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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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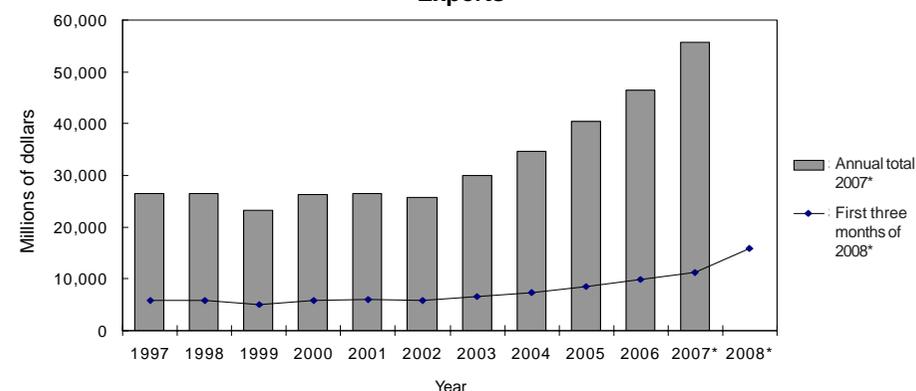
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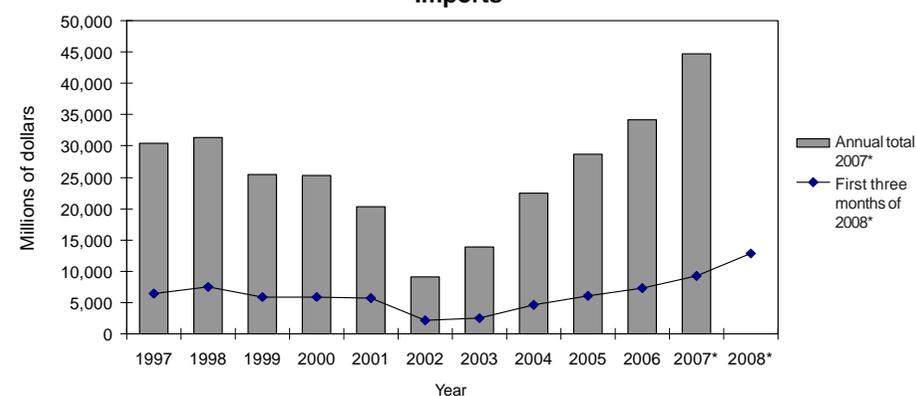
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Exports



Imports



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 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	
	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2008 ^e	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2008*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2008*
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars	
TOTAL	55,779,556	15,788,700	41.7	44,707,463	12,841,650	40.1	11,072,093	2,947,050
Mercosur	12,469,585	3,781,756	42.5	16,184,479	4,744,571	39.1	- 3,714,894	- 962,815
NAFTA	6,125,826	1,722,548	18.1	6,981,160	2,127,099	42.1	- 855,334	- 404,551
U.E.	9,837,716	3,116,709	64.2	7,444,721	2,150,857	30.2	2,392,994	965,852
ASEAN,China,Korea Republican, Japan and India	9,685,381	1,646,707	14.4	8,470,687	2,470,070	46.1	1,214,694	- 823,363
MAGREB and Egypt	1,995,223	689,400	105.6	133,073	19,378	102.9	1,862,150	670,022
Rest	15,665,826	4,831,580	43.8	5,493,344	1,329,675	47.0	10,172,483	3,501,906

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

Country of destination	Exports (FOB)		Country of origin	Imports (CIF)	
	2007* %	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2008 ^e		2007* %	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2008*
Total	100	100	Total	100	100
Brazil	19	20	Brazil	32	32
China	9	5	United States	12	13
Chile	7	8	China	11	12
United States	7	8	Germany	5	5
Spain	4	4	Mexico	3	3
Netherlands	3	5	Japan	3	3
Mexico	3	2	Italy	2	2
Italy	2	2	France	2	3
Germany	2	2	Paraguay	2	3
Venezuela	2	2	Spain	2	2
Rest	41	41	Rest	25	22

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

Continent and Country	Exports (FOB)			Imports (CIF)			Balance	
	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2008 ^e	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2008*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2008*
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Total	55,779,556	15,788,700	41.7	44,707,463	12,841,650	40.1	11,072,093	2,947,050
AFRICA	3,980,414	1,358,524	79.2	271,472	56,083	24.7	3,708,942	1,302,441
Algeria	765,294	306,994	126.0	19,209	214	///	746,084	306,780
Angola	165,894	57,653	128.0	3	-	-	165,891	57,653
Benin	4,808	772	42.0	1	-	-	4,807	772
Botswana	126	25	///	-	-	-	126	25
Burkina Faso	912	2,417	///	-	32	///	912	2,385
Cameroon	11,229	4,450	45.0	--	-	- 100.0	11,229	4,450
Cape Verde	1,221	2,410	112.0	-	-	-	1,221	2,410
Central African Republic	156	-	- 100.0	-	-	-	156	-
Chad	553	104	- 49.0	--	8	///	553	97
Comoros	481	530	///	5	-	- 100.0	476	530
Congo	54,824	12,587	22.0	48	35	289.0	54,776	12,552
Cost of Ivory	17,227	14,083	208.0	1,299	507	54.0	15,928	13,576
Democratic Republic of the Congo	27,292	21,746	377.0	--	1	///	27,292	21,745
Egypt	577,358	177,569	191.0	39,061	1,659	279.0	538,296	175,910
Equatorial Guinea	2,692	955	91.0	-	-	-	2,692	955
Ethiopia	507	308	58.0	6	-	- 100.0	502	308
Gabon	10,251	3,224	59.0	-	-	-	10,251	3,224
Gambia, The	4,333	1,158	266.0	--	-	-	4,333	1,158
Ghana	32,359	9,011	145.0	--	-	- 100.0	32,359	9,011
Ghinea	3,427	563	- 12.0	-	-	-	3,427	563
Kenya	50,492	74,639	184.0	406	61	- 31.0	50,085	74,578
Liberia	13,790	2,540	192.0	88	-	- 100.0	13,702	2,540
Lybia	122,532	38,473	33.0	5,457	-	-	117,075	38,473
Madagascar	30,561	13,024	151.0	645	37	- 84.0	29,916	12,986
Malawi	8,682	4,481	101.0	1,775	534	152.0	6,907	3,947
Mali	1,733	1,463	214.0	-	--	///	1,733	1,463
Mauritania	10,418	571	- 87.0	100	9	29.0	10,317	562
Mauritius	25,690	13,014	141.0	111	67	52.0	25,579	12,947
Morocco	353,113	111,123	107.0	55,752	4,442	- 49.0	297,362	106,680
Mozambique	59,546	16,510	17.0	1,304	-	- 100.0	58,242	16,510
Namibia	3,217	3,638	///	6	-	-	3,211	3,638
Niger	7,472	2,548	- 20.0	217	--	- 99.0	7,255	2,548
Nigeria	302,734	65,964	- 10.0	613	245	///	302,121	65,719
Rwanda	9	1,500	///	-	-	-	9	1,500
Senegal	56,238	22,244	92.0	1	--	- 79.0	56,237	22,244
Sierra Leone	6,337	1,171	46.0	169	39	- 43.0	6,168	1,132
Somalia	-	-	-	92	-	-	- 92	-
South Africa	999,362	270,325	38.0	131,252	35,036	4.0	868,109	235,288

Table 3. (continuation)

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	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars	
			%			%		
Sudan	5,177	396	- 56.0	163	23	- 60.0	5,015	374
Tanzania	45,219	32,260	70.0	39	2	///	45,181	32,258
Territories linked to France	13,760	4,040	31.0	-	-	-	13,760	4,040
Territories linked to Spain	1,462	393	12.0	-	-	-	1,462	393
Territories linked to United Kingdom	-	6	///	-	-	-	-	6
Togo	7,596	788	- 33.0	-	-	-	7,596	788
Tunisia	166,508	54,671	6.0	13,493	13,053	///	153,015	41,617
Uganda	5,884	5,702	///	-	--	///	5,884	5,702
Zambia	328	158	111.0	-	-	-	328	158
Zimbabwe	72	40	///	44	13	- 70.0	29	27
Rest	1,535	283	- 63.0	111	63	103.0	1,423	220
AMERICA	27,311,269	7,920,628	29.2	24,572,194	7,254,673	39.4	2,739,075	665,955
Antigua And Barbuda	192	57	73.0	-	-	-	192	57
Bahamas, The	2,193	395	- 19.0	35,380	811	2.0	- 33,187	- 416
Barbados	2,183	364	- 23.0	-	-	-	2,183	364
Belize	2,295	80	- 82.0	--	-	-	2,295	80
Bolivia	462,670	117,265	25.0	220,917	40,441	- 30.0	241,753	76,824
Free trade zone Winner (Bolivia)	15	-	-	-	-	-	15	-
Brazil	10,485,919	3,234,913	49.0	14,522,983	4,170,951	36.0	- 4,037,064	- 936,038
Free trade zone Manaus (Brasil)	133	--	- 100.0	137,283	63,419	353.0	- 137,150	- 63,419
Canada	347,449	72,844	11.0	292,675	66,892	5.0	54,774	5,952
Chile	4,175,329	1,213,980	24.0	708,458	204,378	35.0	3,466,871	1,009,603
Free trade zone Iquique (Chile)	104	21	///	27	-	- 100.0	77	21
Free trade zone Punta Arenas (Chile)	765	73	- 32.0	-	24	///	765	48
Colombia	576,031	142,201	-	91,018	38,991	174.0	485,013	103,210
Costa Rica	103,405	12,049	- 12.0	20,767	4,438	- 22.0	82,639	7,611
Cuba	100,638	24,531	- 46.0	3,017	651	31.0	97,622	23,881
Dominica	387	51	- 66.0	9	2	100.0	378	48
Dominican Republic	197,485	58,374	20.0	4,234	1,386	46.0	193,251	56,988
Ecuador	345,274	109,160	28.0	110,007	34,293	29.0	235,267	74,866
El Salvador	93,072	9,714	- 59.0	133	20	150.0	92,939	9,694
Grenada	565	143	- 11.0	2	-	-	563	143
Guatemala	154,301	33,444	- 32.0	2,544	1,363	///	151,757	32,081
Guyana	1,977	2,515	306.0	--	-	-	1,977	2,515
Haiti	14,615	3,874	- 41.0	31	1	- 80.0	14,584	3,872
Honduras	61,477	5,863	- 64.0	272	35	- 30.0	61,205	5,828
Jamaica	13,117	4,898	35.0	6	1	-	13,111	4,897
Mexico	1,433,738	299,545	- 10.0	1,336,579	335,517	17.0	97,160	- 35,972
Nicaragua	54,601	4,249	- 73.0	32	1	///	54,568	4,248
Panama	119,583	14,730	- 24.0	860	47	- 49.0	118,723	14,682
Free trade zone Colon (Panama)	12,944	4,343	139.0	26	-	-	12,918	4,343
Paraguay	778,661	203,251	25.0	1,056,420	385,833	59.0	- 277,759	- 182,581
Peru	957,847	369,698	74.0	116,020	27,384	6.0	841,828	342,314
Saint Lucia	965	112	- 48.0	--	--	- 80.0	965	112
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	226	184	149.0	-	-	-	226	184

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	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars	
Saint Kitts and Nevis	181	33	175.0	526	197	///	- 345	- 164
Suriname	5,367	1,902	100.0	-	-	-	5,367	1,902
Territories linked to France	2,755	280	- 41.0	--	-	- 100.0	2,755	280
Territories linked to United Kingdom	1,317	90	- 72.0	-	-	-	1,317	90
Territories linked to the United States	213	22	16.0	9,579	6,547	///	- 9,366	- 6,526
Trinidad and Tobago	27,455	5,638	- 1.0	16,391	12,106	///	11,064	- 6,468
United States	4,151,332	1,276,841	24.0	5,263,978	1,703,660	51.0	- 1,112,645	- 426,818
Puerto Rico (Associated to the United States)	193,074	73,293	153.0	78,350	14,484	- 7.0	114,724	58,809
Uruguay	1,171,676	335,713	9.0	458,429	121,467	30.0	713,246	214,246
Free trade zone Colonia (Uruguay)	6,823	2,030	- 3.0	8,571	2,107	5.0	- 1,748	- 77
Free trade zone Florida (Uruguay)	630	95	- 75.0	6	-	- 100.0	624	95
Free trade zone Libertad (Uruguay)	23	-	- 100.0	-	-	-	23	-
Free trade zone Montevideo (Uruguay)	24,840	5,734	- 7.0	194	26	- 47.0	24,646	5,708
Free trade zone Nueva Helvecia (Uruguay)	-	-	-	565	769	350.0	- 565	- 769
Free trade zone Nueva Palmira (Uruguay)	748	2	///	29	-	- 100.0	720	2
Free trade zone Rio Negro (Uruguay)	133	17	///	-	-	-	133	17
Venezuela	1,176,182	268,790	15.0	23,596	4,293	- 12.0	1,152,586	264,497
Rest	48,364	7,226	- 37.0	52,282	12,139	75.0	- 3,918	- 4,913
ASIA	11,713,409	2,438,656	39.0	9,115,626	2,661,941	46.4	2,597,783	- 223,284
Afghanistan	144	121	///	266	1	- 67.0	- 122	120
Bahrein	3,675	3,450	109.0	1,435	-	- 100.0	2,241	3,450
Bangladesh	310,312	62,235	32.0	3,582	1,073	- 3.0	306,730	61,162
Brunei	190	261	308.0	-	-	-	190	261
Cambodia	2,986	862	77.0	2,548	1,064	16.0	438	- 202
China	5,166,609	844,688	43.0	5,092,949	1,511,485	57.0	73,660	- 666,797
Hong Kong	192,845	47,601	15.0	33,507	8,011	- 19.0	159,338	39,590
Macau	3	-	-	741	126	- 35.0	- 738	- 126
Georgia	3,116	520	- 41.0	-	-	-	3,116	520
India	858,817	235,212	156.0	383,716	117,966	45.0	475,101	117,246
Indonesia	408,666	56,991	34.0	214,165	53,759	19.0	194,501	3,232
Iran	319,286	189,821	///	1,603	2,726	166.0	317,683	187,096
Iraq	16,854	762	- 81.0	-	--	///	16,854	762
Israel	212,511	47,791	11.0	125,388	36,674	50.0	87,123	11,117
Japan	666,244	71,066	- 54.0	1,200,116	333,172	20.0	- 533,872	- 262,106
Jordan	25,218	5,622	103.0	99	2	- 96.0	25,119	5,620
Kazajstan	15,978	7,447	209.0	10,694	5,321	64.0	5,285	2,126
Kuwait	39,820	13,686	51.0	19,641	-	-	20,179	13,686
Lebanon	45,946	8,588	14.0	293	138	///	45,652	8,449
Malasya	567,989	91,229	- 27.0	325,387	90,569	55.0	242,602	661

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	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars	
Maldives	67	108	///	-	-	-	67	108
Myanmar	369	26	- 53.0	9,876	3,298	21.0	- 9,507	- 3,273
Nepal	27	-	-	16	--	- 99.0	11	--
Oman	25,414	32,798	198.0	-	-	-	25,414	32,798
Pakistan	79,598	113,073	467.0	45,478	12,613	10.0	34,121	100,461
Philippines	421,631	145,181	82.0	47,267	13,100	30.0	374,364	132,081
Qatar	15,338	2,911	- 33.0	24,569	1	///	- 9,231	2,911
Korea Republican	674,972	32,509	- 84.0	525,890	187,176	91.0	149,082	- 154,667
Saudi Arabia	372,486	90,592	87.0	23,616	707	///	348,870	89,885
Singapore	26,466	15,675	169.0	126,186	23,213	- 36.0	- 99,720	- 7,537
Sri Lanka	2,003	7,138	///	7,314	2,138	15.0	- 5,312	5,000
Syria	144,108	71,437	158.0	582	99	- 5.0	143,527	71,338
Taiwan	85,684	17,325	- 15.0	330,424	102,485	35.0	- 244,740	- 85,160
Tayiskistan	297	-	-	-	--	///	297	--
Thailand	366,708	58,268	2.0	456,265	105,115	9.0	- 89,557	- 46,847
Turkmenistan	1,984	-	-	-	-	-	1,984	-
United Arab Emirates	191,211	107,709	159.0	18,021	876	- 86.0	173,189	106,834
Uzbekistan	5,259	21	///	33	-	- 100.0	5,226	21
Vietnam	330,843	47,137	16.0	51,731	21,908	105.0	279,111	25,229
Yemen, Republic the	101,723	5,478	- 74.0	6	-	-	101,717	5,478
Rest	10,012	3,316	157.0	32,221	27,125	///	- 22,209	- 23,810
EUROPA	11,608,238	3,722,083	64.5	9,498,343	2,713,662	37.5	2,109,895	1,008,421
Albania	2,117	696	261.0	25	45	350.0	2,092	651
Austria	16,676	3,886	4.0	151,048	49,690	21.0	- 134,372	- 45,804
Belarus	9,480	1,278	98.0	19,937	1,394	36.0	- 10,457	- 117
Belgium	408,753	147,112	72.0	246,218	64,845	15.0	162,535	82,267
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5,915	2,887	106.0	170	19	- 32.0	5,745	2,868
Bulgaria	14,497	5,960	37.0	29,446	1,524	8.0	- 14,948	4,436
Croatia	41,449	7,765	- 24.0	1,152	350	- 16.0	40,297	7,416
Cyprus	25,637	5,154	1.0	10	--	///	25,627	5,154
Czech Republic	33,624	14,514	130.0	63,672	14,780	- 7.0	- 30,048	- 266
Denmark	350,193	80,511	- 2.0	165,150	37,572	- 1.0	185,043	42,939
Estonia	6,280	1,200	- 16.0	1,590	229	- 34.0	4,690	971
Finland	141,546	9,006	- 79.0	140,435	52,149	46.0	1,110	- 43,143
France	604,470	236,285	112.0	1,059,442	423,131	64.0	- 454,972	- 186,846
Monaco	89	-	-	1,749	407	- 11.0	- 1,661	- 407
Germany	1,221,234	369,163	58.0	2,131,326	608,374	36.0	- 910,092	- 239,210
Greece	121,646	19,173	31.0	7,628	2,518	22.0	114,018	16,655
Hungary	11,605	2,418	37.0	53,810	13,461	7.0	- 42,205	- 11,044
Iceland	1,638	389	113.0	344	1,154	365.0	1,295	- 765
Ireland	115,763	34,477	55.0	92,941	20,458	32.0	22,822	14,019
Italy	1,386,903	380,371	38.0	1,071,383	289,671	18.0	315,520	90,699
San Marino	6	-	-	263	163	318.0	- 257	- 163

Table 3. (concluded)

Continent and Country	Exports (FOB)			Imports (CIF)			Balance	
	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2008*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2008*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2008*
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars	
Letonia	9,192	10,142	268.0	121,015	12,924	///	- 111,823	- 2,783
Liechtenstein	19	5	67.0	1,115	347	101.0	- 1,095	- 341
Lithuania	18,803	8,271	111.0	15,148	289	331.0	3,655	7,982
Luxembourg	1,399	622	93.0	7,487	2,315	- 1.0	- 6,088	- 1,693
Macedonia	2,531	938	191.0	421	413	25.0	2,110	525
Malta	1,739	530	- 24.0	2,673	565	- 35.0	- 934	- 35
Montenegro	5,428	866	46.0	22	-	- 100.0	5,406	866
Netherlands	1,796,549	713,723	123.0	236,895	62,651	37.0	1,559,654	651,072
Norway	24,077	10,620	86.0	26,982	5,826	81.0	- 2,905	4,794
Poland	416,921	103,174	29.0	107,308	24,402	- 22.0	309,612	78,771
Portugal	192,929	87,472	281.0	86,152	26,826	- 4.0	106,777	60,647
Romania	81,764	18,447	14.0	41,766	3,052	- 8.0	39,998	15,395
Russia	783,521	265,252	75.0	430,308	126,273	389.0	353,213	138,979
Slovakia	3,840	79	- 82.0	25,865	8,128	66.0	- 22,025	- 8,050
Slovenia	46,256	2,071	- 87.0	10,890	2,520	25.0	35,367	- 449
Spain	2,059,440	643,323	66.0	812,647	234,042	20.0	1,246,794	409,281
Sweden	55,085	14,036	16.0	315,406	71,767	-	- 260,321	- 57,731
Switzerland	534,980	240,018	46.0	287,086	76,435	14.0	247,895	163,583
Servia	8,431	898	- 36.0	456	87	71.0	7,975	811
Territories linked to United Kingdom	10	-	-	-	-	///	10	-
Turkey	271,824	46,664	224.0	76,423	17,565	89.0	195,400	29,099
Ukraine	80,050	25,028	80.0	118,622	20,414	9.0	- 38,572	4,614
United Kingdom	693,415	205,198	41.0	445,359	122,403	26.0	248,056	82,794
Rest	514	2,463	///	1,090,558	312,483	60.0	- 1,090,044	- 310,019
OCEANIA	246,230	61,040	51.7	176,569	46,373	- 11.9	69,661	14,667
Australia	210,410	56,350	64.0	161,853	43,498	- 12.0	48,558	12,851
Fiji	199	33	///	-	-	-	199	33
Marshall Islands	561	-	-	-	-	-	561	-
Nauru	-	-	-	-	-	///	-	-
New Zealand	30,683	3,376	- 32.0	14,686	2,875	- 4.0	15,997	501
Papua New Guinea	37	13	///	17	-	- 100.0	21	13
Samoa Occidental	27	9	50.0	-	-	-	27	9
Territories linked to France	3,979	1,237	55.0	-	-	-	3,979	1,237
Territories linked to the United States	19	4	///	-	-	-	19	4
Vanuatu	135	15	- 78.0	-	-	-	135	15
Rest	179	4	- 97.0	13	-	- 100.0	166	4
Rest	919,995	287,768	44.4	1,073,260	108,918	53.1	- 153,264	178,851

Table 4. Exports and Imports, percent distribution according to the Sections of the Harmonized System

Section	Exports		Imports	
	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2008 ^o	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2008*
Total	100	100	100	100
			%	
I Live animals and products of animal origin	6	6	--	--
II Products of vegetable origin	20	23	2	3
III Fats and oils	10	10	--	--
IV Feeding products, beverages and tobacco	16	16	1	1
V Mineral products	14	14	7	5
VI Industrial products	6	6	15	15
VII Plastic, rubber and its manufactures	3	3	7	6
VIII Leathers and leather manufactures (except footwear)	2	2	--	--
IX Wood, charcoal, cork, cork manufactures, cross- ties of wood	1	1	--	--
X Wood pulp, paper, paperboard	1	1	2	2
XI Textile stuff and manufactures	1	1	3	3
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	2	--	--
XV Common metals and manufactures	5	4	7	7
XVI Machines, instruments and electric material	4	3	30	28
XVII Transport equipment	10	9	18	21
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	--	--	--	--

Table 5. Exports and imports according to Sections and Chapters of the Harmonized System

Section chapter	Exports (FOB)			Imports (FOB)			Balance
	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2008*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2008*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2008*
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars
Total	55,779,556	15,788,700	41.7	44,707,463	12,841,650	40.1	2,947,050
I Live animals and products of animal origin	3,570,631	970,181	18.2	159,692	49,352	37.0	920,829
1 Live animals	28,000	10,322	94.5	9,747	4,159	69.1	6,163
2 Meat and edible meat offal	1,618,588	498,413	60.6	77,963	26,069	56.3	472,344
3 Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates	1,070,816	199,918	- 14.0	24,989	7,573	12.1	192,345
4 Dairy produce; birds eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, n.e.s.o.i.	785,184	239,395	- 7.8	17,933	4,234	37.1	235,161
5 Products of animal origin, n.e.s.o.i.	68,043	22,132	69.6	29,060	7,317	3.8	14,815
II Products of vegetable origin	10,354,105	3,452,498	101.0	1,012,974	376,683	71.2	3,075,815
6 Live trees and other plants; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage	2,894	185	- 41.0	6,338	947	28.6	- 762
7 Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers	407,352	132,296	24.8	25,595	3,765	20.3	128,531
8 Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melon	1,061,938	353,296	14.6	107,845	28,650	27.5	324,646
9 Coffee, tea, mate and spices	89,132	26,700	24.9	85,325	20,552	11.0	6,148
10 Cereals	4,660,160	2,412,274	132.1	23,776	2,036	32.4	2,410,238
11 Milling industry products; malt; starches; inulin; wheat gluten	429,841	156,803	115.4	10,244	3,274	119.0	153,529
12 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruits; industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	3,695,888	368,399	119.8	707,676	306,172	89.2	62,227
13 Lac; gums; resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	1,404	560	30.1	40,167	10,148	5.4	- 9,588
14 Vegetable plaiting materials and vegetable products, n.e.s.o.i.	5,497	1,985	109.2	6,009	1,141	58.5	844
III Fats and oils	5,493,293	1,620,738	80.7	50,977	15,033	55.2	1,605,705
15 Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes	5,493,293	1,620,738	80.7	50,977	15,033	55.2	1,605,705
IV Feeding products, beverages and tobacco	8,815,902	2,317,636	48.5	559,446	171,070	37.8	2,146,566
16 Edible preparations of meat, fish, crustaceans molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates	214,971	52,455	16.2	84,731	27,482	22.6	24,973
17 Sugars and sugar confectionary	222,752	31,284	- 10.9	31,338	12,096	68.9	19,188
18 Cocoa and cocoa preparations	120,018	29,916	4.6	108,539	35,583	56.7	- 5,667
19 Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; bakers wares	251,844	66,767	53.4	26,966	8,193	56.8	58,574

Table 5. (continuation)

Section chapter	Exports (FOB)			Imports (FOB)			Balance
	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2008*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2008*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2008*
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars
20 Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants	832,964	187,101	24.4	93,984	25,201	42.6	161,900
21 Miscellaneous edible preparations	115,623	35,312	54.5	105,972	33,945	34.7	1,367
22 Beverages, spirits and vinegar	586,410	149,949	27.0	40,322	9,023	9.5	140,926
23 Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed	6,196,116	1,737,267	60.2	35,131	9,167	12.0	1,728,100
24 Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	275,202	27,585	- 14.8	32,462	10,381	41.3	17,204
V Mineral products	7,585,644	2,147,428	13.7	3,351,004	617,183	40.1	1,530,245
25 Salt; sulfur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	68,420	17,267	2.2	97,610	33,458	87.7	- 16,191
26 Ores, slag and ash	1,421,211	301,730	- 6.4	561,671	216,330	63.8	85,400
27 Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes	6,096,013	1,828,431	18.0	2,691,723	367,395	26.4	1,461,036
VI Industrial products	3,183,770	977,245	35.4	6,831,082	1,960,414	41.7	- 983,169
28 Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare-earth metals, of radioactive elements or of isotopes	276,107	81,032	7.9	550,708	198,277	61.7	- 117,245
29 Organic chemicals	587,794	153,667	- 8.6	2,257,766	697,251	27.5	- 543,584
30 Pharmaceutical products	512,359	128,388	20.0	938,596	258,065	12.3	- 129,677
31 Fertilizers	91,990	55,033	70.0	1,105,907	255,868	441.0	- 200,835
32 Tanning or dyeing extracts; tannins and derivatives dyes, pigments and other coloring matter; paints and varnishes; putty and other mastics; inks	174,562	44,992	8.6	351,843	98,579	20.6	- 53,587
33 Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations	459,242	98,173	4.8	279,081	77,496	26.2	20,677
34 Soap etc.; lubricating products; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles etc; modeling pastes; dental waxes and dental preparations with a basic of plaster	133,907	34,478	10.5	231,270	61,148	19.2	- 26,670
35 Albuminoidal substances; modified starches; glues; enzymes	193,182	66,306	73.8	100,401	30,713	19.9	35,593
36 Explosives; pyrotechnic products; matches; pyrophoric alloys; certain combustible preparations	4,999	2,172	92.8	13,495	2,291	28.4	- 119
37 Photographic or cinematographic goods	79,527	21,549	19.2	122,758	27,916	- 8.2	- 6,367
38 Miscellaneous chemical products	670,102	291,455	151.9	879,256	252,810	36.9	38,645
VII Plastic, rubber and its manufactures	1,542,345	420,784	9.3	2,940,054	805,419	26.0	- 384,635
39 Plastics and articles thereof	1,202,446	339,429	10.4	2,051,068	545,625	21.6	- 206,196
40 Rubber and articles thereof	339,899	81,355	5.1	888,986	259,794	36.4	- 178,439

Table 5. (continuation)

Section chapter	Exports (FOB)			Imports (FOB)			Balance
	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2008*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2008*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2008*
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars
VIII Leathers and leather manufactures	1,137,186	262,449	0.9	131,218	43,693	33.4	218,756
41 Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and leather	969,481	229,146	1.9	45,722	11,733	1.6	217,413
42 Articles of leather; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of gut	122,821	24,773	- 5.5	82,960	31,586	53.3	- 6,813
43 Furskins and artificial fur; manufactures thereof	44,885	8,529	- 5.7	2,536	374	- 37.5	8,155
IX Wood, charcoal, cork, cork manufactures, cross-ties of wood	313,197	80,781	11.4	183,462	54,625	25.6	26,156
44 Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal	311,001	80,506	11.7	130,546	41,916	24.5	38,590
45 Cork and articles of cork	2,127	257	- 41.8	49,161	11,676	25.0	- 11,419
46 Manufactures of straw, esparto or other plaiting materials; Basketware and wickerwork	69	18	- 3.3	3,756	1,033	108.3	- 1,015
X Wood pulp, paper, paperboard	625,361	152,529	1.3	1,059,391	314,867	25.1	- 162,338
47 Pulp of wood or other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap) paper and paperboard	130,021	29,897	21.2	86,870	23,820	10.0	6,077
48 Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard	413,046	100,427	- 4.2	834,565	245,998	24.7	- 145,571
49 Printed books, newspapers, pictures and other printed products; manuscripts, typescripts and plans	82,294	22,205	5.6	137,956	45,049	37.0	- 22,844
XI Textile stuff and manufactures	574,309	148,995	5.0	1,314,469	402,959	34.2	- 253,964
50 Silk, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof	21	1	- 62.2	1,830	472	22.9	- 471
51 Wool and fine or coarse animal hair, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof; horsehair yarn and woven	235,289	66,152	9.0	13,716	3,979	8.4	62,173
52 Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof	36,770	5,515	- 1.9	214,344	66,539	27.7	- 61,024
53 Vegetable textile fibers nesoi; yarns and woven fabrics of vegetable textile fibers nesoi and paper	84	25	174.7	6,002	932	6.8	- 907
54 Manmade filaments, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof	56,129	10,976	- 38.5	187,505	55,550	37.0	- 44,574
55 Manmade staple fibers, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof	12,532	2,316	- 48.4	258,335	73,891	30.5	- 71,575
56 Wadding, felt and nonwovens; special yarns; twine, cordage, ropes and cables and articles thereof	42,042	13,275	32.9	74,410	23,109	38.1	- 9,834
57 Carpets and other textile floor coverings	6,504	2,038	64.3	16,023	4,023	13.0	- 1,985
58 Special woven fabrics; tufted textile fabrics; lace; tapestries; trimmings; embroidery	26,056	8,391	46.2	27,201	7,769	- 19.6	622
59 Impregnated, coated, covered or laminated textile fabrics; textile articles suitable for industrial use	45,235	10,687	0.1	83,456	21,461	17.1	- 10,774
60 Knitted or crocheted fabrics	12,877	3,114	11.7	101,034	36,361	91.2	- 33,247
61 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted	56,765	14,439	8.8	83,637	29,857	22.9	- 15,418
62 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted	31,494	9,133	34.5	134,082	50,130	49.5	- 40,997

Table 5. (continuation)

Section chapter	Exports (FOB)			Imports (FOB)			Balance	
	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2008*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2008*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2008*	
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars	
63	Made-up textile articles nesoi; needlecraft sets; worn clothing and worn textile articles; rags	12,512	2,932	9.1	112,896	28,885	37.5	- 25,953
XII	Footwear, umbrellas, artificial flowers and others	35,718	9,659	- 12.7	321,672	78,359	18.2	- 68,700
64	Footwear, gaiters and the like; parts of such articles	33,486	9,310	- 12.6	300,539	72,430	16.5	- 63,120
65	Headgear and parts thereof	1,493	253	5.6	11,493	3,516	24.3	- 3,263
66	Umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof	478	74	- 52.5	5,686	1,438	142.5	- 1,364
67	Prepared feathers and down and articles thereof; artificial flowers; articles of human hair	261	23	21.8	3,953	975	34.3	- 952
XIII	Stone manufactures, plaster, cement, amianthus, mica, ceramic, glass	164,127	38,967	1.4	415,938	121,612	41.5	- 82,645
68	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials	65,381	17,342	11.1	79,090	24,186	43.8	- 6,844
69	Ceramic products	58,162	10,767	- 21.3	134,264	38,461	33.8	- 27,694
70	Glass and glassware	40,584	10,857	18.8	202,584	58,965	46.0	- 48,108
XIV	Fine pearls, stones and precious metals, coins and others	579,375	248,916	49.7	67,268	18,108	32.4	230,808
71	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semiprecious stones, precious metals; precious metal clad metals, and articles thereof; imitation jewelry; coin	579,375	248,916	49.7	67,268	18,108	32.4	230,808
XV	Common metals and manufactures	2,816,333	576,513	- 9.8	3,130,597	949,921	33.9	- 373,408
72	Iron and steel	548,024	74,773	- 40.2	1,146,332	380,956	51.4	- 306,183
73	Articles of iron or steel	1,496,909	308,534	- 4.9	861,233	249,657	27.8	58,877
74	Copper and articles thereof	15,301	4,365	30.1	309,646	84,806	24.5	- 80,441
75	Nickel and articles thereof	243	--	- 99.8	45,250	11,788	48.2	- 11,788
76	Aluminum and articles thereof	544,295	144,846	- 2.3	206,748	60,275	32.9	84,571
78	Lead and articles thereof	59,839	15,744	71.3	1,155	215	30.5	15,529
79	Zinc and articles thereof	63,703	10,026	- 6.4	74,473	19,357	- 18.9	- 9,331
80	Tin and articles thereof	18	1	65.8	18,138	4,858	20.8	- 4,857
81	Base metals nesoi; cermets; articles thereof	2,658	819	- 30.6	25,255	6,527	27.8	- 5,708
82	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof of base metal	42,456	7,241	- 4.2	247,478	78,888	22.4	- 71,647
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal	42,888	10,163	14.7	194,887	52,594	21.6	- 42,431
XVI	Machines, instruments and electric material	1,974,944	493,487	23.4	13,338,639	3,608,843	29.8	- 3,115,356
84	Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	1,441,289	361,311	25.5	7,507,957	2,125,896	33.8	- 1,764,585
85	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television recorder	533,655	132,175	18.1	5,830,682	1,482,947	24.5	- 1,350,772
XVII	Transport equipment	5,712,739	1,491,356	50.6	7,917,523	2,739,120	67.5	- 1,247,764

Table 5. (concluded)

Section chapter	Exports (FOB)			Imports (FOB)			Balance
	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2008*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2008*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2008*
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars
86 Railway or tramway locomotives, rolling stock, track fixtures and fittings, and parts thereof; mechanical	12,459	3,623	33.6	100,983	27,566	- 21.9	- 23,943
87 Vehicles, other than railway or tramway rolling stock, and parts and accessories thereof	5,304,706	1,201,130	26.4	6,956,339	2,160,748	52.4	- 959,618
88 Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof	333,418	276,031	///	799,930	506,970	206.0	- 230,939
89 Ships, boats and floating structures	62,156	10,572	95.6	60,271	43,837	171.5	- 33,265
XVIII Optical instruments, medical-surgical precision, watches and music	193,249	48,959	21.0	985,722	263,849	25.6	- 214,890
90 Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; parts and accessories thereof	186,180	45,935	18.9	919,162	247,706	26.1	- 201,771
91 Clocks and watches and parts thereof	5,377	2,734	90.3	44,321	11,291	14.8	- 8,557
92 Musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof	1,692	290	- 24.9	22,239	4,853	32.2	- 4,563
XIX Arms and ammunition	16,570	4,172	36.0	8,533	2,320	49.5	1,852
93 Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof	16,570	4,172	36.0	8,533	2,320	49.5	1,852
XX Commodities and different products	163,599	35,229	- 10.3	659,520	179,930	52.3	- 144,701
94 Furniture; bedding, cushions, etc.; lamps and Lighting fittings n.e.s.o.i.; illuminated signs, nameplates and the like; prefabricated buildings	125,208	27,948	- 9.4	282,102	78,784	55.6	- 50,836
95 Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof	25,715	4,863	- 11.4	267,738	66,248	57.4	- 61,385
96 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	12,676	2,418	- 17.5	109,680	34,897	37.5	- 32,479
XXI Works of art, antiques	7,163	2,412	170.2	2,014	337	- 37.4	2,075
97 Works of art-collectors pieces and antiques	7,163	2,412	170.2	2,014	337	- 37.4	2,075
Special transactions	919,995	287,768	44.4	266,268	67,953	8.7	219,815
Transportation fuel supply	822,870	264,728	52.2	157,040	46,168	28.0	218,560
Other soipping stores	43,195	9,869	- 25.9	9,505	2,650	21.9	7,219
Residual	9,171	3,415	113.9	-	-	-	3,415
Couriers	44,760	9,757	- 6.0	99,723	19,136	- 21.2	- 9,379

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

Groups of commodities		2007*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2008 ^e	
		Millions of dollars	Millions of dollars	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %
Total		55,780	15,789	41.7
230400	Soybean oilcake and other solid residues resulting from the extraction of soy bean oil, whether or not ground in the form of pellets	5,748	1,560	56.1
150710	Soybean oil and its fractions, crude, whether or not degummed	4,261	1,165	81.5
120100	Soybeans, whether or not broken	3,435	296	143.4
271011	Petroleum oils and preparations	2,275	583	18.7
100590	Corn (maize) other than seed corn	2,190	614	114.8
100190	Wheat (other than durum wheat), and meslin	2,016	1,530	135.9
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 over 3,000 cc	1,420	299	28.1
260300	Copper ores and concentrates	1,358	270	- 13.2
270900	Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals crude	1,296	541	51.8
870421	Motor vehicles, for the transport of goods, with compression- ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semidiesel) gvw not over 5 metric tons	1,126	243	19.3
271019	Other petroleum products, n.e.s.o.i.	1,006	289	36.0
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.	823	164	- 21.4
020130	Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled: boneless	790	216	41.7
151211	Sunflower- seed or safflower oil, and fractions thereof, crude, not chemically modified	563	208	54.8
710812	Gold unwrought forms	562	240	46.3
870431	Motor vehicles for the transport of goods. Other, with spark- ignition internal combustion piston engine not exceeding 5 metric tons	513	88	- 11.6
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	504	117	2.9
870840	Gear boxes for motor vehicles	498	127	23.6
271121	Natural gas, gaseous	455	54	- 71.2
870321	Motor vehicles, for the transport of goods, with compression- ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semidiesel) gvw not over 5 metric tons	435	107	125.6
220421	Wine of fresh grapes excluding grape of heading 2009 in containers holding 2 liters or less	418	105	27.3
020230	Meat of bovine animals frozen: boneless	412	144	114.0
030429	Other fish fillets	355	83	- 8.3
760120	Aluminum alloys, unwrought	346	80	- 20.6
271112	Propane	335	136	43.6
271113	Butanes	334	136	77.5
040221	Milk and cream, concreatated not sweetened, in powder, granules or other solid forms, of a fat content, by weight, exceeding 1,5%	314	91	- 32.6
880240	Airplanes and othairgraf, of an unlanden weight exceeding 15,000 kg	308	260	///

Table 6. (concluded)

Groups of commodities		2007*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2008 ^e	
		Millions of dollars	Millions of dollars	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %
030613	Shrimps and prawns	291	15	- 59.8
300490	Medicaments, in measured doses, etc., (excluding vaccines etc) coated bandages etc., and pharmaceutical goods, n.e.s.o.i.	279	72	26.1
080820	Pears and quinces, fresh	271	170	16.3
110100	Wheat or meslin flour	250	107	144.0
870333	Motor cars and other motors vehicles of a cylinder capacity exceeding 2,500 cc	249	61	23.2
240120	Tobacco partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	245	21	- 17.2
730419	Other tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, seamless, of iron (other than cast iron) or steel	238	43	28.9
200811	Peanuts (ground- nuts)	236	73	64.4
870899	Other parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 8701 to 8705	223	42	- 30.5
380893	Herbicides, anti- sprouting products and plant- growth regulators	200	71	86.4
160250	Prepared of preserved meat, meat offal or blood of bovine animals, n.e.s.o.i.	183	42	9.6
390190	Other polymers of ethylene, in primary forms	180	51	- 5.7
071333	Kidney beans, including white pea beans	180	44	122.4
230250	Bran, sharps and other residues, whether or not in the form of pellets, derived from the sifting, milling or other working of cereals of leguminous plants	173	55	143.4
271119	Other ethane	173	43	19.7
120220	Peanuts (ground- nuts), not roasted or otherwise cooked, whether or not shelled or not broken	172	40	112.2
401110	New pneumatic tires, of rubber, radial	172	37	-
080550	Lemons (citrus limon, citrus limonum) and limes (citrus aurantifolia, citrus latifolia)	170	6	54.1
200969	Other grape juice (including grape must)	166	39	48.7
151790	Margarine, artificial mixtures of two or more of products provided for in headings 1501 to 1515, inclusive n.e.s.o.i.	162	49	41.5
150790	Other soybean oil and its fractions, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified	159	48	142.1
080810	Apples	158	59	- 3.6
Rest		17,157	4,860	26.3

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

Groups of commodities		2007*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2008*	
		Millions of dollars	Millions of dollars	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %
Total		44,707	12,842	40.1
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	1,708	617	62.5
271019	Other petroleum products, n.e.s.o.i.	1,688	134	90.4
851712	Telephones for cellular networks or for others wireless networks	1,325	325	9.9
880240	Airplanes and other aircraft, of an unladen weight exceeding 15,000 kg	727	477	201.6
120100	Soybeans, whether or not broken	647	277	103.3
870829	Other parts and accessories of bodies (including cabs)	620	153	31.1
870899	Other parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 8701 to 8705	529	126	- 1.5
271600	Electrical energy	460	66	- 16.3
293100	Organo- inorganic compounds, n.e.s.o.i.	446	180	85.6
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	395	136	67.3
300490	Medicaments, in measured doses, etc., (excluding vaccines etc) coated bandages etc., and pharmaceutical goods, n.e.s.o.i.	386	104	13.8
870840	Gear boxes for motor vehicles	380	100	55.0
870421	Motor vehicles, for the transport of goods, with compression- ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semidiesel) gvw not over 5 metric tons	364	127	69.7
840820	Compression- ignition internal combustion piston engines (diesel or semidiesel), for the propulsion of vehicles of chapter 87	363	100	35.2
851762	Machines for the reception, conversion and transmission or regeneration of voice, images or other data	332	85	22.8
260112	Iron ores and concentrate, other than roasted iron pyrites, agglomerated	322	143	100.8
310540	Ammonium hydrogenorthophosphate	320	74	///
840734	Spark ignition reciprocating or rotary internal combustion piston engines of a cylinder capacity not over 1,000 cc	306	69	30.3
871120	With reciprocating internal combustion piston engine of a cylinder capacity exceeding 50 cc but not exceeding 250 cc	301	102	58.4
870422	Motor vehicles for the transport of good, g.v.w. Exceeding 5 metric tons but not exceeding 20 metric tons	288	92	119.1
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	283	89	12.9
870120	Road tractors for semi- trailers	258	73	55.2
390110	Polyethylene having a specific gravity of less than 0,94 in primary forms	246	69	43.7
843351	Other harvesting machinery	230	122	110.2
870850	Drive axles with differential, whether or not provided with other transmission components	230	69	53.5
847130	Portable digital automatic data processing machines, weighing not more than 10 kg, consisting of at least a central processing unit, a keyboard and a display	216	51	72.7

Table 7. (concluded)

Groups of commodities		2007*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2008*	
		Millions of dollars	Millions of dollars	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %
310530	Diammonium hydrogenorthophosphate (diammoium phosphate)	215	94	462.3
847330	Parts and accesories for automatic data processing machines and units thereof magnetic or optical reader, transcribing machines, list n.e.s.o.i.	210	54	33.2
870190	Other tractors (other than tractors or heading 8709)	210	60	137.5
840999	Parts for use with compression- ignition internal combustion piston engines, n.e.s.o.i.	206	50	17.1
841430	Compressors of a kind used in refrigerating equipment (including air conditioning)	199	43	19.5
270112	Bituminous coal	199	41	- 37.7
300210	Antisera and other blood obtained by means of biotechnological processes	194	58	14.5
850300	Parts suitable for use solely or principally with the machines of heading 8501 or 8502	190	14	- 50.2
281820	Aluminium oxide, except atificial corundum, n.e.s.o.i.	178	78	107.7
401120	New pneumatic tires, of tubber, of a king used on buses or trucks	174	56	46.6
382490	Chemical products and preparations of the chemical or allied industries, n.e.s.o.i.	171	46	13.5
851770	Parts of telephone sets	171	30	20.2
310210	Urea, whether or not in aqueous solution	169	--	///
390120	Polyethylene having a specific gravity of 0,94 or more, in primary forms allied industries, n.e.s.o.i.	167	42	12.5
847170	Storage units	166	40	41.3
390760	Polythylene terephthakate, in primary forms	158	41	32.5
844399	Other printing machinery used for printing by means of plates, cylinders and other printing components of heading 8442	152	35	0.3
260111	Iron and concetrates including roasted iron pyrites	151	52	35.7
401110	New pneumatic tires, of rubber, radial	150	47	38.6
291736	Terephthalic acid and its salts	148	41	- 28.2
852990	Other printed circuit assemblies	146	39	- 5.8
852851	Other monitors of a kind solely or principally used in a automatic data processing system of heading 8471	144	29	88.9
847150	Digital processing units other than those of subheading 8471.41 or 8471.49, whether or not cointaining in the same housing one or two of the following types of unit: storage units, input units, output units	144	38	31.6
271121	Natural gas, gaseous	139	22	- 44.6
Rest		27,192	7,836	33.4