan - Mar 2006 <sup>e</sup>	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2005*	Accumulated Jan - Mar 2006 <sup>e</sup>
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40,013,402</b>	<b>9,730,001</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>28,691,853</b>	<b>7,374,205</b>	<b>23.6</b>	<b>11,321,546</b>	<b>2,355,796</b>
MERCOSUR	7,666,870	2,005,566	23.5	11,017,311	2,793,782	19.0	-3,350,440	-788,216
NAFTA	5,996,303	1,463,390	8.9	5,001,057	1,213,066	19.1	995,247	250,324
U.E.	6,792,168	1,822,432	17.1	4,833,394	1,296,213	18.2	1,958,774	526,219
ASEAN	1,592,345	245,330	-21.0	807,141	213,904	35.1	785,204	31,426
REST	17,965,714	4,193,282	16.9	7,032,952	1,857,240	38.0	10,932,762	2,336,042

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

Country of destination	Exports (FOB)		Country of origin	Imports (CIF)	
	2005* %	Accumulated Jan - Mar 2006 <sup>e</sup>		2005* %	Accumulated Jan - Mar 2006 <sup>e</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Brazil	16	17	Brazil	36	35
Chile	11	11	United States	14	13
United States	11	11	China	8	8
China	8	5	Germany	5	5
Spain	4	4	Italy	3	3
Netherlands	3	4	Mexico	3	3
Mexico	3	3	Japan	3	3
Italy	2	3	Spain	2	2
India	2	3	France	2	2
Uruguay	2	3	Chile	2	2
Rest	38	36	Rest	22	24

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

Continent and Country	Exports (FOB)			Imports (CIF)			Balance	
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<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>2,475,020</b>	<b>530,906</b>	<b>-28.0</b>	<b>168,022</b>	<b>57,008</b>	<b>143.4</b>	<b>2,306,998</b>	<b>473,898</b>
Algeria	453,930	97,690	-33.5	652	15,772	///	453,278	81,918
Angola	139,731	28,490	5.3	-	-	-	139,731	28,490
Benin	2,395	926	///	-	-	-	2,395	926
Botswana	1,874	12	-98.1	-	-	-	1,874	12
Burkina Faso	354	642	273.3	7	1	///	347	640
Burundi	52	-	-	1	-	-	51	-
Cameroon	7,604	1,747	40.6	1	-	-	7,603	1,746
Cape Verde	1,975	1,069	131.9	-	-	-	1,975	1,069
Central Africa Republic	71	-	-	-	-	-	71	-
Chad	395	-	-100.0	2	-	-	392	-
Comoros	109	79	113.5	7	-	-100.0	102	79
Congo	42,316	12,956	124.5	63	24	4.4	42,253	12,932
Cost of Ivory	14,470	1,706	-60.4	1,352	572	196.4	13,118	1,134
Democratic Republic of the Congo	12,766	6,131	66.0	-	-	-	12,766	6,131
Egypt	572,655	61,234	-72.6	3,941	822	-23.9	568,714	60,412
Equatorial Guinea	1,605	202	-62.9	-	-	-	1,605	202
Ethiopia	144	30	-69.7	9	16	///	135	14
Gabon	8,291	1,746	43.6	-	6	///	8,291	1,740
Gambia, The	1,202	140	-51.7	-	-	-	1,202	140
Ghana	26,200	2,793	-10.1	16,474	-	-100.0	9,726	2,793
Ghinea	1,754	736	134.4	-	5	///	1,754	731
Kenya	23,819	1,016	-94.5	251	18	///	23,568	998
Lesotho	187	-	-	-	-	-	187	-
Liberia	4,538	520	-11.4	67	4	///	4,471	516
Lybia	57,258	14,542	18.0	-	7,926	///	57,258	6,616
Madagascar	13,593	2,710	35.7	204	23	-11.5	13,389	2,687
Malawi	2,880	214	-85.0	2,384	2,025	2.3	495	-1,810
Mali	1,399	620	-32.2	1	2	///	1,398	618
Mauritania	4,123	47	-98.3	39	33	///	4,084	15
Mauritius	26,514	6,085	-37.6	408	27	17.4	26,107	6,057
Morocco	202,368	55,999	39.7	19,594	9,855	///	182,774	46,144
Mozambique	31,415	5,147	-63.4	1	-	-	31,415	5,147
Namibia	1,274	553	18.7	25	-	-100.0	1,249	553
Niger	8,156	1,139	-69.4	-	-	-	8,156	1,139
Nigeria	109,867	26,755	8.2	446	167	339.5	109,420	26,588
Rwanda	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Senegal	29,639	12,033	86.6	2,081	-	-	27,558	12,033
Sierra Leone	3,244	988	138.7	54	31	///	3,190	957
Somalia	-	-	-	16	-	-	-16	-
South Africa	493,525	150,095	15.2	108,942	16,019	4.7	384,584	134,076

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			%			%		
Sudan	13,391	1,109	-89.3	169	25	92.3	13,222	1,084
Tanzania	24,251	1,315	-92.9	1	1	///	24,250	1,314
Territories linked to France	11,728	2,730	-4.8	-	-	-	11,728	2,730
Territories linked to Spain	2,161	163	-66.8	-	-	-	2,161	163
Territories linked to United Kingdom	50	-	-100.0	-	-	-	50	-
Togo	4,039	1,896	42.1	-	-	-	4,039	1,896
Tunisia	111,086	26,144	75.2	6,335	3,632	///	104,751	22,512
Uganda	736	278	-42.8	313	-	-	423	278
Zambia	789	116	141.7	339	-	-100.0	450	116
Zimbabwe	13	27	107.7	3,727	-	-100.0	-3,714	26
Rest	3,083	337	62.8	116	-	-100.0	2,966	337
<b>AMERICA</b>	<b>21,099,394</b>	<b>5,351,303</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>17,141,868</b>	<b>4,308,286</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>3,957,527</b>	<b>1,043,017</b>
Antigua and Barbuda	410	80	31.2	-	-	-	410	80
Bahamas, The	21,387	94	-95.9	2,262	417	24.9	19,125	-323
Barbados	2,311	260	30.7	69	1	-50.0	2,242	260
Belize	1,295	285	223.9	1	2	///	1,294	284
Bolivia	366,675	90,829	31.4	269,249	97,343	80.5	97,426	-6,514
Free trade zone Santa Cruz de la Sierra (Bolivia)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brazil	6,325,787	1,628,028	20.3	10,186,106	2,568,251	19.0	-3,860,319	-940,223
Free trade zone Manaus (Brazil)	16	2	///	106,274	27,994	140.2	-106,258	-27,992
Canada	298,661	101,014	98.6	160,105	35,960	-9.9	138,556	65,054
Chile	4,499,806	1,091,402	12.4	548,988	140,017	11.5	3,950,818	951,385
Free trade zone Iquique (Chile)	246	21	5.0	-	-	-	246	21
Free trade zone Punta Arenas (Chile)	496	75	-50.3	-	-	-	496	75
Colombia	357,609	112,737	69.7	53,455	12,348	15.9	304,154	100,388
Costa Rica	55,791	12,947	-11.3	22,243	5,511	24.7	33,549	7,436
Cuba	97,072	10,602	-70.3	1,755	715	135.2	95,317	9,887
Dominica	682	30	-80.9	3	-	-	679	30
Dominican Republic	123,266	30,240	77.8	1,227	553	98.9	122,040	29,687
Ecuador	260,632	85,409	125.7	60,227	15,762	-0.8	200,405	69,647
El Salvador	60,326	19,089	411.4	84	4	100.0	60,242	19,085
Grenada	351	70	///	753	46	-85.3	-402	24
Guatemala	127,555	42,805	207.5	486	347	608.2	127,069	42,458
Guyana	1,580	558	48.0	-	-	-	1,580	558
Haiti	11,573	1,606	-45.7	26	7	-22.2	11,547	1,598
Honduras	47,435	16,534	431.8	96	14	250.0	47,339	16,521
Jamaica	10,103	2,312	137.6	14	3	-	10,089	2,309
Mexico	1,150,622	287,866	22.6	793,560	209,443	32.2	357,062	78,423
Nicaragua	47,218	14,592	///	29	4	-77.8	47,189	14,588
Panama	64,927	18,865	167.7	366	141	161.1	64,561	18,725
Free trade zone Colon (Panama)	5,670	2,388	421.4	-	-	-	5,670	2,388
Paraguay	504,292	127,444	40.7	451,225	129,124	7.9	53,067	-1,680
Peru	598,473	166,740	23.1	44,709	14,212	67.8	553,764	152,529
Saint Lucia	39,823	96	24.7	2	1	///	39,821	96
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	362	52	-66.5	-	-	-	362	52

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Saint Kitts and Nevis	244	-	-100.0	1	-	-	243	-
Suriname	3,686	567	-25.4	-	-	-	3,686	567
Territories linked to Netherlands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Territories linked to France	4,786	689	-71.8	-	-	-	4,786	689
Territories linked to United Kingdom	1,712	177	-44.9	3	-	-	1,709	177
Territories linked to United States	194	-	-100.0	8,221	1,119	-31.7	-8,027	-1,119
Trinidad and Tobago	26,433	4,813	-19.3	1	-	-	26,432	4,813
United States	4,469,929	1,062,897	2.0	3,998,793	955,339	18.6	471,136	107,558
Puerto Rico (Associated to the United States)	76,891	11,602	-30.6	40,377	11,204	-12.3	36,514	397
Uruguay	816,896	245,615	39.3	268,901	66,554	18.6	547,995	179,061
Free trade zone Colonia (Uruguay)	5,735	1,002	-13.6	4,619	1,745	162.0	1,116	-743
Free trade zone Florida (Uruguay)	80	-	-100.0	-	33	///	80	-33
Free trade zone Libertad (Uruguay)	-	56	///	-	-	-	-	56
Free trade zone Montevideo (Uruguay)	14,015	3,322	27.0	139	4	///	13,876	3,318
Free trade zone Nueva Helvecia (Uruguay)	-	-	-	46	78	///	-46	-78
Free trade zone Nueva Palmira (Uruguay)	6	67	///	-	-	-	6	67
Free trade zone Rio Negro (Uruguay)	42	30	///	-	-	-	42	30
Free trade zone Rivera (Uruguay)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Free trade zone San Jose (Uruguay)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Venezuela	511,198	146,112	73.0	32,345	3,946	-9.5	478,852	142,165
Rest	85,093	9,280	-61.1	85,106	10,044	28.4	-13	-764
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>7,719,228</b>	<b>1,479,328</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>4,931,747</b>	<b>1,302,647</b>	<b>35.5</b>	<b>2,787,481</b>	<b>176,682</b>
Afghanistan	454	249	///	25	12	///	429	237
Bahrain	5,306	783	-31.3	4,450	-	-	856	783
Bangladesh	162,911	23,353	-61.5	1,744	981	93.5	161,167	22,372
Bhutan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brunei	359	186	///	-	-	-	359	186
Cambodia	1,822	229	-43.9	303	641	701.3	1,519	-412
China	3,158,278	505,860	72.1	2,239,552	597,580	45.4	918,726	-91,721
Hong Kong	143,230	45,033	63.3	33,337	10,309	-9.8	109,893	34,724
Macau	-	-	-	78	9	125.0	-78	-9
Georgia	1,431	179	-59.4	10,635	3	///	-9,204	175
India	729,112	254,795	74.5	261,958	70,918	25.0	467,153	183,876
Indonesia	368,927	48,823	-47.5	144,383	43,920	35.5	224,544	4,903
Iran	188	34	-39.3	854	237	4.9	-665	-203
Iraq	21,486	1,996	-17.6	-	-	-	21,486	1,996
Israel	208,657	41,977	-11.0	79,938	18,825	36.9	128,719	23,152
Japan	285,642	85,662	69.7	788,867	197,591	16.5	-503,225	-111,929
Jordan	65,898	7,959	-65.1	2	7	///	65,896	7,952
Kazajstan	3,264	73	-88.7	20,524	2,956	-32.7	-17,260	-2,883
Kuwait	30,735	11,750	79.0	-	4	///	30,735	11,745
Lebanon	28,032	5,659	-14.6	122	34	///	27,910	5,625
Malaysia	413,388	94,486	17.3	172,920	40,981	37.6	240,467	53,504

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Maldives	235	-	-	-	-	-	235	-
Myanmar	40	6	///	7,517	2,043	37.6	-7,476	-2,037
Nepal	118	19	///	18	7	///	100	12
Oman	39,884	1,715	-90.2	-	71	///	39,884	1,644
Pakistan	38,894	10,873	15.7	30,776	8,803	52.1	8,118	2,070
Philippines	284,063	35,367	31.2	33,845	7,615	33.0	250,218	27,752
Qatar	29,631	7,764	96.8	-	-	-	29,631	7,764
Korea Republican	349,754	85,736	30.5	414,537	112,478	45.1	-64,782	-26,742
Saudi Arabia	230,097	77,206	184.2	701	7	-98.0	229,396	77,199
Singapore	16,792	4,576	49.2	104,862	29,166	62.6	-88,070	-24,590
Sri Lanka	32,715	342	-98.8	5,718	1,536	11.6	26,997	-1,195
Syria	162,154	19,462	-43.7	357	83	84.4	161,798	19,380
Taiwan	107,081	19,424	-10.5	226,771	65,921	33.3	-119,689	-46,497
Tayiskistan	543	-	-	-	-	-	543	-
Thailand	315,012	39,633	-37.7	320,794	81,123	22.5	-5,782	-41,490
Turkmenistan	6	-	-	-	-	-	6	-
United Arab Emirates	218,397	22,358	-60.0	936	86	-73.5	217,461	22,272
Uzbekistan	6	-	-	3	-	-	3	-
Vietnam	191,942	22,024	-48.9	22,413	8,412	79.7	169,529	13,612
Yemen	68,876	3,045	-87.5	1	-	-	68,874	3,045
Rest	3,865	693	37.8	2,807	286	-58.0	1,058	407
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>8,004,452</b>	<b>2,185,215</b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>5,970,883</b>	<b>1,561,699</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>2,033,570</b>	<b>623,516</b>
Albania	1,749	3	-99.2	17	6	100.0	1,732	-4
Austria	10,870	1,971	-16.8	103,101	28,750	16.3	-92,231	-26,779
Belarus	3,952	970	49.9	3,578	294	-27.9	374	676
Belgium	261,561	83,527	33.7	168,316	46,986	38.9	93,245	36,541
Bosnia and Herzegovina	12,404	477	-64.5	389	125	594.4	12,015	352
Bulgaria	103,588	3,360	16.1	8,539	1,093	-9.8	95,049	2,266
Croatia	20,346	6,325	73.9	2,873	104	-61.9	17,474	6,221
Cyprus	14,765	3,826	68.3	160	3	-62.5	14,605	3,823
Czech Republic	20,751	5,000	16.9	43,499	18,716	118.1	-22,748	-13,716
Denmark	289,759	53,948	0.8	109,526	30,067	-19.7	180,234	23,881
Estonia	4,230	1,373	41.1	1,611	343	-39.7	2,619	1,030
Finland	56,690	35,654	202.1	110,803	35,072	55.3	-54,113	582
France	383,992	148,126	31.9	583,357	147,557	9.9	-199,365	570
Monaco	14	50	///	1,045	332	62.0	-1,032	-282
Germany	823,334	223,850	21.0	1,303,602	336,093	20.0	-480,269	-112,243
Greece	70,040	16,881	50.8	10,775	4,076	17.6	59,265	12,805
Hungary	8,886	2,187	-9.0	22,736	7,269	46.7	-13,850	-5,082
Iceland	786	191	132.9	180	162	170.0	606	29
Ireland	60,861	30,477	190.6	72,056	16,781	41.2	-11,196	13,696
Italy	987,068	262,310	14.3	747,856	228,796	30.6	239,212	33,513

Table 3. (concluded)

Continent and Country	Exports (FOB)			Imports (CIF)			Balance	
	2005*	Accumulated Jan - Mar 2006°	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2005*	Accumulated Jan - Mar 2006°	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2005*	Accumulated Jan - Mar 2006°
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars	
San Marino	-	-	-	26	18	///	-26	-18
Letonia	28,769	8,267	125.6	27,394	79	-96.2	1,375	8,189
Liechtenstein	10	3	-25.0	616	184	1.7	-606	-181
Lithuania	16,591	2,984	1.5	3,819	39	-26.4	12,772	2,945
Luxembourg	810	230	21.1	9,197	2,743	-5.7	-8,387	-2,514
Macedonia	1,684	737	292.0	2,011	3,028	///	-327	-2,291
Malta	1,538	686	27.0	923	245	-16.1	615	442
Netherlands	1,351,065	353,322	26.7	181,906	37,300	-29.3	1,169,159	316,022
Norway	29,342	5,177	-64.9	20,268	3,036	-16.8	9,073	2,141
Poland	298,454	70,003	10.8	54,243	42,967	617.2	244,212	27,036
Portugal	122,539	10,480	-75.6	53,751	10,804	9.4	68,788	-323
Romania	18,479	7,146	///	28,374	2,352	-57.0	-9,895	4,794
Russia	669,178	176,081	42.7	194,869	35,986	165.3	474,309	140,095
Slovakia	275	2	-33.3	11,541	2,889	36.5	-11,266	-2,887
Slovenia	16,524	8,302	281.9	5,530	1,205	8.6	10,995	7,098
Spain	1,559,013	402,397	1.7	570,735	148,837	1.3	988,277	253,561
Sweden	27,281	8,320	2.2	316,452	58,624	-	-289,171	-50,304
Switzerland	99,323	88,292	218.6	256,337	58,772	15.0	-157,014	29,520
Territories linked to United Kingdom	14	-	-	-	-	-	14	-
Turkey	203,178	63,738	92.0	43,143	11,532	-	160,034	52,206
Ukraine	46,776	9,652	37.3	28,324	1,385	-60.0	18,452	8,267
United Kingdom	374,327	88,095	28.1	319,435	89,623	17.7	54,892	-1,528
Yugoslavia (Servia, Montenegro)	2,935	582	69.7	485	157	3.3	2,450	425
Rest	704	211	115.3	547,486	147,270	34.3	-546,782	-147,058
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>163,237</b>	<b>30,313</b>	<b>-6.0</b>	<b>150,081</b>	<b>49,664</b>	<b>84.7</b>	<b>13,156</b>	<b>-19,352</b>
Australia	145,449	26,349	-9.7	136,252	46,642	89.2	9,197	-20,293
Fiji	85	27	///	-	-	-	85	27
New Zealand	14,597	3,155	25.6	13,795	3,016	34.7	802	139
Papua New Guinea	-	-	-	10	5	///	-10	-5
Territories linked to France	2,881	660	21.6	-	-	-	2,881	660
Territories linked to the United States	6	10	233.3	-	-	-	6	10
Vanuatu	196	98	///	-	-	-	196	98
Rest	23	13	///	23	1	-50.0	-	12
<b>REST</b>	<b>552,068</b>	<b>152,935</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>329,254</b>	<b>94,900</b>	<b>43.6</b>	<b>222,814</b>	<b>58,035</b>

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

Section chapter	Exports (FOB)			Imports (CIF)			Balance
	2005*	Accumulated Jan - Mar 2006 <sup>e</sup>	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2005*	Accumulated Jan - Mar 2006 <sup>e</sup>	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	Accumulated Jan - Mar 2006 <sup>e</sup>
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,013,402</b>	<b>9,730,001</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>28,691,853</b>	<b>7,374,205</b>	<b>23.6</b>	<b>2,355,796</b>
I Live animals and products of animal origin	3,019,300	808,612	22.3	116,010	30,630	6.2	777,982
1 Live animals	13,384	4,128	5.7	7,603	2,090	7.2	2,038
2 Meat and edible meat offal	1,448,882	344,856	24.5	52,495	15,031	-6.0	329,825
3 Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates	779,838	243,801	33.0	16,382	5,383	18.9	238,418
4 Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, n.e.s.o.i.	736,167	204,856	8.7	18,686	3,045	45.6	201,811
5 Products of animal origin, n.e.s.o.i.	41,030	10,971	28.7	20,844	5,080	18.7	5,891
II Products of vegetable origin	6,443,701	1,304,706	-9.3	402,644	109,661	-0.5	1,195,045
6 Live trees and other plants; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage	2,446	416	43.0	4,364	523	-26.8	-107
7 Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers	240,077	60,399	-6.7	10,610	2,313	-3.5	58,086
8 Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melon	780,153	230,872	-4.8	77,489	17,335	5.8	213,537
9 Coffee, tea, mate and spices	67,368	20,372	14.9	57,172	12,546	1.6	7,826
10 Cereals	2,813,118	654,577	-31.7	9,953	956	2.9	653,621
11 Milling industry products; malt; starches; inulin; wheat gluten	97,209	22,881	-7.1	5,526	1,459	24.4	21,422
12 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruits; industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	2,437,039	313,179	140.7	200,428	65,293	-4.5	247,886
13 Lac; gums; resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	1,481	355	141.5	31,158	8,052	24.7	-7,697
14 Vegetable plaiting materials and vegetable products, n.e.s.o.i.	4,810	1,654	171.1	5,945	1,183	-19.2	471
III Fats and oils	3,294,267	777,803	5.3	35,953	7,729	-17.7	770,074
15 Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes	3,294,267	777,803	5.3	35,953	7,729	-17.7	770,074
IV Feeding products, beverages and tobacco	5,954,211	1,499,996	36.9	364,274	108,779	19.9	1,391,217
16 Edible preparations of meat, fish, crustaceans molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates	210,694	50,850	0.2	50,279	18,904	14.6	31,946
17 Sugars and sugar confectionary	220,993	54,982	141.8	21,871	5,615	4.3	49,367
18 Cocoa and cocoa preparations	87,155	23,015	12.7	79,953	22,514	20.5	501
19 Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; bakers' wares	209,143	64,157	67.0	17,142	5,808	47.7	58,349

Table 4. (continuation)

Section chapter	Exports (FOB)			Imports (CIF)			Balance
	2005*	Accumulated Jan - Mar 2006 <sup>e</sup>		2005*	Accumulated Jan - Mar 2006 <sup>e</sup>		Accumulated Jan - Mar 2006 <sup>e</sup>
	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
20 Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants	523,005	115,024	25.8	38,768	8,570	6.8	106,454
21 Miscellaneous edible preparations	75,615	19,011	20.4	67,573	19,039	23.4	-28
22 Beverages, spirits and vinegar	358,313	85,283	25.3	29,160	6,110	3.4	79,173
23 Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed	4,049,086	1,048,068	38.2	29,481	8,545	29.3	1,039,523
24 Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	220,208	39,606	32.1	30,048	13,673	33.0	25,933
V Mineral products	7,388,626	1,935,601	33.7	1,950,016	450,910	35.2	1,484,691
25 Salt; sulfur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	52,247	14,073	21.7	59,469	19,675	51.2	-5,602
26 Ores, slag and ash	824,056	269,219	248.7	467,504	147,873	53.1	121,346
27 Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes	6,512,323	1,652,309	21.6	1,423,042	283,363	26.5	1,368,946
VI Industrial products	2,459,207	605,707	10.2	4,644,273	1,183,762	13.2	-578,055
28 Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals. of rare-earth metals, of radioactive elements or of isotopes	241,907	63,579	23.1	438,725	119,208	19.8	-55,629
29 Organic chemicals	598,886	156,061	1.3	1,721,070	452,255	6.4	-296,194
30 Pharmaceutical products	352,209	88,309	23.6	624,573	185,447	23.4	-97,138
31 Fertilizers	125,607	31,599	19.0	433,452	58,485	119.2	-26,886
32 Tanning or dyeing extracts; tannins and derivatives; dyes, pigments and other coloring matter; paints and varnishes; putty and other mastics; inks	142,198	37,444	12.9	283,244	77,563	23.2	-40,119
33 Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations	320,510	81,761	21.2	172,635	45,828	25.6	35,933
34 Soap etc.; lubricating products; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles etc, modeling pastes; dental waxes and dental preparations with a basic of plaster	100,021	26,081	18.7	173,127	45,501	5.8	-19,420
35 Albuminoidal substances; modified starches; glues; enzymes	114,661	28,238	28.6	70,145	17,616	-1.3	10,622
36 Explosives; pyrotechnic products; matches; pyrophoric alloys; certain combustible preparations	6,262	1,807	-4.1	10,561	1,624	47.9	183
37 Photographic or cinematographic goods	62,975	11,385	-27.3	111,575	27,318	-1.8	-15,933
38 Miscellaneous chemical products	393,972	79,443	-5.3	605,167	152,916	-1.5	-73,473
VII Plastic, rubber and its manufactures	1,402,036	365,250	12.1	2,073,352	523,631	8.0	-158,381
39 Plastics and articles thereof	1,146,829	298,508	8.7	1,496,979	369,176	3.6	-70,668
40 Rubber and articles thereof	255,207	66,742	30.5	576,374	154,455	20.2	-87,713

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Section chapter	Exports (FOB)			Imports (CIF)			Balance
	2005*	Accumulated Jan - Mar 2006 <sup>e</sup>	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2005*	Accumulated Jan - Mar 2006 <sup>e</sup>	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	Accumulated Jan - Mar 2006 <sup>e</sup>
	Thousand of dollars	Thousand of dollars		Thousand of dollars	Thousand of dollars		Thousand of dollars
VIII Leathers and leather manufactures	952,409	247,544	13.1	84,386	25,892	37.1	221,652
41 Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and leather	817,155	212,419	12.3	31,416	10,892	55.3	201,527
42 Articles of leather; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of gut	103,104	27,401	9.4	50,714	14,735	27.4	12,666
43 Furskins and artificial fur; manufactures thereof	32,150	7,724	62.6	2,257	266	-12.2	7,458
IX Wood, charcoal, cork, cork manufactures, cross-ties of wood	278,915	75,004	13.3	123,143	33,562	15.5	41,442
44 Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal	276,245	74,694	13.5	82,892	26,231	20.9	48,463
45 Cork and articles of cork	2,637	299	-25.3	38,857	7,116	-0.8	-6,817
46 Manufactures of straw, esparto or other plaiting materials; Basketware and wickerwork	33	11	266.7	1,394	215	12.0	-204
X Wood pulp, paper, paperboard	498,601	126,567	1.9	802,449	215,606	8.6	-89,039
47 Pulp of wood or other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap) paper and paperboard	107,301	22,730	-25.3	67,634	14,497	-29.6	8,233
48 Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard	317,670	84,819	7.4	640,124	172,028	11.9	-87,209
49 Printed books, newspapers, pictures and other printed products; manuscripts, typescripts and plans	73,630	19,018	28.6	94,691	29,081	20.1	-10,063
XI Textile stuff and manufactures	486,857	106,885	-7.0	911,534	257,747	22.2	-150,862
50 Silk, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof	7	3	200.0	1,707	498	68.8	-495
51 Wool and fine or coarse animal hair, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof; horsehair yarn and woven	169,956	36,950	-21.9	9,198	3,334	35.0	33,616
52 Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof	48,880	5,420	-24.0	173,310	53,170	37.8	-47,750
53 Vegetable textile fibers nesoi; yarns and woven fabrics of vegetable textile fibers nesoi and paper	118	14	-6.7	5,693	784	71.6	-770
54 Manmade filaments, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof	57,271	12,877	6.5	152,174	39,776	14.4	-26,899
55 Manmade staple fibers. including yarns and woven fabrics thereof	17,808	4,846	-2.9	177,959	45,797	7.9	-40,951
56 Wadding, felt and nonwovens; special yarns; twine, cordage, ropes and cables and articles thereof	43,562	11,453	12.4	45,781	13,926	56.4	-2,473
57 Carpets and other textile floor coverings	5,718	1,422	17.3	12,356	2,857	3.6	-1,435
58 Special woven fabrics; tufted textile fabrics; lace; tapestries; trimmings; embroidery	23,663	5,993	28.8	31,610	14,607	10.3	-8,614
59 Impregnated, coated, covered or laminated textile fabrics; textile articles suitable for industrial use	34,104	6,741	-20.5	66,719	14,359	2.7	-7,618
60 Knitted or crocheted fabrics	7,441	1,525	23.0	44,235	14,191	10.9	-12,666
61 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted	40,374	10,231	9.4	45,782	15,129	34.4	-4,898
62 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted	28,140	6,664	7.9	76,722	24,552	45.4	-17,888

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Section chapter	Exports (FOB)			Imports (CIF)			Balance
	2005*	Accumulated Jan - Mar 2006 <sup>e</sup>		2005*	Accumulated Jan - Mar 2006 <sup>e</sup>		Accumulated Jan - Mar 2006 <sup>e</sup>
	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	9,815	2,743	35.9	68,289	14,767	22.0	-12,024
XII Footwear, umbrellas, artificial flowers and others	30,295	9,219	24.7	196,593	56,348	55.4	-47,129
64 Footwear, gaiters and the like; parts of such articles	28,789	8,758	23.9	183,116	53,135	54.7	-44,377
65 Headgear and parts thereof	1,116	315	82.1	7,604	2,254	97.2	-1,939
66 Umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof	330	84	-26.3	3,633	473	22.9	-389
67 Prepared feathers and down and articles thereof; artificial flowers; articles of human hair	59	61	79.4	2,240	487	27.5	-426
XIII Stone manufactures, plaster, cement, amianthus, mica, ceramic, glass	144,156	35,770	17.1	254,928	71,095	24.2	-35,325
68 Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials	53,102	13,400	25.2	56,563	15,093	6.1	-1,693
69 Ceramic products	52,292	12,658	22.4	88,062	23,987	27.2	-11,329
70 Glass and glassware	38,761	9,712	2.2	110,303	32,014	32.4	-22,302
XIV Fine pearls, stones and precious metals, coins and others	153,009	96,682	151.8	44,980	10,622	12.5	86,060
71 Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semiprecious stones, precious metals; precious metal clad metals, and articles thereof; imitation jewelry; coin	153,009	96,682	151.8	44,980	10,622	12.5	86,060
XV Common metals and manufactures	2,305,812	472,018	-12.4	1,987,277	493,925	3.8	-21,907
72 Iron and steel	692,341	107,786	-48.9	715,955	167,596	3.2	-59,810
73 Articles of iron or steel	1,051,392	244,564	39.1	603,057	133,610	-15.2	110,954
74 Copper and articles thereof	11,599	2,050	-40.8	156,518	55,562	53.4	-53,512
75 Nickel and articles thereof	197	14	55.6	25,876	4,613	-29.2	-4,599
76 Aluminum and articles thereof	443,895	91,693	-25.3	124,367	37,617	36.3	54,076
78 Lead and articles thereof	24,160	6,384	-10.0	654	132	78.4	6,252
79 Zinc and articles thereof	15,543	4,505	77.8	28,766	10,824	64.7	-6,319
80 Tin and articles thereof	31	5	-37.5	10,865	3,866	248.9	-3,861
81 Base metals nesoi; cermets; articles thereof	2,628	534	86.7	18,969	5,217	29.2	-4,683
82 Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof of base metal	34,168	6,542	-32.0	193,836	44,051	-10.3	-37,509
83 Miscellaneous articles of base metal	29,857	7,940	22.2	108,415	30,838	26.4	-22,898
XVI Machines, instruments and electric material	1,320,389	307,675	8.3	8,514,537	2,199,246	31.0	-1,891,571
84 Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	974,024	220,075	2.2	4,887,885	1,313,037	28.6	-1,092,962
85 Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television recorder	346,365	87,600	27.3	3,626,651	886,209	34.7	-798,609
XVII Transport equipment	2,983,399	720,712	38.1	4,867,990	1,260,800	42.7	-540,088

**Table 4. (concluded)**

Section chapter	Exports (FOB)			Imports (CIF)			Balance
	2005*	Accumulated Jan - Mar 2006 <sup>e</sup>		2005*	Accumulated Jan - Mar 2006 <sup>e</sup>		Accumulated Jan - Mar 2006 <sup>e</sup>
	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	7,669	2,115	62.2	45,739	18,563	-16.0	-16,448
87 Vehicles, other than railway or tramway rolling stock, and parts and accessories thereof	2,893,729	668,332	32.8	4,247,345	1,167,270	42.3	-498,938
88 Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof	50,951	25,809	///	462,387	71,949	89.1	-46,140
89 Ships, boats and floating structures	31,050	24,455	60.5	112,519	3,018	0.9	21,437
XVIII Optical instruments, medical-surgical precision, watches and music	166,604	36,614	6.9	673,041	179,412	31.1	-142,798
90 Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; parts and accessories thereof	161,678	35,387	6.4	630,425	169,538	32.5	-134,151
91 Clocks and watches and parts thereof	3,365	824	10.9	31,795	7,435	2.9	-6,611
92 Musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof	1,561	403	65.2	10,821	2,439	49.6	-2,036
XIX Arms and ammunition	10,088	2,282	2.1	6,065	1,636	63.1	646
93 Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof	10,088	2,282	2.1	6,065	1,636	63.1	646
XX Commodities and different products	164,532	41,115	8.9	373,768	89,752	29.4	-48,637
94 Furniture; bedding, cushions etc.; lamps and Lighting fittings n.e.s.o.i.; illuminated signs, nameplates and the like; prefabricated buildings	138,525	34,761	4.6	143,038	35,926	51.9	-1,165
95 Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof	18,041	4,528	63.1	155,811	33,009	24.3	-28,481
96 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	7,965	1,826	4.0	74,919	20,817	8.6	-18,991
XXI Works of art, antiques	4,920	1,304	56.4	15,598	1,358	215.1	-54
97 Works of art-collectors'pieces and antiques	4,920	1,304	56.4	15,598	1,358	215.1	-54
Special transactions	552,068	152,935	6.6	249,042	62,102	12.1	90,833
Transportation fuel supply	478,309	133,602	10.0	126,198	34,173	30.1	99,429
Other soipping stores	34,166	8,967	-33.4	10,167	2,041	-14.1	6,926
Residual	3,401	1,161	98.5	-	-	-	1,161
Couriers	36,192	9,204	14.5	112,676	25,888	-3.3	-16,684

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

Section	Exports		Imports	
	2005*	Accumulated Jan - Mar 2006 <sup>e</sup>	2005*	Accumulated Jan - Mar 2006 <sup>e</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
I Live animals and products of animal origin	8	8	--	--
II Products of vegetable origin	16	13	1	1
III Fats and oils	8	8	--	--
IV Feeding products, beverages and tobacco	15	15	1	1
V Mineral products	18	20	7	6
VI Industrial products	6	6	16	16
VII Plastic, rubber and its manufactures	4	4	7	7
VIII Leathers and leather manufactures (except footwear)	2	3	--	--
IX Wood, charcoal, cork, cork manufactures, cross-ties of wood	1	1	--	--
X Wood pulp, paper, paperboard	1	1	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	--	1	--	--
XV Common metals and manufactures	6	5	7	7
XVI Machines, instruments and electric material	3	3	30	30
XVII Transport equipment	7	7	17	17
XVIII Optical instruments, medical-surgical precision, watches and music	--	--	2	2
XIX Arms and ammunition	--	--	--	--
XX Commodities and different products	--	--	1	1
XXI Works of art, antiques	--	--	--	--
Special transactions	1	2	1	1

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

Groups of commodities	2005*	Accumulated Jan - Mar 2006 <sup>e</sup>	
	Millions of dollars	Millions of dollars	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40,013</b>	<b>9,730</b>	<b>15.5</b>
230400 Soybean oilcake and other solid residues resulting from the extraction of soy bean oil, whether or not ground in the form of pellets	3,816	978	37.9
270900 Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals crude	2,514	540	8.9
120100 Soybeans, whether of not broken	2,290	275	169.6
150710 Soybean oil and its fractions, crude, whether or not degummed	2,120	532	23.4
271011 Petroleum oils and preparations	1,938	431	7.7
100590 Corn (maize) other than seed corn	1,350	245	-22.2
100190 Wheat (other than durum wheat), and meslin	1,284	333	-44.1
260300 Copper ores and concentrates	811	265	253.3
870421 Motor vehicles for goods transport n,e,s,o,i,, with compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel), guw not over 5 metric tons	774	173	98.9
151211 Sunflower-seed or safflower oil, and fractions thereof, crude, not chemically modified	671	140	-27.8
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 over 5 metric tons	641	139	-4.1
271019 Other petroleum products, n,e,s,o,i,	586	225	80.0
020130 Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled: boneless	583	135	32.4
020230 Meat of bovine animals frozen: boneless	573	130	18.2
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,	542	131	67.9
271121 Natural gas, gaseous	495	171	42.5
040221 Milk and cream, concretionated not sweetened, in powder, granules or other solid forms, of a fat content, by weight, exceeding 1.5%	369	106	1.9
271112 Propane	309	88	49.2
870840 Gear boxes for motor vehicles	305	81	19.1
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	297	79	33.9
271113 Butanes	286	106	92.7
870431 Motor vehicles for the transport of goods, Other, with spark-ignition internal combustion piston engine not exceeding 5 metric tons	284	57	35.7
760120 Aluminum alloys, unwrought	278	61	-18.7
030420 Fish fillets, frozen	277	87	38.1
220421 Wine of fresh grapes excluding grape of heading 2009 in containers holding 2 liters or less	256	61	27.1

Table 6. (concluded)

		2005*	Accumulated Jan - Mar 2006 <sup>e</sup>	
Groups of commodities		Millions of dollars	Millions of dollars	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %
870899	Parts and accessories for motor vehicles of headings 8701 to 8705, n,e,s,o,i,	226	58	26.1
080820	Pears and quinces, fresh	209	110	-9.8
240120	Tobacco partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	197	33	32.0
160250	Prepared of preserved meat, meat offal or blood of bovine animals, n,e,s,o,i,	185	44	-2.2
390190	Other polymers of ethylene, in primary forms	175	52	36.8
030799	Other, including flours, meals and pellets of aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans, fit for human consumption	170	54	28.6
730410	Line pipe of a kind used for oil or gas pipelines	168	39	18.2
300490	Medicaments in measured doses, etc, excluding vaccines, etc, coated bandages etc, and pharmaceutical goods, n,e,s,o,i,	166	44	25.7
080550	Lemons and limes	149	2	-60.0
710812	Gold unwrought forms	146	96	159.5
271119	Other ethane	144	34	-2.9
390120	Polyethylene having a specific gravity of 0,94 or more, in primary forms allied industries, n,e,s,o,i,	142	33	-2.9
410449	Other tanned or crust hides and skins of bovine or equine animals, without hair on, whether or not split, but not further prepared	142	33	6.5
401110	New pneumatic tires, of rubber, radial	137	33	22.2
380830	Herbicides, antisprouting products an plant-growth regulators	131	20	-28.6
040900	Natural honey	129	34	6.3
150790	Other Soybean oil and its fractions, wheter or not refined, but not chemically modified n,e,s,o,i,	128	9	-71.9
080810	Apples	125	37	-27.5
040690	Other cheese	123	29	3.6
310210	Urea, whether or not in aqueous solution	122	31	19.2
200969	Other grape juice (including grape must)	118	24	9.1
200811	Peanuts (ground-nuts)	112	33	65.0
271600	Electrical energy	111	36	-7.7
870210	Motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons, including the driver: with compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semi-diesel)	108	14	-
470321	Chemical woodpulp, soda or sulfate, other than dissolving grades, semibleached or bleached coniferous	105	23	-23.3
<b>Rest</b>		<b>12,700</b>	<b>3,205</b>	<b>11.0</b>

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

Groups of commodities	2005*	Accumulated Jan - Mar 2006 <sup>e</sup>	
	Millions of dollars	Millions of dollars	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28,692</b>	<b>7,374</b>	<b>23.6</b>
852520 Transmission apparatus incorporating reception apparatus for radiotelephony, radiotelegraphy, radiobroadcasting or television	1,168	270	54.3
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	970	276	46
271019 Other petroleum products, n,e,s,o,i,	629	80	150.0
880240 Airplanes and other aircraft, of an unladen weight exceeding 15,000 kg	370	60	215.8
870829 Parts and accessories of bodies including for vehicles, n,e,s,o,i,	347	94	30.6
870421 Motor vehicles, for the transport of goods, with compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semidiesel) gvw not	342	80	15.9
870899 Parts and accessories for motor vehicles, n,e,s,o,i, over 5 metric tons	341	89	14.1
260112 Iron ores and concentrate, other than roasted iron pyrites, agglomerated	295	97	70.2
300490 Medicaments, in measured doses, etc., (excluding vaccines etc) coated bandages etc., and pharmaceutical goods, n,e,s,o,i,	285	79	16.2
852990 Other printed circuit assemblies	269	42	-25
293100 Organo-inorganic compounds, n,e,s,o,i,	265	72	20
847330 Parts and accessories for automatic data processing machines and units thereof magnetic or optical reader, transcribing machines, list n,e,s,o,i,	262	61	8.9
271600 Electrical energy	261	74	-5.1
847160 Input or output units, whether or not containing storage units in the same housing	256	49	8.9
870422 Motor vehicles for the transport of goods, g,v,w, Exceeding 5 metric tons but not exceeding 20 metric tons	245	44	10.0
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	238	68	61.9
840820 Compression-ignition internal combustion piston engines (diesel or semidiesel), for the propulsion of vehicles of chapter 87	223	58	48.7
870120 Road tractors for semi-trailers	217	41	20.6
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	200	69	50
870840 Gear boxes for motor vehicles	196	57	58.3
271121 Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons: in gaseous state	187	62	55.0
390110 Polyethylene having a specific gravity of less than 0,94 in primary forms	184	40	-13.0

Table 7. (concluded)

Groups of commodities		2005*	Accumulated Jan - Mar 2006 <sup>e</sup>	
		Millions of dollars	Millions of dollars	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %
870190	Other tractors (other than tractors or heading 8709)	168	29	26.1
270112	Bituminous coal	164	25	13.6
291736	Terephthalic acid and its salts	162	37	-24.5
120100	Soybeans, whether or not broken	156	46	-9.8
390760	Polyethylene terephthakate, in primary forms	154	27	-34.1
847170	Storage units	134	29	20.8
260111	Iron and concentrates including roasted iron pyrites	132	40	33.3
843351	Other harvesting machinery; threshing machinery; combine harvester-threshers	130	71	69
281820	Aluminium oxide, except atificial corundum, n,e,s,o,i,	127	35	6.1
840734	Spark ignition reciprocating or rotary internal combustion piston engines of a cylinder capacity not over 1,000 cc	127	41	70.8
840999	Parts for use with compression-ignition internal combustion piston engines, n,e,s,o,i,	126	35	20.7
730511	Line pipe of a kind used for oil gas pipelines: longitudinally submerged arc welded	123	-	-100.0
841480	Air compressor, other, except parts	119	20	-31.0
401120	New pneumatic tires, of tubber, of a king used on buses or trucks	117	27	8.0
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,	117	33	17.9
390120	Polyethylene having a specific gravity of 0,94 or more, in primary forms allied industries, n,e,s,o,i,	116	30	-
310530	Diammonium hydrogenorthophosphate (diammoium phosphate)	115	18	350.0
847150	Digital processing units other than those of subheading 8471,41 or 8471,49, whether or not containing in the same housing one or two of the following types of unit: storage units, input units, output units	111	25	19.0
300210	Antisera and other blood obtained by means of biotechnological processes	110	36	12.5
854011	Cathode-ray television picture tubes, including video monitor cathode-ray tubes: color	106	37	146.7
854221	Monolithic integrated circuits: digital	102	30	50.0
310540	Ammonium dihydrogenorthophosphate and mixtures thereof with diammonium hydrogenorthophosphate	100	11	120.0
841430	Compressors of a king used in refrigerating equipment (including air conditioning)	98	25	38.9
380830	Herbicides, antisprouting, products and plant-growt regulators, disinfectants and similar products put up in forms or packings for retail sale or as preparations or articles	95	20	33.3
841199	Other parts turbojet, turbopropellers and other gas turbines, and parts thereof	94	10	-16.7
847180	Other units of automatic data processing machines	92	29	38.1
720270	Ferromolybdenum	91	18	-18.2
<b>Rest</b>		<b>17,659</b>	<b>4,729</b>	<b>21.9</b>