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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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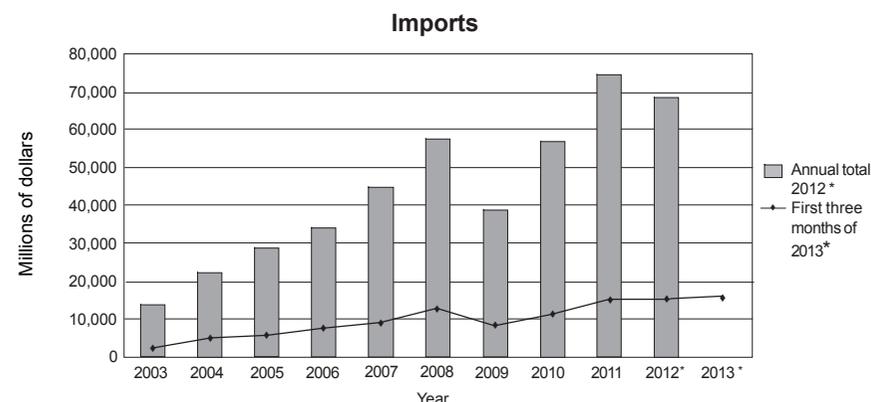
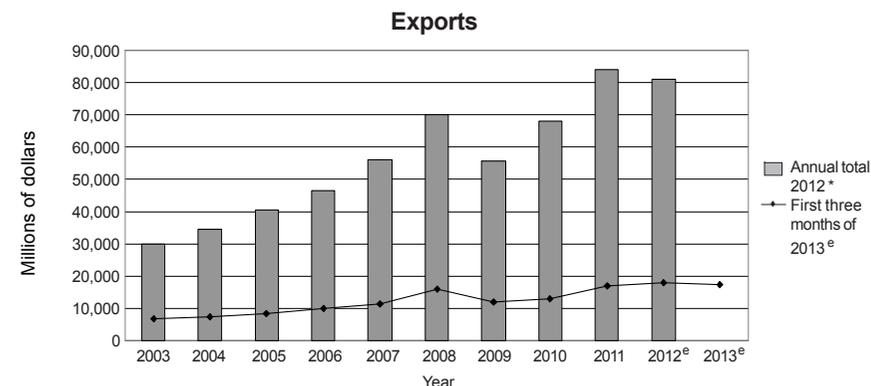
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# CONCEPTUAL AND METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

## *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	
	2012*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2013 <sup>e</sup>	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2012*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2013*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2012*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2013*
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars	
<b>Total</b>	<b>80,927,098</b>	<b>17,376,300</b>	<b>- 2.5</b>	<b>68,507,741</b>	<b>16,065,925</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>12,419,357</b>	<b>1,310,375</b>
MERCOSUR <sup>1</sup>	22,154,536	5,646,629	16.5	19,080,240	4,347,797	- 2.5	3,074,296	1,298,831
NAFTA	7,216,249	1,840,788	12.1	11,253,329	2,247,876	- 5.0	- 4,037,080	- 407,088
Union Europea	11,880,717	2,128,053	- 27.2	12,271,057	3,016,687	3.1	- 390,340	- 888,634
Asean, Korea Republican, China <sup>2</sup> , Japan and India	13,787,435	1,907,498	- 13.1	15,367,431	3,924,747	13.2	- 1,579,996	- 2,017,250
MAGREB and Egypt	3,349,242	698,081	- 13.1	171,233	5,983	- 89.3	3,178,009	692,098
Rest	22,538,919	5,155,252	- 4.8	10,364,450	2,522,834	23.8	12,174,469	2,632,418

<sup>1</sup> Included Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

<sup>2</sup> Included Hong Kong and Macau

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

Country of destination	Exports (FOB)		Country of origin	Imports (CIF)	
	2012* %	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2013 <sup>e</sup>		2012* %	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2013*
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Brazil	20	23	Brazil	26	25
Chile	6	6	China	15	16
United States of America (the)	5	5	United States of America (the)	12	10
Saudi Arabia	1	4	Germany	5	5
Canada	3	3	Bolivia	2	4
Netherlands (the)	3	3	Mexico	3	3
Uruguay	2	3	Italy	2	2
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	3	3	Trinidad and Tobago	3	2
Colombia	3	2	France	2	2
Germany	2	2	Japan	2	2
Rest	52	47	Rest	27	26

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

Continent and Country	Exports (FOB)			Imports (CIF)			Balance	
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<b>Africa</b>	<b>5,626,173</b>	<b>1,032,644</b>	<b>- 26.8</b>	<b>487,427</b>	<b>111,450</b>	<b>- 4.8</b>	<b>5,138,745</b>	<b>921,194</b>
Algeria	1,502,938	382,046	25.0	5	--	- 92.0	1,502,933	382,046
Angola	199,806	46,152	- 17.0	6	2	- 67.0	199,799	46,151
Benin	13,891	539	- 68.0	--	--	--	13,891	539
Botswana	208	--	--	2	1	///	206	- 1
Burkina Faso	1,327	166	- 53.0	17	--	///	1,310	165
Burundi	--	--	--	1	--	--	- 1	--
Cameroon	37,601	8,158	1.0	143	155	///	37,458	8,003
Cape Verde	5,041	64	- 93.0	--	1	///	5,040	63
Central African Republic (the)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Chad	951	24	///	138	9	- 75.0	812	15
Comoros (the)	1,665	286	41.0	31	5	///	1,635	281
Congo (the)	48,503	9,971	52.0	75	--	- 100.0	48,428	9,971
Côte D'Ivoire	25,967	1,851	- 83.0	1,997	360	- 22.0	23,970	1,491
Democratic Republic of The Congo (the)	40,377	6,542	- 51.0	106	--	- 100.0	40,271	6,542
Djibouti	38,260	392	- 99.0	--	--	--	38,260	392
Egypt	1,013,419	141,305	- 36.0	49,686	1,794	67.0	963,733	139,510
Equatorial Guinea	29,579	1,688	- 85.0	312	31	///	29,267	1,657
Eritrea	317	92	229.0	1	--	--	316	92
Ethiopia	1,063	230	- 5.0	251	--	- 100.0	812	230
Gabon	9,187	3,699	27.0	1,623	365	- 14.0	7,565	3,334
Gambia, the	361	83	- 57.0	3	--	--	359	83
Ghana	32,718	17,629	1.0	19	--	- 100.0	32,699	17,629
Ghinea	1,990	27	- 92.0	6	1	///	1,985	26
Guinea-Bissau	44	--	--	--	--	--	44	--
Kenya	107,751	1,044	- 98.0	84	258	///	107,667	787
Lesotho	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Liberia	4,194	722	- 17.0	--	2	///	4,194	720
Lbyan Arab Jamahiriya (the)	98,801	23,238	8.0	--	--	- 100.0	98,801	23,238
Madagascar	4,525	52	- 70.0	551	302	44.0	3,973	- 251
Malawi	1,379	146	- 42.0	6,390	1,166	197.0	- 5,011	- 1,020
Mali	3,829	825	- 46.0	1	--	- 100.0	3,829	825
Mauritania	37,625	2,034	- 86.0	26	--	- 100.0	37,598	2,034
Mauritius	74,814	11,811	- 11.0	125	85	124.0	74,689	11,726
Morocco	520,559	105,073	- 43.0	111,536	1,945	- 96.0	409,023	103,128
Mozambique	73,042	9,782	- 38.0	3,583	1,090	83.0	69,459	8,691
Namibia	12,520	857	- 71.0	13	8,227	///	12,507	- 7,370
Niger (the)	13,277	2,949	224.0	9	2	///	13,268	2,948
Nigeria	151,309	10,692	- 56.0	57,082	35,268	///	94,226	- 24,576
Rwanda	4,169	--	- 100.0	--	--	--	4,169	--
Senegal	117,261	16,545	- 50.0	162	37	- 58.0	117,099	16,508
Sierra Leone	2,770	721	93.0	4	216	///	2,766	505
Somalia	42	--	--	4	8	///	38	- 8
South Africa	1,050,060	172,514	- 21.0	242,017	57,142	- 1.0	808,044	115,371

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Sudan (the)	3,670	–	– 100.0	10	–	– 100.0	3,660	–
Swaziland	–	–	–	12	22	///	– 12	– 22
United Republic of Tanzania (the)	94,620	364	– 99.0	43	–	– 100.0	94,577	364
Territories linked to France	15,618	5,195	34.0	1	–	– 100.0	15,617	5,195
Territories linked to Spain	1,866	–	– 100.0	1	–	–	1,865	–
Territories linked to United Kingdom	189	7	– 53.0	–	–	///	189	6
Togo	4,594	575	– 31.0	3	–	–	4,591	575
Tunisia	175,900	44,385	– 21.0	9,979	2,244	16.0	165,921	42,141
Uganda	17,077	99	– 98.0	–	–	///	17,077	99
Zambia	2,139	128	– 76.0	31	–	– 71.0	2,109	128
Zimbabwe	9,677	465	– 93.0	1,157	632	35.0	8,520	– 167
Sudan (the) <sup>3</sup>	17,210	1,331	///	110	79	///	17,100	1,253
South Sudan <sup>4</sup>	–	14	///	–	–	–	–	14
Rest	472	133	6.0	71	–	– 100.0	401	133
<b>America</b>	<b>40,923,045</b>	<b>9,948,416</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>35,705,499</b>	<b>8,082,629</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>5,217,546</b>	<b>1,865,788</b>
Antigua and Barbuda	588	86	10.0	–	–	–	588	86
Aruba	3,625	569	– 49.0	–	–	–	3,625	569
Bahamas (the)	47,452	12,288	– 25.0	5,536	889	– 47.0	41,916	11,399
Barbados	1,982	530	– 30.0	–	–	///	1,982	530
Belize	339	220	53.0	2	–	– 100.0	337	220
Bolivia	954,533	196,251	– 31.0	1,415,699	604,869	99.0	– 461,166	– 408,618
Free trade zone Winner (Bolivia)	–	129	///	–	–	–	–	129
Brazil	16,494,957	4,285,775	20.0	17,907,403	4,049,389	– 3.0	– 1,412,446	236,386
Free trade zone Manaus (Brazil)	328	35	///	127,988	36,793	37.0	– 127,660	– 36,759
Canada	2,194,076	570,976	3.0	511,387	105,451	20.0	1,682,689	465,525
Chile	5,064,775	1,041,824	– 2.0	1,011,094	232,177	– 4.0	4,053,681	809,647
Free trade zone Iquique (Chile)	138	–	– 100.0	–	–	–	138	–
Free trade zone Punta Arenas (Chile)	1,799	787	27.0	–	–	–	1,799	787
Colombia	2,067,288	455,643	– 16.0	355,592	139,412	167.0	1,711,696	316,231
Free trade zone Pacific (Colombia)	5	–	–	–	–	–	5	–
Costa Rica	99,897	32,582	150.0	51,399	11,779	57.0	48,498	20,804
Cuba	106,020	62,033	93.0	10,886	2,887	19.0	95,135	59,146
Dominica	597	536	225.0	14	2	– 33.0	583	534
Dominican Republic	243,994	78,872	13.0	3,774	551	– 28.0	240,220	78,320
Ecuador	415,658	80,540	– 60.0	238,523	60,685	5.0	177,135	19,854
El Salvador	30,462	3,618	– 66.0	314	55	– 15.0	30,148	3,563
Grenada	402	142	46.0	–	–	–	402	142
Guatemala	133,714	32,029	18.0	3,985	594	– 41.0	129,729	31,436
Guyana	2,946	86	– 79.0	16	–	– 86.0	2,931	85
Haiti	26,462	6,520	55.0	55	19	6.0	26,408	6,500
Honduras	33,522	6,394	46.0	323	158	10.0	33,199	6,236
Jamaica	10,737	2,121	– 16.0	10	2	– 50.0	10,727	2,119
Mexico	889,448	269,568	16.0	2,251,938	454,942	– 23.0	– 1,362,490	– 185,373
Netherlands Antilles	10,360	1,157	– 41.0	154,740	1,235	101.0	– 144,379	– 78
Nicaragua	25,976	5,550	– 26.0	211	231	185.0	25,765	5,319
Panama	170,686	17,419	18.0	228	26	– 76.0	170,458	17,393
Free trade zone Colon (Panama)	20,644	4,135	– 5.0	–	35	///	20,644	4,101
Paraguay	1,365,235	350,255	14.0	470,830	131,473	20.0	894,404	218,782

<sup>3-4</sup> Since May 1<sup>st</sup> 2012, Sudan was divided into two independent countries.

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	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars	
Peru	1,923,607	412,940	-	161,589	25,472	- 32.0	1,762,018	387,468
Saint Lucia	120,480	172	- 100.0	2	-	- 100.0	120,478	172
St, Vincent and the Grenadines	402	52	- 71.0	--	-	-	401	52
Saint Kitts and Nevis	226	-	- 100.0	32	12	- 63.0	194	- 12
Surinam	10,022	2,024	- 34.0	5,559	-	-	4,463	2,024
Territories linked to Denmark	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Territories linked to France	957	166	- 50.0	--	--	468.0	956	166
Territories linked to Netherlands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Territories linked to United Kingdom	1,042	247	- 24.0	-	-	-	1,042	247
Territories linked to the United States	79	63	350.0	--	-	- 100.0	79	63
Trinidad and Tobago	20,973	3,336	10.0	1,905,166	398,040	9.0	- 1,884,193	- 394,703
United States of America (the)	4,088,549	988,191	16.0	8,388,251	1,675,288	-	- 4,299,702	- 687,098
Puerto Rico	44,047	11,989	55.0	101,753	12,195	- 32.0	- 57,705	- 206
Uruguay	1,982,515	508,964	7.0	520,061	117,186	1.0	1,462,454	391,778
Free trade zone Colonia (Uruguay)	13,466	1,900	- 51.0	25,214	6,071	- 4.0	- 11,748	- 4,171
Free trade zone Florida (Uruguay)	97	-	-	--	-	-100.0	97	-
Free trade zone Libertad (Uruguay)	31	239	///	-	-	-	31	239
Free trade Zonamerica (ex-Montevideo Uruguay)	72,328	22,065	67.0	-	-	-	72,328	22,065
Free trade zone Nueva Helvecia (Uruguay)	-	14	///	852	12	- 97.0	- 852	2
Free trade zone Nueva Palmira (Uruguay)	17	-	- 100.0	2,360	1,349	///	- 2,343	- 1,349
Free trade zone Rio Negro (Uruguay)	6	-	-	570	132	103.0	- 564	- 132
Free trade zone Rivera (Uruguay)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Free trade zone San Jose (Uruguay)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Free trade zone Punta Pereira (Uruguay)	166	39	///	-	-	-	166	39
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	2,225,391	477,343	- 2.0	24,962	5,392	- 35.0	2,200,429	471,951
Rest	-	-	-	47,181	7,824	- 28.0	- 47,181	- 7,824
<b>Asia</b>	<b>17,844,436</b>	<b>3,256,980</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>16,684,424</b>	<b>4,165,462</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>1,160,012</b>	<b>- 908,482</b>
Afghanistan	1,255	-	- 100.0	19	417	///	1,236	- 417
Armenia	5,848	4,438	44.0	474	1	- 50.0	5,374	4,437
Azerbaijan	6,634	828	- 50.0	1	24	///	6,633	804
Bahrain	19,721	3,038	///	5,044	145	- 89.0	14,677	2,893
Bangladesh	361,416	56,327	28.0	8,761	2,441	2.0	352,654	53,885
Bhutan	-	-	-	2	-	- 100.0	- 2	-
Brunei Darussalam	71	47	///	2	-	-	70	47
Cambodia	14,077	3,985	122.0	12,230	5,086	27.0	1,847	- 1,101
China	5,021,348	304,907	- 49.0	9,951,815	2,626,608	18.0	- 4,930,467	- 2,321,701
Hong Kong	314,372	78,969	- 3.0	31,758	5,093	- 57.0	282,615	73,876
Macau	1	-	- 100.0	115	75	27.0	- 114	- 75
Timor-Leste	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	15,242	4,259	- 7.0	198	21	///	15,044	4,238
India	1,183,325	210,597	- 48.0	655,850	165,348	-	527,476	45,249
Indonesia	1,634,159	324,963	22.0	345,359	79,627	9.0	1,288,800	245,337
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	983,661	79,407	64.0	1,396	7	- 99.0	982,265	79,400
Iraq	104,051	16,196	13.0	5	1	- 75.0	104,046	16,195
Israel	224,424	54,543	- 12.0	132,001	32,955	10.0	92,422	21,588
Japan	1,223,186	291,045	168.0	1,508,535	371,673	11.0	- 285,348	- 80,628
Jordan	227,244	113,049	119.0	929	425	89.0	226,315	112,623
Kazakhstan	35,956	8,485	161.0	400	30	///	35,556	8,455

**Table 3. (continuation)**

Continent and Country	Exports (FOB)			Imports (CIF)			Balance	
	2012*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2013 <sup>a</sup>	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2012*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2013*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2012*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2013*
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars	
Korea Republic of the	1,378,547	183,626	- 38.0	1,139,756	239,610	- 15.0	238,791	- 55,984
Kuwait	30,690	31,104	72.0	30,746	--	///	- 57	31,104
Kyrgyzstan	199	78	59.0	3	-	- 100.0	196	78
Lebanon	81,842	28,087	35.0	533	-	- 100.0	81,309	28,087
Malaysia	1,029,191	156,168	- 16.0	449,693	117,921	38.0	579,498	38,247
Maldives	182	100	233.0	22	-	-	160	100
Myanmar	841	500	488.0	7,581	1,823	74.0	- 6,740	- 1,323
Nepal	163	52	79.0	417	7	- 85.0	- 255	45
Oman	36,837	21,108	109.0	654	768	445.0	36,183	20,340
Pakistan	66,759	34,112	///	52,463	15,318	21.0	14,296	18,794
Philippines (the)	327,982	27,850	- 40.0	88,425	21,070	34.0	239,557	6,780
Qatar	8,899	2,027	10.0	448,592	51,547	///	- 439,693	- 49,520
Saudi Arabia	788,876	684,200	126.0	75,290	3,672	- 75.0	713,587	680,528
Singapore	64,140	21,096	57.0	147,920	27,727	- 35.0	- 83,780	- 6,630
Sri Lanka	3,334	542	- 52.0	9,312	1,451	- 45.0	- 5,979	- 909
Syrian Arab Republic (the)	219,442	9,389	- 78.0	2,889	1	- 100.0	216,552	9,388
Taiwan	304,232	89,785	24.0	511,140	128,491	4.0	- 206,907	- 38,706
Tajikistan	37	-	-	--	1	///	37	- 1
Thailand	726,390	164,294	54.0	871,988	211,706	13.0	- 145,598	- 47,412
Turkmenistan	8,725	83	- 97.0	1	--	///	8,723	83
United Arab Emirates (the)	277,274	69,345	15.0	33,019	2,610	17.0	244,255	66,735
Uzbekistan	5,958	345	- 88.0	600	379	32.0	5,357	- 34
Viet Nam	869,790	139,450	49.0	156,292	51,374	38.0	713,499	88,076
Yemen	232,542	37,462	- 41.0	1	-	-	232,541	37,462
Rest	5,571	1,093	9.0	2,193	8	- 100.0	3,378	1,085
<b>Europa</b>	<b>13,767,489</b>	<b>2,574,635</b>	<b>- 22.9</b>	<b>14,657,051</b>	<b>3,490,007</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>- 889,562</b>	<b>- 915,371</b>
Albania	1,288	427	///	505	104	- 50.0	783	324
Austria	14,268	2,642	- 44.0	298,621	65,856	- 10.0	- 284,353	- 63,214
Belarus	7,115	3,164	82.0	69,856	196	- 99.0	- 62,742	2,968
Belgium	443,098	48,828	- 67.0	436,756	120,179	34.0	6,341	- 71,351
Bosnia and Herzegovina	4,194	257	- 59.0	994	606	301.0	3,200	- 349
Bulgaria	105,239	2,903	- 93.0	9,659	2,551	- 5.0	95,580	352
Croatia	37,934	5,472	- 46.0	2,509	841	11.0	35,424	4,631
Cyprus	22,255	13,765	163.0	288	20	- 65.0	21,967	13,746
Czech Republic (the)	42,524	1,597	- 85.0	156,915	36,518	3.0	- 114,391	- 34,921
Denmark	446,140	8,781	- 87.0	150,228	42,298	19.0	295,912	- 33,516
Estonia	9,168	1,424	- 11.0	3,197	1,134	80.0	5,972	290
Finland	51,195	10,378	163.0	212,030	57,003	- 4.0	- 160,835	- 46,625
France	395,687	101,770	- 11.0	1,599,547	372,920	- 20.0	- 1,203,860	- 271,150
Monaco	651	-	- 100.0	1,223	326	48.0	- 572	- 326
Germany	1,981,088	442,489	- 21.0	3,713,981	865,019	- 10.0	- 1,732,892	- 422,529
Greece	109,702	30,646	20.0	14,376	3,304	- 20.0	95,326	27,342
Hungary	10,027	2,461	- 6.0	129,629	24,430	- 5.0	- 119,601	- 21,969
Iceland	29,416	439	- 5.0	520	--	- 99.0	28,897	439
Ireland	216,405	29,206	67.0	228,248	78,371	70.0	- 11,842	- 49,165

Table 3. (concluded)

Continent and Country	Exports (FOB)			Imports (CIF)			Balance	
	2012*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2013 <sup>e</sup>	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2012*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2013*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2012*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2013*
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars	
Italy	1,172,168	242,132	- 10.0	1,457,480	398,760	11.0	- 285,312	- 156,628
San Marino	153	-	- 100.0	229	28	- 77.0	- 76	- 28
Latvia	140,478	19,627	- 52.0	30,045	296	- 99.0	110,432	19,331
Liechtenstein	122	-	-	1,113	282	1.0	- 990	- 282
Lithuania	168,588	45,814	163.0	50,667	333	- 98.0	117,921	45,481
Luxembourg	1,498	362	- 3.0	12,850	2,563	- 35.0	- 11,352	- 2,201
Malta	1,848	258	- 80.0	7,391	1,079	- 31.0	- 5,542	- 821
Montenegro	1,401	217	- 37.0	1	-	- 100.0	1,400	217
Netherlands (the)	2,235,773	560,856	15.0	1,130,041	296,363	126.0	1,105,732	264,493
Norway	34,784	9,374	- 11.0	180,935	3,944	- 29.0	- 146,151	5,430
Poland	600,970	62,912	- 54.0	174,162	38,116	30.0	426,808	24,796
Portugal	70,867	23,754	19.0	94,780	39,206	104.0	- 23,913	- 15,452
Romania	63,600	8,178	- 38.0	57,968	11,849	- 5.0	5,632	- 3,671
Russian Federation (the)	717,040	185,106	3.0	1,124,051	240,409	161.0	- 407,011	- 55,303
Slovakia	2,398	502	13.0	59,355	19,465	60.0	- 56,957	- 18,963
Slovenia	4,089	754	- 65.0	17,467	5,773	58.0	- 13,379	- 5,019
Spain	2,650,325	377,916	- 49.0	1,320,861	342,261	6.0	1,329,464	35,655
Sweden	70,301	12,035	- 17.0	287,123	64,128	- 2.0	- 216,823	- 52,093
Switzerland	657,820	160,780	14.0	552,330	125,125	- 14.0	105,490	35,655
Serbia	7,669	1,314	15.0	1,133	222	- 34.0	6,535	1,091
Territories linked to United Kingdom	130	11	///	-	21	///	130	- 10
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	4,709	594	- 11.0	5,145	21	- 99.0	- 436	573
Turkey	299,536	61,920	20.0	300,507	96,508	46.0	- 971	- 34,589
Ukraine	80,987	16,710	- 12.0	20,608	1,336	- 39.0	60,379	15,374
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (the)	848,346	76,063	- 56.0	615,938	126,538	- 3.0	232,408	- 50,475
Rest	4,493	798	- 39.0	125,787	3,705	- 97.0	- 121,294	- 2,907
<b>Oceania</b>	<b>746,918</b>	<b>128,272</b>	<b>- 17.6</b>	<b>303,677</b>	<b>78,207</b>	<b>- 4.3</b>	<b>443,241</b>	<b>50,065</b>
Australia	621,640	108,918	- 21.0	282,127	72,978	- 5.0	339,513	35,941
Fiji	811	168	243.0	55	-	- 100.0	756	168
Kiribati	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marshall Islands (the)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Micronesia (Federated States of)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nauru	-	-	-	-	1	///	-	- 1
New Zealand	116,849	18,064	9.0	21,431	5,224	-	95,417	12,841
Palau	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papua New Guinea	110	11	- 89.0	45	-	- 100.0	64	11
Samoa	-	5	///	-	4	///	-	1
Solomon Islands	73	25	150.0	-	-	-	73	25
Territories linked to Australia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Territories linked to France	7,253	1,067	- 37.0	-	-	- 100.0	7,253	1,067
Territories linked to the United States	49	1	- 50.0	-	-	-	49	1
Tuvalu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vanuatu	133	-	- 100.0	-	-	-	133	-
Rest	-	12	///	18	-	-	- 18	12
<b>Rest</b>	<b>2,019,038</b>	<b>435,353</b>	<b>- 21.7</b>	<b>669,663</b>	<b>138,172</b>	<b>- 16.2</b>	<b>1,349,375</b>	<b>297,181</b>

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

Section	Exports		Imports	
	2012*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2013 <sup>e</sup>	2012*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2013*
	%			
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
I Live animals and products of animal origin	6	7	--	--
II Products of vegetable origin	21	22	1	1
III Fats and oils	8	6	--	--
IV Feeding products, beverages and tobacco	18	17	1	1
V Mineral products	8	7	14	14
VI Industrial products	7	7	14	14
VII Plastic, rubber and its manufactures	2	3	6	6
VIII Leathers and leather manufactures (except footwear)	1	1	--	--
IX Wood, charcoal, cork, cork manufactures, cross-ties of wood	--	--	--	--
X Wood pulp, paper, paperboard	1	1	2	2
XI Textile stuff and manufactures	1	1	2	2
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	3	4	--	--
XV Common metals and manufactures	4	3	6	6
XVI Machines, instruments and electric material	3	4	26	27
XVII Transport equipment	13	14	19	18
XVIII Optical instruments, medical-surgical precision, watches and music	--	--	2	3
XIX Arms and ammunition	--	--	--	--
XX Commodities and different products	--	--	2	1
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 (CIF)			Balance
	2012*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2013 <sup>e</sup>	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2012*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2013*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2013*
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars
<b>Total</b>	<b>80,927,098</b>	<b>17,376,300</b>	<b>- 2.5</b>	<b>68,507,741</b>	<b>16,065,925</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>1,310,375</b>
<b>I Live animals and products of animal origin</b>	<b>4,741,218</b>	<b>1,143,568</b>	<b>- 1.0</b>	<b>235,936</b>	<b>49,295</b>	<b>- 13.9</b>	<b>1,094,273</b>
1 Live animals	26,089	6,113	- 31.9	15,484	4,159	1.4	1,954
2 Meat and edible meat offal	1,801,776	489,210	7.8	105,116	18,429	- 36.7	470,781
3 Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates	1,305,755	266,039	3.5	42,433	13,729	35.7	252,310
4 Dairy produce; birds eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, n.e.s.o.i.	1,530,793	362,789	- 12.8	36,183	4,665	- 6.4	358,123
5 Products of animal origin, n.e.s.o.i.	76,805	19,418	- 3.1	36,719	8,312	- 7.2	11,105
<b>II Products of vegetable origin</b>	<b>16,150,834</b>	<b>3,890,129</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>601,455</b>	<b>133,226</b>	<b>- 2.4</b>	<b>3,756,903</b>
6 Live trees and other plants; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage	3,262	196	- 40.2	5,935	1,198	- 0.4	- 1,002
7 Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers	701,730	225,097	14.2	10,779	4,151	32.1	220,946
8 Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melon	1,162,995	345,644	21.1	223,954	58,181	24.2	287,463
9 Coffee, tea, mate and spices	180,441	48,867	17.0	147,381	24,283	- 27.2	24,584
10 Cereals	9,529,509	2,957,886	11.7	43,114	1,152	- 77.3	2,956,735
11 Milling industry products; malt; starches; inulin; wheat gluten	767,260	111,446	- 45.3	13,183	3,988	23.7	107,458
12 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruits; industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	3,795,529	198,067	3.5	75,506	24,090	- 12.5	173,977
13 Lac; gums; resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	4,184	1,153	51.4	79,080	15,013	- 4.5	- 13,860
14 Vegetable plaiting materials and vegetable products, n.e.s.o.i.	5,925	1,772	- 5.3	2,524	1,171	188.0	601
<b>III Fats and oils</b>	<b>5,929,147</b>	<b>983,623</b>	<b>- 27.2</b>	<b>80,647</b>	<b>39,656</b>	<b>184.5</b>	<b>943,966</b>
15 Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes	5,929,147	983,623	- 27.2	80,647	39,656	184.5	943,966
<b>IV Feeding products, beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>15,697,699</b>	<b>2,909,357</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>1,002,460</b>	<b>239,271</b>	<b>- 0.8</b>	<b>2,670,087</b>
16 Edible preparations of meat, fish, crustaceans molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates	151,702	35,153	- 24.1	142,406	42,706	4.1	- 7,552
17 Sugars and sugar confectionary	289,624	57,601	1.8	41,652	8,750	- 13.4	48,851
18 Cocoa and cocoa preparations	175,055	38,292	- 9.9	209,720	46,070	- 1.2	- 7,777
19 Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; bakers wares	417,071	113,585	8.2	41,877	7,103	- 34.7	106,482

Table 5. (continuation)

Section chapter	Exports (FOB)			Imports (CIF)			Balance
	2012*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2013 <sup>e</sup>	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2012*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2013*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2013*
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars
20 Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants	1,368,328	284,904	- 1.8	112,009	31,044	12.7	253,861
21 Miscellaneous edible preparations	194,409	49,087	19.2	181,622	49,999	17.7	- 912
22 Beverages, spirits and vinegar	1,032,631	229,780	- 0.5	91,230	20,299	- 12.4	209,481
23 Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed	11,668,924	2,037,919	5.3	77,883	19,413	30.7	2,018,506
24 Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	399,955	63,035	11.1	104,061	13,888	- 43.5	49,147
<b>V Mineral products</b>	<b>7,208,346</b>	<b>1,241,157</b>	<b>- 28.9</b>	<b>9,881,338</b>	<b>2,201,926</b>	<b>47.7</b>	<b>- 960,769</b>
25 Salt; sulfur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	130,559	33,751	19.2	178,076	28,320	- 34.9	5,431
26 Ores, slag and ash	2,115,712	336,569	- 25.3	824,763	181,516	- 18.0	155,053
27 Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes	4,962,075	870,837	- 31.2	8,878,500	1,992,091	62.5	- 1,121,254
<b>VI Industrial products</b>	<b>6,019,374</b>	<b>1,299,565</b>	<b>- 13.0</b>	<b>10,087,270</b>	<b>2,298,055</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>- 998,490</b>
28 Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare-earth metals, of radioactive elements or of isotopes	360,267	72,720	- 17.1	780,223	173,335	9.8	- 100,616
29 Organic chemicals	501,460	138,198	5.1	3,034,199	744,402	1.6	- 606,205
30 Pharmaceutical products	902,158	202,104	10.0	2,091,933	528,771	- 3.0	- 326,667
31 Fertilizers	174,310	38,960	- 8.7	966,245	87,287	- 25.7	- 48,326
32 Tanning or dyeing extracts; tannins and derivatives dyes, pigments and other coloring matter; paints and varnishes; putty and other mastics; inks	194,972	49,563	0.1	512,982	113,577	- 0.7	- 64,014
33 Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations	796,083	182,480	11.8	553,674	156,908	30.0	25,572
34 Soap etc.; lubricating products; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles etc; modeling pastes; dental waxes and dental preparations with a basic of plaster	220,547	57,273	- 1.8	380,374	85,030	2.1	- 27,757
35 Albuminoidal substances; modified starches; glues; enzymes	303,120	82,796	16.5	153,900	39,604	1.8	43,192
36 Explosives; pyrotechnic products; matches; pyrophoric alloys; certain combustible preparations	7,285	1,173	- 23.9	25,079	5,123	- 8.0	- 3,949
37 Photographic or cinematographic goods	17,304	3,290	- 57.4	90,239	21,530	4.7	- 18,239
38 Miscellaneous chemical products	2,541,867	471,009	- 32.3	1,498,423	342,489	12.8	128,520
<b>VII Plastic, rubber and its manufactures</b>	<b>1,781,082</b>	<b>436,358</b>	<b>- 7.3</b>	<b>4,129,047</b>	<b>1,024,438</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>- 588,080</b>
39 Plastics and articles thereof	1,388,410	347,943	- 7.7	2,845,135	672,182	- 1.6	- 324,238
40 Rubber and articles thereof	392,672	88,414	- 5.9	1,283,912	352,257	26.1	- 263,842

Table 5. (continuation)

Section chapter	Exports (FOB)			Imports (CIF)			Balance
	2012*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2013 <sup>e</sup>	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2012*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2013*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2013*
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars
<b>VIII Leathers and leather manufactures</b>	<b>924,720</b>	<b>230,963</b>	<b>- 1.6</b>	<b>118,294</b>	<b>37,377</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>193,587</b>
41 Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and leather	831,675	209,189	- 1.9	33,687	8,532	- 8.3	200,657
42 Articles of leather; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of gut	39,398	8,373	- 12.7	83,216	28,654	27.2	- 20,281
43 Furskins and artificial fur; manufactures thereof	53,647	13,402	14.2	1,392	191	- 38.2	13,210
<b>IX Wood, charcoal, cork, cork manufactures, cross-ties of wood</b>	<b>188,988</b>	<b>55,847</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>195,012</b>	<b>44,894</b>	<b>- 18.2</b>	<b>10,953</b>
44 Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal	187,123	55,595	25.3	150,279	33,386	- 24.1	22,209
45 Cork and articles of cork	1,763	207	- 69.7	42,152	10,270	4.0	- 10,063
46 Manufactures of straw, esparto or other plaiting materials; Basketware and wickerwork	102	46	174.1	2,581	1,238	24.6	- 1,192
<b>X Wood pulp, paper, paperboard</b>	<b>524,086</b>	<b>127,782</b>	<b>- 8.0</b>	<b>1,265,407</b>	<b>297,141</b>	<b>- 10.2</b>	<b>- 169,359</b>
47 Pulp of wood or other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap) paper and paperboard	116,419	33,537	8.2	112,189	28,624	- 14.0	4,913
48 Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard	324,683	77,325	- 9.2	1,043,774	243,686	- 4.1	- 166,361
49 Printed books, newspapers, pictures and other printed products; manuscripts, typescripts and plans	82,984	16,920	- 25.8	109,444	24,832	- 42.8	- 7,912
<b>XI Textile stuff and manufactures</b>	<b>641,702</b>	<b>144,628</b>	<b>- 2.4</b>	<b>1,597,779</b>	<b>380,290</b>	<b>- 9.2</b>	<b>- 235,662</b>
50 Silk, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof	195	18	///	2,854	699	- 4.2	- 681
51 Wool and fine or coarse animal hair, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof; horsehair yarn and woven	199,973	55,952	12.4	8,762	2,017	- 20.9	53,934
52 Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof	123,851	15,241	- 38.1	146,132	28,141	- 22.2	- 12,900
53 Vegetable textile fibers nesoi; yarns and woven fabrics of vegetable textile fibers nesoi and paper	127	47	69.7	5,360	873	- 46.6	- 826
54 Manmade filaments, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof	68,066	15,427	- 11.5	196,616	47,062	- 11.7	- 31,635
55 Manmade staple fibers, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof	5,626	805	- 49.0	326,828	74,356	- 7.4	- 73,552
56 Wadding, felt and nonwovens; special yarns; twine, cordage, ropes and cables and articles thereof	76,040	21,878	23.4	137,138	30,156	- 21.4	- 8,278
57 Carpets and other textile floor coverings	9,195	2,194	- 4.2	23,414	6,289	- 9.6	- 4,094
58 Special woven fabrics; tufted textile fabrics; lace; tapestries; trimmings; embroidery	5,272	715	- 39.4	36,106	7,608	- 7.9	- 6,893
59 Impregnated, coated, covered or laminated textile fabrics; textile articles suitable for industrial use	17,468	3,657	- 15.8	122,292	22,704	- 19.2	- 19,047
60 Knitted or crocheted fabrics	16,187	3,649	- 4.8	122,713	36,658	6.5	- 33,009
61 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted	58,357	11,845	- 12.9	150,683	37,434	- 7.1	- 25,589
62 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted	47,421	9,961	20.5	230,795	58,974	- 9.6	- 49,012

Table 5. (continuation)

Section chapter	Exports (FOB)			Imports (CIF)			Balance
	2012*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2013 <sup>e</sup>	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2012*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2013*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2013*
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars
63 Made-up textile articles nesoi; needlecraft sets; worn clothing and worn textile articles; rags	13,925	3,239	- 8.0	88,086	27,320	21.7	- 24,081
<b>XII Footwear, umbrellas, artificial flowers and others</b>	<b>37,142</b>	<b>12,070</b>	<b>48.2</b>	<b>466,220</b>	<b>130,518</b>	<b>35.7</b>	<b>- 118,448</b>
64 Footwear, gaiters and the like; parts of such articles	33,846	11,394	54.0	435,240	122,774	40.5	- 111,380
65 Headgear and parts thereof	2,768	605	- 8.5	17,733	4,488	- 18.3	- 3,883
66 Umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof	392	65	33.2	6,803	1,514	9.9	- 1,449
67 Prepared feathers and down and articles thereof; artificial flowers; articles of human hair	136	5	- 83.8	6,445	1,742	- 8.9	- 1,737
<b>XIII Stone manufactures, plaster, cement, amianthus, mica, ceramic, glass</b>	<b>186,660</b>	<b>40,703</b>	<b>- 21.9</b>	<b>537,006</b>	<b>136,912</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>- 96,209</b>
68 Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials	81,069	19,205	- 9.9	127,588	28,837	- 2.3	- 9,632
69 Ceramic products	55,767	10,408	- 38.9	142,686	37,685	- 3.3	- 27,277
70 Glass and glassware	49,824	11,090	- 19.4	266,732	70,390	17.1	- 59,301
<b>XIV Fine pearls, stones and precious metals, coins and others</b>	<b>2,574,579</b>	<b>699,628</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>73,211</b>	<b>15,939</b>	<b>- 23.9</b>	<b>683,690</b>
71 Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semiprecious stones, precious metals; precious metal clad metals, and articles thereof; imitation jewelry; coin	2,574,579	699,628	7.9	73,211	15,939	- 23.9	683,690
<b>XV Common metals and manufactures</b>	<b>2,834,596</b>	<b>560,384</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>3,986,931</b>	<b>928,449</b>	<b>- 2.9</b>	<b>- 368,065</b>
72 Iron and steel	544,703	114,117	8.0	1,385,380	337,557	3.9	- 223,439
73 Articles of iron or steel	1,391,279	234,535	- 24.4	1,141,637	247,893	- 9.3	- 13,358
74 Copper and articles thereof	15,733	5,068	40.9	397,745	79,993	- 23.9	- 74,926
75 Nickel and articles thereof	70	1	- 59.3	31,554	10,941	57.1	- 10,940
76 Aluminum and articles thereof	727,847	169,344	63.8	315,883	82,820	- 2.7	86,524
78 Lead and articles thereof	44,151	13,961	85.8	1,645	340	- 18.7	13,621
79 Zinc and articles thereof	16,785	1,089	- 60.5	23,111	3,942	- 1.8	- 2,854
80 Tin and articles thereof	14	--	- 98.4	22,954	6,200	11.7	- 6,200
81 Base metals nesoi; cermets; articles thereof	2,708	880	109.2	22,255	6,757	34.9	- 5,877
82 Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof of base metal	39,013	7,997	- 49.0	329,841	78,597	14.7	- 70,599
83 Miscellaneous articles of base metal	52,293	13,392	26.9	314,926	73,409	- 5.7	- 60,017
<b>XVI Machines, instruments and electric material</b>	<b>2,368,849</b>	<b>613,951</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>17,604,293</b>	<b>4,396,401</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>- 3,782,450</b>
84 Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	1,872,534	504,998	14.6	9,896,858	2,513,285	3.4	- 2,008,287
85 Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television recorder	496,315	108,953	- 0.5	7,707,435	1,883,116	4.1	- 1,774,163
<b>XVII Transport equipment</b>	<b>10,563,970</b>	<b>2,445,558</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>13,181,892</b>	<b>2,921,582</b>	<b>- 6.1</b>	<b>- 476,025</b>

Table 5. (concluded)

Section chapter	Exports (FOB)			Imports (CIF)			Balance
	2012*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2013 <sup>e</sup>	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2012*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2013*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2013*
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars
86 Railway or tramway locomotives, rolling stock, track fixtures and fittings, and parts thereof; mechanical	11,429	3,673	10.4	129,367	12,840	9.2	-9,166
87 Vehicles, other than railway or tramway rolling stock, and parts and accessories thereof	9,556,987	2,316,718	23.2	12,054,296	2,866,313	1.4	- 549,595
88 Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof	869,926	110,355	- 56.5	956,255	36,708	- 86.0	73,647
89 Ships, boats and floating structures	125,628	14,811	- 36.7	41,973	5,722	- 53.9	9,090
<b>XVIII Optical instruments, medical-surgical precision, watches and music</b>	<b>200,289</b>	<b>44,187</b>	<b>- 11.6</b>	<b>1,711,314</b>	<b>406,133</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>- 361,945</b>
90 Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; parts and accessories thereof	190,601	41,558	- 13.8	1,614,654	378,102	6.5	- 336,544
91 Clocks and watches and parts thereof	6,200	2,004	102.6	57,950	16,540	16.8	- 14,536
92 Musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof	3,488	626	- 21.7	38,711	11,491	17.7	- 10,865
<b>XIX Arms and ammunition</b>	<b>18,658</b>	<b>3,931</b>	<b>- 19.8</b>	<b>20,868</b>	<b>5,162</b>	<b>- 24.9</b>	<b>- 1,231</b>
93 Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof	18,658	3,931	- 19.8	20,868	5,162	- 24.9	- 1,231
<b>XX Commodities and different products</b>	<b>305,869</b>	<b>55,626</b>	<b>- 25.3</b>	<b>1,057,923</b>	<b>240,214</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>- 184,588</b>
94 Furniture; bedding, cushions, etc.; lamps and Lighting fittings n.e.s.o.i.; illuminated signs, nameplates and the like; prefabricated buildings	114,825	21,873	- 15.9	431,160	99,576	2.0	- 77,703
95 Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof	14,116	2,599	- 28.5	403,678	81,768	6.7	- 79,169
96 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	176,928	31,154	- 30.5	223,085	58,870	5.9	- 27,716
<b>XXI Works of art, antiques</b>	<b>5,217</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>- 65.5</b>	<b>2,999</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>100</b>
97 Works of art-collectors pieces and antiques	5,217	780	- 65.5	2,999	680	1.1	100
<b>Special transactions</b>	<b>2,024,069</b>	<b>436,503</b>	<b>- 21.6</b>	<b>670,438</b>	<b>138,365</b>	<b>- 16.1</b>	<b>298,138</b>
Transportation fuel supply	1,920,997	411,542	- 21.7	398,763	102,656	- 6.1	308,886
Other soipping stores	61,808	17,212	- 16.1	26,185	6,930	0.6	10,282
Residual	6,979	110	- 95.4	-	-	-	110
Couriers	29,254	6,488	- 12.3	244,715	28,585	- 41.2	- 22,097
Samples	5,032	1,150	- 5.3	774	194	13.0	956

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

Groups of commodities	2012*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2013 <sup>e</sup>	
	Millions of dollars	Millions of dollars	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %
<b>Total</b>	<b>80,927</b>	<b>17,376</b>	<b>- 2.5</b>
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	10,549	1,577	- 9.3
100590 Corn (maize) other than seed corn	4,703	1,145	14.4
150710 Soybean oil and its fractions, crude, whether or not degummed	4,204	529	- 41.3
870421 Motor vehicles, for the transport of goods, with compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semidiesel) gvw not over 5 metric tons	3,304	663	18.9
120190 Other soybeans, whether or not broken	3,158	4	- 88.0
100199 Other wheat or meslin	2,950	522	- 47.7
270900 Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals crude	2,608	300	- 53.0
710812 Gold unwrought forms	2,260	575	- 5.0
382600 Biodiesel and mixtures thereof, not containing or containing less than 70 percent by weight of petroleum oils or oils obtained from bituminous materials	1,775	254	- 51.3
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	1,677	283	- 19.8
260300 Copper ores and concentrates	1,534	239	- 25.3
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	1,256	286	- 13.9
271012 Lights oils and preparations	1,133	201	- 17.9
100390 Other barley	843	686	45.2
880240 Airplanes and otherairgraf, of an unlanden weight exceeding 15,000 kg	838	90	- 64.1
151211 Sunflower-seed or safflower oil, and fractions thereof, crude, not chemically modified	824	197	- 11.3
040221 Milk and cream, concretated not sweetened, in powder, granules or other solid forms, of a fat content, by weight, exceeding 1,5%	769	138	- 35.0
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.	763	112	- 32.8
220421 Wine of fresh grapes excluding grape of heading 2009 in containers holding 2 liters or less	752	164	- 2.0
020130 Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled: boneless	689	163	- 6.3
870321 Other vehicles, of a cylinder capacity not exceeding 1,000 cc	676	246	114.9
870840 Gear boxes for motor vehicles	638	168	23.9
100790 Other grain sorghum	553	153	349.3
200811 Peanuts (ground-nuts)	535	96	- 27.0
870431 Motor vehicles for the transport of goods. Other, with spark-ignition internal combustion piston engine not exceeding 5 metric tons	506	124	- 8.5
030617 Other shrimps and prawns frozen	477	45	3.2

Table 6. (concluded)

Groups of commodities		2012*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2013 <sup>o</sup>	
		Millions of dollars	Millions of dollars	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %
300490	Medicaments, in measured doses, etc., (excluding vaccines etc) coated bandages etc., and pharmaceutical goods, n.e.s.o.i.	456	97	3.6
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	427	90	- 19.7
261610	Silver ores and concentrates	426	70	- 28.2
230990	Other preparations of a kind used in animal feeding	400	109	99.3
120242	Peanuts shelled, whether or not broken	372	74	- 16.9
080830	Pears	364	192	25.6
760110	Aluminum, not alloyed	361	62	79.3
071333	Kidney beans, including white pea beans ( <i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> )	352	64	- 8.5
330720	Personal deodorants and antiperspirants	351	87	1.6
870333	Motor cars and other motors vehicles of a cylinder capacity exceeding 2,500 cc	346	82	248.3
240120	Tobacco partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	345	47	- 0.8
110100	Wheat or meslin flour	343	14	- 84.2
020712	Meat and edible offal, of the poultry of heading 0105, not cut in pieces, frozen	329	104	44.2
110710	Malt,not roasted	319	69	- 1.2
230250	Bran, sharps (middlings) and other residues, whether or not in the form of pellets, derived from of leguminous plants	312	57	- 2.1
271112	Propane	311	130	11.8
710691	Silver (including silver plated with gold or platinum), unwrought	308	62	47.6
020230	Meat of bovine animals frozen: boneless	303	73	- 22.5
870829	Other parts and accessories of bodies (including cabs)	252	64	39.2
271113	Butanes	249	80	- 16.0
200969	Other grape juice (including grape must)	229	40	- 9.6
151790	Margarine, artificial mixtures of two or more of products provided for in headings 1501 to 1515, inclusive n.e.s.o.i.	226	38	- 27.4
040900	Natural honey	215	62	19.2
020714	Meat cuts and offal, frozen	201	38	- 11.3
Rest		23,159	6,614	18.3

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

Groups of commodities		2012*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2013*	
		Millions of dollars	Millions of dollars	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %
<b>Total</b>		<b>68,508</b>	<b>16,066</b>	<b>4.9</b>
271019	Other petroleum products, n.e.s.o.i.	3,956	618	82.6
870323	Motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons with spark-ignition internal combustion reciprocating piston engine, cylinder capacity over 1,500 cc but over 3,000 cc	3,927	926	- 9.1
271111	Natural gas liquefied	2,695	516	30.8
851770	Parts of telephone sets	1,733	362	- 9.6
271121	Natural gas, gaseous	1,202	552	90.7
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	1,045	272	5.5
870829	Other parts and accessories of bodies (including cabs)	1,006	239	11.4
870840	Gear boxes for motor vehicles	862	198	17.9
300490	Medicaments, in measured doses, etc., (excluding vaccines etc) coated bandages etc., and pharmaceutical goods, n.e.s.o.i.	836	197	- 4.5
880240	Airplanes and other aircraft, of an unladen weight exceeding 15,000 kg	761	-	- 100.0
852990	Other printed circuit assemblies	646	168	7.5
870899	Other parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 8701 to 8705	606	140	5.0
300210	Antisera and other blood obtained by means of biotechnological processes	578	173	29.0
260112	Iron ores and concentrate, other than roasted iron pyrites, agglomerated	543	143	- 20.5
293190	Other Dithionites and sulfoxylates	505	162	53.5
851762	Machines for the reception, conversion and transmission or regeneration of voice, images or other data	457	125	9.4
840820	Compression-ignition internal combustion piston engines (diesel or semidiesel), for the propulsion of vehicles of chapter 87	440	77	- 31.9
840734	Spark ignition reciprocating or rotary internal combustion piston engines of a cylinder capacity not over 1,000 cc	427	98	- 9.3
870422	Motor vehicles for the transport of goods, g.v.w. Exceeding 5 metric tons but not exceeding 20 metric tons	422	86	- 7.0
871120	With reciprocating internal combustion piston engine of a cylinder capacity exceeding 50 cc but not exceeding 250 cc	412	121	25.1
840999	Parts for use with compression-ignition internal combustion piston engines, n.e.s.o.i.	410	104	25.2
870421	Motor vehicles, for the transport of goods, with compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semidiesel) gvw not over 5 metric tons	403	79	52.0
870120	Road tractors for semi-trailers	399	88	- 10.6
870850	Drive axles with differential, whether or not provided with other transmission components	380	82	- 6.2
271600	Electrical energy	357	81	- 5.0
310540	Ammonium hydrogenorthophosphate	334	24	- 47.6
390110	Polyethylene having a specific gravity of less than 0,94 in primary forms	320	72	- 4.9

Table 7. (concluded)

Groups of commodities		2012*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2013*	
		Millions of dollars	Millions of dollars	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %
380893	Herbicides, anti-sprouting products and plant-growth regulators	314	62	75.0
841430	Compressors of a kind used in refrigerating equipment (including air conditioning)	312	61	- 3.9
847330	Parts and accessories for automatic data processing machines and units thereof magnetic or optical reader, transcribing machines, list n.e.s.o.i.	303	104	64.5
270112	Bituminous coal	293	49	- 44.6
382490	Chemical products and preparations of the chemical or allied industries, n.e.s.o.i.	281	65	- 10.6
870431	Motor vehicles for the transport of goods. Other, with spark-ignition internal combustion piston engine not exceeding 5 metric tons	272	71	- 14.3
870830	Brakes and servo-brakes; parts thereof	268	62	2.5
847170	Storage units	251	63	53.6
281820	Aluminium oxide, except artificial corundum, n.e.s.o.i.	243	59	37.5
854430	Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets of a kind used in vehicles, aircraft or ships	231	53	- 0.6
854231	Processors and controllers, whether or not combined with memories, converters, logic circuits, amplifiers, clock and timing circuits, or other circuits	226	72	100.6
392690	Other articles of plastics and articles of other materials of headings 3901 to 3914	223	54	6.5
401110	New pneumatic tires, of rubber, radial	220	65	33.0
290919	Other ethers of monohydric alcohols	218	47	- 35.2
841590	Parts de air conditioning machines	211	36	2.8
390120	Polyethylene having a specific gravity of 0,94 or more, in primary forms allied industries, n.e.s.o.i.	210	48	- 4.9
870894	Steering wheels, steering columns and steering boxes; parts thereof	209	44	- 7.4
903289	Other instruments and apparatus	206	50	3.7
940190	Parts of seats (other than those of heading 9402)	204	45	7.1
291736	Terephthalic acid and its salts	202	57	8.6
844399	Other printing machinery used for printing by means of plates, cylinders and other printing components of heading 8442	201	47	9.0
841199	Other parts of turbojets or turbopropellers	198	60	- 29.5
848180	Other appliances: hand operated	197	59	23.9
Rest		37,358	9,033	2.7