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## I N T R O D U C T I O N

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

This publication has been prepared to offer in a synthetical manner the performance of the argentine international trade in order to provide updated information to the world community.

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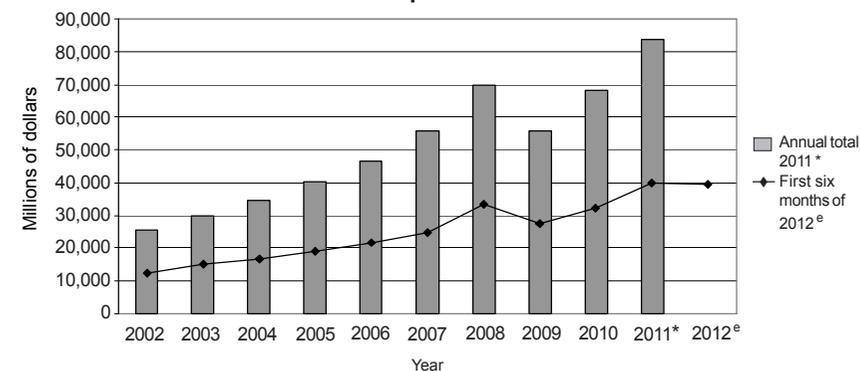
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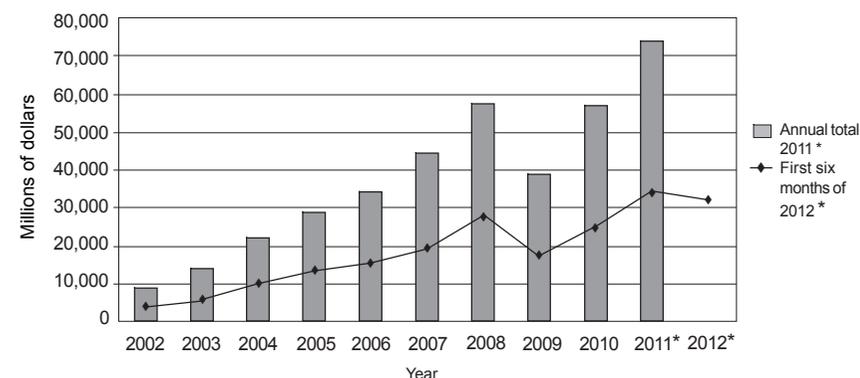
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### Exports



### Imports



# CONCEPTUAL AND METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

## Basic Information

INDEC foreign trade statistics are based on the customs declaration forms that register imports and exports of goods.

Since 1995, complementary sources of information have been incorporated because of the lack of customs declaration forms regarding certain exports and imports transactions which should be included in the foreign trade statistics; this is the case of trade on electrical energy by binational entities such as Salto Grande, Yaciretá and others.

The customs declaration forms are registered in an interactive entry system which controls the validity of the data, and allows to detect not received documentation in order to claim them to the customs.

## Statistics Coverage

The primary objective of the official statistics on ARGENTINE FOREIGN TRADE is to measure the change in the stock of material resources of the country resulting from the movement of merchandises into or out Argentina.

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

In ordinary transactions importers and exporters receive or send merchandises through usual change operations and have no transportation peculiarities. These operations are included in the statistics and are classified since 1995 according to the MERCOSUR Common Nomenclature also based on the Harmonized System.

There are some transactions of special treatment which are also included in the statistics such as:

- samples
- donations
- temporary admission of goods for processing
- no tangible objects as natural gas or electricity

Special treatment transactions excluded from statistics are:

- goods consigned by the government to their representatives abroad
- monetary gold
- luggage and personal belongings of international passengers

- goods in transit
- military goods
- trade between the continental Argentine territory and Tierra del Fuego Special Customs Area.

## COMMERCIAL SYSTEM

The national compilation of the international merchandise trade statistics is based on the special system (except electricity and trade between the continental territory and the Special Customs Area) by which imports and exports are registered on their way through customs, according to the United Nations Statistical Office definition. On the contrary, those countries which use the general trade system, register the transactions when goods cross the boundary of the national territory. This concept implies that the statistical frontier coincides with the geographic limits of the country, while for the special system the statistical border is the customs frontier.

## STATISTICAL PERIOD

For the compilation of imports, the statistical period corresponds to the dispatch time independently from the arrival of the merchandises to the country; at the same time, exports are registered according to the final load for shipment date.

## VALUES

The value assigned to exports is FOB-type value (free on board), on the port or loading place of the merchandises. It means that the transaction price also includes the cost to deliver goods to the port or loading place.

The imports are registered on a CIF-type basis, although it is also available information on imports FOB valued. The CIF value includes the FOB value plus the freight and insurance (duties are excluded) to deliver the merchandise from the port or loading place, to the first port or place of arrival in Argentina.

The values expressed in different currency from american dollars are converted to that currency according to the monthly average exchange rate, elaborated by the Banco de la Nación Argentina (buyer for the exports, seller for the imports).

## TRADING PARTNER

Imports can be classified according to the country of consignment or origin. The definitions recommended by the Customs Cooperation Council are:

Country of consignment is the place "from which merchandises were initially dispatched to the importer country with no commercial intermediaries".

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

Traditionally, INDEC has published imports data according to the consignment country. Starting in 1995, the country of origin is officially used to define the Argentine imports partner country, even when the information according to the country of consignment will continue being elaborated. Data according to the country of origin is available from 1987. Exports are classified according to the country of destination.

Country of destination is the place "declared at the moment of shipment as the country where finally merchandises will be delivered".

For the imports and exports statistics, data by country are grouped in two different manners: by continent or by an specific economic area.

Since January 2001, the INDEC has introduced a metodological change in the registration of foreign trade statistics in response to the relevant international recommendations. These changes will contribute to the harmonization of economic statistics and the improvement of their international comparability.

The implemented changes apply only to the foreign trade operations in customs-free zones. In the former system of special registration, applied until 2000, imports included the goods passing from customs-free zones to the customs controlled territory. Under the current system the goods are registered upon their entrance to the free zones. Similarly, in the former system exports included the goods leaving customs controlled territory and entering the free zones. With the current system, the goods are registered as exports when they leave the free zone bound for a foreign destination.

This decision applies to foreign trade statistics since 1997, when the first customs-free zones started operating in Argentina. For this reason, as previously announced, the INDEC will inform in its yearly publication, "Comercio Exterior Argentino", year 2000, the corrections covering the Argentine foreign trade for 1997-1999.

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

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

Period	Exports (FOB)			Imports (CIF)			Balance	
	2011*	Accumulated Jan-Jun 2012 <sup>e</sup>	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2011*	Accumulated Jan-Jun 2012*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2011*	Accumulated Jan-Jun 2012*
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars	
<b>Total</b>	<b>83,950,205</b>	<b>39,646,700</b>	<b>- 1.1</b>	<b>73,936,537</b>	<b>32,310,889</b>	<b>- 5.7</b>	<b>10,013,668</b>	<b>7,335,811</b>
Mercosur	20,777,412	9,268,070	- 6.4	23,092,909	9,074,784	- 15.5	- 2,315,498	193,286
NAFTA	7,616,281	3,376,173	3.1	10,939,004	5,420,264	3.6	- 3,322,723	- 2,044,091
Union Europea	14,166,372	5,914,583	- 13.6	11,616,841	6,184,443	12.6	2,549,531	- 269,860
Asean, Korea Republican, China								
Japan and India	13,872,646	6,557,562	- -	16,043,095	6,621,536	- 7.7	- 2,170,450	- 63,974
MAGREB and Egypt	4,230,695	1,905,160	- 14.5	227,752	70,125	- 30.4	4,002,943	1,835,036
Rest	23,286,799	12,625,151	11.8	12,016,935	4,939,737	- 10.6	11,269,864	7,685,414

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

Country of destination	Exports (FOB)		Country of origin	Imports (CIF)	
	2011* %	Accumulated Jan-Jun 2012 <sup>e</sup>		2011* %	Accumulated Jan-Jun 2012*
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Brazil	21	19	Brazil	29	26
Chile	6	6	China	14	13
China	7	6	United States of America (the)	10	12
United States of America (the)	5	5	Germany	5	6
Spain	4	3	Mexico	3	3
Colombia	2	3	Trinidad and Tobago	2	3
Netherlands (the)	3	3	France	2	2
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	2	3	Russian Federation (the)	1	2
Germany	3	3	Spain	2	2
Peru	2	3	Italy	2	2
Rest	45	46	Rest	29	29

**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>6,369,265</b>	<b>3,148,231</b>	<b>- 5.3</b>	<b>654,629</b>	<b>253,753</b>	<b>- 19.3</b>	<b>5,714,636</b>	<b>2,894,478</b>
Algeria	1,698,271	733,988	- 6.0	3,521	4	- 92.0	1,694,750	733,984
Angola	221,213	98,746	17.0	18	6	- 67.0	221,195	98,740
Benin	5,158	2,424	72.0	-	-	///	5,158	2,423
Botswana	1	-	- 100.0	-	-	- 75.0	1	-
Burkina Faso	1,994	585	- 15.0	5	-	- 9.0	1,989	584
Burundi	670	-	-	-	1	///	670	- 1
Cameroon	43,034	17,679	- 21.0	413	21	- 91.0	42,621	17,658
Cape Verde	8,497	2,533	- 14.0	2	-	436.0	8,496	2,533
Central African Republic (the)	98	-	- 100.0	-	-	-	98	-
Chad	1,500	599	- 45.0	104	92	114.0	1,396	507
Comoros (the)	246	775	///	16	10	400.0	229	765
Congo (the)	47,841	17,084	- 35.0	115	29	- 75.0	47,725	17,055
Côte D'Ivoire	23,184	20,460	257.0	1,773	889	- 28.0	21,411	19,571
Democratic Republic of the Congo (the)	38,985	24,385	11.0	-	105	///	38,985	24,279
Djibouti	10,505	40,168	///	-	-	-	10,505	40,168
Egypt	1,737,989	622,561	- 34.0	74,043	2,392	- 74.0	1,663,946	620,169
Equatorial Guinea	18,347	12,698	337.0	3	-	-	18,345	12,698
Eritrea	-	101	///	-	1	///	-	99
Ethiopia	988	363	89.0	142	240	///	845	123
Gabon	8,368	4,739	39.0	573	729	109.0	7,794	4,010
Gambia, the	1,458	326	- 42.0	-	3	///	1,458	323
Ghana	19,074	21,027	190.0	470	19	///	18,604	21,008
Ghinea	1,804	867	73.0	3	4	300.0	1,801	863
Guinea-Bissau	493	-	- 100.0	-	-	-	493	-
Kenya	45,833	94,318	292.0	464	43	- 79.0	45,369	94,275
Lesotho	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liberia	4,063	2,153	25.0	-	-	///	4,063	2,153
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (the)	60,521	49,661	34.0	-	-	///	60,521	49,661
Madagascar	4,322	4,386	///	481	284	18.0	3,841	4,102
Malawi	847	779	///	2,776	3,058	26.0	- 1,929	- 2,279
Mali	13,480	2,763	- 40.0	-	-	///	13,480	2,762
Mauritania	16,710	29,392	120.0	1	1	56.0	16,710	29,391
Mauritius	71,840	37,959	2.0	202	58	- 40.0	71,638	37,901
Morocco	433,659	384,350	34.0	143,385	63,069	- 29.0	290,274	321,282
Mozambique	102,059	42,478	- 7.0	2,508	1,270	- 49.0	99,551	41,208
Namibia	6,321	10,291	183.0	21	4	- 76.0	6,300	10,287
Niger (the)	23,478	5,150	- 44.0	196	-	- 3.0	23,282	5,149
Nigeria	86,627	71,855	48.0	207,437	57,000	- 23.0	- 120,809	14,855
Rwanda	1,524	2,399	///	-	-	-	1,524	2,399
Senegal	101,889	58,476	34.0	52	92	///	101,837	58,384
Sierra Leone	3,889	1,694	- 26.0	9	-	- 99.0	3,880	1,694
Somalia	-	-	-	78	2	335.0	- 78	- 2
South Africa	1,128,128	544,089	- 15.0	204,929	118,570	- 9.0	923,199	425,518

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Sudan (the)	8,382	3,792	1.0	211	10	- 92.0	8,171	3,782
Swaziland	-	-	-	46	10	- 78.0	- 46	- 10
Territories linked to France	12,227	9,308	32.0	-	-	///	12,227	9,308
Territories linked to Spain	1,458	657	29.0	-	-	-	1,458	657
Territories linked to United Kingdom	36	189	425.0	-	-	-	36	189
Togo	3,184	3,270	134.0	-	-	///	3,183	3,269
Tunisia	283,545	85,208	- 52.0	6,803	4,659	58.0	276,742	80,549
Uganda	8,440	6,449	///	30	1	- 97.0	8,410	6,448
United Republic of Tanzania (the)	47,179	65,840	82.0	9	23	///	47,170	65,817
Zambia	708	945	428.0	251	-	- 100.0	457	945
Zimbabwe	9,095	7,711	107.0	3,450	992	- 46.0	5,645	6,718
Rest	105	565	///	90	60	- 75.0	15	506
<b>America</b>	<b>40,927,857</b>	<b>19,694,264</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>38,848,602</b>	<b>16,733,763</b>	<b>- 7.2</b>	<b>2,079,255</b>	<b>2,960,501</b>
Antigua and Barbuda	599	308	24.0	-	-	///	599	308
Aruba	3,880	1,743	- 19.0	24,078	-	-	- 20,198	1,743
Bahamas (the)	1,710	33,666	///	5,245	3,315	49.0	- 3,536	30,351
Barbados	3,513	1,182	- 16.0	24	-	- 100.0	3,489	1,182
Belize	414	179	- 1.0	24	2	- 92.0	390	176
Bolivia	757,346	378,211	- 1.0	629,204	539,858	113.0	128,142	- 161,647
Free trade zone Winner (Bolivia)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brazil	17,344,771	7,639,650	- 8.0	21,798,216	8,530,837	- 16.0	- 4,453,445	- 891,187
Free trade zone Manaus (Brazil)	1,552	164	- 75.0	146,210	53,282	- 28.0	- 144,657	- 53,118
Canada	2,391,393	921,421	- 10.0	626,554	258,239	- 32.0	1,764,839	663,182
Chile	4,839,724	2,514,550	19.0	1,092,800	483,690	- 6.0	3,746,924	2,030,860
Free trade zone Iquique (Chile)	270	68	- 73.0	-	-	-	270	68
Free trade zone Punta Arenas (Chile)	2,819	946	- 5.0	-	-	-	2,819	946
Colombia	1,811,885	1,155,777	27.0	241,563	138,265	54.0	1,570,322	1,017,511
Free trade zone Pacific (Colombia)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Costa Rica	139,551	26,386	- 33.0	47,948	22,033	6.0	91,604	4,354
Cuba	112,735	66,827	27.0	8,835	4,838	13.0	103,900	61,990
Dominica	414	281	38.0	5	4	- 20.0	409	277
Dominican Republic	231,997	151,704	52.0	3,246	1,514	- 8.0	228,751	150,190
Ecuador	484,905	268,275	33.0	209,751	110,186	15.0	275,154	158,090
El Salvador	14,846	19,244	176.0	581	161	- 63.0	14,265	19,082
Grenada	611	212	37.0	-	-	///	611	211
Guatemala	99,619	82,053	87.0	13,267	2,236	- 78.0	86,352	79,817
Guyana	1,787	900	107.0	1	2	///	1,786	898
Haiti	31,489	13,417	- 35.0	73	34	- 15.0	31,417	13,383
Honduras	24,068	12,376	9.0	1,760	197	- 88.0	22,308	12,179
Jamaica	10,228	5,609	11.0	18	6	-	10,209	5,603
Mexico	921,221	451,987	- 2.0	2,533,167	1,096,480	- 12.0	- 1,611,945	- 644,493
Netherlands Antilles	15,577	4,214	- 25.0	4,607	1,961	- 16.0	10,970	2,254
Nicaragua	35,517	12,062	- 9.0	268	89	9.0	35,248	11,973
Panama	167,466	69,558	- 22.0	1,779	175	- 89.0	165,687	69,383
Free trade zone Colon (Panama)	18,105	10,637	38.0	21	-	- 100.0	18,084	10,637
Paraguay	1,367,068	642,586	-	515,026	220,596	- 13.0	852,042	421,991

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	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars	
Peru	1,809,948	992,846	9.0	163,212	69,050	- 5.0	1,646,737	923,796
Saint Lucia	913	120,743	///	5	2	-	908	120,741
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	515	270	17.0	-	-	-	515	270
Saint Kitts and Nevis	286	185	106.0	130	32	- 75.0	156	153
Surinam	11,607	5,218	- 3.0	-	2	///	11,607	5,216
Territories linked to Denmark	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Territories linked to France	1,045	416	- 34.0	1	--	- 3.0	1,044	416
Territories linked to Netherlands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Territories linked to United Kingdom	2,485	586	- 72.0	7	-	- 100.0	2,478	586
Territories linked to the United States	181	35	- 56.0	-	--	///	181	35
Trinidad and Tobago	26,501	8,953	- 22.0	1,275,218	828,503	80.0	- 1,248,716	- 819,550
United States of America (the)	4,250,231	1,983,424	11.0	7,700,275	4,020,407	13.0	- 3,450,044	- 2,036,983
Puerto Rico (Associated to the United States)	53,253	19,291	54.0	79,008	45,138	13.0	- 25,755	- 25,847
Uruguay	1,995,287	944,215	- 1.0	605,838	255,058	- 10.0	1,389,449	689,157
Free trade zone Colonia (Uruguay)	10,243	8,411	61.0	24,278	14,244	40.0	- 14,035	- 5,833
Free trade zone Florida (Uruguay)	582	-	- 100.0	-	--	///	582	--
Free trade zone Libertad (Uruguay)	95	3	- 97.0	-	-	-	95	3
Free trade zone Montevideo (Uruguay)	56,906	33,019	26.0	-	-	-	56,906	33,019
Free trade zone Nueva Helvecia (Uruguay)	8	-	-	3,067	452	- 76.0	- 3,059	- 452
Free trade zone Nueva Palmira (Uruguay)	408	17	///	58	142	///	350	- 125
Free trade zone Rio Negro (Uruguay)	491	6	- 92.0	217	175	///	274	- 169
Free trade zone Rivera (Uruguay)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Free trade zone San Jose (Uruguay)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Free trade zone Punta Pereira (Uruguay)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	1,869,790	1,090,434	46.0	23,693	14,489	108.0	1,846,097	1,075,945
Rest	-	-	-	1,069,325	18,072	- 96.0	- 1,069,325	- 18,072
<b>Asia</b>	<b>17,939,269</b>	<b>8,635,891</b>	<b>- 1.7</b>	<b>17,445,569</b>	<b>7,133,436</b>	<b>- 8.7</b>	<b>493,699</b>	<b>1,502,455</b>
Afghanistan	2,568	876	- 44.0	8	12	100.0	2,559	864
Armenia	4,124	3,729	208.0	502	472	///	3,622	3,257
Azerbaijan	10,833	3,726	81.0	-	-	-	10,833	3,726
Bahrain	15,818	12,916	77.0	-	2,457	///	15,818	10,460
Bangladesh	484,731	133,738	- 29.0	11,749	3,912	- 20.0	472,982	129,827
Bhutan	-	-	-	-	2	///	-	- 2
Brunei Darussalam	87	63	///	-	-	-	87	63
Cambodia	14,628	6,054	- 22.0	14,291	6,577	- 2.0	337	- 522
China	6,237,838	2,478,387	3.0	10,572,982	4,148,678	- 7.0	- 4,335,144	- 1,670,291
Hong Kong	322,824	171,289	2.0	38,172	21,449	68.0	284,652	149,839
Macau	-	1	///	220	71	- 5.0	- 220	- 71
Georgia	18,152	7,807	- 26.0	270	33	///	17,883	7,774
India	1,093,122	783,127	17.0	631,153	301,665	- 3.0	461,969	481,462
Indonesia	1,530,987	731,085	- 23.0	372,599	148,404	- 12.0	1,158,387	582,681
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1,081,084	389,945	- 50.0	16,933	1,393	- 82.0	1,064,151	388,552
Iraq	61,375	49,160	33.0	15	5	150.0	61,360	49,155
Israel	232,862	118,313	2.0	178,239	58,766	- 34.0	54,623	59,547
Japan	834,829	395,837	-	1,414,644	668,152	3.0	- 579,815	- 272,315
Jordan	177,996	104,601	35.0	817	662	176.0	177,179	103,939
Kazakhstan	18,505	17,608	76.0	10,029	282	- 97.0	8,476	17,326

**Table 3. (continuation)**

Continent and Country	Exports (FOB)			Imports (CIF)			Balance	
	2011*	Accumulated Jan-Jun 2012*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2011*	Accumulated Jan-Jun 2012*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2011*	Accumulated Jan-Jun 2012*
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars	
Korea Republic of the	960,382	600,795	19.0	1,420,433	553,750	- 33.0	- 460,051	47,046
Kuwait	25,362	24,940	8.0	7,170	3,602	- 40.0	18,192	21,337
Kyrgyzstan	1,563	156	333.0	140	3	- 98.0	1,423	153
Lebanon	81,591	45,383	6.0	741	348	- 12.0	80,849	45,035
Malaysia	984,069	499,615	- 3.0	434,221	187,808	- 7.0	549,848	311,807
Maldives	206	60	- 36.0	-	-	-	206	60
Myanmar	468	288	8.0	10,657	4,176	- 6.0	- 10,189	- 3,888
Nepal	5,507	85	- 98.0	257	397	123.0	5,250	- 312
Oman	59,003	19,431	- 50.0	24,295	262	- 98.0	34,707	19,169
Pakistan	40,697	39,889	42.0	64,408	24,014	- 29.0	- 23,711	15,875
Philippines (the)	609,751	128,182	- 60.0	78,834	36,087	- 6.0	530,916	92,095
Qatar	13,228	3,171	- 58.0	290,873	101,238	28.0	- 277,645	- 98,066
Saudi Arabia	628,673	484,705	58.0	33,763	41,245	121.0	594,910	443,460
Singapore	62,047	26,629	- 6.0	168,833	74,668	- 8.0	- 106,786	- 48,039
Sri Lanka	3,653	2,670	91.0	10,417	4,720	- 1.0	- 6,764	- 2,050
Syrian Arab Republic (the)	387,482	101,226	- 41.0	2,060	1,942	480.0	385,422	99,284
Taiwan	173,825	232,912	121.0	539,095	236,648	4.0	- 365,270	- 3,736
Tajikistan	444	-	- 100.0	-	-	-	444	-
Thailand	524,940	336,277	24.0	695,916	396,529	24.0	- 170,976	- 60,252
Timor-Leste	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Turkmenistan	1,957	3,279	///	1	1	///	1,956	3,278
United Arab Emirates (the)	345,113	152,099	- 20.0	48,117	26,820	245.0	296,996	125,279
Uzbekistan	2,382	3,876	///	-	598	///	2,382	3,277
Viet Nam	696,663	399,927	33.0	190,116	73,480	- 11.0	506,547	326,447
Yemen	183,091	120,370	25.0	173	1	- 99.0	182,918	120,369
Rest	4,811	1,664	- 11.0	162,427	2,108	- 98.0	- 157,616	- 444
<b>Europa</b>	<b>16,273,329</b>	<b>6,921,032</b>	<b>- 12.9</b>	<b>15,940,240</b>	<b>7,691,087</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>333,090</b>	<b>- 770,055</b>
Albania	2,405	491	- 65.0	327	228	58.0	2,078	263
Austria	15,165	8,999	21.0	191,194	159,067	82.0	- 176,029	- 150,067
Belarus	6,621	2,406	29.0	57,871	59,656	490.0	- 51,250	- 57,251
Belgium	465,102	245,369	20.0	419,067	200,586	7.0	46,035	44,784
Bosnia and Herzegovina	10,617	1,378	- 65.0	259	298	352.0	10,358	1,079
Bulgaria	109,079	45,529	- 21.0	43,350	4,937	- 69.0	65,728	40,592
Croatia	40,906	21,985	8.0	6,156	1,099	- 72.0	34,750	20,886
Cyprus	32,701	17,897	- 1.0	330	85	///	32,371	17,812
Czech Republic (the)	52,316	22,455	- 2.0	162,633	73,115	- 1.0	- 110,317	- 50,661
Denmark	428,542	214,547	8.0	177,571	71,903	- 12.0	250,971	142,644
Estonia	6,482	3,407	16.0	5,926	1,678	- 14.0	556	1,729
Finland	52,220	7,973	- 77.0	213,047	114,168	17.0	- 160,827	- 106,195
France	572,885	180,315	- 49.0	1,633,414	806,854	10.0	- 1,060,529	- 626,539
Monaco	100	674	///	1,500	583	1.0	- 1,400	91
Germany	2,473,362	1,022,215	- 15.0	3,645,600	1,792,800	3.0	- 1,172,238	- 770,586
Greece	127,869	65,614	8.0	17,368	8,672	45.0	110,500	56,942
Hungary	12,940	3,947	- 40.0	119,790	56,421	6.0	- 106,850	- 52,474
Iceland	2,292	1,039	- 29.0	1,448	259	- 46.0	844	781
Ireland	208,797	63,840	- 11.0	191,462	102,106	18.0	17,334	- 38,266

Table 3. (concluded)

Continent and Country	Exports (FOB)			Imports (CIF)			Balance	
	2011*	Accumulated Jan-Jun 2012 <sup>e</sup>	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2011*	Accumulated Jan-Jun 2012*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2011*	Accumulated Jan-Jun 2012*
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars	
Italy	2,024,192	633,186	- 37.0	1,481,857	696,233	- 7.0	542,335	- 63,046
San Marino	229	136	147.0	529	145	- 61.0	- 300	- 10
Latvia	135,304	69,179	6.0	81,504	29,308	114.0	53,799	39,870
Liechtenstein	59	46	- 15.0	1,849	546	- 49.0	- 1,790	- 500
Lithuania	76,584	44,252	6.0	10,426	17,481	80.0	66,158	26,771
Luxembourg	1,652	857	5.0	13,913	7,754	14.0	- 12,261	- 6,897
Malta	2,696	1,442	325.0	7,222	3,359	2.0	- 4,526	- 1,917
Montenegro	2,261	814	- 31.0	-	-	///	2,261	814
Netherlands (the)	2,655,425	1,113,548	- 17.0	435,195	687,230	183.0	2,220,230	426,318
Norway	41,390	19,476	- 6.0	52,053	103,763	494.0	- 10,663	- 84,287
Poland	586,910	293,207	10.0	149,511	64,703	- 21.0	437,399	228,504
Portugal	118,387	33,893	- 47.0	87,520	48,583	10.0	30,868	- 14,690
Romania	59,518	17,063	- 58.0	41,844	26,018	121.0	17,673	- 8,955
Russian Federation (the)	767,599	421,668	- 1.0	791,881	790,251	95.0	- 24,283	- 368,583
Slovakia	3,747	756	- 40.0	76,462	24,322	3.0	- 72,715	- 23,566
Slovenia	18,084	2,940	- 76.0	16,239	6,320	5.0	1,845	- 3,380
Spain	3,079,806	1,368,828	- 1.0	1,395,649	721,075	7.0	1,684,157	647,753
Sweden	56,902	51,130	56.0	332,556	126,500	- 6.0	- 275,653	- 75,370
Switzerland	567,865	312,280	17.0	543,034	281,097	5.0	24,832	31,183
Serbia	9,651	3,575	13.0	831	606	40.0	8,820	2,968
Territories linked to United Kingdom	230	39	///	-	1	///	230	38
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	5,259	1,481	- 46.0	4,284	2,119	- 38.0	974	- 638
Turkey	563,679	172,166	- 45.0	249,541	134,840	7.0	314,138	37,325
Ukraine	85,011	45,710	30.0	34,253	7,801	- 60.0	50,758	37,909
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (the)	787,918	380,727	8.0	664,162	332,436	2.0	123,756	48,292
Rest	2,573	2,553	223.0	2,579,613	124,078	- 90.0	- 2,577,040	- 121,525
<b>Oceania</b>	<b>685,124</b>	<b>331,345</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>425,410</b>	<b>155,073</b>	<b>- 7.5</b>	<b>259,714</b>	<b>176,272</b>
Australia	588,848	286,895	10.0	409,556	145,870	- 9.0	179,292	141,025
Fiji	459	408	264.0	33	19	6.0	427	389
Kiribati	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marshall Islands (the)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Micronesia (Federated States of)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nauru	-	-	-	2	-	- 100.0	- 2	-
New Zealand	87,793	40,057	- 3.0	15,789	9,141	41.0	72,004	30,915
Palau	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papua New Guinea	646	105	94.0	16	25	127.0	630	80
Samoa	346	-	-	-	-	-	346	-
Solomon Islands	41	12	9.0	-	-	///	41	11
Territories linked to Australia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Territories linked to France	6,810	3,800	-	-	-	///	6,810	3,800
Territories linked to the United States	1	15	///	-	-	-	1	15
Tuvalu	-	-	-	-	-	///	-	-
Vanuatu	179	55	- 25.0	-	-	-	179	55
Rest	-	-	-	15	18	///	- 15	- 18
<b>Rest</b>	<b>1,755,361</b>	<b>915,937</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>622,086</b>	<b>343,777</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>1,133,275</b>	<b>572,160</b>

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

Section	Exports		Imports	
	2011*	Accumulated Jan-Jun 2012 <sup>e</sup>	2011*	Accumulated Jan-Jun 2012*
	%			
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
I Live animals and products of animal origin	6	6	--	--
I Products of vegetable origin	21	23	1	1
III Fats and oils	8	8	--	--
IV Feeding products, beverages and tobacco	18	18	1	2
V Mineral products	8	8	14	17
VI Industrial products	7	8	14	14
VII Plastic, rubber and its manufactures	2	2	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	3	--	--
XV Common metals and manufactures	4	3	6	6
XVI Machines, instruments and electric material	3	3	26	25
XVII Transport equipment	13	12	19	19
XVIII Optical instruments, medical-surgical precision, watches and music	--	--	2	2
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
	2011*	Accumulated Jan-Jun 2012 <sup>a</sup>	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2011*	Accumulated Jan-Jun 2012*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	Accumulated Jan-Jun 2012*
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars
<b>Total</b>	<b>83,950,205</b>	<b>39,646,700</b>	<b>- 1.1</b>	<b>73,936,537</b>	<b>32,310,889</b>	<b>- 5.7</b>	<b>7,335,811</b>
<b>I Live animals and products of animal origin</b>	<b>5,157,703</b>	<b>2,368,744</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>324,887</b>	<b>94,658</b>	<b>- 36.8</b>	<b>2,274,086</b>
1 Live animals	22,450	15,438	7.0	17,378	7,705	- 5.0	7,733
2 Meat and edible meat offal	1,904,480	891,123	- 5.1	189,848	36,627	- 56.0	854,496
3 Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates	1,437,804	614,681	3.2	46,621	18,367	- 19.2	596,314
4 Dairy produce; birds eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, n.e.s.o.i.	1,715,362	809,752	10.6	25,594	11,856	- 4.3	797,897
5 Products of animal origin, n.e.s.o.i.	77,607	37,750	13.6	45,447	20,103	- 13.3	17,646
<b>II Products of vegetable origin</b>	<b>17,405,588</b>	<b>8,940,513</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>569,526</b>	<b>273,182</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>8,667,331</b>
6 Live trees and other plants; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage	3,912	2,523	- 10.8	7,431	2,209	- 7.4	314
7 Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers	743,318	364,974	- 4.4	17,176	5,395	- 18.1	359,579
8 Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melon	1,339,570	653,952	- 19.2	208,491	92,863	2.2	561,089
9 Coffee, tea, mate and spices	159,639	94,701	8.5	140,229	74,393	6.6	20,308
10 Cereals	8,381,831	5,651,850	18.3	32,129	16,797	140.3	5,635,054
11 Milling industry products; malt; starches; inulin; wheat gluten	771,284	392,939	10.3	14,247	6,269	- 8.1	386,670
12 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruits; industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	5,994,684	1,774,359	- 23.6	86,128	40,205	- 17.3	1,734,154
13 Lac; gums; resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	5,532	1,569	- 26.1	60,510	33,945	14.8	- 32,375
14 Vegetable plaiting materials and vegetable products, n.e.s.o.i.	5,818	3,646	77.7	3,185	1,107	11.0	2,539
<b>III Fats and oils</b>	<b>7,032,914</b>	<b>3,290,093</b>	<b>- 10.8</b>	<b>72,692</b>	<b>35,258</b>	<b>- 1.7</b>	<b>3,254,834</b>
15 Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes	7,032,914	3,290,093	- 10.8	72,692	35,258	- 1.7	3,254,834
<b>IV Feeding products, beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>14,739,183</b>	<b>7,102,959</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1,022,681</b>	<b>496,423</b>	<b>- 2.3</b>	<b>6,606,536</b>
16 Edible preparations of meat, fish, crustaceans molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates	216,426	86,239	- 24.0	133,664	67,392	6.6	18,847
17 Sugars and sugar confectionary	238,801	113,233	46.3	82,970	21,723	- 62.1	91,510
18 Cocoa and cocoa preparations	160,276	84,604	15.2	202,387	110,809	1.9	- 26,205
19 Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; bakers wares	418,492	202,737	3.2	40,838	20,412	11.1	182,324

Table 5. (continuation)

Section chapter	Exports (FOB)			Imports (CIF)			Balance
	2011*	Accumulated Jan-Jun 2012 <sup>e</sup>	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2011*	Accumulated Jan-Jun 2012*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	Accumulated Jan-Jun 2012*
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars
20 Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants	1,369,421	619,516	15.6	126,013	53,579	- 7.3	565,937
21 Miscellaneous edible preparations	200,183	89,074	- 11.9	180,369	95,949	10.5	- 6,875
22 Beverages, spirits and vinegar	963,081	492,453	12.0	104,782	43,329	- 2.7	449,124
23 Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed	10,773,543	5,246,813	- 2.2	70,765	34,734	9.9	5,212,078
24 Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	398,961	168,290	60.3	80,893	48,495	22.8	119,795
<b>V Mineral products</b>	<b>6,913,282</b>	<b>3,235,130</b>	<b>- 1.8</b>	<b>10,541,159</b>	<b>5,354,227</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>- 2,119,097</b>
25 Salt; sulfur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	116,075	62,391	16.5	197,036	89,764	- 5.9	- 27,373
26 Ores, slag and ash	1,841,403	634,413	- 35.7	1,324,866	481,425	- 18.3	152,987
27 Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes	4,955,804	2,538,326	12.6	9,019,257	4,783,037	16.9	- 2,244,712
<b>VI Industrial products</b>	<b>6,219,777</b>	<b>3,098,341</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>10,314,639</b>	<b>4,668,702</b>	<b>- 1.3</b>	<b>- 1,570,361</b>
28 Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare-earth metals, of radioactive elements or of isotopes	352,772	180,909	10.1	846,539	348,591	- 15.5	- 167,682
29 Organic chemicals	524,137	251,695	- 6.4	3,088,777	1,477,481	5.4	- 1,225,786
30 Pharmaceutical products	809,898	414,940	15.8	1,790,422	1,067,935	19.6	- 652,995
31 Fertilizers	99,307	52,008	21.6	1,441,790	331,965	- 44.6	- 279,956
32 Tanning or dyeing extracts; tannins and derivatives dyes, pigments and other coloring matter; paints and varnishes; putty and other mastics; inks	191,373	100,240	10.1	501,731	247,510	5.2	- 147,270
33 Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations	776,634	349,272	6.2	536,830	241,325	- 8.3	107,947
34 Soap etc.; lubricating products; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles etc; modeling pastes; dental waxes and dental preparations with a basic of plaster	222,013	117,867	7.4	367,326	178,819	8.5	- 60,952
35 Albuminoidal substances; modified starches; glues; enzymes	314,767	144,481	- 0.7	151,359	76,628	12.1	67,853
36 Explosives; pyrotechnic products; matches; pyrophoric alloys; certain combustible preparations	7,501	3,892	39.0	27,157	9,298	9.6	- 5,406
37 Photographic or cinematographic goods	65,002	13,436	- 56.5	87,539	43,259	- 0.5	- 29,823
38 Miscellaneous chemical products	2,856,374	1,469,600	19.0	1,475,169	645,891	1.0	823,709
<b>VII Plastic, rubber and its manufactures</b>	<b>1,959,635</b>	<b>944,049</b>	<b>- 0.9</b>	<b>4,527,345</b>	<b>1,931,545</b>	<b>- 9.6</b>	<b>- 987,495</b>
39 Plastics and articles thereof	1,534,905	742,687	- 0.6	3,033,556	1,352,445	- 4.5	- 609,758
40 Rubber and articles thereof	424,729	201,362	- 2.1	1,493,789	579,099	- 19.7	- 377,737

Table 5. (continuation)

Section chapter	Exports (FOB)			Imports (CIF)			Balance
	2011*	Accumulated Jan-Jun 2012 <sup>a</sup>	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2011*	Accumulated Jan-Jun 2012*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	Accumulated Jan-Jun 2012*
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars
<b>VIII Leathers and leather manufactures</b>	<b>1,009,425</b>	<b>494,363</b>	<b>- 4.9</b>	<b>181,836</b>	<b>56,868</b>	<b>- 31.4</b>	<b>437,494</b>
41 Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and leather	925,833	446,607	- 7.2	51,953	16,294	- 42.3	430,313
42 Articles of leather; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of gut	37,260	19,723	12.6	127,642	39,997	- 25.6	- 20,274
43 Furskins and artificial fur; manufactures thereof	46,332	28,032	32.1	2,241	577	- 30.7	27,455
<b>IX Wood, charcoal, cork, cork manufactures, cross-ties of wood</b>	<b>263,301</b>	<b>87,446</b>	<b>- 37.2</b>	<b>224,448</b>	<b>99,719</b>	<b>- 11.1</b>	<b>- 12,273</b>
44 Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal	261,264	86,526	- 37.5	175,433	78,363	- 11.1	8,163
45 Cork and articles of cork	1,942	858	6.9	44,969	20,134	- 11.2	- 19,276
46 Manufactures of straw, esparto or other plaiting materials; Basketware and wickerwork	94	62	30.4	4,046	1,222	- 10.7	- 1,160
<b>X Wood pulp, paper, paperboard</b>	<b>592,656</b>	<b>284,281</b>	<b>- 5.3</b>	<b>1,471,699</b>	<b>624,976</b>	<b>- 15.4</b>	<b>- 340,695</b>
47 Pulp of wood or other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap) paper and paperboard	167,498	65,049	-29.2	122,647	65,751	7.7	- 702
48 Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard	343,275	175,346	3.6	1,152,111	496,934	- 13.8	- 321,588
49 Printed books, newspapers, pictures and other printed products; manuscripts, typescripts and plans	81,883	43,885	12.4	196,940	62,290	- 38.2	- 18,405
<b>XI Textile stuff and manufactures</b>	<b>925,620</b>	<b>329,449</b>	<b>- 24.0</b>	<b>1,834,616</b>	<b>751,308</b>	<b>- 15.8</b>	<b>- 421,859</b>
50 Silk, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof	56	111	380.1	2,554	1,327	11.8	- 1,216
51 Wool and fine or coarse animal hair, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof; horsehair yarn and woven	281,918	112,701	- 27.3	9,615	3,614	- 10.5	109,087
52 Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof	267,962	55,384	- 40.7	167,920	63,683	- 20.6	- 8,298
53 Vegetable textile fibers nesoi; yarns and woven fabrics of vegetable textile fibers nesoi and paper	117	78	94.5	6,539	2,990	- 20.1	- 2,912
54 Manmade filaments, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof	104,448	33,667	- 34.3	213,703	93,265	- 12.2	- 59,598
55 Manmade staple fibers, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof	9,249	3,300	- 37.9	359,256	138,000	- 23.3	- 134,700
56 Wadding, felt and nonwovens; special yarns; twine, cordage, ropes and cables and articles thereof	91,235	39,072	- 14.2	144,360	71,867	11.9	- 32,796
57 Carpets and other textile floor coverings	7,586	4,635	14.1	29,430	11,480	- 18.1	- 6,845
58 Special woven fabrics; tufted textile fabrics; lace; tapestries; trimmings; embroidery	8,418	2,118	- 65.8	38,802	14,277	- 1.4	- 12,159
59 Impregnated, coated, covered or laminated textile fabrics; textile articles suitable for industrial use	21,305	9,548	- 15.0	130,387	60,626	0.6	- 51,078
60 Knitted or crocheted fabrics	15,838	8,040	16.0	121,277	47,933	- 18.7	- 39,894
61 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted	59,104	30,830	9.0	195,936	77,060	- 20.1	- 46,230
62 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted	42,916	22,953	18.4	273,514	127,297	- 8.8	- 104,344

Table 5. (continuation)

Section chapter	Exports (FOB)			Imports (CIF)			Balance
	2011*	Accumulated Jan-Jun 2012 <sup>e</sup>	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2011*	Accumulated Jan-Jun 2012*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	Accumulated Jan-Jun 2012*
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars
63 Made-up textile articles nesoi; needlecraft sets; worn clothing and worn textile articles; rags	15,470	7,011	1.0	141,323	37,888	- 44.9	- 30,877
<b>XII Footwear, umbrellas, artificial flowers and others</b>	<b>35,459</b>	<b>17,106</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>555,237</b>	<b>189,468</b>	<b>- 26.4</b>	<b>- 172,362</b>
64 Footwear, gaiters and the like; parts of such articles	32,084	15,626	10.2	514,013	176,185	- 26.3	- 160,559
65 Headgear and parts thereof	2,300	1,216	33.0	22,496	8,823	- 22.1	- 7,608
66 Umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof	866	203	- 41.3	10,852	1,930	- 45.4	- 1,727
67 Prepared feathers and down and articles thereof; artificial flowers; articles of human hair	209	62	- 33.4	7,876	2,530	- 26.2	- 2,468
<b>XIII Stone manufactures, plaster, cement, amianthus, mica, ceramic, glass</b>	<b>206,466</b>	<b>106,434</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>614,435</b>	<b>250,015</b>	<b>- 13.0</b>	<b>- 143,581</b>
68 Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials	90,458	45,334	1.4	124,407	57,384	2.8	- 12,050
69 Ceramic products	64,790	33,671	5.0	177,621	67,848	- 17.6	- 34,177
70 Glass and glassware	51,217	27,429	7.8	312,407	124,782	- 16.3	- 97,353
<b>XIV Fine pearls, stones and precious metals, coins and others</b>	<b>2,750,048</b>	<b>1,116,979</b>	<b>- 9.0</b>	<b>98,076</b>	<b>34,977</b>	<b>- 25.6</b>	<b>1,082,002</b>
71 Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semiprecious stones, precious metals; precious metal clad metals, and articles thereof; imitation jewelry; coin	2,750,048	1,116,979	- 9.0	98,076	34,977	- 25.6	1,082,002
<b>XV Common metals and manufactures</b>	<b>3,060,600</b>	<b>1,329,907</b>	<b>- 7.1</b>	<b>4,327,612</b>	<b>1,872,002</b>	<b>- 8.4</b>	<b>- 542,095</b>
72 Iron and steel	516,231	286,673	3.9	1,547,116	655,995	- 6.3	- 369,321
73 Articles of iron or steel	1,493,409	657,261	0.8	1,194,523	519,957	- 11.7	137,304
74 Copper and articles thereof	20,466	8,458	- 5.6	424,588	206,251	8.3	- 197,793
75 Nickel and articles thereof	109	9	- 10.5	41,844	16,281	- 22.6	- 16,271
76 Aluminum and articles thereof	859,115	303,195	- 27.1	358,336	155,943	- 13.3	147,252
78 Lead and articles thereof	52,993	17,662	- 35.8	2,188	904	- 14.8	16,758
79 Zinc and articles thereof	19,193	5,004	- 51.1	22,924	10,892	4.1	- 5,888
80 Tin and articles thereof	5	8	471.4	27,810	13,771	- 4.4	- 13,763
81 Base metals nesoi; cermets; articles thereof	2,612	1,492	25.1	25,372	10,469	- 21.3	- 8,977
82 Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof of base metal	45,772	25,370	51.1	334,137	137,340	- 14.5	- 111,970
83 Miscellaneous articles of base metal	50,696	24,773	5.9	348,775	144,201	- 11.3	- 119,428
<b>XVI Machines, instruments and electric material</b>	<b>2,439,411</b>	<b>1,136,789</b>	<b>- 0.3</b>	<b>19,365,685</b>	<b>7,938,751</b>	<b>- 10.8</b>	<b>- 6,801,962</b>
84 Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	1,890,901	907,089	2.5	11,050,001	4,400,879	- 15.4	- 3,493,790
85 Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television recorder	548,510	229,701	- 10.1	8,315,685	3,537,872	- 4.3	- 3,308,171
<b>XVII Transport equipment</b>	<b>10,944,884</b>	<b>4,571,227</b>	<b>- 6.4</b>	<b>14,258,620</b>	<b>6,076,468</b>	<b>- 9.2</b>	<b>- 1,505,240</b>

Table 5. (concluded)

Section chapter	Exports (FOB)			Imports (CIF)			Balance
	2011*	Accumulated Jan-Jun 2012 <sup>e</sup>	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2011*	Accumulated Jan-Jun 2012*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	Accumulated Jan-Jun 2012*
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars
86 Railway or tramway locomotives, rolling stock, track fixtures and fittings, and parts thereof; mechanical	13,495	8,002	27.3	70,576	33,783	26.6	- 25,781
87 Vehicles, other than railway or tramway rolling stock, and parts and accessories thereof	9,973,699	4,268,312	- 7.2	12,879,867	5,655,990	- 4.1	- 1,387,678
88 Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof	870,817	254,781	7.5	970,390	370,896	- 18.6	- 116,115
89 Ships, boats and floating structures	86,873	40,132	- 10.8	337,786	15,799	- 95.0	24,332
<b>XVIII Optical instruments, medical-surgical precision, watches and music</b>	<b>220,707</b>	<b>99,665</b>	<b>- 0.9</b>	<b>1,747,712</b>	<b>763,523</b>	<b>- 3.1</b>	<b>- 663,859</b>
90 Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; parts and accessories thereof	211,625	96,058	- 1.2	1,637,419	725,210	- 2.3	- 629,152
91 Clocks and watches and parts thereof	5,929	1,962	1.8	65,078	23,974	- 13.5	- 22,012
92 Musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof	3,153	1,645	18.7	45,216	14,340	- 18.5	- 12,695
<b>XIX Arms and ammunition</b>	<b>18,864</b>	<b>8,672</b>	<b>- 2.2</b>	<b>26,821</b>	<b>9,840</b>	<b>- 15.8</b>	<b>- 1,168</b>
93 Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof	18,864	8,672	- 2.2	26,821	9,840	- 15.8	- 1,168
<b>XX Commodities and different products</b>	<b>288,522</b>	<b>162,267</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>1,230,344</b>	<b>443,152</b>	<b>- 14.6</b>	<b>- 280,885</b>
94 Furniture; bedding, cushions, etc.; lamps and Lighting fittings n.e.s.o.i.; illuminated signs, nameplates and the like; prefabricated buildings	113,664	56,454	4.4	512,907	189,875	- 15.4	- 133,421
95 Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof	16,335	6,034	- 19.0	478,783	156,078	- 17.9	- 150,044
96 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	158,523	99,779	43.3	238,654	97,199	- 6.9	2,580
<b>XXI Works of art, antiques</b>	<b>6,619</b>	<b>3,802</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>3,330</b>	<b>1,677</b>	<b>- 11.4</b>	<b>2,125</b>
97 Works of art-collectors pieces and antiques	6,619	3,802	1.2	3,330	1,677	- 11.4	2,125
<b>Special transactions</b>	<b>1,759,541</b>	<b>918,485</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>623,137</b>	<b>344,150</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>574,335</b>
Transportation fuel supply	1,673,552	866,442	6.9	426,723	209,454	2.8	656,988
Other soipping stores	41,816	29,470	64.1	28,285	13,129	- 5.8	16,342
Residual	6,663	4,615	46.8	-	-	-	4,615
Couriers	33,331	15,410	- 7.7	167,079	121,195	68.7	- 105,785
Samples	4,180	2,548	18.5	1,050	373	- 31.6	2,175

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

Groups of commodities	2011*	Accumulated Jan-Jun 2012 <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>83,950</b>	<b>39,647</b>	<b>- 1.1</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	9,907	4,502	- 9.4
120190 Soya beans, whether or not broken, excluding seed.	5,425	1,413	- 33.6
150710 Soybean oil and its fractions, crude, whether or not degummed	5,009	2,151	- 18.1
100590 Corn (maize) other than seed corn	4,412	2,538	- 0.1
870421 Motor vehicles, for the transport of goods, with compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semidiesel) gvw not over 5 metric tons	3,010	1,377	9.2
100199 Wheat and meslin, excluding durum wheat and seed.	2,493	1,844	19.9
710812 Gold unwrought forms	2,325	936	- 8.5
270900 Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals crude	2,182	1,354	71.1
382600 Biodiesel and mixtures thereof, not containing or containing less than 70 % by weight of petroleum oils or oils obtained from bituminous minerals.	2,083	1,066	19.1
870323 Motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons with spark-ignition internal combustion reciprocating piston engine, cylinder capacity over 1,500 cc but over 3,000 cc	1,927	744	- 18.9
870322 Other vehicles, with spark-ignition internal combustion reciprocating piston engine of a cylinder capacity exceeding 1,000 cc but not exceeding 1,500 cc	1,588	625	- 21.1
260300 Copper ores and concentrates	1,390	402	- 45.2
271012 Light oils and preparations	1,282	523	- 25.5
151211 Sunflower-seed or safflower oil, and fractions thereof, crude, not chemically modified	1,056	539	- 12.0
870321 Motor vehicles, for the transport of goods, with compression- ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semidiesel) gvw not over 5 metric tons	914	186	- 58.8
880240 Airplanes and otherairgraf, of an unladen weight exceeding 15,000 kg	855	219	- 4.9
040221 Milk and cream, concretated not sweetened, in powder, granules or other solid forms, of a fat content, by weight, exceeding 1,5%	844	379	12.5
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.	753	324	- 0.8
020130 Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled: boneless	732	332	- 4.3
220421 Wine of fresh grapes excluding grape of heading 2009 in containers holding 2 liters or less	729	344	- 2.1
870840 Gear boxes for motor vehicles	621	268	- 14.1
100390 Barley ,excluding seed barley	552	607	141.9
030617 Shrimps and prawns frozen, excluding cold-water shrimps and prawns.	501	123	- 5.3
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	496	221	- 13.4

Table 6. (concluded)

Groups of commodities		2011*	Accumulated Jan-Jun 2012 <sup>o</sup>	
		Millions of dollars	Millions of dollars	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %
200811	Peanuts (ground-nuts)	443	233	52.2
870431	Motor vehicles for the transport of goods. Other, with spark-ignition internal combustion piston engine not exceeding 5 metric tons	435	221	4.9
710691	Silver (including silver plated with gold or platinum), unwrought	413	127	- 36.0
080830	Fresh pears	412	275	- 19.2
300490	Medicaments, in measured doses, etc., (excluding vaccines etc) coated bandages etc., and pharmaceutical goods, n.e.s.o.i.	409	205	8.8
760110	Unwrought aluminium, not alloyed	407	133	- 32.0
020230	Meat of bovine animals frozen: boneless	404	163	- 27.2
100790	Grain sorghum ,excluding seed grain sorghum	402	161	- 21.0
271112	Propane	397	153	- 31.3
110100	Wheat or meslin flour	387	171	- 10.3
240120	Tobacco partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	360	138	54.8
120242	Ground-nuts, not roasted or otherwise cooked,shelled, whether or not broken	347	147	48.5
330720	Personal deodorants and antiperspirants	333	162	- 4.6
071333	Kidney beans, including white pea beans (Phaseolus vulgaris):	320	113	77.5
271119	Other ethane	315	132	- 2.7
261610	Silver ores and concentrates	300	168	- 2.9
271113	Butanes	286	114	- 26.8
230250	Bran, sharps and other residues, whether or not in the form of pellets, derived from the sifting, milling or other working of leguminous plants.	285	144	11.2
870333	Motor cars and other motors vehicles of a cylinder capacity exceeding 2,500 cc	279	109	- 4.1
760120	Unwrought aluminium, alloyed	255	63	- 52.3
030474	Frozen fillets of hake (Merluccius spp., Urophycis spp.)	254	80	- 27.6
020712	Meat and edible offal, of the poultry of heading 01.05. Not cut in pieces, frozen.	235	120	30.5
110710	Malt, not roasted	234	138	30.1
520100	Cotton, not carded or combed.	232	44	- 35.7
151790	Margarine, artificial mixtures of two or more of products provided for in headings 1501 to 1515, inclusive n.e.s.o.i.	224	118	- 2.4
040900	Natural honey	223	116	- 10.5
<b>Rest</b>		<b>24,275</b>	<b>12,882</b>	<b>11.7</b>

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

Groups of commodities		2011*	Accumulated Jan-Jun 2012*	
		Millions of dollars	Millions of dollars	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %
<b>Total</b>		<b>73,937</b>	<b>32,311</b>	<b>- 5.7</b>
271019	Other petroleum products, n.e.s.o.i.	5,336	2,538	- 3.7
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	3,870	2,034	13.7
271111	Natural gas, liquefied	1,927	1,222	87.8
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	1,265	470	- 15.7
851770	Parts of telephone sets	1,250	816	76.0
870829	Other parts and accessories of bodies (including cabs)	1,023	457	- 6.0
260112	Iron ores and concentrate, other than roasted iron pyrites, agglomerated	881	340	- 16.0
870840	Gear boxes for motor vehicles	837	379	- 2.0
880240	Airplanes and other aircraft, of an unladen weight exceeding 15,000 kg	817	295	- 23.8
300490	Medicaments, in measured doses, etc., (excluding vaccines etc) coated bandages etc., and pharmaceutical goods, n.e.s.o.i.	719	438	21.8
840820	Compression-ignition internal combustion piston engines (diesel or semidiesel), for the propulsion of vehicles of chapter 87	656	226	- 17.5
851762	Machines for the reception, conversion and transmission or regeneration of voice, images or other data	632	183	- 30.7
852990	Other printed circuit assemblies	616	304	15.8
870899	Other parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 8701 to 8705	594	277	- 2.7
271121	Natural gas, gaseous	565	482	116.6
870421	Motor vehicles, for the transport of goods, with compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semidiesel) gvw not over 5 metric tons	547	189	- 31.2
870120	Road tractors for semi-trailers	511	191	- 9.7
310540	Ammonium hydrogenorthophosphate	498	148	- 39.9
300210	Antisera and other blood obtained by means of biotechnological processes	482	266	13.1
871120	With reciprocating internal combustion piston engine of a cylinder capacity exceeding 50 cc but not exceeding 250 cc	467	180	- 12.4
870422	Motor vehicles for the transport of goods, g.v.w. Exceeding 5 metric tons but not exceeding 20 metric tons	459	186	- 12.5
271600	Electrical energy	457	171	- 20.5
840734	Spark ignition reciprocating or rotary internal combustion piston engines of a cylinder capacity not over 1,000 cc	446	202	- 6.9
870850	Drive axles with differential, whether or not provided with other transmission components	444	178	- 11.3
293190	Organo-inorganic compounds, n.e.s.o.i.	443	192	6.1
847330	Parts and accessories for automatic data processing machines and units thereof magnetic or optical reader, transcribing machines, list n.e.s.o.i.	437	126	- 14.4

Table 7. (concluded)

Groups of commodities		2011*	Accumulated Jan-Jun 2012*	
		Millions of dollars	Millions of dollars	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %
270112	Bituminous coal	436	171	- 8.9
847130	Portable digital automatic data processing machines, weighing not more than 10 kg, consisting of at least a central processing unit, a keyboard and a display	411	15	- 95.7
390110	Polythylene having a specific gravity of less than 0,94 in primary forms	381	150	- 24.7
260111	Iron and concentrates including roasted iron pyrites	365	89	- 39.8
851712	Telephones for cellular networks or for others wireless networks	300	22	- 89.0
841430	Compressors of a kind used in refrigerating equipment (including air conditioning):	300	128	- 1.8
870431	Motor vehicles for the transport of goods. Other, with spark-ignition internal combustion piston engine not exceeding 5 metric tons	292	114	0.6
382490	Chemical products and preparations of the chemical or allied industries, n.e.s.o.i.	291	147	7.9
850300	Parts suitable for use solely or principally with the machines of heading 8501 or 8502	289	13	- 88.8
281820	Aluminium oxide, except artificial corundum, n.e.s.o.i.	288	105	- 24.0
840999	Parts for use with compression-ignition internal combustion piston engines, n.e.s.o.i.	283	195	51.8
890590	Floating docks . Other	276	2	- 99.5
870830	Brakes and servo-brakes; parts thereof	271	122	- 5.9
401110	New pneumatic tires, of rubber, radial	264	92	- 32.7
401120	New pneumatic tires, of tubber, of a kind used on buses or trucks	255	72	- 45.5
380893	Herbicides, anti-sprouting products and plant-growth regulators	249	114	14.6
844399	Other printing machinery used for printing by means of plates, cylinders and other printing components of heading 8442	245	70	- 38.4
847170	Storage units	240	102	15.1
392690	Other articles of plastics and articles of other materials of heading 3901 to 3914	240	100	- 2.8
291736	Terephthalic acid and its salts	236	110	- 10.3
854430	Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets of a kind used in vehicles, aircraft or ships	225	108	1.8
903289	Other: Automatic voltage and voltage-current regulators:	221	97	- 6.8
841590	Parts. Air conditioning machines	218	74	- 13.7
380892	Fungicides	214	54	- 34.0
<b>Rest</b>		<b>40,966</b>	<b>17,560</b>	<b>- 8.0</b>