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The National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC) presents the Argentine Foreign Trade Statistics Publication which objective is to disseminate information about exports and imports of merchandise classified by country of destination and origin.

This publication has been prepared to synthetically describe Argentine Foreign Trade in order to provide updated information to the global community.

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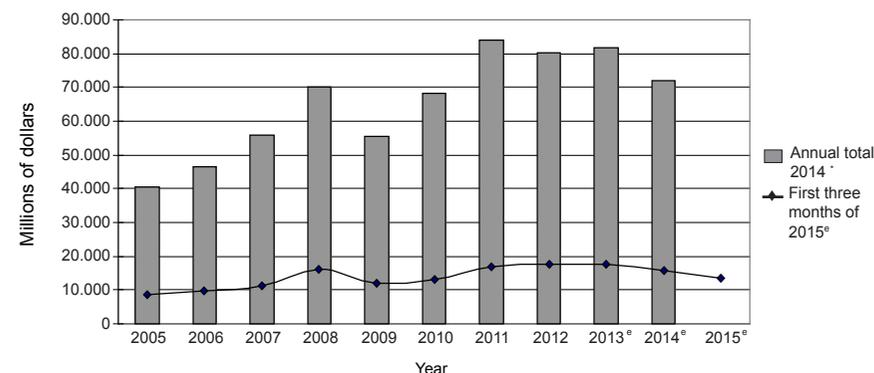
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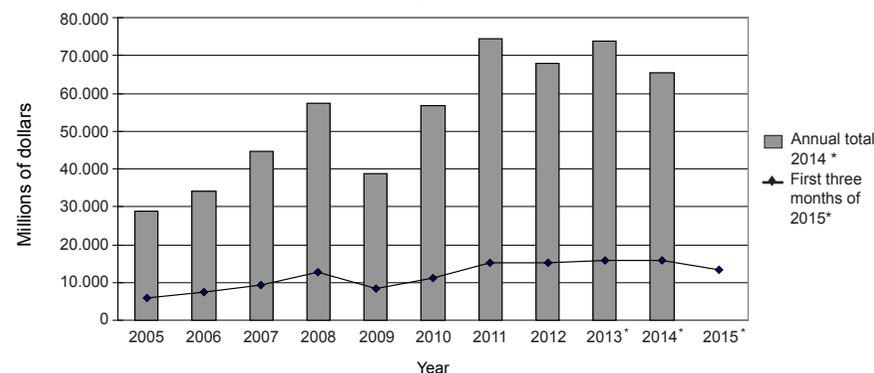
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#### Exports



#### Imports



# CONCEPTUAL AND METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

## Basic Information

INDEC foreign trade statistics are based on the Customs declaration forms that register the imports and exports of goods. Since 1995, complementary sources of information have been incorporated due to the lack of Customs declaration forms regarding certain export and import transactions which should be included in foreign trade statistics; this is the case of trade on electrical energy by bi-national entities such as Salto Grande, Yaciretá, and others.

Customs declaration forms are registered in an interactive entry system which controls the validity of the data, and allows to detect non-received documentation in order to request it to Customs.

## Statistics Coverage

The main 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 physical movement of merchandise between Argentina and foreign countries.

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

In ordinary transactions importers and exporters receive or send goods through the usual exchange operations and there are no transportation peculiarities. These operations are included in the statistics and have been 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
- Non-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, Antártida e Islas del Atlántico sur 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 an FOB-type value (free on board), on the port or loading place of the merchandise. It means that the transaction price also includes the cost to deliver the goods to the port or loading place.

The imports are registered on a CIF-type basis (cost, insurance, and freight), although information on imports FOB valued is also available. The CIF value includes the FOB value plus 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.

Values expressed in currency other than American Dollars, are converted into that currency according to the monthly average exchange rate, calculated by 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 country "from which goods were initially dispatched to the importing country without any commercial transactions taking place in intermediate countries".

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

Initially, INDEC published imports data according to the consignment country. Since 1995, the country of origin has been officially used to define the Argentine imports partner country, but the information regarding the country of consignment continued to be elaborated. Data related to the country of origin have been available since 1987.

Exports are classified according to the country of destination. Country of destination is the country "declared at the moment of shipment as the country where merchandise will finally be delivered".

For imports and exports statistics, data by country are grouped in two different manners: by continent or by an specific economic area. Since January 2001, INDEC has introduced a methodological 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 foreign trade operations in Customs-free zones. In the former system of special registration, applied until 2000, imports included goods passing from Customs-free zones to the Customs-controlled territory. Under the current system, 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, goods are registered as exports when they leave the free zone limits for a foreign destination.

This decision has been applied to foreign trade statistics since 1997, when the first Customs-free zones started operating in Argentina.

For this reason, as previously announced, INDEC will inform in its annual publication, "Comercio Exterior Argentino", year 2000, the corrections covering the Argentine foreign trade between 1997-1999.

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

**Table 1.** Argentine foreign trade by economic areas

Period	Exports (FOB)			Imports (CIF)			Balance	
	2014 <sup>e</sup>	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2015 <sup>e</sup>	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2014 <sup>*</sup>	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2015 <sup>*</sup>	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2014 <sup>*</sup>	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2015 <sup>*</sup>
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars	
<b>Total</b>	<b>71,976,731</b>	<b>13,395,000</b>	<b>- 15.6</b>	<b>65,323,492</b>	<b>13,226,833</b>	<b>- 15.9</b>	<b>6,653,240</b>	<b>168,167</b>
MERCOSUR	19,918,790	3,891,056	- 23.7	15,328,033	3,279,822	- 20.4	4,590,757	611,234
NAFTA	6,942,403	1,396,793	- 21.3	11,028,137	2,365,080	- 8.4	- 4,085,735	- 968,287
Union Europea	10,229,856	1,803,326	- 18.5	11,292,650	2,415,874	- 17.6	- 1,062,795	- 612,548
Asean, Korea Rep., China <sup>1</sup> , Japan and India	13,571,392	2,296,234	15.7	15,719,621	3,559,673	- 11.0	- 2,148,229	- 1,263,439
MAGREB and Egypt	3,704,950	539,861	- 11.0	122,164	11,486	36.7	3,582,786	528,375
Rest	17,609,341	3,467,731	- 17.4	11,832,886	1,594,897	- 23.3	5,776,455	1,872,833

<sup>(1)</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)	
	2014 <sup>e</sup> %	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2015 <sup>e</sup>		2014 <sup>*</sup> %	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2015 <sup>*</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Brazil	21	22	Brazil	22	23
United States of America, the	6	6	China	16	18
Chile	4	5	United States of America, the	13	14
Viet Nam	2	4	Germany	5	5
India	3	3	France	2	3
Switzerland	1	3	Mexico	3	3
China	6	3	Italy	2	3
Uruguay	2	3	Japan	2	3
Canada	2	3	Trinidad and Tobago	3	2
Germany	2	3	Korea Republic of, the	1	2
Rest	51	46	Rest	30	25

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

Continent and Country	Exports (FOB)			Imports (CIF)			Balance	
	2014 <sup>e</sup>	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2015 <sup>e</sup>	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2014*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2015*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2014*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2015*
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<b>Africa</b>	<b>4,967,363</b>	<b>923,775</b>	<b>- 3.9</b>	<b>968,107</b>	<b>119,674</b>	<b>- 8.7</b>	<b>3,999,255</b>	<b>804,101</b>
Algeria	1,688,294	327,224	- 2.0	55,528	--	- 52.0	1,632,766	327,224
Angola	135,871	14,266	- 64.0	5	-	-	135,866	14,266
Benin	9,022	1,302	41.0	2	-	-	9,020	1,302
Botswana	65	-	-	--	-	-	65	-
Burkina Faso	555	-	- 100.0	19	-	- 100.0	536	-
Burundi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cameroon	37,961	4,059	- 60.0	267	67	- 46.0	37,694	3,992
Cape Verde	2,564	1,742	///	-	-	-	2,564	1,742
Central African Republic, the	230	83	///	-	-	-	230	83
Chad	702	-	- 100.0	125	-	- 100.0	577	-
Comoros, the	5,829	1,413	- 19.0	30	-	- 100.0	5,799	1,413
Congo, the	44,192	13,633	154.0	73	30	- 12.0	44,119	13,603
Côte D'Ivoire	38,903	5,697	257.0	1,524	226	- 52.0	37,379	5,471
Democratic Republic of the Congo, the	21,122	4,284	- 4.0	47	-	- 100.0	21,075	4,284
Djibouti	189	51	///	-	-	-	189	51
Egypt	1,097,045	84,152	- 45.0	9,616	1,581	- 26.0	1,087,429	82,571
Equatorial Guinea	25,757	21,295	76.0	-	-	-	25,757	21,295
Eritrea	663	27	- 89.0	-	4	///	663	23
Ethiopia	1,847	54	- 77.0	194	-	- 100.0	1,653	54
Gabon	9,229	3,071	31.0	2,549	250	- 73.0	6,680	2,821
Gambia, the	394	10	- 94.0	1	-	-	393	10
Ghana	21,614	5,482	4.0	95	1	- 99.0	21,519	5,481
Ghinea	433	42	- 74.0	4	1	///	430	42
Guinea-Bissau	380	-	- 100.0	-	-	-	380	-
Kenya	9,118	10,937	71.0	51	--	- 57.0	9,067	10,937
Lesotho	-	-	-	10	-	-	- 10	-
Liberia	1,889	245	- 60.0	-	-	-	1,889	245
Lbyan Arab Jamahiriya, the	185,470	17,295	- 60.0	-	-	-	185,470	17,295
Madagascar	15,708	8,378	- 10.0	540	87	- 22.0	15,169	8,290
Malawi	947	-	- 100.0	3,838	389	- 78.0	- 2,891	- 389
Mali	4,111	847	- 67.0	3	-	-	4,109	847
Mauritania	4,065	1	- 100.0	14	-	- 100.0	4,050	1
Mauritius	55,316	10,193	33.0	268	60	- 61.0	55,048	10,134
Morocco	557,944	100,986	75.0	50,173	8,174	83.0	507,771	92,812
Mozambique	47,818	13,961	153.0	6,093	1,961	- 62.0	41,725	12,000
Namibia	4,937	404	- 56.0	6,121	-	- 100.0	- 1,184	404
Niger, the	21,972	3,339	- 58.0	3	--	- 99.0	21,970	3,339
Nigeria	71,882	34,321	108.0	597,797	54,306	- 16.0	- 525,914	- 19,985
Rwanda	188	-	- 100.0	-	-	-	188	-
Senegal	88,145	20,519	- 36.0	102	3	- 89.0	88,043	20,516
Sierra Leone	7,280	644	- 88.0	385	--	- 100.0	6,894	643
Somalia	-	41	///	4	3	- 25.0	- 4	38
South Africa	546,382	191,871	18.0	222,450	49,857	6.0	323,932	142,014

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	Thousand of dollars		previous year %	Thousand of dollars		previous year %	Thousand of dollars	
South Sudan	531	120	224.0	–	–	–	531	120
Sudan, the	7,396	507	– 90.0	499	110	– 38.0	6,897	397
Swaziland	63	–	– 100.0	6	2	263.0	57	– 2
United Republic of Tanzania, the	9,914	4,866	56.0	2,248	423	– 64.0	7,666	4,443
Territories linked to France	8,910	3,388	1.0	–	–	–	8,910	3,388
Territories linked to Spain	452	43	///	–	–	–	452	43
Territories linked to United Kingdom	33	–	– 100.0	–	–	–	33	–
Togo	527	111	– 37.0	–	–	–	526	111
Tunisia	172,133	10,201	– 36.0	6,833	1,731	– 2.0	165,300	8,470
Uganda	173	2,292	///	9	–	–	164	2,292
Zambia	259	240	64.0	39	–	– 99.0	220	240
Zimbabwe	657	20	– 97.0	517	397	///	140	– 377
Rest	279	116	///	25	9	///	254	107
<b>America</b>	<b>34,109,641</b>	<b>6,682,376</b>	<b>– 21.8</b>	<b>32,502,791</b>	<b>6,460,134</b>	<b>– 16.3</b>	<b>1,606,850</b>	<b>222,242</b>
Antigua and Barbuda	585	156	17.0	2	–	– 100.0	583	156
Aruba	1,478	365	– 6.0	–	–	–	1,478	365
Bahamas, the	180,363	584	– 99.0	3,974	1,042	242.0	176,388	– 458
Barbados	1,608	161	– 39.0	–	1	278.0	1,608	161
Belize	828	123	19.0	7	–	– 99.0	821	123
Bolivia	833,106	156,358	– 19.0	2,743,709	197,306	125.0	– 1,910,603	– 40,947
Free trade zone Winner (Bolivia)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Brazil	14,771,941	2,982,266	– 24.0	14,208,263	3,057,819	– 20.0	563,677	– 75,553
Free trade zone Manaus (Brazil)	111	68	///	132,839	13,561	– 67.0	– 132,728	– 13,493
Canada	1,753,548	359,076	– 11.0	555,668	94,431	– 2.0	1,197,880	264,645
Chile	2,957,329	703,138	– 12.0	820,626	177,662	– 21.0	2,136,703	525,476
Free trade zone Iquique (Chile)	288	121	///	–	–	–	288	121
Free trade zone Punta Arenas (Chile)	1,474	222	– 61.0	–	–	–	1,474	222
Colombia	904,617	132,131	– 12.0	232,060	60,391	– 26.0	672,556	71,740
Free trade zone Pacific (Colombia)	126	5	///	–	–	–	126	5
Costa Rica	54,134	11,171	8.0	42,736	6,765	– 40.0	11,398	4,405
Cuba	283,034	106,295	475.0	17,213	5,707	141.0	265,821	100,587
Dominica	208	43	– 33.0	64	–	– 99.0	144	43
Dominican Republic	126,598	25,655	101.0	3,362	567	– 35.0	123,236	25,088
Ecuador	420,695	50,040	– 41.0	260,431	66,181	6.0	160,264	– 16,141
El Salvador	16,323	2,141	– 49.0	474	203	101.0	15,849	1,938
Grenada	362	71	– 35.0	–	–	–	362	71
Guatemala	58,545	15,018	34.0	3,934	724	56.0	54,611	14,293
Guyana	2,610	233	– 77.0	4	1	///	2,606	232
Haiti	11,509	819	– 80.0	79	16	220.0	11,430	803
Honduras	35,926	2,804	– 13.0	12,462	3,239	– 10.0	23,464	– 436
Jamaica	4,412	790	– 33.0	5	2	–	4,406	787
Mexico	960,221	200,958	3.0	1,639,176	355,909	– 14.0	– 678,955	– 154,950
Netherlands Antilles	5,795	1,023	– 14.0	7,108	1,231	2.0	– 1,312	– 208
Nicaragua	30,837	2,467	– 21.0	412	61	– 45.0	30,425	2,406
Panama	81,023	14,644	38.0	664	10	– 95.0	80,359	14,635

Table 3. (continuation)

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	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars	
Free trade zone Colon (Panama)	25,645	6,723	12.0	–	–	–	25,645	6,723
Paraguay	1,291,499	276,624	– 8.0	489,642	100,177	– 10.0	801,857	176,447
Peru	1,18 3,352	157,621	– 34.0	127,286	28,533	– 6.0	1,056,066	129,088
Saint Kitts and Nevis	33	–	–	14	–	– 100.0	19	–
St, Lucia	760	167	3.0	–	–	–	760	167
St, Vincent and the Grenadines	524	–	– 100.0	–	–	–	524	–
Surinam	8,354	1,248	– 34.0	–	–	–	8,354	1,248
Territories linked to Denmark	–	–	–	–	–	///	–	–
Territories linked to France	615	25	– 93.0	–	–	– 100.0	615	25
Territories linked to Netherlands	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Territories linked to United Kingdom	1,393	363	– 26.0	10	2	– 67.0	1,384	361
Territories linked to the United States	189	47	2.0	10	–	– 100.0	179	47
Trinidad and Tobago	13,985	1,803	– 27.0	1,842,142	258,938	– 49.0	– 1,828,157	– 257,135
United States of America, the	4,162,903	831,735	– 29.0	8,774,779	1,903,188	– 8.0	– 4,611,876	– 1,071,453
Puerto Rico (Associated to the United States)	65,515	4,977	80.0	58,504	11,553	– 12.0	7,010	– 6,576
Uruguay	1,659,004	360,127	– 9.0	453,601	99,638	– 25.0	1,205,402	260,490
Free trade zone Colonia (Uruguay)	8,365	2,253	3.0	22,361	4,677	66.0	– 13,996	– 2,424
Free trade zone Florida (Uruguay)	–	9	///	–	–	–	–	9
Free trade zone Libertad (Uruguay)	1,127	1,349	///	–	–	–	1,127	1,349
Free trade zone Zonamerica (Uruguay)	81,882	16,083	– 8.0	–	10	///	81,882	16,073
Free trade zone Nueva Helvecia (Uruguay)	31	–	– 100.0	155	5	– 94.0	– 123	– 5
Free trade zone Nueva Palmira (Uruguay)	19	–	–	2,257	–	– 100.0	– 2,238	–
Free trade zone Rio Negro (Uruguay)	–	–	–	465	133	49.0	– 465	– 133
Free trade zone Rivera (Uruguay)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Free trade zone San Jose (Uruguay)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Free trade zone Punta Pereira (Uruguay)	–	5	///	8,776	2,519	///	– 8,776	– 2,514
Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of	2,104,811	252,271	– 48.0	9,674	1,284	– 80.0	2,095,137	250,987
Rest	–	–	–	27,842	6,650	14.0	– 27,842	– 6,650
<b>Asia</b>	<b>17,825,492</b>	<b>3,003,101</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>17,334,865</b>	<b>3,764,030</b>	<b>– 9.9</b>	<b>490,627</b>	<b>– 760,930</b>
Afghanistan	1,287	–	– 100.0	23	3	– 80.0	1,264	– 3
Armenia	3,947	3,782	156.0	1	8	///	3,947	3,774
Azerbaijan	6,369	1,350	21.0	27	31	///	6,342	1,319
Bahrain	4,308	993	157.0	990	140	– 3.0	3,318	852
Bangladesh	370,824	55,521	– 13.0	8,646	3,062	58.0	362,178	52,459
Bhutan	–	–	–	2	–	///	– 2	–
Brunei Darussalam	6,014	2,692	///	1	–	– 100.0	6,013	2,692
Cambodia	15,823	3,714	– 22.0	7,403	2,258	– 22.0	8,420	1,456
China	4,595,121	384,250	49.0	10,703,414	2,373,454	– 11.0	– 6,108,293	– 1,989,204
Hong Kong	353,448	67,952	– 22.0	33,475	10,045	– 33.0	319,973	57,907
Macau	19	23	///	364	82	– 57.0	– 345	– 60
Timor - Leste	–	–	–	11	–	– 100.0	– 11	–
Georgia	11,934	775	– 85.0	386	13	– 57.0	11,548	762
India	1,894,827	399,986	– 19.0	695,669	151,314	– 24.0	1,199,158	248,672
Indonesia	1,296,496	293,495	34.0	299,301	68,959	– 11.0	997,195	224,536
Iran, Islamic Republic of	977,636	192,503	45.0	6,088	3	– 96.0	971,548	192,500
Iraq	150,147	32,239	62.0	25	2	///	150,122	32,236
Israel	191,885	56,998	24.0	114,944	23,914	– 3.0	76,941	33,084

**Table 3. (continuation)**

Continent and Country	Exports (FOB)			Imports (CIF)			Balance	
	2014 <sup>e</sup>	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2015 <sup>e</sup>	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the	2014 <sup>*</sup>	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2015 <sup>*</sup>	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the	2014 <sup>*</sup>	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2015 <sup>*</sup>
	Thousand of dollars	Thousand of dollars	previous year %	Thousand of dollars	Thousand of dollars	previous year %	Thousand of dollars	Thousand of dollars
Japan	781,151	164,772	- 26.0	1,374,471	335,148	- 1.0	- 593,321	- 170,376
Jordan	294,158	53,966	- 48.0	2,612	72	- 88.0	291,546	53,895
Kazakhstan	21,826	8,467	- 36.0	17,133	--	- 100.0	4,693	8,467
Korea Republic of, the	513,772	97,187	15.0	902,861	241,684	1.0	- 389,089	- 144,497
Kuwait	53,299	16,332	134.0	8,085	-	- 100.0	45,214	16,332
Kyrgyzstan	455	126	473.0	--	2	///	455	124
Lebanon	135,185	11,966	- 54.0	415	-	- 100.0	134,770	11,966
Malaysia	982,112	220,758	104.0	398,337	74,861	- 29.0	583,776	145,897
Maldives	192	89	170.0	--	-	-	192	89
Myanmar	5,624	3,766	151.0	5,931	1,360	67.0	- 308	2,407
Nepal	4,560	257	///	291	19	- 90.0	4,268	238
Oman	29,436	11,951	///	3,940	880	86.0	25,496	11,071
Pakistan	297,097	31,553	- 54.0	55,067	11,246	- 23.0	242,030	20,306
Philippines, the	694,023	31,643	- 62.0	96,144	19,010	- 35.0	597,879	12,633
Qatar	12,789	1,923	- 3.0	828,767	18,355	///	- 815,979	- 16,432
Saudi Arabia	883,781	69,203	- 80.0	62,597	26,713	///	821,184	42,490
Singapore	146,330	22,099	42.0	191,264	22,637	- 64.0	- 44,935	- 538
Sri Lanka	2,039	651	20.0	7,115	2,305	60.0	- 5,076	- 1,654
Syrian Arab Republic, the	212,560	46,660	41.0	63	-	- 100.0	212,497	46,660
Taiwan	153,626	20,392	- 33.0	466,161	111,475	- 3.0	- 312,534	- 91,083
Tajikistan	372	-	-	--	-	- 100.0	371	-
Thailand	658,434	113,776	- 7.0	814,509	185,601	- 6.0	- 156,075	- 71,825
Turkmenistan	66	-	- 100.0	--	--	35.0	65	--
United Arab Emirates, the	211,109	62,947	41.0	29,741	4,787	- 29.0	181,368	58,160
Uzbekistan	2,020	7,120	///	2,047	1,323	129.0	- 26	5,797
Viet Nam	1,628,198	490,092	75.0	196,463	73,231	46.0	1,431,735	416,861
Yemen	217,438	18,483	- 43.0	67	5	150.0	217,371	18,478
Rest	3,755	649	103.0	16	27	///	3,739	621
<b>Europe</b>	<b>12,333,881</b>	<b>2,383,194</b>	<b>- 10.8</b>	<b>13,632,110</b>	<b>2,675,259</b>	<b>- 22.7</b>	<b>- 1,298,229</b>	<b>- 292,065</b>
Albania	2,653	924	17.0	340	135	///	2,313	789
Austria	14,845	4,683	72.0	195,719	41,742	- 14.0	- 180,874	- 37,059
Belarus	9,752	1,012	- 17.0	11,341	2,009	474.0	- 1,589	- 997
Belgium	314,876	75,676	20.0	417,901	73,501	- 62.0	- 103,025	2,175
Bosnia and Herzegovina	4,171	793	- 42.0	656	133	- 56.0	3,515	661
Bulgaria	105,190	33,372	///	10,322	2,433	- 21.0	94,868	30,938
Croatia	125,711	35,785	498.0	3,156	1,028	8.0	122,555	34,758
Cyprus	16,658	5,984	///	99	2	///	16,559	5,983
Czech Republic, the	55,652	11,909	- 35.0	163,132	43,159	18.0	- 107,480	- 31,249
Denmark	328,829	61,557	- 33.0	163,870	39,602	- 23.0	164,959	21,955
Estonia	6,420	862	- 72.0	13,603	18,579	///	- 7,182	- 17,717
Finland	44,775	3,287	- 40.0	159,517	43,386	14.0	- 114,742	- 40,099
France	340,393	65,563	- 23.0	1,417,349	358,444	5.0	- 1,076,956	- 292,882
Monaco	16	5	///	1,404	346	19.0	- 1,388	- 340
Germany	1,617,304	356,338	- 29.0	3,512,131	723,577	- 11.0	- 1,894,827	- 367,239
Greece	143,025	30,817	- 8.0	48,301	5,842	181.0	94,724	24,976
Hungary	9,750	2,573	- 14.0	110,649	25,145	- 16.0	- 100,900	- 22,572
Iceland	1,549	834	78.0	3,169	115	- 41.0	- 1,620	719
Ireland	259,129	50,752	- 40.0	240,668	53,977	- 6.0	18,462	- 3,225

Table 3. (concluded)

Continent and Country	Exports (FOB)			Imports (CIF)			Balance	
	2014 <sup>e</sup>	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2015 <sup>e</sup>	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2014 <sup>*</sup>	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2015 <sup>*</sup>	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2014 <sup>*</sup>	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2015 <sup>*</sup>
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars	
Italy	1,086,187	203,026	- 10.0	1,628,730	337,585	- 26.0	- 542,543	- 134,559
San Marino	293	-	-	393	55	12.0	- 100	- 55
Latvia	263,162	49,865	11.0	23,342	838	- 91.0	239,821	49,027
Liechtenstein	-	-	-	1,466	268	- 50.0	- 1,466	- 268
Lithuania	63,452	5,249	- 3.0	21,611	550	- 38.0	41,841	4,699
Luxembourg	1,455	243	- 35.0	13,424	3,473	- 5.0	- 11,969	- 3,230
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	5,293	1,124	16.0	7,925	42	- 98.0	- 2,632	1,082
Malta	7,944	286	- 87.0	2,625	347	- 58.0	5,319	- 61
Montenegro	1,355	124	- 74.0	-	-	-	1,355	124
Netherlands, the	1,680,972	287,757	- 38.0	780,386	64,667	- 77.0	900,586	223,090
Norway	16,607	10,221	69.0	162,572	7,380	- 89.0	- 145,965	2,841
Poland	766,524	83,480	- 2.0	196,045	43,059	37.0	570,478	40,421
Portugal	58,842	8,053	- 17.0	105,335	65,589	167.0	- 46,493	- 57,536
Romania	145,163	22,787	- 35.0	74,490	22,305	66.0	70,672	482
Russian Federation, the	775,974	116,398	- 40.0	1,344,204	27,750	- 89.0	- 568,230	88,648
Slovakia	3,754	679	- 23.0	51,432	10,211	- 3.0	- 47,677	- 9,531
Slovenia	3,175	9,384	///	24,912	3,634	- 65.0	- 21,736	5,750
Spain	1,775,214	227,355	- 13.0	1,075,326	212,274	- 23.0	699,888	15,081
Sweden	63,368	10,183	- 72.0	300,860	60,972	- 33.0	- 237,491	- 50,789
Switzerland	582,961	387,502	161.0	528,705	163,454	49.0	54,256	224,048
Serbia	7,098	1,898	41.0	15,962	1,081	- 88.0	- 8,864	817
Territories linked to United Kingdom	263,264	11,620	- 82.0	-	-	- 100.0	263,263	11,620
Turkey	391,682	40,953	48.0	244,667	43,768	- 45.0	147,015	- 2,815
Ukraine	38,799	5,619	- 50.0	10,691	13,172	///	28,108	- 7,553
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the	927,325	155,771	6.0	535,920	159,553	42.0	391,405	- 3,782
Rest	3,319	889	- 15.0	7,760	78	- 98.0	- 4,441	811
<b>Oceania</b>	<b>907,043</b>	<b>118,741</b>	<b>- 41.0</b>	<b>180,021</b>	<b>56,028</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>727,023</b>	<b>62,713</b>
Australia	751,540	95,115	- 40.0	158,523	48,217	5.0	593,017	46,897
Fiji	408	132	- 36.0	8	-	-	400	132
Kiribati	-	-	-	1	-	-	- 1	-
Marshall Islands, the	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Micronesia, Federated States of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nauru	-	-	-	3	-	///	- 3	-
New Zealand	149,887	22,512	- 46.0	21,437	7,785	- 4.0	128,451	14,727
Palau	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papua New Guinea	22	2	- 33.0	4	9	///	18	- 6
Samoa	-	-	-	1	-	- 100.0	- 1	-
Solomon Islands	55	41	52.0	-	-	///	55	40
Territories linked to Australia	-	-	-	-	-	///	-	-
Territories linked to France	5,089	940	- 11.0	-	-	-	5,089	940
Territories linked to the United States	27	-	- 100.0	-	-	-	27	-
Tuvalu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vanuatu	8	-	- 100.0	-	-	-	8	-
Rest	5	-	- 100.0	44	17	///	- 39	- 17
<b>Indeterminate</b>	<b>1,833,311</b>	<b>283,814</b>	<b>- 46.3</b>	<b>705,598</b>	<b>151,707</b>	<b>- 14.2</b>	<b>1,127,713</b>	<b>132,107</b>

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

Section	Exports		Imports	
	2014 <sup>e</sup>	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2015 <sup>e</sup>	2014*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2015*
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
		%		
I Live animals and products of animal origin	7	8	--	--
II Products of vegetable origin	17	17	1	1
III Fats and oils	6	6	--	--
IV Feeding products, beverages and tobacco	24	22	1	2
V Mineral products	6	5	18	8
VI Industrial products	8	7	15	17
VII Plastic, rubber and its manufactures	2	3	6	7
VIII Leathers and leather manufactures (except footwear)	2	2	--	--
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	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	3	6	--	--
XV Common metals and manufactures	3	3	5	7
XVI Machines, instruments and electric material	3	3	26	30
XVII Transport equipment	13	12	16	15
XVIII Optical instruments, medical-surgical precision, watches and music	--	--	3	3
XIX Arms and ammunition	--	--	--	--
XX Commodities and different products	--	--	1	1
XXI Works of art, antiques	--	--	--	--
Special transactions	2	--	1	--

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

Section chapter	Exports (FOB)			Imports (CIF)			Balance
	2014 <sup>e</sup>	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2015 <sup>e</sup>	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2014 <sup>*</sup>	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2015 <sup>*</sup>	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2015 <sup>*</sup>
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars
<b>Total</b>	<b>71,976,731</b>	<b>13,395,000</b>	<b>- 15.6</b>	<b>65,323,492</b>	<b>13,226,833</b>	<b>- 15.9</b>	<b>168,167</b>
<b>I Live animals and products of animal origin</b>	<b>5,339,968</b>	<b>1,072,251</b>	<b>- 16.8</b>	<b>172,600</b>	<b>37,599</b>	<b>- 16.2</b>	<b>1,034,652</b>
1 Live animals	24,772	7,561	0.5	15,329	3,586	- 38.7	3,974
2 Meat and edible meat offal	1,947,069	401,861	- 7.9	38,262	8,067	- 12.2	393,794
3 Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates	1,649,336	339,080	- 0.9	57,018	15,658	14.7	323,422
4 Dairy produce; birds, eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, n.e.s.o.i.	1,640,594	304,823	- 36.8	26,606	2,471	- 68.6	302,352
5 Products of animal origin, n.e.s.o.i.	78,197	18,926	- 2.2	35,384	7,818	- 5.8	11,108
<b>II Products of vegetable origin</b>	<b>12,351,751</b>	<b>2,255,225</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>620,852</b>	<b>143,832</b>	<b>- 5.8</b>	<b>2,111,393</b>
6 Live trees and other plants; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage	3,142	294	8.7	4,763	998	- 3.9	- 705
7 Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers	538,828	133,510	28.4	13,744	3,047	- 4.0	130,463
8 Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melon	1,138,836	221,702	- 24.4	304,328	70,946	- 2.1	150,756
9 Coffee, tea, mate and spices	234,865	56,555	- 10.5	104,946	25,796	31.2	30,759
10 Cereals	5,539,769	1,555,601	26.6	16,974	1,655	- 41.8	1,553,947
11 Milling industry products; malt; starches; inulin; wheat gluten	561,445	144,016	3.6	16,412	3,764	- 11.8	140,253
12 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruits; industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	4,321,588	140,574	- 7.4	76,419	20,868	- 14.3	119,706
13 Lac; gums; resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	6,504	1,299	4.3	78,499	15,236	- 37.2	- 13,938
14 Vegetable plaiting materials and vegetable products, n.e.s.o.i.	6,773	1,673	1.3	4,768	1,521	132.3	152
<b>III Fats and oils</b>	<b>4,527,131</b>	<b>868,354</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>86,842</b>	<b>26,947</b>	<b>68.4</b>	<b>841,407</b>
15 Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes	4,527,131	868,354	7.9	86,842	26,947	68.4	841,407
<b>IV Feeding products, beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>17,082,064</b>	<b>2,906,736</b>	<b>- 10.6</b>	<b>903,143</b>	<b>202,441</b>	<b>- 11.1</b>	<b>2,704,295</b>
16 Edible preparations of meat, fish, crustaceans molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates	115,247	24,612	- 9.6	98,762	30,417	33.3	- 5,805
17 Sugars and sugar confectionary	143,177	35,320	4.8	36,543	9,307	- 14.3	26,013
18 Cocoa and cocoa preparations	154,966	36,290	- 23.3	195,464	46,754	2.1	- 10,464
19 Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; bakers wares	533,319	94,221	- 33.5	25,543	4,956	- 31.6	89,265

Table 5. (continuation)

Section chapter	Exports (FOB)			Imports (CIF)			Balance
	2014 <sup>e</sup>	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2015 <sup>e</sup>	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2014 <sup>*</sup>	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2015 <sup>*</sup>	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2015 <sup>*</sup>
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars
20 Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants	1,084,704	219,058	- 15.7	126,611	28,322	- 12.1	190,736
21 Miscellaneous edible preparations	207,596	45,259	- 13.2	199,684	43,382	- 13.3	1,877
22 Beverages, spirits and vinegar	997,918	241,097	- 3.2	74,427	10,675	- 46.9	230,423
23 Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed	13,537,525	2,176,092	- 9.2	71,161	16,178	5.0	2,159,914
24 Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	307,612	34,785	- 22.0	74,947	12,451	- 46.5	22,335
<b>V Mineral products</b>	<b>4,667,288</b>	<b>701,434</b>	<b>- 58.8</b>	<b>12,127,492</b>	<b>1,112,862</b>	<b>- 56.5</b>	<b>- 411,429</b>
25 Salt; sulfur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	120,035	28,563	- 14.0	221,888	74,288	42.8	- 45,725
26 Ores, slag and ash	1,286,314	219,147	- 55.1	885,621	135,485	- 49.6	83,663
27 Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes	3,260,938	453,724	- 61.5	11,019,984	903,090	- 59.6	- 449,366
<b>VI Industrial products</b>	<b>5,707,118</b>	<b>1,003,648</b>	<b>- 21.7</b>	<b>9,830,450</b>	<b>2,256,593</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>- 1,252,945</b>
28 Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare-earth metals, of radioactive elements or of isotopes	351,524	73,964	- 14.9	739,155	188,503	4.9	- 114,539
29 Organic chemicals	601,844	135,435	- 16.4	3,014,290	707,641	2.4	- 572,206
30 Pharmaceutical products	904,595	209,987	0.9	2,128,477	593,052	18.0	- 383,064
31 Fertilizers	46,955	19,743	- 33.3	843,638	80,247	1.6	- 60,504
32 Tanning or dyeing extracts; tannins and derivatives dyes, pigments and other coloring matter; paints and varnishes; putty and other mastics; inks	172,083	39,352	- 18.1	466,528	109,237	- 10.1	- 69,885
33 Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations	779,653	145,856	- 21.2	460,238	105,626	- 18.5	40,229
34 Soap etc.; lubricating products; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles etc; modeling pastes; dental waxes and dental preparations with a basic of plaster	178,885	35,997	- 32.4	371,104	78,807	- 18.1	- 42,810
35 Albuminoidal substances; modified starches; glues; enzymes	330,208	85,361	8.8	165,008	40,109	- 6.8	45,252
36 Explosives; pyrotechnic products; matches; pyrophoric alloys; certain combustible preparations	4,145	1,931	44.5	26,476	3,760	- 31.2	- 1,830
37 Photographic or cinematographic goods	10,530	513	- 82.3	77,416	18,315	- 7.4	- 17,802
38 Miscellaneous chemical products	2,326,696	255,509	- 40.0	1,538,121	331,296	- 0.5	- 75,787
<b>VII Plastic, rubber and its manufactures</b>	<b>1,738,152</b>	<b>362,066</b>	<b>- 18.9</b>	<b>3,742,992</b>	<b>911,792</b>	<b>- 4.0</b>	<b>- 549,726</b>
39 Plastics and articles thereof	1,378,529	304,901	- 15.2	2,572,958	650,296	1.3	- 345,395
40 Rubber and articles thereof	359,624	57,165	- 33.9	1,170,034	261,496	- 15.2	- 204,331

Table 5. (continuation)

Section chapter	Exports (FOB)			Imports (CIF)			Balance
	2014 <sup>e</sup>	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2015 <sup>e</sup>	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2014*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2015*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2015*
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars
<b>VIII Leathers and leather manufactures (except footwear)</b>	<b>1,144,143</b>	<b>272,466</b>	<b>- 11.0</b>	<b>136,082</b>	<b>37,446</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>235,020</b>
41 Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and leather	1,070,415	256,376	- 10.8	30,741	8,974	9.7	247,402
42 Articles of leather; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of gut	26,326	5,264	- 20.5	104,710	28,160	- 0.5	- 22,897
43 Furskins and artificial fur; manufactures thereof	47,402	10,826	- 11.1	632	312	298.3	10,514
<b>IX Wood, charcoal, cork, cork manufactures, cross-ties of wood</b>	<b>200,311</b>	<b>40,923</b>	<b>- 21.9</b>	<b>163,820</b>	<b>36,505</b>	<b>- 25.9</b>	<b>4,418</b>
44 Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal	199,160	40,850	- 21.7	120,096	28,091	- 26.4	12,759
45 Cork and articles of cork	1,121	70	- 67.8	41,411	7,731	- 25.6	- 7,660
46 Manufactures of straw, esparto or other plaiting materials; Basket-ware and wickerwork	31	3	- 71.3	2,314	683	- 1.1	- 681
<b>X Wood pulp, paper, paperboard</b>	<b>480,224</b>	<b>126,764</b>	<b>- 3.2</b>	<b>1,116,932</b>	<b>282,398</b>	<b>- 3.5</b>	<b>- 155,634</b>
47 Pulp of wood or other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap) paper and paperboard	146,943	44,597	17.2	125,390	27,841	9.7	16,756
48 Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard	277,509	69,869	- 9.5	923,098	230,954	- 6.8	- 161,085
49 Printed books, newspapers, pictures and other printed products; manuscripts, typescripts and plans	55,772	12,298	- 21.8	68,445	23,602	20.5	- 11,305
<b>XI Textile stuff and manufactures</b>	<b>613,233</b>	<b>118,285</b>	<b>- 20.4</b>	<b>1,387,253</b>	<b>342,595</b>	<b>- 7.7</b>	<b>- 224,310</b>
50 Silk, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof	40	5	- 50.5	2,233	515	4.9	- 510
51 Wool and fine or coarse animal hair, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof; horsehair yarn and woven	199,480	54,959	- 11.3	6,811	1,700	- 8.0	53,259
52 Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof	152,817	12,992	- 20.5	119,649	25,914	- 25.1	- 12,922
53 Vegetable textile fibers nesoi; yarns and woven fabrics of vegetable textile fibers nesoi and paper	117	14	- 27.2	4,939	1,128	1.4	- 1,114
54 Manmade filaments, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof	65,730	9,711	- 52.7	199,455	46,501	- 10.7	- 36,790
55 Manmade staple fibers, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof	3,948	830	- 22.7	266,484	59,923	- 10.2	- 59,094
56 Wadding, felt and nonwovens; special yarns; twine, cordage, ropes and cables and articles thereof	72,311	15,726	- 11.4	129,413	30,437	- 7.9	- 14,710
57 Carpets and other textile floor coverings	8,048	1,695	- 24.1	17,973	2,389	- 43.3	- 695
58 Special woven fabrics; tufted textile fabrics; lace; tapestries; trimmings; embroidery	2,474	436	- 25.9	30,088	6,152	- 19.1	- 5,716
59 Impregnated, coated, covered or laminated textile fabrics; textile articles suitable for industrial use	11,819	2,913	1.6	91,019	24,189	6.4	- 21,277
60 Knitted or crocheted fabrics	10,610	1,913	- 38.8	169,968	56,449	25.5	- 54,535
61 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted	38,516	8,157	- 1.5	105,214	25,310	- 24.6	- 17,152
62 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted	34,960	6,187	- 42.5	175,857	44,348	- 8.1	- 38,161

Table 5. (continuation)

Section chapter	Exports (FOB)			Imports (CIF)			Balance
	2014 <sup>e</sup>	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2015 <sup>e</sup>	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2014*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2015*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2015*
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars
63 Made-up textile articles nesoi; needlecraft sets; worn clothing and worn textile articles; rags	12,363	2,747	- 8.5	68,149	17,641	- 12.8	- 14,893
<b>XII Footwear, umbrellas, artificial flowers and others</b>	<b>26,577</b>	<b>4,690</b>	<b>- 28.6</b>	<b>418,428</b>	<b>123,013</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>- 118,324</b>
64 Footwear, gaiters and the like; parts of such articles	24,809	4,282	- 30.0	388,022	115,241	14.9	- 110,959
65 Headgear and parts thereof	1,522	371	- 11.1	17,011	4,363	- 4.8	- 3,992
66 Umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof	178	8	- 72.8	8,355	1,727	- 10.3	- 1,719
67 Prepared feathers and down and articles thereof; artificial flowers; articles of human hair	68	29	174.3	5,039	1,683	42.8	- 1,654
<b>XIII Stone manufactures, plaster, cement, amianthus, mica,ceramic, glass</b>	<b>141,306</b>	<b>33,104</b>	<b>- 9.6</b>	<b>543,081</b>	<b>132,256</b>	<b>- 4.0</b>	<b>- 99,152</b>
68 Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials	74,464	16,729	- 17.9	116,216	29,065	- 1.1	- 12,335
69 Ceramic products	30,298	7,469	6.0	133,066	38,297	14.6	- 30,828
70 Glass and glassware	36,544	8,906	- 3.2	293,798	64,895	- 13.5	- 55,989
<b>XIV Fine pearls, stones and precious metals, coins and others</b>	<b>2,198,959</b>	<b>753,848</b>	<b>37.8</b>	<b>103,605</b>	<b>29,705</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>724,144</b>
71 Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semiprecious stones, precious metals; precious metal clad metals, and articles thereof; imitation jewelry; coin	2,198,959	753,848	37.8	103,605	29,705	19.3	724,144
<b>XV Common metals and manufactures</b>	<b>2,410,465</b>	<b>467,203</b>	<b>- 18.8</b>	<b>3,438,936</b>	<b>891,511</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>- 424,308</b>
72 Iron and steel	430,950	85,761	- 3.0	1,001,097	283,411	- 3.5	- 197,651
73 Articles of iron or steel	1,149,080	190,827	- 37.7	1,042,075	268,126	9.2	- 77,299
74 Copper and articles thereof	16,078	3,098	- 31.4	409,018	100,732	- 2.0	- 97,634
75 Nickel and articles thereof	51	20	- 34.3	30,069	9,214	9.0	- 9,194
76 Aluminum and articles thereof	675,349	162,718	13.3	320,072	67,159	- 17.0	95,559
78 Lead and articles thereof	49,319	7,208	- 42.6	1,442	245	- 42.2	6,963
79 Zinc and articles thereof	6,907	708	- 54.3	21,032	6,309	59.2	- 5,601
80 Tin and articles thereof	39	43	///	17,205	4,801	4.2	- 4,758
81 Base metals nesoi; cermets; articles thereof	2,845	807	13.0	19,519	5,539	0.7	- 4,732
82 Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof of base metal	34,288	5,955	- 5.4	297,663	78,992	12.6	- 73,037
83 Miscellaneous articles of base metal	45,558	10,059	- 13.2	279,744	66,982	- 6.6	- 56,924
<b>XVI Machines, instruments and electric material</b>	<b>2,007,739</b>	<b>400,051</b>	<b>- 29.7</b>	<b>16,797,739</b>	<b>3,938,818</b>	<b>- 7.7</b>	<b>- 3,538,767</b>
84 Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	1,693,561	342,341	- 30.6	9,591,095	2,265,088	- 6.3	- 1,922,747
85 Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television recorder	314,178	57,709	- 23.6	7,206,644	1,673,729	- 9.6	- 1,616,020

Table 5. (concluded)

Section chapter	Exports (FOB)			Imports (CIF)			Balance
	2014 <sup>e</sup>	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2015 <sup>e</sup>	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2014 <sup>*</sup>	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2015 <sup>*</sup>	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2015 <sup>*</sup>
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars
<b>XVII Transport equipment</b>	<b>9,135,897</b>	<b>1,646,861</b>	<b>- 22.3</b>	<b>10,404,561</b>	<b>1,939,826</b>	<b>- 24.7</b>	<b>- 292,965</b>
86 Railway or tramway locomotives, rolling stock, track fixtures and fittings, and parts thereof; mechanical	10,555	2,584	- 19.9	716,734	14,443	- 85.2	- 11,858
87 Vehicles, other than railway or tramway rolling stock, and parts and accessories thereof	8,846,495	1,629,873	- 21.8	8,759,673	1,758,751	- 28.4	- 128,879
88 Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof	227,794	4,412	- 84.2	844,050	160,847	///	- 156,435
89 Ships, boats and floating structures	51,053	9,992	73.0	84,104	5,785	- 63.4	4,207
<b>XVIII Optical instruments, medical-surgical precision, watches and music</b>	<b>163,954</b>	<b>34,038</b>	<b>- 19.9</b>	<b>1,699,166</b>	<b>435,158</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>- 401,120</b>
90 Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; parts and accessories thereof	151,145	33,384	- 14.3	1,612,951	412,996	1.4	- 379,612
91 Clocks and watches and parts thereof	9,046	288	- 89.6	54,773	13,868	4.0	- 13,580
92 Musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof	3,763	366	- 50.4	31,443	8,294	9.3	- 7,928
<b>XIX Arms and ammunition</b>	<b>13,040</b>	<b>1,636</b>	<b>- 62.7</b>	<b>15,392</b>	<b>3,945</b>	<b>53.2</b>	<b>- 2,310</b>
93 Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof	13,040	1,636	- 62.7	15,392	3,945	53.2	- 2,310
<b>XX Commodities and different products</b>	<b>187,116</b>	<b>39,800</b>	<b>- 18.1</b>	<b>905,749</b>	<b>189,528</b>	<b>- 9.8</b>	<b>- 149,728</b>
94 Furniture; bedding, cushions, etc.; lamps and Lighting fittings n.e.s.o.i.; illuminated signs, nameplates and the like; prefabricated buildings	79,315	14,861	- 25.2	363,658	81,610	- 18.2	- 66,748
95 Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof	9,181	3,313	- 2.1	343,160	56,827	- 8.7	- 53,514
96 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	98,620	21,625	- 14.7	198,932	51,091	6.3	- 29,466
<b>XXI Works of art, antiques</b>	<b>2,476</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>118.2</b>	<b>1,367</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>- 60.8</b>	<b>720</b>
97 Works of art-collectors pieces and antiques	2,476	843	118.2	1,367	124	- 60.8	720
<b>Special transactions</b>	<b>1,837,822</b>	<b>284,775</b>	<b>- 46.2</b>	<b>707,008</b>	<b>151,940</b>	<b>- 14.2</b>	<b>132,835</b>
Transportation fuel supply	1,713,129	253,941	- 48.7	466,362	88,255	- 30.5	165,685
Other shipping stores	92,440	24,304	- 9.9	30,567	8,074	- 4.8	16,230
Residual	2,043	331	169.0	-	-	-	331
Couriers	25,699	5,238	- 12.7	208,669	55,378	33.8	- 50,140
Samples	4,511	961	- 27.7	1,410	233	- 34.7	728

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

Groups of commodities	2014 <sup>e</sup>	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2015 <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>71,977</b>	<b>13,395</b>	<b>- 15.6</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	12,467	1,936	- 9.8
120190 Soya beans, whether or not broken (excluding seeds)	3,828	31	7.8
100590 Corn (maize), excluding seeds	3,460	750	194.6
150710 Soybean oil and its fractions not chemically modified, crude, whether or not degummed	3,445	650	18.3
870421 Motor vehicles, for the transport of goods, with compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semidiesel) gvw not over 5 metric tons	3,343	652	- 9.0
710812 Gold unwrought forms	1,944	696	40.5
270900 Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals crude	1,618	211	- 66.9
382600 Biodiesel and mixtures thereof, not containing or containing less than 70 percent by weight of petroleum oils or oils obtained from bituminous materials	1,374	69	- 67.4
870321 Other vehicles, of a cylinder capacity not exceeding 1,000 cc	1,243	185	- 26.2
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	1,204	182	- 41.0
260300 Copper ores and concentrates	935	147	- 60.6
030617 Shrimps and prawns, (excluding cold-water shrimps and prawns). Frozen	807	143	6.9
271012 Lights oils and preparations	800	95	- 53.4
220421 Wine of fresh grapes excluding grape of heading 2009 in containers holding 2 liters or less	787	186	- 1.1
730429 Casing and tubing pipes, seamless, of a kind used in drilling for oil or gas, of iron (except cast iron) or steel, n.e.s.o.i.	775	125	- 40.5
040221 Milk and cream, concretated not sweetened, in powder, granules or other solid forms, of a fat content, by weight, exceeding 1,5%	765	132	- 43.3
870431 Motor vehicles for the transport of goods. Other, with spark-ignition internal combustion piston engine not exceeding 5 metric tons	727	156	14.8
100390 Barley , excluding seeds	716	215	- 55.9
020130 Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled: boneless	704	147	- 9.3
870840 Gear boxes for motor vehicles	680	160	- 13.9
100199 Wheat or meslin (excluding durum wheat and others seeds )	649	433	60.8
410441 Full grain, unsplit, grain splits tanned or crust hides and skins of bovine or equine animals, without hair on, whether or not split, but not further prepared	523	138	8.8
870333 Motor cars and other motors vehicles of a cylinder capacity exceeding 2,500 cc	445	96	- 10.9
300490 Medicaments, in measured doses, etc., (excluding vaccines etc) coated bandages etc., and pharmaceutical goods, n.e.s.o.i.	432	97	- 7.6
080830 Pears, fresh	407	140	- 27.1
200811 Peanuts (ground-nuts)	403	104	1.6
230990 Other preparations of a kind used in animal feeding	394	80	- 33.4
020230 Meat of bovine animals frozen: boneless	394	105	58.0

Table 6. (concluded)

Groups of commodities		2014 <sup>e</sup>	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2015 <sup>e</sup>	
		Millions of dollars	Millions of dollars	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %
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	386	58	- 64.1
330720	Personal deodorants and antiperspirants	386	72	- 28.8
020712	Meat of fowls of the species <i>Gallus domesticus</i> ( the poultry of heading 01.05.) .Not cut in pieces, frozen	377	46	- 54.3
110710	Malt, not roasted	359	78	- 22.4
151211	Sunflower-seed or safflower oil, and fractions thereof, crude, not chemically modified	302	64	11.3
271112	Propane	301	65	- 55.6
230250	Bran, sharps (middlings) and other residues, whether or not in the form of pellets, derived from of leguminous plants	297	54	18.8
071333	Kidney beans, including white pea beans ( <i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> )	292	50	///
760110	Aluminum, not alloyed	286	64	19.0
380893	Herbicides, anti-sprouting products and plant-growth regulators	284	50	- 30.6
840820	Compression-ignition internal combustion piston engines (diesel or semidiesel), for the propulsion of vehicles of chapter 87	271	57	- 37.8
240120	Tobacco partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	264	25	- 28.0
710691	Silver (including silver plated with gold or platinum), unwrought	249	57	14.4
870210	Motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons, including the driver: with compression-ignition	242	27	- 45.3
760120	Aluminum alloys	240	68	23.1
261610	Silver ores and concentrates	225	64	- 3. 0
030474	Hake ( <i>Merluccius</i> spp., <i>Urophycis</i> spp.)	223	38	- 32.6
040900	Natural honey	216	48	- 21.0
100510	Corn (maize): seed	208	40	- 70.9
190110	Preparations for infant use, put up for retail sale. Malt extract; food preparations of flour, groats, meal, starch or malt extract	205	44	- 13.8
120242	Ground-nuts, not roasted or otherwise cooked,shelled, whether or not broken (excluding seeds)	205	50	15.1
020714	"Cuts and edible offal of fowls of the species <i>Gallus domesticus</i> ( the poultry of heading 01.05). Frozen"	204	45	13.5
Rest		20,689	4,172	- 21.3

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

Groups of commodities		2014*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2015 *	
		Millions of dollars	Millions of dollars	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %
<b>Total</b>		<b>65,324</b>	<b>13,227</b>	<b>- 15.9</b>
271019	Other petroleum products, n.e.s.o.i.	3,633	227	- 78.5
271111	Natural gas liquefied	3,460	295	- 53.5
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	2,457	440	- 36.5
271121	Natural gas, gaseous	2,433	171	///
851770	Parts of telephone sets	1,355	261	- 28.7
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	948	158	- 47.3
300490	Medicaments, in measured doses, etc. (excluding vaccines etc), coated bandages etc., and pharmaceutical goods, n.e.s.o.i.	782	228	19.9
880240	Airplanes and other airgraf, of an unladen weight exceeding 15,000 kg	758	146	///
870840	Gear boxes for motor vehicles	753	157	- 10.0
870829	Other parts and accessories of bodies (including cabs)	676	152	- 18.8
293190	Other Dithionites and sulfoxylates	674	140	- 5.9
300210	Antisera and other blood obtained by means of biotechnological processes	674	202	48.6
852990	Other printed circuit assemblies	598	105	- 59.3
260112	Iron ores and concetrates, other than roasted iron pyrites, agglomerated	549	96	- 45.8
851762	Machines for the reception, conversion and transmission or regeneration of voice, images or other data	501	158	40.5
870899	Other parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 8701 to 8705	471	107	- 8.2
271012	Lights oils and preparations	448	9	- 96.7
840999	Parts for use with compression-ignition internal combustion piston engines, n.e.s.o.i.	447	90	- 26.2
380893	Herbicides, anti-sprouting products and plant-growth regulators	418	63	- 20.3
271600	Electrical energy	415	72	- 39.5
860310	Self-propelled railway or tramway coaches, vans and trucks, powered from an external source of electricity	386	4	- 46.9
870850	Drive axles with differential, whether or not provided with other transmission components	348	80	- 4.6
870422	Motor vehicles for the transport of good, g.v.w. Exceeding 5 metric tons but not exceeding 20 metric tons	328	71	- 33.7
840734	Spark ignition reciprocating or rotary internal combustion piston engines of a cylinder capacity not over 1,000 cc	328	81	- 8.1

Table 7. (concluded)

Groups of commodities		2014*	Accumulated Jan-Mar 2015*	
		Millions of dollars	Millions of dollars	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %
850300	Parts suitable for use solely or principally with the machines of heading electric motors and generators or electric generating sets and rotary converters	326	5	- 87.7
270900	Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals crude	318	61	- 7.9
310540	Ammonium hydrogen orthophosphate	293	30	9.5
870120	Road tractors for semi-trailers	286	68	- 23.1
840820	Compression-ignition internal combustion piston engines (diesel or semidiesel), for the propulsion of vehicles of chapter 87	284	61	- 25.4
860500	Railway or tramway passenger coaches, not self-propelled: luggage vans, post office coaches and other special purpose railway or tramway coaches, not self-propelled (excluding those of heading 8604)	284	2	- 97.1
871120	With reciprocating internal combustion piston engine of a cylinder capacity exceeding 50 cc but not exceeding 250 cc	282	43	- 58.1
390110	Polythylene having a specific gravity of less than 0,94 in primary forms	281	68	- 2.4
382490	Chemical products and preparations of the chemical or allied industries, n.e.s.o.i.	281	61	- 7.4
843049	Other machinery for earth, minerals or ores	273	107	39.0
870421	Motor vehicles, for the transport of goods, with compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semidiesel) gvw not over 5 metric tons	265	21	- 75.6
848180	Other appliances: hand operated	260	65	10.4
841430	Compressors of a kind used in refrigerating equipment (including air conditioning)	257	55	6.2
847330	Parts and accessories for automatic data processing machines and units thereof magnetic or optical reader, transcribing machines, list n.e.s.o.i.	253	39	- 48.3
870431	Motor vehicles for the transport of goods. Other, with spark-ignition internal combustion piston engine not exceeding 5 metric tons	246	59	- 28.6
270112	Bituminous coal	237	59	- 8.6
903289	Other instruments and apparatus	235	67	19.4
281820	Aluminium oxide, except artificial corundum, n.e.s.o.i.	230	60	- 4.5
841199	Other parts of turbojets or turbopropellers	219	48	5.0
870830	Brakes and servo-brakes; parts thereof	217	50	- 13.9
080390	Other Bananas	214	52	- 0.8
260111	Iron ores concentrate, other than roasted iron pyrites, non agglomerated	210	24	- 39.2
844399	Other printing machinery used for printing by means of plates, cylinders and other printing components of heading 8442	206	37	- 17.0
392690	Other articles of plastics and articles of other materials of headings 3901 to 3914	205	47	- 5.8
390120	Polyethylene having a specific gravity of 0,94 or more, in primary forms allied industries, n.e.s.o.i.	201	44	- 6.4
401120	New pneumatic tires, of rubber: Of a kind used on buses or trucks	198	45	- 21.6
Rest		34,921	8,438	- 2.5