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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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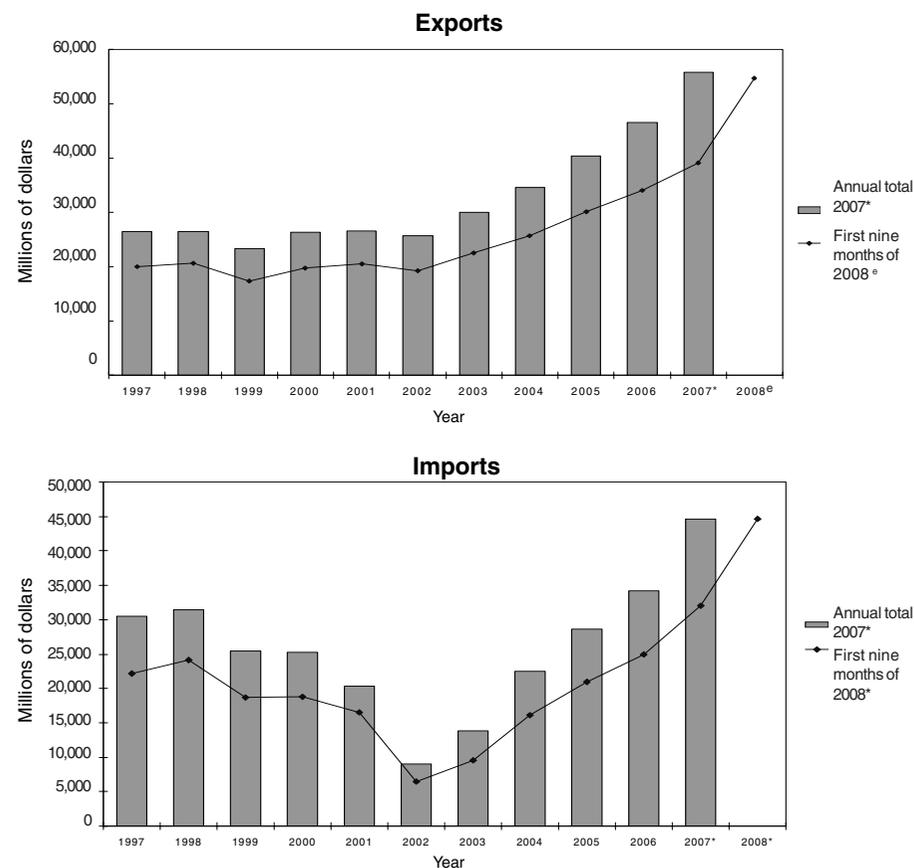
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# CONCEPTUAL AND METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

## *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	
	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Sep 2008 <sup>e</sup>	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Sep 2008*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Sep 2008*
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars	
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,779,556</b>	<b>54,906,232</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>44,707,463</b>	<b>44,677,547</b>	<b>39.4</b>	<b>11,072,093</b>	<b>10,228,685</b>
Mercosur	12,469,585	12,378,422	43.0	16,184,479	15,884,069	36.1	- 3,714,894	- 3,505,647
NAFTA	6,125,826	5,242,235	24.1	6,981,160	6,748,751	35.7	- 855,334	- 1,506,517
U.E.	9,837,716	10,376,906	53.4	7,444,721	6,876,849	31.0	2,392,994	3,500,058
ASEAN, China, Korea Republican, Japan and India	9,685,381	8,903,340	26.8	8,470,687	8,512,307	44.8	1,214,694	391,033
MAGREB and Egypt	1,995,223	2,525,548	71.3	133,073	215,343	84.7	1,862,150	2,310,206
Rest	15,665,826	15,479,781	40.5	5,493,344	6,440,228	55.1	10,172,483	9,039,553

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

Country of destination	Exports (FOB)			Country of origin	Imports (CIF)		
	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Sep 2008 <sup>e</sup>	%		2007*	Accumulated Jan-Sep 2008*	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>%</b>
Brazil	19	18		Brazil	32	31	
China	9	10		China	11	12	
United States	7	7		United States	12	12	
Chile	7	6		Germany	5	4	
Spain	4	4		Paraguay	2	3	
Netherlands	3	4		Mexico	3	3	
Uruguay	2	2		France	2	2	
Italy	2	2		Japan	3	2	
Germany	2	2		Italy	2	2	
Peru	2	2		Spain	2	2	
Rest	43	43		Rest	26	27	

**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>3,980,414</b>	<b>4,155,207</b>	<b>45.6</b>	<b>271,472</b>	<b>412,432</b>	<b>96.4</b>	<b>3,708,942</b>	<b>3,742,775</b>
Algeria	765,294	757,930	41.0	19,209	337	- 98.0	746,084	757,592
Angola	165,894	160,832	51.0	3	9	350.0	165,891	160,822
Benin	4,808	2,120	- 47.0	1	-	- 100.0	4,807	2,120
Botswana	126	49	- 61.0	-	-	-	126	49
Burkina Faso	912	3,412	///	-	5	///	912	3,407
Burundi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cameroon	11,229	12,030	35.0	--	-	- 100.0	11,229	12,030
Cape Verde	1,221	6,518	467.0	-	-	-	1,221	6,518
Central African Republic	156	-	- 100.0	-	60	///	156	- 60
Chad	553	523	38.0	--	45	///	553	477
Comoros	481	964	302.0	5	5	25.0	476	959
Congo	54,824	30,103	- 16.0	48	50	456.0	54,776	30,053
Cost Of Ivory	17,227	26,726	179.0	1,299	1,761	56.0	15,928	24,966
Democratic Republic of the Congo	27,292	39,014	85.0	--	1	///	27,292	39,012
Egypt	577,358	898,438	94.0	39,061	115,117	260.0	538,296	783,321
Equatorial Guinea	2,692	2,358	4.0	-	7	///	2,692	2,351
Ethiopia	507	526	8.0	6	8	167.0	502	518
Gabon	10,251	7,431	9.0	-	2	///	10,251	7,429
Gambia, The	4,333	2,110	- 22.0	--	--	- 60.0	4,333	2,110
Ghana	32,359	30,123	21.0	--	186	///	32,359	29,938
Ghinea	3,427	1,398	6.0	-	-	-	3,427	1,398
Kenya	50,492	79,648	149.0	406	296	14.0	50,085	79,352
Lesotho	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liberia	13,790	6,116	- 46.0	88	9	- 90.0	13,702	6,107
Lybia	122,532	158,063	74.0	5,457	17,569	222.0	117,075	140,494
Madagascar	30,561	18,917	22.0	645	210	- 62.0	29,916	18,707
Malawi	8,682	4,686	13.0	1,775	658	72.0	6,907	4,028
Mali	1,733	2,327	219.0	-	--	///	1,733	2,327
Mauritania	10,418	2,911	- 38.0	100	86	105.0	10,317	2,825
Mauritius	25,690	30,828	57.0	111	128	47.0	25,579	30,699
Morocco	353,113	432,313	67.0	55,752	66,276	41.0	297,362	366,037
Mozambique	59,546	42,703	25.0	1,304	-	- 100.0	58,242	42,703
Namibia	3,217	8,156	227.0	6	1	- 75.0	3,211	8,155
Niger	7,472	9,966	128.0	217	--	- 70.0	7,255	9,966
Nigeria	302,734	155,529	- 29.0	613	1,262	279.0	302,121	154,267
Rwanda	9	8,444	///	-	-	-	9	8,444
Senegal	56,238	61,802	83.0	1	6,626	///	56,237	55,175
Sierra Leone	6,337	6,319	12.0	169	337	125.0	6,168	5,983
Somalia	-	-	-	92	14	///	- 92	- 14
South Africa	999,362	807,985	11.0	131,252	185,082	108.0	868,109	622,902

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			%			%		
Sudan	5,177	4,430	2.0	163	212	64.0	5,015	4,218
Tanzania	45,219	34,383	77.0	39	2	- 95.0	45,181	34,381
Territories linked to France	13,760	9,523	- 1.0	-	-	-	13,760	9,523
Territories linked to Spain	1,462	1,254	79.0	-	-	-	1,462	1,254
Territories linked to United Kingdom	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Togo	7,596	2,711	- 48.0	-	-	-	7,596	2,711
Tunisia	166,508	275,894	128.0	13,493	15,958	24.0	153,015	259,937
Uganda	5,884	5,872	///	-	-	///	5,884	5,871
Zambia	328	422	55.0	-	-	-	328	422
Zimbabwe	72	46	229.0	44	13	- 70.0	29	34
Rest	1,535	1,354	3.0	111	99	25.0	1,423	1,255
<b>AMERICA</b>	<b>27,311,269</b>	<b>25,332,622</b>	<b>32.8</b>	<b>24,572,194</b>	<b>24,127,799</b>	<b>36.6</b>	<b>2,739,075</b>	<b>1,204,823</b>
Antigua and Barbuda	192	198	33.0	-	-	-	192	198
Bahamas, The	2,193	22,740	///	35,380	3,295	- 90.0	- 33,187	19,445
Barbados	2,183	1,391	- 8.0	-	-	-	2,183	1,391
Belize	2,295	145	- 93.0	-	1	///	2,295	145
Bolivia	462,670	418,586	30.0	220,917	108,387	- 35.0	241,753	310,199
Free trade zone Winner (Bolivia)	15	5	- 67.0	-	-	-	15	5
Brazil	10,485,919	10,164,445	40.0	14,522,983	13,728,790	31.0	- 4,037,064	- 3,564,345
Free trade zone Manaus (Brasil)	133	629	373.0	137,283	239,701	212.0	- 137,150	- 239,073
Canada	347,449	316,919	41.0	292,675	219,229	6.0	54,774	97,690
Chile	4,175,329	3,568,075	25.0	708,458	739,296	47.0	3,466,871	2,828,779
Free trade zone Iquique (Chile)	104	42	163.0	27	-	- 100.0	77	42
Free trade zone Punta Arenas (Chile)	765	737	44.0	-	29	///	765	708
Colombia	576,031	544,217	21.0	91,018	127,361	122.0	485,013	416,856
Costa Rica	103,405	104,866	37.0	20,767	12,302	- 20.0	82,639	92,564
Cuba	100,638	61,470	- 23.0	3,017	1,853	- 12.0	97,622	59,617
Dominica	387	181	- 32.0	9	5	- 29.0	378	176
Dominican Republic	197,485	145,994	- 1.0	4,234	2,822	- 15.0	193,251	143,172
Ecuador	345,274	365,266	44.0	110,007	100,573	37.0	235,267	264,693
El Salvador	93,072	30,305	- 56.0	133	337	362.0	92,939	29,968
Grenada	565	539	23.0	2	69	///	563	470
Guatemala	154,301	86,200	- 29.0	2,544	4,299	265.0	151,757	81,902
Guyana	1,977	3,377	88.0	-	-	-	1,977	3,377
Haiti	14,615	11,554	- 5.0	31	25	-	14,584	11,529
Honduras	61,477	21,164	- 56.0	272	109	- 57.0	61,205	21,055
Jamaica	13,117	9,857	- 15.0	6	5	- 17.0	13,111	9,852
Mexico	1,433,738	925,541	- 10.0	1,336,579	1,198,369	21.0	97,160	- 272,828
Nicaragua	54,601	14,110	- 66.0	32	12	- 40.0	54,568	14,098
Panama	119,583	51,054	- 45.0	860	141	- 80.0	118,723	50,913
Free trade zone Colon (Panama)	12,944	12,727	56.0	26	5	///	12,918	12,722
Paraguay	778,661	824,178	53.0	1,056,420	1,497,298	90.0	- 277,759	- 673,119
Peru	957,847	1,064,109	52.0	116,020	94,560	10.0	841,828	969,548
Saint Lucia	965	523	- 31.0	-	-	- 69.0	965	523
Saint Vincent and The Grenadines	226	316	66.0	-	-	-	226	316

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Saint Kitts and Nevis	181	131	- 1.0	526	536	31.0	- 345	- 405
Surinam	5,367	7,547	103.0	-	-	-	5,367	7,547
Territories linked to Denmark	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Territories linked to France	2,755	1,018	- 48.0	-	-	- 100.0	2,755	1,018
Territories linked to Netherlands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Territories linked to United Kingdom	1,317	515	- 51.0	-	8	///	1,317	507
Territories linked to the United States	213	108	21.0	9,579	21,420	381.0	- 9,366	- 21,312
Trinidad and Tobago	27,455	23,083	18.0	16,391	246,418	///	11,064	- 223,335
United States	4,151,332	3,769,302	30.0	5,263,978	5,237,780	40.0	- 1,112,645	- 1,468,479
Puerto Rico (Associated to the United States)	193,074	230,344	176.0	78,350	71,952	65.0	114,724	158,392
Uruguay	1,171,676	1,360,955	63.0	458,429	409,131	24.0	713,246	951,824
Free trade zone Colonia (Uruguay)	6,823	6,914	31.0	8,571	7,051	23.0	- 1,748	- 137
Free trade zone Florida (Uruguay)	630	373	- 31.0	6	-	- 100.0	624	373
Free trade zone Libertad (Uruguay)	23	-	- 100.0	-	-	-	23	-
Free trade zone Montevideo (Uruguay)	24,840	20,857	12.0	194	159	38.0	24,646	20,698
Free trade zone Nueva Helvecia (Uruguay)	-	-	-	565	1,926	363.0	- 565	- 1,926
Free trade zone Nueva Palmira (Uruguay)	748	4	///	29	13	- 35.0	720	- 10
Free trade zone Rio Negro (Uruguay)	133	67	- 50.0	-	-	-	133	67
Free trade zone Rivera (Uruguay)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Free trade zone San Jose (Uruguay)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Venezuela	1,176,182	1,004,681	20.0	23,596	20,763	11.0	1,152,586	983,918
Rest	48,364	135,266	376.0	52,282	31,768	- 8.0	- 3,918	103,498
<b>ASIA</b>	<b>11,713,409</b>	<b>11,508,516</b>	<b>37.3</b>	<b>9,115,626</b>	<b>9,084,376</b>	<b>44.6</b>	<b>2,597,783</b>	<b>2,424,140</b>
Afghanistan	144	308	431.0	266	7	- 97.0	- 122	301
Bahrein	3,675	5,304	55.0	1,435	-	- 100.0	2,241	5,304
Bangladesh	310,312	165,434	- 20.0	3,582	4,406	81.0	306,730	161,028
Bhutan	-	-	-	-	-	///	-	-
Brunei	190	370	222.0	-	3	///	190	367
Cambodia	2,986	3,132	62.0	2,548	3,469	71.0	438	- 337
China	5,166,609	5,408,692	54.0	5,092,949	5,455,441	57.0	73,660	- 46,749
Hong Kong	192,845	146,217	- 2.0	33,507	32,467	28.0	159,338	113,750
Macau	3	-	- 88.0	741	569	- 6.0	- 738	- 569
East Timor	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	3,116	4,314	65.0	-	151	///	3,116	4,163
India	858,817	706,515	6.0	383,716	369,337	39.0	475,101	337,178
Indonesia	408,666	293,405	3.0	214,165	181,211	23.0	194,501	112,194
Iran	319,286	896,219	///	1,603	6,344	463.0	317,683	889,875
Iraq	16,854	19,963	97.0	-	2	///	16,854	19,961
Israel	212,511	178,904	2.0	125,388	101,817	23.0	87,123	77,087
Japan	666,244	427,246	- 22.0	1,200,116	1,037,894	20.0	- 533,872	- 610,649
Jordan	25,218	13,031	- 42.0	99	18	- 81.0	25,119	13,012
Kazajstan	15,978	30,061	142.0	10,694	13,711	78.0	5,285	16,349
Kuwait	39,820	28,736	- 14.0	19,641	8	///	20,179	28,729
Lebanon	45,946	36,453	29.0	293	349	50.0	45,652	36,104
Malasya	567,989	332,085	- 22.0	325,387	313,213	39.0	242,602	18,872

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Maldives	67	155	237.0	-	-	-	67	155
Myanmar	369	87	- 74.0	9,876	9,514	22.0	- 9,507	- 9,427
Nepal	27	14	17.0	16	65	///	11	- 51
Oman	25,414	49,394	115.0	-	3	///	25,414	49,391
Pakistan	79,598	135,385	202.0	45,478	41,239	25.0	34,121	94,146
Philippines	421,631	485,755	48.0	47,267	42,718	28.0	374,364	443,037
Qatar	15,338	6,527	- 45.0	24,569	5,003	- 36.0	- 9,231	1,524
Korea Republican	674,972	486,762	- 7.0	525,890	554,676	46.0	149,082	- 67,914
Saudi Arabia	372,486	389,661	27.0	23,616	26,077	49.0	348,870	363,584
Singapore	26,466	37,407	80.0	126,186	88,356	- 7.0	- 99,720	- 50,949
Sri Lanka	2,003	7,866	368.0	7,314	8,022	51.0	- 5,312	- 155
Syria	144,108	220,957	98.0	582	507	8.0	143,527	220,450
Taiwan	85,684	54,459	- 15.0	330,424	303,175	29.0	- 244,740	- 248,716
Tayiskistan	297	218	- 27.0	-	-	///	297	218
Thailand	366,708	314,809	12.0	456,265	358,761	12.0	- 89,557	- 43,952
Turkmenistan	1,984	4,173	203.0	-	-	-	1,984	4,173
United Arab Emirates	191,211	309,624	92.0	18,021	3,680	- 52.0	173,189	305,944
Uzbekistan	5,259	142	- 88.0	33	-	- 100.0	5,226	142
Vietnam	330,843	260,859	- 8.0	51,731	64,484	89.0	279,111	196,375
Yemen, Republic the	101,723	39,629	- 42.0	6	-	- 96.0	101,717	39,629
Rest	10,012	8,246	18.0	32,221	57,683	///	- 22,209	- 49,436
<b>EUROPA</b>	<b>11,608,238</b>	<b>12,550,493</b>	<b>56.1</b>	<b>9,498,343</b>	<b>9,113,920</b>	<b>34.3</b>	<b>2,109,895</b>	<b>3,436,572</b>
Albania	2,117	5,139	207.0	25	73	204.0	2,092	5,067
Austria	16,676	12,665	6.0	151,048	136,461	19.0	- 134,372	- 123,796
Belarus	9,480	5,390	- 29.0	19,937	8,326	- 32.0	- 10,457	- 2,936
Belgium	408,753	401,214	33.0	246,218	229,330	26.0	162,535	171,884
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5,915	6,478	38.0	170	70	- 16.0	5,745	6,408
Bulgaria	14,497	12,420	6.0	29,446	22,026	41.0	- 14,948	- 9,606
Croatia	41,449	35,488	14.0	1,152	1,357	68.0	40,297	34,132
Cyprus	25,637	22,352	21.0	10	11	22.0	25,627	22,341
Czech Republic	33,624	40,143	79.0	63,672	56,275	18.0	- 30,048	- 16,132
Denmark	350,193	388,354	71.0	165,150	101,888	- 24.0	185,043	286,466
Estonia	6,280	4,761	1.0	1,590	497	- 46.0	4,690	4,264
Finland	141,546	27,178	- 77.0	140,435	148,819	53.0	1,110	- 121,640
France	604,470	662,135	103.0	1,059,442	1,111,374	61.0	- 454,972	- 449,238
Monaco	89	8	300.0	1,749	1,227	- 12.0	- 1,661	- 1,219
Germany	1,221,234	1,188,779	42.0	2,131,326	1,920,405	31.0	- 910,092	- 731,626
Greece	121,646	100,833	24.0	7,628	6,013	17.0	114,018	94,820
Hungary	11,605	11,335	62.0	53,810	42,420	5.0	- 42,205	- 31,085
Iceland	1,638	1,599	28.0	344	1,595	458.0	1,295	3
Ireland	115,763	104,976	36.0	92,941	84,415	26.0	22,822	20,561
Italy	1,386,903	1,360,788	46.0	1,071,383	934,741	21.0	315,520	426,047
San Marino	6	-	- 100.0	263	476	187.0	- 257	- 476

Table 3. (concluded)

Continent and Country	Exports (FOB)			Imports (CIF)			Balance	
	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Sep 2008*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Sep 2008*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Sep 2008*
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars	
Letonia	9,192	27,814	347.0	121,015	163,276	114.0	- 111,823	- 135,462
Liechtenstein	19	13	-	1,115	949	17.0	- 1,095	- 936
Lithuania	18,803	24,825	86.0	15,148	34,743	133.0	3,655	- 9,918
Luxembourg	1,399	1,304	33.0	7,487	7,307	38.0	- 6,088	- 6,003
Macedonia	2,531	2,402	25.0	421	2,568	///	2,110	- 165
Malta	1,739	5,500	315.0	2,673	1,893	- 6.0	- 934	3,607
Montenegro	5,428	4,538	- 4.0	22	-	- 100.0	5,406	4,538
Netherlands	1,796,549	2,309,920	95.0	236,895	176,165	17.0	1,559,654	2,133,755
Norway	24,077	41,457	138.0	26,982	56,606	209.0	- 2,905	- 15,149
Poland	416,921	342,937	14.0	107,308	88,389	19.0	309,612	254,547
Portugal	192,929	289,226	74.0	86,152	62,784	- 6.0	106,777	226,443
Romania	81,764	82,616	82.0	41,766	43,724	280.0	39,998	38,893
Russia	783,521	828,564	48.0	430,308	686,185	72.0	353,213	142,379
Slovakia	3,840	629	- 80.0	25,865	35,222	99.0	- 22,025	- 34,593
Slovenia	46,256	11,051	- 64.0	10,890	7,873	- 4.0	35,367	3,178
Spain	2,059,440	2,314,936	52.0	812,647	796,710	31.0	1,246,794	1,518,226
Sweden	55,085	37,300	19.0	315,406	231,117	- 1.0	- 260,321	- 193,817
Switzerland	534,980	630,906	75.0	287,086	244,141	21.0	247,895	386,765
Servia	8,431	15,283	104.0	456	334	- 11.0	7,975	14,949
Territories linked to United Kingdom	10	-	- 100.0	-	28	///	10	- 28
Turkey	271,824	485,152	124.0	76,423	97,213	85.0	195,400	387,938
Ukraine	80,050	109,525	74.0	118,622	91,508	3.0	- 38,572	18,016
United Kingdom	693,415	589,653	24.0	445,359	431,270	28.0	248,056	158,383
Rest	514	2,907	///	1,090,558	1,046,119	37.0	- 1,090,044	- 1,043,211
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>246,230</b>	<b>275,214</b>	<b>72.7</b>	<b>176,569</b>	<b>199,723</b>	<b>62.6</b>	<b>69,661</b>	<b>75,491</b>
Australia	210,410	237,281	71.0	161,853	187,524	67.0	48,558	49,757
Fiji	199	192	24.0	-	-	-	199	192
Kiribati	-	-	-	-	-	///	-	-
Marshall Islands	561	-	- 100.0	-	2	///	561	- 2
Micronesia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nauru	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Zealand	30,683	33,981	100.0	14,686	12,175	16.0	15,997	21,806
Palau	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Papua New Guinea	37	18	///	17	4	- 67.0	21	13
Samoa Occidental	27	18	- 25.0	-	-	-	27	18
Solomon Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Territories Linked to Australia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Territories linked to The United States	19	20	25.0	-	-	-	19	20
Tuvalu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vanuatu	135	44	- 63.0	-	-	-	135	44
Rest	179	31	- 81.0	13	17	89.0	166	14
<b>Rest</b>	<b>919,995</b>	<b>1,084,180</b>	<b>66.9</b>	<b>1,073,260</b>	<b>1,739,296</b>	<b>77.3</b>	<b>- 153,264</b>	<b>- 655,116</b>

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

Section	Exports		Imports	
	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Sep 2008 <sup>e</sup>	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Sep 2008*
<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	--	--
II Products of vegetable origin	18	23	2	3
III Fats and oils	10	11	--	--
IV Feeding products, beverages and tobacco	16	15	1	1
V Mineral products	14	12	7	10
VI Industrial products	6	6	15	16
VII Plastic, rubber and its manufactures	3	3	7	6
VIII Leathers and leather manufactures (except footwear)	2	1	--	--
IX Wood, charcoal, cork, cork manufactures, cross- ties of wood	1	--	--	--
X Wood pulp, paper, paperboard	1	1	2	2
XI Textile stuff and manufactures	1	1	3	3
XII Footwear, umbrellas, artificial flowers and others	--	--	1	1
XIII Stone manufactures, plaster, cement, amianthus, mica, ceramic, glass	--	--	1	1
XIV Fine pearls, stones and precious metals, coins and others	1	1	--	--
XV Common metals and manufactures	5	4	7	7
XVI Machines, instruments and electric material	4	3	30	27
XVII Transport equipment	10	10	18	18
XVIII Optical instruments, medical- surgical precision, watches and music	--	--	2	2
XIX Arms and ammunition	--	--	--	--
XX Commodities and different products	--	--	1	1
XXI Works of art, antiques	--	--	--	--
Special transactions	2	2	1	1

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

Section chapter	Exports (FOB)			Imports (FOB)			Balance
	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Sep 2008*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Sep 2008*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	Accumulated Jan-Sep 2008*
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,779,556</b>	<b>54,906,232</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>44,707,463</b>	<b>44,677,547</b>	<b>39.4</b>	<b>10,228,685</b>
<b>I Live animals and products of animal origin</b>	<b>3,570,631</b>	<b>3,352,280</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>159,692</b>	<b>144,324</b>	<b>33.5</b>	<b>3,207,956</b>
1 Live animals	28,000	28,752	31.3	9,747	11,520	89.3	17,231
2 Meat and edible meat offal	1,618,588	1,502,534	30.8	77,963	73,266	47.1	1,429,267
3 Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates	1,070,816	1,026,950	20.0	24,989	19,388	8.2	1,007,562
4 Dairy produce; birds eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, n.e.s.o.i.	785,184	733,980	33.8	17,933	15,463	30.0	718,517
5 Products of animal origin, n.e.s.o.i.	68,043	60,065	39.1	29,060	24,686	10.3	35,379
<b>II Products of vegetable origin</b>	<b>10,354,105</b>	<b>12,362,887</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>1,012,974</b>	<b>1,500,989</b>	<b>104.0</b>	<b>10,861,898</b>
6 Live trees and other plants; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage	2,894	3,053	26.6	6,338	4,586	- 9.9	- 1,533
7 Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers	407,352	399,601	40.9	25,595	12,460	- 25.9	387,141
8 Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melon	1,061,938	1,249,794	41.6	107,845	95,497	40.2	1,154,297
9 Coffee, tea, mate and spices	89,132	77,620	14.2	85,325	81,934	25.7	- 4,313
10 Cereals	4,660,160	5,818,582	64.0	23,776	17,152	10.3	5,801,430
11 Milling industry products; malt; starches; inulin; wheat gluten	429,841	536,448	89.4	10,244	15,200	121.7	521,248
12 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruits; industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder	3,695,888	4,271,770	75.8	707,676	1,237,245	136.0	3,034,525
13 Lac; gums; resins and other vegetable saps and extracts	1,404	1,749	64.8	40,167	32,848	11.3	- 31,099
14 Vegetable plaiting materials and vegetable products, n.e.s.o.i.	5,497	4,271	17.5	6,009	4,068	- 7.2	202
<b>III Fats and oils</b>	<b>5,493,293</b>	<b>5,867,205</b>	<b>56.0</b>	<b>50,977</b>	<b>59,810</b>	<b>74.6</b>	<b>5,807,396</b>
15 Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes	5,493,293	5,867,205	56.0	50,977	59,810	74.6	5,807,396
<b>IV Feeding products, beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>8,815,902</b>	<b>8,300,631</b>	<b>39.6</b>	<b>559,446</b>	<b>525,492</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>7,775,139</b>
16 Edible preparations of meat, fish, crustaceans molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates	214,971	181,495	15.3	84,731	64,853	17.9	116,642
17 Sugars and sugar confectionary	222,752	148,611	- 8.8	31,338	34,276	47.9	114,335
18 Cocoa and cocoa preparations	120,018	93,130	11.3	108,539	121,872	46.2	- 28,741
19 Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; bakers wares	251,844	284,606	76.3	26,966	24,139	27.0	260,467

Table 5. (continuation)

Section chapter	Exports (FOB)			Imports (FOB)			Balance
	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Sep 2008*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Sep 2008*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	Accumulated Jan-Sep 2008*
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars
20 Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants	832,964	814,575	35.8	93,984	77,879	28.2	736,697
21 Miscellaneous edible preparations	115,623	114,314	45.3	105,972	100,281	30.7	14,032
22 Beverages, spirits and vinegar	586,410	539,931	31.9	40,322	35,549	25.8	504,381
23 Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed	6,196,116	5,870,797	43.8	35,131	35,569	41.5	5,835,228
24 Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	275,202	253,173	19.2	32,462	31,075	32.0	222,098
<b>V Mineral products</b>	<b>7,585,644</b>	<b>6,358,789</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>3,351,004</b>	<b>4,504,385</b>	<b>73.8</b>	<b>1,854,404</b>
25 Salt; sulfur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	68,420	61,152	21.2	97,610	152,884	123.0	- 91,732
26 Ores, slag and ash	1,421,211	1,045,201	3.6	561,671	726,133	81.4	319,068
27 Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes	6,096,013	5,252,436	23.1	2,691,723	3,625,368	70.8	1,627,068
<b>VI Industrial products</b>	<b>3,183,770</b>	<b>3,466,324</b>	<b>58.6</b>	<b>6,831,082</b>	<b>7,001,953</b>	<b>40.8</b>	<b>- 3,535,629</b>
28 Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare- earth metals, of radioactive elements or of isotopes	276,107	263,692	31.7	550,708	697,765	71.9	- 434,074
29 Organic chemicals	587,794	473,584	7.5	2,257,766	2,465,267	54.5	- 1,991,683
30 Pharmaceutical products	512,359	456,212	22.4	938,596	853,749	22.1	- 397,537
31 Fertilizers	91,990	67,621	55.9	1,105,907	1,256,134	45.2	- 1,188,513
32 Tanning or dyeing extracts; tannins and derivatives dyes, pigments and other coloring matter; paints and varnishes; putty and other mastics; inks	174,562	140,271	10.3	351,843	302,928	20.8	- 162,657
33 Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations	459,242	347,961	11.0	279,081	262,003	27.5	85,958
34 Soap etc.; lubricating products; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles etc; modeling pastes; dental waxes and dental preparations with a basic of plaster	133,907	123,194	24.4	231,270	198,532	17.8	- 75,338
35 Albuminoidal substances; modified starches; glues; enzymes	193,182	212,434	66.9	100,401	89,272	20.2	123,162
36 Explosives; pyrotechnic products; matches; pyrophoric alloys; certain combustible preparations	4,999	7,448	137.4	13,495	10,471	23.0	- 3,023
37 Photographic or cinematographic goods	79,527	68,076	19.2	122,758	85,287	0.3	- 17,211
38 Miscellaneous chemical products	670,102	1,305,833	225.3	879,256	780,545	26.9	525,287
<b>VII Plastic, rubber and its manufactures</b>	<b>1,542,345</b>	<b>1,375,969</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>2,940,054</b>	<b>2,526,958</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>- 1,150,989</b>
39 Plastics and articles thereof	1,202,446	1,086,708	25.2	2,051,068	1,690,551	14.4	- 603,843
40 Rubber and articles thereof	339,899	289,261	16.0	888,986	836,407	33.3	- 547,146

Table 5. (continuation)

Section chapter	Exports (FOB)			Imports (FOB)			Balance
	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Sep 2008*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Sep 2008*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	Accumulated Jan-Sep 2008*
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars
<b>VIII Leathers and leather manufactures</b>	<b>1,137,186</b>	<b>802,936</b>	<b>- 5.7</b>	<b>131,218</b>	<b>118,180</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>684,755</b>
41 Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and leather	969,481	718,085	- 1.6	45,722	36,653	6.2	681,432
42 Articles of leather; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of gut	122,821	52,343	- 42.1	82,960	79,775	24.7	- 27,432
43 Furskins and artificial fur; manufactures thereof	44,885	32,507	3.1	2,536	1,752	- 3.1	30,755
<b>IX Wood, charcoal, cork, cork manufactures, cross- ties of wood</b>	<b>313,197</b>	<b>245,122</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>183,462</b>	<b>165,709</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>79,413</b>
44 Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal	311,001	244,098	5.0	130,546	121,827	27.4	122,271
45 Cork and articles of cork	2,127	984	- 19.2	49,161	39,911	15.8	- 38,927
46 Manufactures of straw, esparto or other plaiting materials; Basketware and wickerwork	69	40	- 15.9	3,756	3,971	70.7	- 3,931
<b>X Wood pulp, paper, paperboard</b>	<b>625,361</b>	<b>495,910</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>1,059,391</b>	<b>932,252</b>	<b>22.6</b>	<b>- 436,342</b>
47 Pulp of wood or other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap) paper and paperboard	130,021	105,717	9.3	86,870	64,587	4.4	41,129
48 Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard	413,046	319,462	4.4	834,565	737,557	23.1	- 418,095
49 Printed books, newspapers, pictures and other printed products; manuscripts, typescripts and plans	82,294	70,731	16.9	137,956	130,108	30.6	- 59,377
<b>XI Textile stuff and manufactures</b>	<b>574,309</b>	<b>469,346</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>1,314,469</b>	<b>1,255,179</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>- 785,833</b>
50 Silk, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof	21	28	194.7	1,830	1,719	14.5	- 1,691
51 Wool and fine or coarse animal hair, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof; horsehair yarn and woven	235,289	177,291	2.8	13,716	7,906	- 14.9	169,386
52 Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof	36,770	21,534	- 21.2	214,344	209,711	36.0	- 188,177
53 Vegetable textile fibers nesoi; yarns and woven fabrics of vegetable textile fibers nesoi and paper	84	79	48.3	6,002	4,715	-	- 4,635
54 Manmade filaments, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof	56,129	40,816	- 1.9	187,505	161,475	19.5	- 120,658
55 Manmade staple fibers, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof	12,532	9,253	- 2.2	258,335	222,677	20.2	- 213,424
56 Wadding, felt and nonwovens; special yarns; twine, cordage, ropes and cables and articles thereof	42,042	53,129	76.2	74,410	71,445	36.5	- 18,316
57 Carpets and other textile floor coverings	6,504	6,350	35.5	16,023	16,196	39.0	- 9,847
58 Special woven fabrics; tufted textile fabrics; lace; tapestries; trimmings; embroidery	26,056	24,041	37.1	27,201	18,595	- 5.4	5,446
59 Impregnated, coated, covered or laminated textile fabrics; textile articles suitable for industrial use	45,235	39,399	18.9	83,456	71,567	17.6	- 32,168
60 Knitted or crocheted fabrics	12,877	9,515	9.6	101,034	102,009	54.8	- 92,494
61 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted	56,765	46,384	16.1	83,637	110,165	72.0	- 63,781
62 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted	31,494	31,285	39.6	134,082	155,834	56.9	- 124,548

Table 5. (continuation)

Section chapter	Exports (FOB)			Imports (FOB)			Balance	
	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Sep 2008*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Sep 2008*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	Accumulated Jan-Sep 2008*	
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars	
63	Made- up textile articles nesoi; needlecraft sets; worn clothing and worn textile articles; rags	12,512	10,241	16.4	112,896	101,166	30.5	- 90,925
<b>XII</b>	<b>Footwear, umbrellas, artificial flowers and others</b>	<b>35,718</b>	<b>29,718</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>321,672</b>	<b>285,492</b>	<b>29.6</b>	<b>- 255,774</b>
64	Footwear, gaiters and the like; parts of such articles	33,486	27,950	9.2	300,539	263,065	28.0	- 235,114
65	Headgear and parts thereof	1,493	1,230	11.2	11,493	13,019	61.2	- 11,790
66	Umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking- sticks, seat- sticks, whips, riding- crops and parts thereof	478	288	- 26.7	5,686	5,726	42.2	- 5,439
67	Prepared feathers and down and articles thereof; artificial flowers; articles of human hair	261	250	22.0	3,953	3,681	35.6	- 3,432
<b>XIII</b>	<b>Stone manufactures, plaster, cement, amianthus, mica, ceramic, glass</b>	<b>164,127</b>	<b>136,635</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>415,938</b>	<b>406,521</b>	<b>38.9</b>	<b>- 269,885</b>
68	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials	65,381	59,979	22.8	79,090	69,265	23.4	- 9,286
69	Ceramic products	58,162	42,294	- 1.1	134,264	140,267	47.8	- 97,974
70	Glass and glassware	40,584	34,362	17.8	202,584	196,988	39.0	- 162,626
<b>XIV</b>	<b>Fine pearls, stones and precious metals, coins and others</b>	<b>579,375</b>	<b>645,468</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>67,268</b>	<b>57,843</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>587,625</b>
71	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semiprecious stones, precious metals; precious metal clad metals, and articles thereof; imitation jewelry; coin	579,375	645,468	72.0	67,268	57,843	5.9	587,625
<b>XV</b>	<b>Common metals and manufactures</b>	<b>2,816,333</b>	<b>2,431,022</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>3,130,597</b>	<b>3,141,372</b>	<b>38.9</b>	<b>- 710,351</b>
72	Iron and steel	548,024	379,778	- 10.9	1,146,332	1,322,651	59.3	- 942,873
73	Articles of iron or steel	1,496,909	1,287,881	16.9	861,233	793,272	29.7	494,609
74	Copper and articles thereof	15,301	14,675	35.2	309,646	281,512	22.7	- 266,837
75	Nickel and articles thereof	243	17	- 93.0	45,250	34,748	7.5	- 34,732
76	Aluminum and articles thereof	544,295	603,835	49.9	206,748	199,549	34.1	404,286
78	Lead and articles thereof	59,839	45,847	43.9	1,155	1,187	52.4	44,660
79	Zinc and articles thereof	63,703	30,169	- 27.6	74,473	44,603	- 24.1	- 14,434
80	Tin and articles thereof	18	21	59.2	18,138	20,481	55.1	- 20,460
81	Base metals nesoi; cermets; articles thereof	2,658	2,812	29.1	25,255	23,818	41.7	- 21,006
82	Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof of base metal	42,456	25,839	- 15.2	247,478	232,906	27.8	- 207,067
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal	42,888	40,147	32.6	194,887	186,645	35.5	- 146,498
<b>XVI</b>	<b>Machines, instruments and electric material</b>	<b>1,974,944</b>	<b>1,747,866</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>13,338,639</b>	<b>12,088,490</b>	<b>28.1</b>	<b>- 10,340,624</b>
84	Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	1,441,289	1,303,496	29.0	7,507,957	6,967,857	31.3	- 5,664,360
85	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television recorder	533,655	444,370	17.2	5,830,682	5,120,633	24.1	- 4,676,264
<b>XVII</b>	<b>Transport equipment</b>	<b>5,712,739</b>	<b>5,400,649</b>	<b>41.1</b>	<b>7,917,523</b>	<b>8,207,595</b>	<b>47.6</b>	<b>- 2,806,946</b>

Table 5. (concluded)

Section chapter	Exports (FOB)			Imports (FOB)			Balance
	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Sep 2008*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	2007*	Accumulated Jan-Sep 2008*	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %	Accumulated Jan-Sep 2008*
	Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars			Thousand of dollars
86 Railway or tramway locomotives, rolling stock, track fixtures and fittings, and parts thereof; mechanical	12,459	10,353	17.3	100,983	42,818	- 51.1	- 32,465
87 Vehicles, other than railway or tramway rolling stock, and parts and accessories thereof	5,304,706	4,799,619	30.8	6,956,339	7,279,285	46.0	- 2,479,665
88 Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof	333,418	514,059	386.9	799,930	805,355	83.7	- 291,296
89 Ships, boats and floating structures	62,156	76,617	82.7	60,271	80,138	65.0	- 3,520
<b>XVIII Optical instruments, medical- surgical precision, watches and music</b>	<b>193,249</b>	<b>168,526</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>985,722</b>	<b>874,370</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>- 705,844</b>
90 Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; parts and accessories thereof	186,180	162,654	25.9	919,162	820,096	24.3	- 657,442
91 Clocks and watches and parts thereof	5,377	4,668	28.9	44,321	36,041	17.2	- 31,372
92 Musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof	1,692	1,204	9.8	22,239	18,233	23.8	- 17,029
<b>XIX Arms and ammunition</b>	<b>16,570</b>	<b>11,709</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>8,533</b>	<b>9,417</b>	<b>61.9</b>	<b>2,292</b>
93 Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof	16,570	11,709	2.5	8,533	9,417	61.9	2,292
<b>XX Commodities and different products</b>	<b>163,599</b>	<b>145,554</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>659,520</b>	<b>617,906</b>	<b>43.6</b>	<b>- 472,352</b>
94 Furniture; bedding, cushions, etc.; lamps and Lighting fittings n.e.s.o.i.; illuminated signs, nameplates and the like; prefabricated buildings	125,208	119,982	32.8	282,102	289,669	51.3	- 169,687
95 Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof	25,715	16,539	- 11.6	267,738	231,187	38.4	- 214,649
96 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	12,676	9,034	- 1.3	109,680	97,049	35.5	- 88,016
<b>XXI Works of art, antiques</b>	<b>7,163</b>	<b>7,506</b>	<b>67.2</b>	<b>2,014</b>	<b>15,251</b>	<b>///</b>	<b>- 7,745</b>
97 Works of art- collectors pieces and antiques	7,163	7,506	67.2	2,014	15,251	///	- 7,745
<b>Special transactions</b>	<b>919,995</b>	<b>1,084,180</b>	<b>66.9</b>	<b>266,268</b>	<b>238,059</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>846,121</b>
Transportation fuel supply	822,870	1,012,590	75.3	157,040	164,772	45.2	847,818
Other soipping stores	43,195	33,741	2.0	9,505	7,903	15.0	25,838
Residual	9,171	8,955	34.2	-	-	-	8,955
Couriers	44,760	28,894	- 11.1	99,723	65,384	- 16.1	- 36,490

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

Groups of commodities		2007*	Accumulated Jan-Sep 2008 <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>55,780</b>	<b>54,906</b>	<b>40.2</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	5,748	5,331	41.2
150710	Soybean oil and its fractions, crude, whether or not degummed	4,261	3,874	37.6
120100	Soybeans, whether or not broken	3,435	4,025	78.7
271011	Petroleum oils and preparations	2,275	1,905	14.6
100590	Corn (maize) other than seed corn	2,190	3,059	63.1
100190	Wheat (other than durum wheat), and meslin	2,016	2,045	56.0
870323	Motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons with spark- ignition internal combustion reciprocating piston engine, cylinder capacity over 1,500 cc but over 3,000 cc	1,420	1,197	23.5
260300	Copper ores and concentrates	1,358	952	- 1.0
270900	Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals crude	1,296	1,244	43.9
870421	Motor vehicles, for the transport of goods, with compression- ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semidiesel) gvw not over 5 metric tons	1,126	950	20.9
271019	Other petroleum products, n,e,s,o,i,	1,006	741	20.7
730429	Casing and tubing pipes, seamless, of a kind used in drilling for oil or gas, of iron (except cast iron) or steel, n,e,s,o,i,	823	699	12.7
020130	Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled: boneless	790	644	16.0
151211	Sunflower- seed or safflower oil, and fractions thereof, crude, not chemically modified	563	1,239	157.0
710812	Gold unwrought forms	562	580	58.4
870431	Motor vehicles for the transport of goods, Other, with spark- ignition internal combustion piston engine not exceeding 5 metric tons	513	331	- 6.0
410441	Full grain, unsplit, grain splits tanned or crust hides and skins of bovine or equine animals, without hair on, whether or not split, but not further prepared	504	369	- 1.5
870840	Gear boxes for motor vehicles	498	450	22.3
271121	Natural gas, gaseous	455	226	- 44.4
870321	Motor vehicles, for the transport of goods, with compression- ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semidiesel) gvw not over 5 metric tons	435	453	75.6
220421	Wine of fresh grapes excluding grape of heading 2009 in containers holding 2 liters or less	418	378	26.5
020230	Meat of bovine animals frozen: boneless	412	405	40.2
030429	Other fish fillets	355	277	7.5
760120	Aluminum alloys, unwrought	346	308	15.2
271112	Propane	335	326	55.1
271113	Butanes	334	349	60.1
040221	Milk and cream, concretated not sweetened, in powder, granules or other solid forms, of a fat content, by weight, exceeding 1,5%	314	244	10.7
880240	Airplanes and otherairgraf, of an unladen weight exceeding 15,000 kg	308	497	///

Table 6. (concluded)

Groups of commodities		2007*	Accumulated Jan-Sep 2008 <sup>e</sup>	
		Millions of dollars	Millions of dollars	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %
030613	Shrimps and prawns	291	314	25.4
300490	Medicaments, in measured doses, etc., (excluding vaccines etc) coated bandages etc., and pharmaceutical goods, n.e.s.o.i.	279	255	24.2
080820	Pears and quinces, fresh	271	320	24.5
110100	Wheat or meslin flour	250	356	125.1
870333	Motor cars and other motors vehicles of a cylinder capacity exceeding 2,500 cc	249	196	12.4
240120	Tobacco partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	245	224	17.6
730419	Other tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, seamless, of iron (other than cast iron) or steel	238	167	- 6.2
200811	Peanuts (ground-nuts)	236	243	55.8
870899	Other parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 8701 to 8705	223	143	- 18.1
380893	Herbicides, anti-sprouting products and plant-growth regulators	200	348	184.1
160250	Prepared of preserved meat, meat offal or blood of bovine animals, n.e.s.o.i.	183	150	10.1
390190	Other polymers of ethylene, in primary forms	180	148	16.2
071333	Kidney beans, including white pea beans	180	192	83.5
230250	Bran, sharps and other residues, whether or not in the form of pellets, derived from the sifting, milling or other working of cereals of leguminous plants	173	158	46.8
271119	Other ethane	173	210	81.1
120220	Peanuts (ground- nuts), not roasted or otherwise cooked, whether or not shelled or not broken	172	131	26.0
401110	New pneumatic tires, of rubber, radial	172	127	0.6
080550	Lemons (citrus limon, citrus limonum) and limes (citrus aurantifolia, citrus latifolia)	170	402	137.1
200969	Other grape juice (including grape must)	166	159	39.4
151790	Margarine, artificial mixtures of two or more of products provided for in headings 1501 to 1515, inclusive n.e.s.o.i.	162	158	37.0
150790	Other soybean oil and its fractions, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified	159	138	33.2
080810	Apples	158	162	13.4
<b>Rest</b>		<b>17,157</b>	<b>17,106</b>	<b>39.0</b>

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

Groups of commodities		2007*	Accumulated Jan– Sep 2008*	
		Millions of dollars	Millions of dollars	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %
<b>Total</b>		<b>44,708</b>	<b>44,678</b>	<b>39.4</b>
870323	Motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons with spark-ignition internal combustion reciprocating piston engine, cylinder capacity over 1,500 cc but over 3,000 cc	1,708	2,057	64.0
271019	Other petroleum products, n,e,s,o,i,	1,688	2,421	81.3
851712	Telephones for cellular networks or for others wireless networks	1,325	1,139	19.2
880240	Airplanes and other aircraft, of an unladen weight exceeding 15,000 kg	727	694	79.7
120100	Soybeans, whether or not broken	647	1,178	145.9
870829	Other parts and accessories of bodies (including cabs)	620	632	42.0
870899	Other parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 8701 to 8705	529	444	12.6
271600	Electrical energy	460	279	- 26.2
293100	Organo-inorganic compounds, n,e,s,o,i,	446	868	220.8
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	395	427	50.6
300490	Medicaments, in measured doses, etc., (excluding vaccines etc) coated bandages etc., and pharmaceutical goods, n,e,s,o,i,	386	339	18.2
870840	Gear boxes for motor vehicles	380	364	39.3
870421	Motor vehicles, for the transport of goods, with compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel or semidiesel) gvw not over 5 metric tons	364	371	33.9
840820	Compression-ignition internal combustion piston engines (diesel or semidiesel), for the propulsion of vehicles of chapter 87	363	396	56.8
851762	Machines for the reception, conversion and transmission or regeneration of voice, images or other data	332	297	30.2
260112	Iron ores and concentrate, other than roasted iron pyrites, agglomerated	322	439	99.0
310540	Ammonium hydrogenorthophosphate	320	324	20.8
840734	Spark ignition reciprocating or rotary internal combustion piston engines of a cylinder capacity not over 1,000 cc	306	278	29.3
871120	With reciprocating internal combustion piston engine of a cylinder capacity exceeding 50 cc but not exceeding 250 cc	301	316	53.4
870422	Motor vehicles for the transport of goods, g,v,w, Exceeding 5 metric tons but not exceeding 20 metric tons	288	325	56.2
870332	Motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons with compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel), cylinder capacity over 1,500 cc but not over 2,500 cc	283	271	24.2
870120	Road tractors for semi-trailers	258	249	34.4
390110	Polyethylene having a specific gravity of less than 0,94 in primary forms	246	203	24.3
843351	Other harvesting machinery	230	225	78.6
870850	Drive axles with differential, whether or not provided with other transmission components	230	260	61.4
847130	Portable digital automatic data processing machines, weighing not more than 10 kg, consisting of at least a central processing unit, a keyboard and a display	216	262	68.5

Table 7. (concluded)

Groups of commodities		2007*	Accumulated Jan– Sep 2008*	
		Millions of dollars	Millions of dollars	Rate of growth respect to the same period of the previous year %
310530	Diammonium hydrogenorthophosphate (diammouium phosphate)	215	350	71.6
847330	Parts and accesories for automatic data processing machines and units thereof magnetic or optical reader, transcribing machines, list n.e.s.o.i.	210	189	20.8
870190	Other tractors (other than tractors or heading 8709)	210	223	57.6
840999	Parts for use with compression– ignition internal combustion piston engines, n.e.s.o.i.	206	169	13.8
841430	Compressors of a kind used in refrigerating equipment (including air conditioning)	199	183	31.2
270112	Bituminous coal	199	247	70.9
300210	Antisera and other blood obtained by means of biotechnological processes	194	197	39.2
850300	Parts suitable for use solely or principally with the machines of heading 8501 or 8502	190	127	79.9
281820	Aluminium oxide, except atificial corundum, n.e.s.o.i.	178	223	69.4
401120	New pneumatic tires, of tubber, of a king used on buses or trucks	174	171	40.3
382490	Chemical products and preparations of the chemical or allied industries, n.e.s.o.i.	171	145	17.7
851770	Parts of telephone sets	171	107	– 17.3
310210	Urea, whether or not in aqueous solution	169	133	– 3.3
390120	Polyethylene having a specific gravity of 0,94 or more, in primary forms allied industries, n.e.s.o.i.	167	130	6.2
847170	Storage units	166	132	1.5
390760	Polythylene terephthakate, in primary forms	158	106	– 9.4
844399	Other printing machinery used for printing by means of plates, cylinders and other printing components of heading 8442	152	135	17.4
260111	Iron and concetrates including roasted iron pyrites	151	226	98.6
401110	New pneumatic tires, of rubber, radial	150	155	42.5
291736	Terephthalic acid and its salts	148	120	7.9
852990	Other printed circuit assemblies	146	120	–
852851	Other monitors of a kind solely or principally used in a automatic data processing system of heading 8471	144	156	41.9
847150	Digital processing units other than those of subheading 8471.41 or 8471.49, whether or not containing in the same housing one or two of the following types of unit: storage units, input units, output units	144	120	17.5
271121	Natural gas, gaseous	139	52	– 54.5
<b>Rest</b>		<b>27,192</b>	<b>25,705</b>	<b>32.7</b>