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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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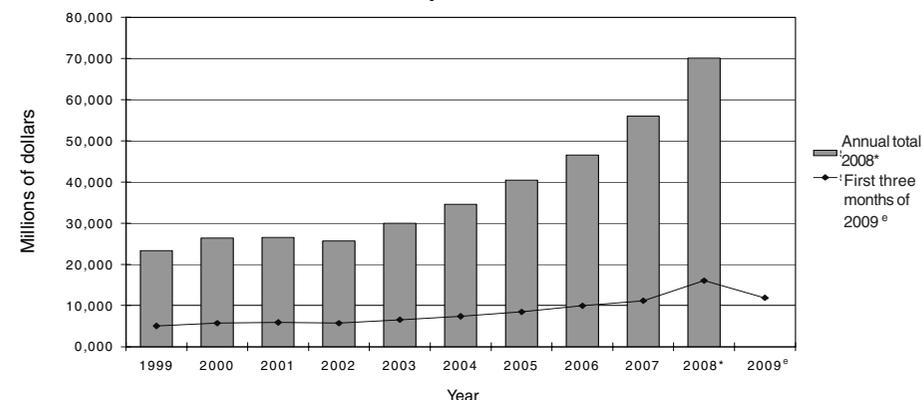
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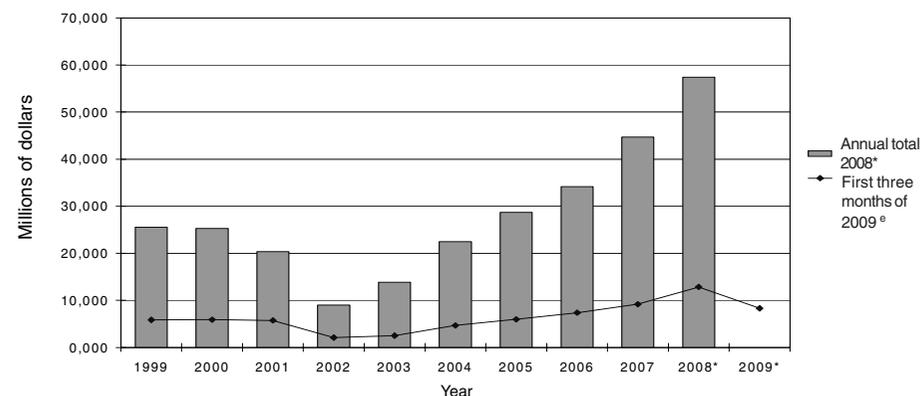
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Exports



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 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	
	2008*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2009 ^e	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2008*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2009*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2008*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2009*
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars	
Total	70,020,558	11,862,800	- 26.0	57,422,755	8,307,077	- 35.3	12,597,802	3,555,723
Mercosur	16,145,167	2,631,708	- 32.6	20,299,861	2,766,998	- 41.7	- 4,154,695	- 135,290
NAFTA	7,331,319	1,160,621	- 33.9	8,935,837	1,444,999	- 32.1	- 1,604,518	- 284,378
Union Europea	13,114,234	2,250,093	- 28.4	9,011,931	1,481,982	- 31.1	4,102,303	768,111
ASEAN, China, Korea Republican, Japan and India	10,685,329	1,634,616	- 2.7	11,189,924	1,824,345	- 26.1	- 504,594	- 189,729
MAGREB and Egypt	3,003,838	433,228	- 36.4	263,919	2,066	- 89.3	2,739,919	431,162
Rest	19,740,670	3,752,534	- 22.9	7,721,283	786,687	- 41.2	12,019,387	2,965,847

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

Country of destination	Exports (FOB)		Country of origin	Imports (CIF)	
	2008* %	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2009 ^e		2008* %	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2009*
Total	100	100	Total	100	100
Brazil	19	18	Brazil	31	27
Chile	7	10	United States	12	14
United States	7	7	China	12	13
China	9	7	Germany	4	6
Netherlands	4	4	Paraguay	3	4
Italy	2	3	Japan	2	3
Spain	4	3	Mexico	3	3
Uruguay	3	3	Italy	2	2
Germany	2	2	Korea Republican	1	2
Peru	2	2	Spain	2	2
Rest	41	41	Rest	28	24

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

Continent and Country	Exports (FOB)			Imports (CIF)			Balance	
	2008*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2009 ^e	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2008*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2009*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2008*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2009*
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AFRICA	5,073,885	837,147	- 37.8	499,872	29,917	- 46.6	4,574,013	807,230
Algeria	891,571	138,995	- 54.0	337	5	- 98.0	891,233	138,989
Angola	213,165	42,393	- 27.0	9	-	-	213,156	42,393
Benin	5,051	460	- 40.0	-	-	-	5,051	460
Botswana	74	-	- 100.0	-	-	-	74	-
Burkina Faso	3,550	158	- 93.0	5	--	332.0	3,545	158
Burundi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cameroon	15,569	3,861	- 12.0	-	55	///	15,569	3,806
Cape Verde	6,623	1,062	- 54.0	-	-	-	6,623	1,062
Central African Republic	-	54	///	60	2	///	- 60	52
Chad	600	170	- 17.0	45	20	150.0	555	150
Comoros	1,055	238	- 54.0	9	4	///	1,047	234
Congo	51,621	8,938	- 29.0	56	98	180.0	51,565	8,840
Cost of Ivory	35,585	5,638	- 60.0	2,171	344	- 32.0	33,414	5,295
Democratic Republic of the Congo	45,487	5,193	- 76.0	1	-	- 100.0	45,486	5,193
Egypt	1,075,235	171,085	- 1.0	125,618	1,420	- 14.0	949,617	169,665
Equatorial Guinea	3,384	1,036	10.0	-	-	-	3,384	1,036
Ethiopia	799	231	- 25.0	12	12	///	787	219
Gabon	13,673	2,125	- 32.0	-	5	///	13,673	2,120
Gambia, The	2,661	162	- 86.0	--	-	-	2,661	162
Ghana	38,172	5,240	- 41.0	406	-	-	37,766	5,240
Ghinea	1,608	368	- 34.0	-	-	-	1,608	368
Kenya	92,881	14,554	- 80.0	487	55	- 10.0	92,395	14,499
Lesotho	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liberia	7,151	2,292	- 13.0	16	-	-	7,135	2,292
Lybia	192,438	35,151	- 8.0	17,569	--	///	174,868	35,151
Madagascar	38,150	4,822	- 63.0	298	185	400.0	37,852	4,638
Malawi	4,774	2,295	- 49.0	992	3,018	465.0	3,782	- 722
Mali	2,429	1,804	26.0	--	-	- 100.0	2,429	1,804
Mauritania	3,387	653	16.0	116	29	222.0	3,271	624
Mauritius	35,902	6,363	- 50.0	143	51	- 24.0	35,760	6,313
Morocco	491,221	44,752	- 60.0	86,704	147	- 97.0	404,517	44,605
Mozambique	55,366	7,784	- 53.0	1,882	548	///	53,484	7,237
Namibia	9,241	470	- 87.0	2	2	///	9,239	468
Niger	13,526	2,334	- 6.0	--	--	221.0	13,526	2,334
Nigeria	190,898	31,301	- 52.0	1,387	102	- 58.0	189,511	31,199
Rwanda	8,451	20	- 99.0	-	-	-	8,451	20
Senegal	80,454	20,307	- 7.0	6,629	--	261.0	73,825	20,307
Sierra Leone	7,307	262	- 77.0	337	135	246.0	6,970	127
Somalia	-	-	-	28	-	-	- 28	-
South Africa	1,012,773	206,054	- 23.0	220,305	23,174	- 34.0	792,468	182,880

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Sudan	5,566	1,883	389.0	226	6	- 78.0	5,340	1,877
Tanzania	37,638	15,150	- 53.0	3	12	500.0	37,635	15,138
Territories linked to France	12,783	4,783	20.0	-	-	-	12,783	4,783
Territories linked to Spain	2,247	13	- 97.0	-	-	-	2,247	13
Territories linked to United Kingdom	12	12	///	-	-	-	12	12
Togo	4,640	1,046	33.0	-	-	-	4,640	1,046
Tunisia	349,988	42,592	- 22.0	33,574	465	- 96.0	316,413	42,127
Uganda	6,054	2,792	- 51.0	-	-	- 10.0	6,054	2,792
Zambia	575	159	3.0	134	1	///	442	157
Zimbabwe	127	-	- 100.0	203	-	- 100.0	- 76	-
Rest	2,420	89	- 68.0	106	23	- 63.0	2,315	66
AMERICA	33,791,319	5,992,178	- 25.7	31,125,766	4,512,084	- 37.8	2,665,553	1,480,094
Antigua and Barbuda	352	57	-	-	-	-	352	57
Bahamas, The	23,187	5,194	///	4,067	711	- 21.0	19,120	4,483
Barbados	2,371	420	15.0	-	-	-	2,371	420
Belize	180	99	27.0	1	-	-	179	99
Bolivia	606,418	143,914	22.0	148,827	61,956	53.0	457,591	81,958
Free trade zone Winner (Bolivia)	5	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
Brazil	13,258,680	2,133,129	- 34.0	17,687,225	2,270,217	- 46.0	- 4,428,545	- 137,088
Free trade zone Manaus (Brasil)	922	215	///	289,535	41,579	- 34.0	- 288,613	- 41,365
Canada	470,173	103,264	41.0	317,253	55,313	- 17.0	152,920	47,951
Chile	4,715,677	1,174,652	- 2.0	951,740	149,663	- 27.0	3,763,937	1,024,989
Free trade zone Iquique (Chile)	42	57	185.0	-	-	-	42	57
Free trade zone Punta Arenas (Chile)	955	52	- 63.0	29	-	- 100.0	926	52
Colombia	808,179	205,011	45.0	154,046	18,439	- 53.0	654,133	186,572
Free trade zone del Pacifico (Colombia)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Costa Rica	130,024	6,866	- 43.0	17,575	7,307	65.0	112,449	- 440
Cuba	84,368	17,152	- 29.0	2,589	594	- 9.0	81,780	16,558
Dominica	224	228	365.0	6	2	-	218	226
Dominican Republic	183,029	40,244	- 31.0	3,338	448	- 68.0	179,691	39,796
Ecuador	457,974	87,506	- 19.0	138,579	30,565	- 11.0	319,396	56,941
El Salvador	37,012	3,276	- 66.0	370	60	- 74.0	36,642	3,216
Grenada	732	108	- 22.0	69	-	-	664	108
Guatemala	107,247	10,292	- 69.0	5,374	660	- 52.0	101,873	9,632
Guyana	3,997	325	- 87.0	-	-	-	3,997	325
Haiti	16,059	12,280	221.0	27	6	500.0	16,032	12,274
Honduras	27,544	2,508	- 57.0	304	82	134.0	27,240	2,427
Jamaica	14,285	1,358	- 72.0	12	-	- 99.0	14,273	1,358
Mexico	1,346,828	191,698	- 37.0	1,595,331	216,910	- 35.0	- 248,503	- 25,212
Nicaragua	18,255	4,155	- 1.0	43	-	- 100.0	18,212	4,155
Panama	67,936	10,760	- 27.0	1,597	15	- 68.0	66,339	10,745
Free trade zone Colon (Panama)	21,110	5,415	26.0	5	-	-	21,105	5,415
Paraguay	1,085,623	167,363	- 19.0	1,782,956	371,826	- 4.0	- 697,333	- 204,463
Peru	1,312,540	224,762	- 39.0	120,514	16,273	- 41.0	1,192,026	208,489
Saint Lucia	708	99	- 9.0	-	-	///	708	99
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	1,209	78	- 56.0	-	-	-	1,209	78

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Saint Kitts and Nevis	129	57	73.0	887	208	6.0	- 758	- 151
Surinam	9,726	1,309	- 30.0	-	-	-	9,726	1,309
Territories linked to Denmark	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Territories linked to France	1,499	372	30.0	-	-	-	1,499	372
Territories linked to Netherlands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Territories linked to United Kingdom	685	150	69.0	8	-	-	677	150
Territories linked to the United States	191	15	- 29.0	43,340	9,045	38.0	- 43,150	- 9,030
Trinidad and Tobago	35,387	3,786	- 33.0	271,122	14	- 100.0	- 235,735	3,772
United States	5,209,775	836,997	- 36.0	6,894,302	1,151,294	- 32.0	- 1,684,527	- 314,297
Puerto Rico (Associated to the United States)	304,332	28,648	- 61.0	85,611	12,438	- 14.0	218,721	16,210
Uruguay	1,762,264	322,333	- 31.0	527,181	80,520	- 34.0	1,235,083	241,812
Free trade zone Colonia (Uruguay)	9,184	1,441	- 30.0	9,762	2,223	6.0	- 578	- 782
Free trade zone Florida (Uruguay)	382	3	- 97.0	-	-	-	382	3
Free trade zone Libertad (Uruguay)	55	-	-	-	-	-	55	-
Free trade zone Montevideo (Uruguay)	27,962	7,203	27.0	173	15	- 42.0	27,789	7,188
Free trade zone Nueva Helvecia (Uruguay)	25	-	-	2,638	617	- 20.0	- 2,613	- 617
Free trade zone Nueva Palmira (Uruguay)	4	16	///	13	-	-	- 10	16
Free trade zone Rio Negro (Uruguay)	67	6	- 65.0	378	-	-	- 312	6
Free trade zone Rivera (Uruguay)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Free trade zone San Jose (Uruguay)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Venezuela	1,417,931	207,160	- 26.0	25,194	1,858	- 58.0	1,392,737	205,302
Rest	207,879	30,146	319.0	43,746	11,225	2.0	164,133	18,921
ASIA	13,796,362	2,130,551	- 13.6	11,942,719	1,926,990	- 27.6	1,853,644	203,561
Afghanistan	421	34	- 71.0	7	-	- 100.0	415	34
Bahrein	5,688	1,059	- 69.0	-	-	-	5,688	1,059
Bangladesh	204,628	20,995	- 66.0	6,026	1,769	65.0	198,602	19,226
Bhutan	-	-	-	-	-	///	-	-
Brunei	369	226	- 12.0	3	-	-	366	226
Cambodia	4,168	1,296	54.0	5,301	1,946	83.0	- 1,133	- 651
China	6,390,213	791,336	- 6.0	7,103,886	1,052,046	- 30.0	- 713,673	- 260,710
Hong Kong	207,422	59,321	26.0	38,537	5,041	- 37.0	168,886	54,281
Macau	2	-	-	810	86	- 32.0	- 809	- 86
East Timor	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	6,869	556	8.0	153	28	///	6,716	527
India	829,669	180,409	- 25.0	491,847	81,963	- 31.0	337,822	98,446
Indonesia	405,680	124,773	121.0	239,080	39,611	- 26.0	166,601	85,162
Iran	1,081,974	151,085	- 20.0	7,929	2,005	- 26.0	1,074,045	149,080
Iraq	20,393	1,512	100.0	-	-	-	20,393	1,512
Israel	219,643	45,038	- 5.0	152,074	19,802	- 46.0	67,568	25,236
Japan	505,058	50,319	- 38.0	1,378,132	250,261	- 25.0	- 873,073	- 199,942
Jordan	23,656	6,369	13.0	192	89	///	23,464	6,280
Kazajstan	31,917	4,205	- 43.0	14,336	974	- 82.0	17,581	3,231
Kuwait	30,227	1,189	- 91.0	8	-	-	30,219	1,189
Lebanon	48,594	10,809	27.0	417	62	- 55.0	48,177	10,746
Malasya	461,818	120,095	33.0	396,783	59,099	- 35.0	65,035	60,995

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Maldives	181	3	- 97.0	-	-	-	181	3
Myanmar	226	7	- 73.0	12,208	1,583	- 52.0	- 11,982	- 1,576
Nepal	33	57	///	65	104	///	- 32	- 48
North Korea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oman	57,383	5,481	- 83.0	3	-	-	57,380	5,481
Pakistan	153,145	18,335	- 84.0	53,421	9,307	- 26.0	99,724	9,028
Philippines	552,407	98,228	- 44.0	54,386	11,309	- 14.0	498,022	86,919
Qatar	16,142	2,333	- 17.0	5,086	173	///	11,056	2,161
Korea Republican	547,302	71,161	119.0	731,676	174,049	- 7.0	- 184,374	- 102,888
Saudi Arabia	445,415	83,792	- 6.0	26,997	512	- 28.0	418,418	83,280
Singapore	57,791	7,425	- 53.0	156,427	33,029	42.0	- 98,636	- 25,604
Sri Lanka	8,334	297	- 96.0	9,931	1,288	- 40.0	- 1,597	- 991
Syria	256,338	56,443	- 20.0	652	107	8.0	255,686	56,336
Taiwan	74,346	12,720	- 28.0	402,902	61,443	- 40.0	- 328,556	- 48,723
Tayiskistan	222	-	-	-	-	24.0	222	-
Thailand	395,061	76,578	33.0	484,172	97,944	- 6.0	- 89,110	- 21,366
Turkmenistan	5,426	35	///	-	-	-	5,426	35
United Arab Emirates	356,852	41,121	- 62.0	5,007	742	- 15.0	351,845	40,380
Uzbekistan	300	-	- 100.0	-	2	///	300	- 2
Vietnam	328,142	53,443	15.0	96,473	16,283	- 26.0	231,669	37,160
Yemen, Republic the	50,409	31,514	430.0	-	-	-	50,409	31,514
Rest	12,497	951	- 71.0	67,794	4,330	- 84.0	- 55,297	- 3,379
EUROPA	15,622,551	2,640,678	- 29.6	11,740,990	1,733,763	- 36.1	3,881,561	906,915
Albania	6,541	782	16.0	81	6	- 87.0	6,459	776
Austria	18,101	2,656	- 31.0	192,081	28,783	- 42.0	- 173,981	- 26,126
Belarus	6,726	531	- 58.0	32,403	1,961	41.0	- 25,677	- 1,430
Belgium	542,860	115,930	- 20.0	304,184	54,504	- 16.0	238,677	61,426
Bosnia and Herzegovina	10,574	2,925	2.0	113	3	- 84.0	10,461	2,922
Bulgaria	15,999	1,785	- 70.0	36,748	2,288	50.0	- 20,749	- 502
Croatia	43,843	3,820	- 51.0	1,502	105	- 70.0	42,340	3,715
Cyprus	27,966	4,048	- 20.0	11	21	///	27,955	4,027
Czech Republic	49,441	1,386	- 90.0	74,617	14,224	- 4.0	- 25,176	- 12,837
Denmark	496,967	71,246	- 11.0	143,221	29,063	- 23.0	353,746	42,183
Estonia	6,178	1,073	- 9.0	1,032	127	- 45.0	5,146	945
Finland	31,901	6,147	- 31.0	192,903	28,322	- 46.0	- 161,002	- 22,175
France	913,941	134,134	- 43.0	1,449,250	168,183	- 60.0	- 535,310	- 34,049
Monaco	13	-	-	1,399	254	- 38.0	- 1,386	- 254
Germany	1,475,195	289,082	- 24.0	2,533,592	505,809	- 17.0	- 1,058,398	- 216,727
Greece	117,661	19,088	-	8,201	1,423	- 43.0	109,460	17,664
Hungary	14,879	2,458	- 12.0	53,539	7,647	- 43.0	- 38,660	- 5,188
Iceland	2,061	349	- 8.0	1,706	42	- 96.0	355	308
Ireland	158,623	22,819	- 43.0	112,414	27,031	32.0	46,209	- 4,212
Italy	1,687,917	415,721	8.0	1,204,640	196,189	- 32.0	483,277	219,533
San Marino	-	-	-	600	209	28.0	- 600	- 209

Table 3. (concluded)

Continent and Country	Exports (FOB)			Imports (CIF)			Balance	
	2008*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2009*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2008*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2009*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2008*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2009*
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars	
Letonia	35,235	10,415	3.0	186,551	14,910	15.0	- 151,316	- 4,494
Liechtenstein	27	56	///	1,291	207	- 40.0	- 1,264	- 150
Lithuania	29,408	3,244	- 60.0	35,200	357	24.0	- 5,792	2,886
Luxembourg	1,581	140	- 77.0	9,695	676	- 71.0	- 8,114	- 536
Macedonia	3,544	426	- 54.0	2,578	1,507	265.0	965	- 1,081
Malta	5,889	546	5.0	2,407	315	- 44.0	3,482	231
Montenegro	5,932	731	- 14.0	-	-	-	5,932	731
Netherlands	2,959,438	495,497	- 30.0	256,711	36,032	- 42.0	2,702,727	459,465
Norway	46,028	6,762	- 37.0	64,364	3,887	- 33.0	- 18,336	2,875
Poland	471,520	65,801	- 35.0	130,960	13,417	- 45.0	340,560	52,384
Portugal	334,255	21,350	- 75.0	80,415	13,733	- 49.0	253,840	7,617
Romania	96,494	12,501	- 32.0	46,971	3,040	-	49,523	9,460
Russia	969,081	180,254	- 34.0	755,894	15,700	- 88.0	213,187	164,553
Slovakia	689	196	151.0	51,275	13,810	70.0	- 50,586	- 13,614
Slovenia	19,185	9,753	378.0	11,565	1,578	- 37.0	7,619	8,174
Spain	2,741,398	357,007	- 46.0	1,054,009	170,196	- 27.0	1,687,389	186,811
Sweden	45,727	11,049	- 21.0	293,062	56,667	- 21.0	- 247,335	- 45,618
Switzerland	756,316	171,325	- 27.0	330,264	76,016	- 1.0	426,052	95,309
Servia	17,566	1,280	44.0	473	109	25.0	17,093	1,171
Territories linked to United Kingdom	-	-	-	28	22	///	- 28	- 22
Turkey	518,604	17,426	- 62.0	156,130	23,626	35.0	362,474	- 6,200
Ukraine	120,196	3,754	- 85.0	93,452	658	- 97.0	26,744	3,096
United Kingdom	813,526	175,007	- 15.0	544,677	93,174	- 24.0	268,849	81,833
Rest	3,526	176	- 93.0	1,288,779	127,932	- 59.0	- 1,285,253	- 127,756
OCEANIA	353,578	63,394	4.7	300,420	57,085	23.1	53,158	6,309
Australia	309,344	48,830	- 13.0	284,018	53,573	23.0	25,326	- 4,743
Fiji	349	17	- 48.0	-	-	-	349	17
Kiribati	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marshall Islands	-	-	-	2	-	-	- 2	-
Micronesia	-	-	-	-	-	///	-	-
Nauru	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Zealand	39,003	13,576	310.0	16,091	3,491	21.0	22,912	10,085
Palau	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papua New Guinea	57	14	8.0	4	3	///	52	11
Samoa Occidental	25	9	-	-	-	-	25	9
Solomon Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Territories linked to Australia	16	-	-	-	-	-	16	-
Territories linked to France	4,659	920	- 25.0	-	-	-	4,659	920
Territories linked to the United States	20	-	-	-	-	-	20	-
Tuvalu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vanuatu	67	20	33.0	-	-	-	67	20
Rest	37	7	75.0	304	18	///	- 267	- 10
Rest	1,382,863	198,853	- 41.3	1,812,989	47,239	- 60.0	- 430,126	151,614

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

Section	Exports		Imports	
	2008*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2009 ^e	2008*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2009*
Total	100	100	100	100
			%	
I Live animals and products of animal origin	6	7	--	1
II Products of vegetable origin	21	17	3	5
III Fats and oils	10	10	--	--
IV Feeding products, beverages and tobacco	16	20	1	2
V Mineral products	11	11	9	5
VI Industrial products	7	7	16	16
VII Plastic, rubber and its manufactures	3	3	6	6
VIII Leathers and leather manufactures (except footwear)	1	1	--	--
IX Wood, charcoal, cork, cork manufactures, cross- ties of wood	--	1	--	--
X Wood pulp, paper, paperboard	1	1	2	3
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	5	7	7
XVI Machines, instruments and electric material	3	4	27	31
XVII Transport equipment	10	8	19	14
XVIII Optical instruments, medical- surgical precision, watches and music	--	--	2	3
XIX Arms and ammunition	--	--	--	--
XX Commodities and different products	--	--	2	2
XXI Works of art, antiques	--	--	--	--
Special transactions	2	2	1	1

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

Section chapter	Exports (FOB)			Imports (FOB)			Balance
	2008*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2009*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2008*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2009*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2009*
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars
Total	70,020,558	11,862,800	- 26.0	57,422,755	8,307,077	- 35.3	3,555,723
I Live animals and products of animal origin	4,320,749	846,150	- 12.0	190,993	45,055	- 8.7	801,095
1 Live animals	36,575	8,495	- 16.5	16,359	3,832	- 7.8	4,663
2 Meat and edible meat offal	1,926,096	438,017	- 10.9	94,590	21,795	- 16.4	416,222
3 Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates	1,256,211	200,620	1.1	27,815	7,326	- 3.3	193,295
4 Dairy produce; birds eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, n.e.s.o.i.	1,014,706	180,575	- 24.4	20,677	4,865	14.9	175,710
5 Products of animal origin, n.e.s.o.i.	87,161	18,443	- 17.5	31,552	7,238	- 1.1	11,205
II Products of vegetable origin	14,370,532	1,973,420	- 42.6	1,786,240	383,221	1.7	1,590,199
6 Live trees and other plants; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage	3,529	144	- 20.2	5,983	1,023	8.0	- 879
7 Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers	504,406	108,501	- 18.1	16,354	2,877	- 23.6	105,623
8 Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melon	1,406,951	340,124	- 4.6	140,034	31,314	9.3	308,810
9 Coffee, tea, mate and spices	100,758	31,578	17.9	102,884	18,788	- 8.6	12,790
10 Cereals	6,771,826	1,008,797	- 57.9	32,812	4,189	105.7	1,004,608
11 Milling industry products; malt; starches; inulin; wheat gluten	688,091	133,666	- 14.4	17,807	2,267	- 30.7	131,398
12 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruits; industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	4,886,965	349,608	- 4.7	1,416,909	313,056	2.2	36,552
13 Lac; gums; resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	2,646	373	- 32.7	47,371	9,135	- 10.0	- 8,762
14 Vegetable plaiting materials and vegetable products, n.e.s.o.i.	5,359	630	- 67.7	6,086	572	- 49.9	59
III Fats and oils	7,059,047	1,140,013	- 28.7	72,276	12,285	- 18.3	1,127,728
15 Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes	7,059,047	1,140,013	- 28.7	72,276	12,285	- 18.3	1,127,728
IV Feeding products, beverages and tobacco	11,205,298	2,393,715	3.7	707,792	162,201	- 5.2	2,231,514
16 Edible preparations of meat, fish, crustaceans molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates	279,711	60,479	16.9	87,076	25,002	- 9.0	35,477
17 Sugars and sugar confectionary	255,290	69,489	119.0	47,156	9,270	- 23.4	60,219
18 Cocoa and cocoa preparations	132,096	37,071	23.0	151,577	34,634	- 2.7	2,437
19 Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; bakers wares	393,791	55,365	- 19.8	32,082	8,469	3.4	46,896

Table 5. (continuation)

Section chapter	Exports (FOB)			Imports (FOB)			Balance
	2008*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2009*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2008*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2009*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2009*
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars
20 Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants	1,091,636	157,308	- 16.7	106,248	15,924	- 36.8	141,384
21 Miscellaneous edible preparations	152,418	30,080	- 14.0	129,643	31,568	- 7.0	- 1,489
22 Beverages, spirits and vinegar	753,053	162,434	6.3	52,236	13,740	52.3	148,694
23 Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed	7,794,235	1,792,704	4.1	49,078	10,213	11.4	1,782,491
24 Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	353,068	28,785	6.2	52,694	13,380	28.9	15,405
V Mineral products	7,917,196	1,363,856	- 40.5	5,329,941	392,092	- 36.5	971,764
25 Salt; sulfur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	83,819	20,283	12.0	225,123	23,679	- 29.2	- 3,396
26 Ores, slag and ash	1,116,501	133,372	- 65.2	971,606	47,454	- 78.1	85,918
27 Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes	6,716,877	1,210,201	- 35.9	4,133,211	320,960	- 12.6	889,241
VI Industrial products	4,632,152	853,272	- 11.8	8,967,934	1,299,522	- 33.7	- 446,250
28 Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare-earth metals, of radioactive elements or of isotopes	355,444	79,325	- 0.5	917,921	149,803	- 24.4	- 70,478
29 Organic chemicals	591,797	90,881	- 40.0	3,113,610	432,722	- 37.9	- 341,841
30 Pharmaceutical products	627,651	164,856	28.6	1,140,657	298,461	15.7	- 133,606
31 Fertilizers	79,200	33,012	- 38.4	1,473,607	13,137	- 94.9	19,874
32 Tanning or dyeing extracts; tannins and derivatives dyes, pigments and other coloring matter; paints and varnishes; putty and other mastics; inks	183,176	27,413	- 38.4	395,167	58,404	- 40.8	- 30,991
33 Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations	512,446	105,841	9.2	361,645	82,834	6.9	23,008
34 Soap etc.; lubricating products; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles etc; modeling pastes; dental waxes and dental preparations with a basic of plaster	164,687	36,196	6.0	266,809	55,682	- 8.9	- 19,487
35 Albuminoidal substances; modified starches; glues; enzymes	288,131	59,592	- 8.7	118,434	19,394	- 36.9	40,198
36 Explosives; pyrotechnic products; matches; pyrophoric alloys; certain combustible preparations	10,145	1,869	- 12.8	16,643	1,942	- 15.2	- 73
37 Photographic or cinematographic goods	88,105	14,480	- 32.0	113,481	19,506	- 30.1	- 5,026
38 Miscellaneous chemical products	1,731,371	239,806	- 17.5	1,049,959	167,635	- 33.7	72,171
VII Plastic, rubber and its manufactures	1,851,229	364,035	- 13.5	3,303,832	499,129	- 38.0	- 135,094
39 Plastics and articles thereof	1,478,075	290,131	- 14.8	2,226,062	363,903	- 33.3	- 73,772
40 Rubber and articles thereof	373,154	73,904	- 8.1	1,077,770	135,227	- 47.9	- 61,322

Table 5. (continuation)

Section chapter	Exports (FOB)			Imports (FOB)			Balance
	2008*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2009*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2008*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2009*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2009*
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars
VIII Leathers and leather manufactures	1,003,485	149,147	- 42.3	164,112	26,543	- 39.3	122,604
41 Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and leather	897,299	137,011	- 39.3	43,081	4,527	- 61.4	132,484
42 Articles of leather; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of gut	62,226	6,722	- 72.5	118,877	21,870	- 30.8	- 15,148
43 Furskins and artificial fur; manufactures thereof	43,959	5,414	- 36.0	2,154	147	- 60.8	5,267
IX Wood, charcoal, cork, cork manufactures, cross-ties of wood	309,740	63,133	- 21.6	208,991	38,715	- 29.1	24,418
44 Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal	307,703	62,277	- 22.4	153,945	29,394	- 29.9	32,883
45 Cork and articles of cork	1,979	840	233.1	49,469	8,582	- 26.5	- 7,742
46 Manufactures of straw, esparto or other plaiting materials; Basketware and wickerwork	59	16	- 9.8	5,577	740	- 28.4	- 724
X Wood pulp, paper, paperboard	649,693	139,518	- 7.3	1,233,742	233,640	- 25.8	- 94,121
47 Pulp of wood or other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap) paper and paperboard	129,748	27,957	- 5.0	83,147	18,709	- 21.5	9,248
48 Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard	425,323	93,056	- 6.2	975,072	175,792	- 28.5	- 82,735
49 Printed books, newspapers, pictures and other printed products; manuscripts, typescripts and plans	94,622	18,505	- 15.2	175,523	39,139	- 13.1	- 20,634
XI Textile stuff and manufactures	597,367	90,952	- 38.0	1,622,768	284,845	- 29.3	- 193,893
50 Silk, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof	30	9	///	2,275	349	- 26.2	- 340
51 Wool and fine or coarse animal hair, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof; horsehair yarn and woven	210,775	26,617	- 59.2	11,596	2,383	- 40.1	24,234
52 Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof	27,878	3,601	- 33.8	260,320	30,405	- 54.3	- 26,804
53 Vegetable textile fibers nesoi; yarns and woven fabrics of vegetable textile fibers nesoi and paper	98	6	- 75.6	5,634	629	- 32.5	- 623
54 Manmade filaments, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof	54,162	7,006	- 35.0	201,690	24,812	- 55.3	- 17,806
55 Manmade staple fibers, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof	11,795	2,573	13.2	286,946	49,370	- 33.2	- 46,797
56 Wadding, felt and nonwovens; special yarns; twine, cordage, ropes and cables and articles thereof	69,905	13,260	1.2	94,450	16,093	- 30.4	- 2,833
57 Carpets and other textile floor coverings	9,126	2,839	41.8	19,931	4,212	4.7	- 1,373
58 Special woven fabrics; tufted textile fabrics; lace; tapestries; trimmings; embroidery	29,763	3,095	- 62.5	24,346	3,856	- 50.4	- 760
59 Impregnated, coated, covered or laminated textile fabrics; textile articles suitable for industrial use	52,049	9,554	- 9.0	96,236	16,080	- 25.1	- 6,526
60 Knitted or crocheted fabrics	12,332	2,006	- 34.4	133,273	21,116	- 41.9	- 19,110
61 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted	62,696	11,079	- 21.9	141,530	30,293	1.5	- 19,214
62 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted	43,293	7,140	- 20.5	206,796	55,558	10.8	- 48,418

Table 5. (continuation)

Section chapter	Exports (FOB)			Imports (FOB)			Balance
	2008*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2009*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2008*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2009*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2009*
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars
63 Made-up textile articles nesoi; needlecraft sets; worn clothing and worn textile articles; rags	13,466	2,167	- 25.6	137,743	29,689	2.8	- 27,522
XII Footwear, umbrellas, artificial flowers and others	36,290	6,255	- 35.4	414,148	67,998	- 13.2	- 61,743
64 Footwear, gaiters and the like; parts of such articles	33,885	5,894	- 36.9	383,357	61,824	- 14.6	- 55,929
65 Headgear and parts thereof	1,758	285	14.7	18,311	4,429	26.0	- 4,145
66 Umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof	353	44	- 39.1	7,432	714	- 50.4	- 670
67 Prepared feathers and down and articles thereof; artificial flowers; articles of human hair	294	32	44.3	5,049	1,031	5.7	- 999
XIII Stone manufactures, plaster, cement, amianthus, mica, ceramic, glass	183,459	33,587	- 13.6	533,130	77,094	- 36.6	- 43,506
68 Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials	76,961	13,621	- 21.4	92,574	16,156	- 33.2	- 2,536
69 Ceramic products	59,725	10,846	0.3	176,594	23,446	- 39.0	- 12,600
70 Glass and glassware	46,773	9,121	- 15.0	263,962	37,491	- 36.4	- 28,370
XIV Fine pearls, stones and precious metals, coins and others	783,437	200,545	- 17.8	69,648	13,022	- 28.1	187,522
71 Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semiprecious stones, precious metals; precious metal clad metals, and articles thereof; imitation jewelry; coin	783,437	200,545	- 17.8	69,648	13,022	- 28.1	187,522
XV Common metals and manufactures	3,470,186	590,492	- 3.8	4,155,625	606,045	- 36.2	- 15,553
72 Iron and steel	599,450	127,597	70.7	1,692,421	163,709	- 57.0	- 36,113
73 Articles of iron or steel	1,856,399	350,015	1.7	1,133,025	241,664	- 3.2	108,351
74 Copper and articles thereof	19,984	2,241	- 48.2	345,118	42,036	- 50.4	- 39,795
75 Nickel and articles thereof	18	11	///	41,371	2,683	- 77.2	- 2,672
76 Aluminum and articles thereof	805,350	86,434	- 41.3	258,551	39,324	- 34.8	47,110
78 Lead and articles thereof	53,617	4,246	- 72.9	2,331	779	262.0	3,467
79 Zinc and articles thereof	39,520	2,524	- 74.4	55,423	2,525	- 87.0	- 1
80 Tin and articles thereof	21	7	///	27,874	3,779	- 22.2	- 3,772
81 Base metals nesoi; cermets; articles thereof	3,202	124	- 84.5	33,502	8,573	31.3	- 8,449
82 Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof of base metal	38,295	8,784	21.7	323,255	69,072	- 12.4	- 60,288
83 Miscellaneous articles of base metal	54,331	8,510	- 14.9	242,753	31,901	- 39.3	- 23,391
XVI Machines, instruments and electric material	2,427,287	454,268	- 8.1	15,591,351	2,597,602	- 28.0	- 2,143,334
84 Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	1,823,355	348,399	- 4.1	9,065,586	1,458,044	- 31.4	- 1,109,645
85 Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television recorder	603,931	105,869	- 19.3	6,525,766	1,139,558	- 23.2	- 1,033,689
XVII Transport equipment	7,351,701	919,678	- 41.8	10,703,627	1,148,815	- 58.0	- 229,137

Table 5. (concluded)

Section chapter	Exports (FOB)			Imports (FOB)			Balance
	2008*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2009*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2008*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2009*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2009*
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars
86 Railway or tramway locomotives, rolling stock, track fixtures and fittings, and parts thereof; mechanical	15,760	1,772	- 50.5	49,758	3,642	- 86.8	- 1,870
87 Vehicles, other than railway or tramway rolling stock, and parts and accessories thereof	6,490,687	722,186	- 39.3	9,366,613	1,071,667	- 50.4	- 349,481
88 Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof	758,369	191,553	- 49.0	1,199,379	64,399	- 87.3	127,154
89 Ships, boats and floating structures	86,885	4,167	- 59.7	87,878	9,107	- 79.2	- 4,940
XVIII Optical instruments, medical-surgical precision, watches and music	240,287	39,352	- 19.3	1,165,807	216,249	- 18.0	- 176,897
90 Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; parts and accessories thereof	233,322	38,349	- 16.3	1,090,055	202,347	- 18.3	- 163,998
91 Clocks and watches and parts thereof	5,133	717	- 73.4	48,331	8,903	- 21.1	- 8,186
92 Musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof	1,832	286	- 2.2	27,421	4,999	3.0	- 4,713
XIX Arms and ammunition	15,810	3,327	- 20.6	13,218	2,979	28.4	348
93 Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof	15,810	3,327	- 20.6	13,218	2,979	28.4	348
XX Commodities and different products	202,844	37,452	7.7	866,323	152,451	- 15.3	- 114,999
94 Furniture; bedding, cushions, etc.; lamps and Lighting fittings n.e.s.o.i.; illuminated signs, nameplates and the like; prefabricated buildings	167,337	30,922	12.4	395,916	63,249	- 19.7	- 32,327
95 Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof	23,294	4,075	- 16.8	337,114	59,609	- 10.0	- 55,534
96 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	12,213	2,455	2.9	133,293	29,593	- 15.2	- 27,139
XXI Works of art, antiques	9,907	1,779	- 25.1	17,154	335	- 0.7	1,444
97 Works of art-collectors pieces and antiques	9,907	1,779	- 25.1	17,154	335	- 0.7	1,444
Special transactions	1,382,863	198,853	- 41.3	304,104	47,239	- 38.8	151,614
Transportation fuel supply	1,278,635	176,007	- 42.5	209,097	28,460	- 48.4	147,547
Other soipping stores	53,711	11,596	- 40.8	9,787	2,007	- 29.8	9,589
Residual	12,409	4,100	19.8	-	-	-	4,100
Couriers	38,107	7,150	- 26.7	85,220	16,771	- 12.4	- 9,621

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

Groups of commodities	2008*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2009 ^e	
	Millions of dollars	Millions of dollars	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %
Total	70,021	11,863	- 26.0
230400 Soybean oil cake and other solid residues resulting from the extraction of soy bean oil, whether or not ground in the form of pellets	7,128	1,619	3.6
150710 Soybean oil and its fractions, crude, whether or not degummed	4,711	805	- 30.9
120100 Soybeans, whether or not broken	4,583	285	- 3.5
100590 Corn (maize) other than seed corn	3,417	252	- 59.4
100190 Wheat (other than durum wheat), and meslin	2,544	510	- 66.7
271011 Petroleum oils and preparations	2,218	179	- 69.5
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	1,705	123	- 59.0
270900 Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals crude	1,691	438	- 19.2
151211 Sunflower- seed or safflower oil, and fractions thereof, crude, not chemically modified	1,424	171	- 17.7
870421 Motor vehicles, for the transport of goods, with compression- ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semidiesel) gvw not over 5 metric tons	1,292	170	- 30.4
271019 Other petroleum products, n,e,s,o,i,	1,028	111	- 62.9
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,	1,015	180	- 6.7
260300 Copper ores and concentrates	994	115	- 67.6
382490 Chemical products and preparations of the chemical or allied industries, n,e,s,o,i,	870	116	- 14.6
020130 Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled: boneless	826	161	- 25.8
880240 Airplanes and otherairgraf, of an unladen weight exceeding 15,000 kg	742	186	- 48.9
710812 Gold unwrought forms	698	168	- 29.5
870321 Motor vehicles, for the transport of goods, with compression- ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semidiesel) gvw not over 5 metric tons	562	62	- 44.5
870840 Gear boxes for motor vehicles	557	76	- 40.6
020230 Meat of bovine animals frozen: boneless	523	148	2.4
870431 Motor vehicles for the transport of goods, Other, with spark- ignition internal combustion piston engine not exceeding 5 metric tons	522	70	- 19.7
220421 Wine of fresh grapes excluding grape of heading 2009 in containers holding 2 liters or less	522	116	8.1
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	462	68	- 42.0
380893 Herbicides, anti- sprouting products and plant- growth regulators	436	38	- 47.4
110100 Wheat or meslin flour	436	70	- 35.4
271113 Butanes	431	55	- 61.6
271112 Propane	413	69	- 49.2
040221 Milk and cream, concreatated not sweetened, in powder, granules or other solid forms, of a fat content, by weight, exceeding 1,5%	394	80	- 12.5

Table 6. (concluded)

Groups of commodities	2008*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2009 ^e	
	Millions of dollars	Millions of dollars	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %
080550 Lemons (citrus limon, citrus limonum) and limes (citrus aurantifolia, citrus latifolia)	388	1	- 92.0
760120 Aluminum alloys, unwrought	382	18	- 78.9
030613 Shrimps and prawns	381	29	78.1
271121 Natural gas, gaseous	349	242	347.5
300490 Medicaments, in measured doses, etc., (excluding vaccines etc) coated bandages etc., and pharmaceutical goods, n,e,s,o,i,	347	93	27.6
030429 Other fish fillets	343	67	- 19.2
080820 Pears and quinces, fresh	340	182	4.2
200811 Peanuts (ground- nuts)	327	53	- 29.5
240120 Tobacco partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	312	20	- 6.3
760110 Aluminum, not alloyed	277	43	24.2
271119 Other ethane	263	28	- 34.9
100300 Barley	262	67	- 41.4
071333 Kidney beans, including white pea beans	261	28	- 35.6
730419 Other tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, seamless, of iron (other than cast iron) or steel	261	75	51.6
870333 Motor cars and other motors vehicles of a cylinder capacity exceeding 2,500 cc	244	30	- 51.9
870322 Other vehicles, with spark- ignition internal combustion reciprocating piston engine of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1,000 cc but not exceeding 1,500 cc	238	52	425.3
160250 Prepared of preserved meat, meat offal or blood of bovine animals, n,e,s,o,i,	235	49	15.8
200969 Other grape juice (including grape must)	213	24	- 40.0
390190 Other polymers of ethylene, in primary forms	212	52	- 1.1
870120 Road tractors for semi- trailers	212	4	- 83.8
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	202	38	- 30.2
271600 Electrical energy	202	59	- 7.1
Rest	21,628	4,170	- 11.4

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

Groups of commodities	2008*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2009*	
	Millions of dollars	Millions of dollars	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %
Total	57,423	8,307	- 35.3
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	2,649	332	- 46.1
271019 Other petroleum products, n,e,s,o,i,	2,640	134	- 0.1
851712 Telephones for cellular networks or for others wireless networks	1,449	185	- 43.1
120100 Soybeans, whether or not broken	1,343	250	- 9.9
293100 Organo- inorganic compounds, n,e,s,o,i,	1,031	107	- 40.6
880240 Airplanes and otherairgraf, of an unladen weight exceeding 15,000 kg	1,021	51	- 89.3
870829 Other parts and accessories of bodies (including cabs)	800	68	- 55.9
260112 Iron ores and concetrates, other than roasted iron pyrites, agglomerated	599	31	- 78.1
870899 Other parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 8701 to 8705	553	52	- 59.0
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	532	81	- 40.8
840820 Compression- ignition internal combustion piston engines (diesel or semidiesel), for the propulsion of vehicles of chapter 87	481	20	- 80.2
870840 Gear boxes for motor vehicles	479	56	- 44.5
870421 Motor vehicles, for the transport of goods, with compression- ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semidiesel) gvw not over 5 metric tons	463	28	- 77.5
300490 Medicaments, in measured doses, etc., (excluding vaccines etc) coated bandages etc., and pharmaceutical goods, n,e,s,o,i,	445	112	8.1
870422 Motor vehicles for the transport of good, g,v,w, Exceeding 5 metric tons but not exceeding 20 metric tons	419	42	- 54.0
851762 Machines for the reception, conversion and transmission or regeneration of voice, images or other data	406	87	2.7
871120 With reciprocating internal combustion piston engine of a cylinder capacity exceeding 50 cc but not exceeding 250 cc	397	54	- 47.1
271600 Electrical energy	387	109	63.8
270112 Bituminous coal	368	8	- 80.7
840734 Spark ignition reciprocating or rotary internal combustion piston engines of a cylinder capacity not over 1,000 cc	359	44	- 36.4
310530 Diammonium hydrogenorthophosphate (diammouium phosphate)	350	--	- 99.7
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	346	52	1.2
310540 Ammonium hydrogenorthop hosphate	340	1	- 99.0
870850 Drive axles with differential, whether or not provided with other transmission components	334	38	- 44.0
870120 Road tractors for semi- trailers	328	26	- 64.3
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	326	15	- 82.7
281820 Aluminium oxide, except atificial corundum, n,e,s,o,i,	299	59	- 24.7

Table 7. (concluded)

Groups of commodities		2008*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2009*	
		Millions of dollars	Millions of dollars	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %
260111	Iron and concentrates including roasted iron pyrites	296	11	- 79.1
870190	Other tractors (other than tractors or heading 8709)	286	34	- 43.9
843351	Other harvesting machinery	278	23	- 80.8
271111	Natural gas	276	--	///
300210	Antisera and other blood obtained by means of biotechnological processes	273	78	34.3
390110	Polythylene having a specific gravity of less than 0,94 in primary forms	254	38	- 44.5
841430	Compressors of a kind used in refrigerating equipment (including air conditioning)	240	25	- 41.5
847330	Parts and accessories for automatic data processing machines and units thereof magnetic or optical reader, transcribing machines, list n,e,s,o,i,	232	33	- 39.7
270400	Coke and semicoke of coal, of lignite or of peat, whether or not agglomerated; retort carbon	223	--	- 100.0
840999	Parts for use with compression- ignition internal combustion piston engines, n,e,s,o,i,	222	40	- 21.0
401120	New pneumatic tires, of tubber, of a kind used on buses or trucks	219	15	- 73.4
401110	New pneumatic tires, of rubber, radial	202	19	- 60.4
382490	Chemical products and preparations of the chemical or allied industries, n,e,s,o,i,	199	34	- 25.3
852851	Other monitors of a kind solely or principally used in a automatic data processing system of heading 8471	192	23	- 22.1
841480	Other, except parts air compressors:	182	27	- 6.0
844399	Other printing machinery used for printing by means of plates, cylinders and other printing components of heading 8442	181	37	4.6
730511	Other tubes and pipes (for example, welded, riveted or similarly closed), having circular cross sections, the external diameter of which exceeds 406,4 mm, of iron or steel	180	84	106.9
380893	Herbicides, anti- sprouting products and plant growth regulators	178	15	- 60.1
640299	Other footwear	177	25	- 15.5
732690	Other	174	30	- 5.8
870830	Brakes and servo- brakes; parts thereof	170	21	- 40.6
848180	Other appliances	168	28	- 26.8
291736	Terephthalic acid and its salts	168	18	- 56.3
Rest		33,311	5,611	- 28.1