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## ***PRESS RELEASE***

### ***COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF GREECE : December 2016***

( Provisional Data )

The total value of imports-arrivals, in December 2016 amounted to 3,868.1 million euros (4,065.7 million dollars) in comparison with 3,729.6 million euros (4,044.6 million dollars) in December 2015, recording an increase, in euros, of **3.7%**. The corresponding change excluding oil products recorded an increase of 32.4 million euros or 1.2% (Table 1)<sup>(1)</sup>.

The total value of exports-dispatches, in December 2016 amounted to 2,301.5 million euros (2,433.6 million dollars) in comparison with 2,234.1 million euros (2,437.4 million dollars) in December 2015, recording an increase, in euros, of **3.0%**. The corresponding change excluding oil products recorded a drop of 84.2 million euros or 5.0% (Table 1).

The deficit of the trade balance, in December 2016 amounted to 1,566.6 million euros (1,632.1 million dollars) in comparison with 1,495.5 million euros (1,607.2 million dollars) in December 2015, recording an increase, in euros, of **4.8%**. The corresponding change excluding oil products recorded an increase of 116.6 million euros or 11.0% (Table 1).

The total value of imports-arrivals, for the 12-month period from January to December 2016 amounted to 43,962.6 million euros (48,508.7 million dollars) in comparison with 43,624.6 million euros (48,216.4 million dollars) for the corresponding period of the year 2015, recording an increase, in euros, of **0.8%**. The corresponding change excluding oil products recorded an increase of 1,922.3 million euros or 5.9% (Table 5).

The total value of exports-dispatches, for the 12-month period from January to December 2016 amounted to 25,411.4 million euros (28,198.4 million dollars) in comparison with 25,879.3 million euros (28,776.8 million dollars) for the corresponding period of the year 2015, recording a drop, in euros, of **1.8%**. The corresponding change excluding oil products recorded an increase of 225.5 million euros or 1.2% (Table 5).

The deficit of the Trade Balance, for the 12-month period from January to December 2016 amounted to 18,551.2 million euros (20,310.3 million dollars) in comparison with 17,745.3 million euros (19,439.6 million dollars) for the corresponding period of the year 2015, recording an increase, in euros, of **4.5%**. The corresponding change excluding oil products recorded an increase of 1,696.8 million euros or 11.8% (Table 5).

The monthly data of Intra EU transactions, have been adjusted to the total trade transactions with EU countries, (including the transactions below the statistical threshold<sup>(1)</sup>), on the basis of the Recapitulative Statements of Intra-EU Deliveries and Acquisitions that are submitted by the enterprises in the Ministry of Finance. Accordingly, the provisional data from the "incomplete customs declarations" have been incorporated in the monthly data on trade with third countries and, after having been completed, they will be replaced by the final data.

<sup>(1)</sup> By virtue of EU Regulations on the compilation of intra-EU trade statistics, Member States set out a "statistical exemption threshold". On the basis of the exemption threshold, the enterprises whose transactions are below the statistical threshold are exempted from the obligation to submit data on their intra-Community transactions (Intrastat declaration). The aim is to reduce the burden on enterprises. The statistical exemption threshold, valid for each year, is specified and released by ELSTAT on a yearly basis.

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**Table 1. Trade Balance : December 2014 - 2016***Million euros*

	December			Changes %	
	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	2015/2014	2016/2015
<b>A. Imports-Arrivals <sup>(2)</sup></b>					
I. Including the value of ships	4,034.4	3,729.6	3,868.1	-7.6	3.7
II. Excluding the value of ships	3,927.7	3,616.0	3,789.5	-7.9	4.8
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	2,781.6	2,751.5	2,783.9	-1.1	1.2
<b>B. Exports-Dispatches <sup>(2)</sup></b>					
I. Including the value of ships	2,201.7	2,234.1	2,301.5	1.5	3.0
II. Excluding the value of ships	2,172.6	2,225.7	2,291.6	2.4	3.0
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	1,568.9	1,694.1	1,609.9	8.0	-5.0
<b>C. Trade Balance</b> including the value of ships (=B.I-A.I)	<b>-1,832.7</b>	<b>-1,495.5</b>	<b>-1,566.6</b>	<b>-18.4</b>	<b>4.8</b>
<b>D. Trade Balance</b> excluding the value of ships (=B.II - A.II)	<b>-1,755.1</b>	<b>-1,390.3</b>	<b>-1,497.9</b>	<b>-20.8</b>	<b>7.7</b>
<b>E. Trade Balance</b> excluding oil products and including the value of ships (=B.III - A.III)	<b>-1,212.7</b>	<b>-1,057.4</b>	<b>-1,174.0</b>	<b>-12.8</b>	<b>11.0</b>

*USD <sup>(3)</sup> million*

	December			Changes %	
	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	2015/2014	2016/2015
<b>A. Imports-Arrivals <sup>(2)</sup></b>					
I. Including the value of ships	4,960.0	4,044.6	4,065.7	-18.5	0.5
II. Excluding the value of ships	4,828.8	3,921.4	3,983.0	-18.8	1.6
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	3,419.7	2,984.0	2,926.1	-12.7	-1.9
<b>B. Exports-Dispatches <sup>(2)</sup></b>					
I. Including the value of ships	2,723.2	2,437.4	2,433.6	-10.5	-0.2
II. Excluding the value of ships	2,687.2	2,428.3	2,423.1	-9.6	-0.2
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	1,940.5	1,848.2	1,702.2	-4.8	-7.9
<b>C. Trade Balance</b> including the value of ships (=B.I-A.I)	<b>-2,236.8</b>	<b>-1,607.2</b>	<b>-1,632.1</b>	<b>-28.1</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<b>D. Trade Balance</b> excluding the value of ships (=B.II - A.II)	<b>-2,141.6</b>	<b>-1,493.1</b>	<b>-1,559.9</b>	<b>-30.3</b>	<b>4.5</b>
<b>E. Trade Balance</b> excluding oil products and including the value of ships (=B.III - A.III)	<b>-1,479.2</b>	<b>-1,135.8</b>	<b>-1,223.9</b>	<b>-23.2</b>	<b>7.8</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Provisional data.<sup>(2)</sup> The data of the Intra EU trade have been adjusted to the total trade with EU countries. The "incomplete customs declarations" for the corresponding month have been incorporated in the data on trade with third countries.<sup>(3)</sup> The value in dollars of imports and exports is based on the average exchange rate USD / € of the reporting month in the relevant year.

**Table 2. Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches including oil products, December 2014 - 2016**

**Imports-Arrivals <sup>(2)</sup> (€ million)**

	December		Changes %		
	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	2015/2014	2016/2015
I. European Union	2,117.3	1,974.7	2,129.5	-6.7	7.8
II. Third countries	1,917.1	1,754.9	1,738.6	-8.5	-0.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,034.4</b>	<b>3,729.6</b>	<b>3,868.1</b>	<b>-7.6</b>	<b>3.7</b>

**Imports-Arrivals <sup>(2)</sup> (USD <sup>(3)</sup> million)**

	December		Changes %		
	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	2015/2014	2016/2015
I. European Union	2,603.0	2,141.5	2,238.2	-17.7	4.5
II. Third countries	2,357.0	1,903.1	1,827.5	-19.3	-4.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,960.0</b>	<b>4,044.6</b>	<b>4,065.7</b>	<b>-18.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>

**Exports-Dispatches <sup>(2)</sup> (€ million)**

	December		Changes %		
	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	2015/2014	2016/2015
I. European Union	1,079.9	1,197.8	1,159.7	10.9	-3.2
II. Third countries	1,121.8	1,036.3	1,141.8	-7.6	10.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,201.7</b>	<b>2,234.1</b>	<b>2,301.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>

**Exports-Dispatches <sup>(2)</sup> (USD <sup>(3)</sup> million)**

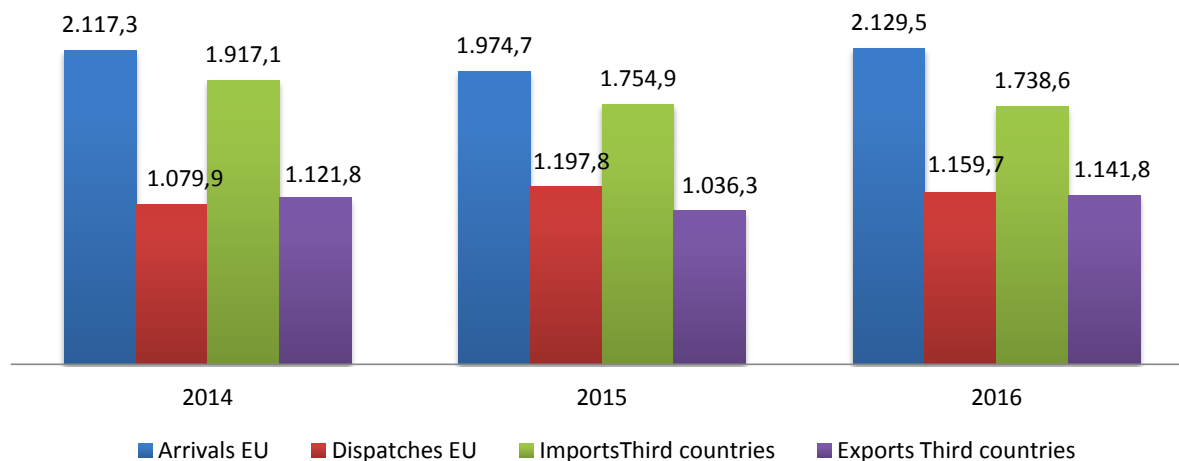
	December		Changes %		
	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	2015/2014	2016/2015
I. European Union	1,335.7	1,306.8	1,226.2	-2.2	-6.2
II. Third countries	1,387.5	1,130.6	1,207.4	-18.5	6.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,723.2</b>	<b>2,437.4</b>	<b>2,433.6</b>	<b>-10.5</b>	<b>-0.2</b>

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<sup>(3)</sup> The value in dollars of imports and exports is based on the average exchange rate USD / € of the reporting month in the relevant year.

**Diagram 1. Imports - Arrivals, Exports - Dispatches including oil products, December 2014 -2016, million €**



**Table 3. Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches excluding oil products, December 2014 - 2016**

**Imports-Arrivals <sup>(2)</sup> (€ million)**

	December		Changes %		
	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	2015/2014	2016/2015
I. European Union	2,025.6	1,906.8	2,010.8	-5.9	5.5
II. Third countries	756.0	844.7	773.1	11.7	-8.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,781.6</b>	<b>2,751.5</b>	<b>2,783.9</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>

**Imports-Arrivals <sup>(2)</sup> (USD <sup>(3)</sup> million)**

	December		Changes %		
	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	2015/2014	2016/2015
I. European Union	2,490.2	2,067.9	2,113.5	-17.0	2.2
II. Third countries	929.5	916.1	812.6	-1.4	-11.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,419.7</b>	<b>2,984.0</b>	<b>2,926.1</b>	<b>-12.7</b>	<b>-1.9</b>

**Exports-Dispatches <sup>(2)</sup> (€ million)**

	December		Changes %		
	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	2015/2014	2016/2015
I. European Union	960.4	1,045.3	1,040.8	8.8	-0.4
II. Third countries	608.5	648.8	569.1	6.6	-12.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,568.9</b>	<b>1,694.1</b>	<b>1,609.9</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>-5.0</b>

**Exports-Dispatches <sup>(2)</sup> (USD <sup>(3)</sup> million)**

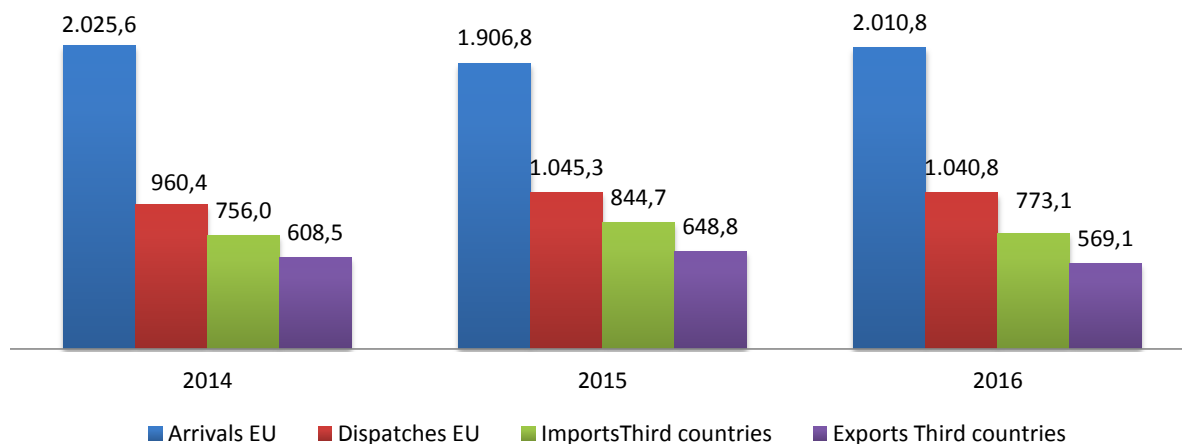
	December		Changes %		
	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	2015/2014	2016/2015
I. European Union	1,187.9	1,140.4	1,100.5	-4.0	-3.5
II. Third countries	752.6	707.8	601.7	-6.0	-15.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,940.5</b>	<b>1,848.2</b>	<b>1,702.2</b>	<b>-4.8</b>	<b>-7.9</b>

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<sup>(3)</sup> The value in dollars of imports and exports is based on the average exchange rate USD / € of the reporting month in the relevant year.

**Diagram 2. Imports - Arrivals, Exports - Dispatches excluding oil products, December 2014-2016, million €**



**Table 4: Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches excluding oil products and ships, December 2014 - 2016**

**Imports-Arrivals <sup>(2)</sup> (€ million)**

	October			Changes %	
	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	2015/2014	2016/2015
I. European Union	2,023.6	1,904.5	2,009.4	-5.9	5.5
II. Third countries	651.2	733.4	695.9	12.6	-5.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,674.8</b>	<b>2,637.9</b>	<b>2,705.3</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>2.6</b>

**Imports-Arrivals <sup>(2)</sup> (USD <sup>(3)</sup> million)**

	October			Changes %	
	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	2015/2014	2016/2015
I. European Union	2,487.9	2,065.4	2,112.1	-17.0	2.3
II. Third countries	800.6	795.3	731.4	-0.7	-8.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,288.5</b>	<b>2,860.7</b>	<b>2,843.5</b>	<b>-13.0</b>	<b>-0.6</b>

**Exports-Dispatches <sup>(2)</sup> (€ million)**

	October			Changes %	
	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	2015/2014	2016/2015
I. European Union	959.9	1,042.5	1,040.3	8.6	-0.2
II. Third countries	579.9	643.1	559.6	10.9	-13.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,539.8</b>	<b>1,685.6</b>	<b>1,599.9</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>-5.1</b>

**Exports-Dispatches <sup>(2)</sup> (USD <sup>(3)</sup> million)**

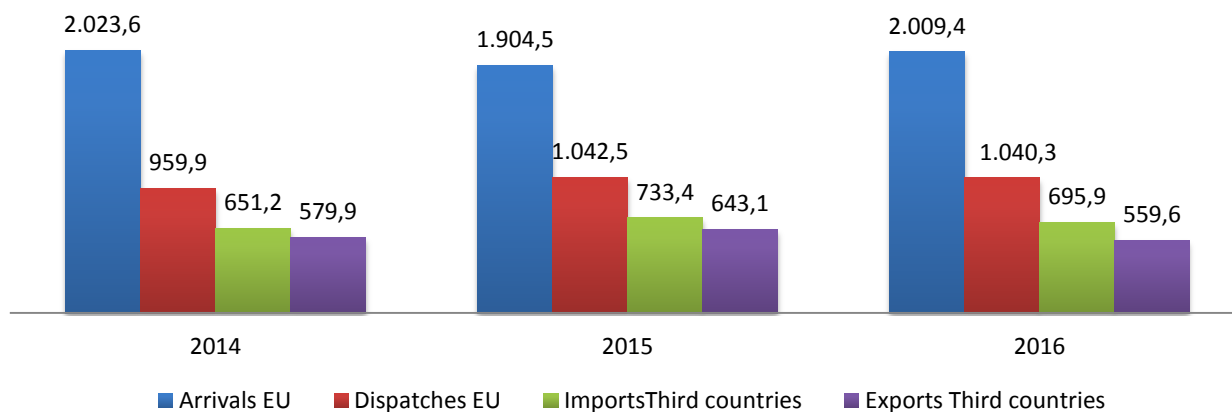
	October			Changes %	
	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	2015/2014	2016/2015
I. European Union	1,187.2	1,137.4	1,100.0	-4.2	-3.3
II. Third countries	717.2	701.7	591.7	-2.2	-15.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,904.4</b>	<b>1,839.1</b>	<b>1,691.7</b>	<b>-3.4</b>	<b>-8.0</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Provisional data..

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<sup>(3)</sup> The value in dollars of imports and exports is based on the average exchange rate USD / € of the reporting month in the relevant year.

**Diagram 3. Imports - Arrivals, Exports - Dispatches excluding oil products and ships, December 2014-2016, million €**



**Table 5. Trade Balance : January - December 2014 - 2016**

<i>Million euros</i>					
	January -December			Changes %	
	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	2015/2014	2016/2015
<b>A. Imports-Arrivals <sup>(2)</sup></b>					
I. Including the value of ships	48,327.4	43,624.6	43,962.6	-9.7	0.8
II. Excluding the value of ships	46,469.5	42,018.5	42,022.3	-9.6	0.0
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	32,438.8	32,745.4	34,667.7	0.9	5.9
<b>B. Exports-Dispatches <sup>(2)</sup></b>					
I. Including the value of ships	27,119.7	25,879.3	25,411.4	-4.6	-1.8
II. Excluding the value of ships	26,990.5	25,723.7	25,291.4	-4.7	-1.7
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	16,905.0	18,364.8	18,590.3	8.6	1.2
<b>C. Trade Balance</b> including the value of ships (=B.I-A.I)	<b>-21,207.7</b>	<b>-17,745.3</b>	<b>-18,551.2</b>	<b>-16.3</b>	<b>4.5</b>
<b>D. Trade Balance</b> excluding the value of ships (=B.II - A.II)	<b>-19,479.0</b>	<b>-16,294.8</b>	<b>-16,730.9</b>	<b>-16.3</b>	<b>2.7</b>
<b>E. Trade Balance</b> excluding oil products and including the value of ships (=B.III - A.III)	<b>-15,533.8</b>	<b>-14,380.6</b>	<b>-16,077.4</b>	<b>-7.4</b>	<b>11.8</b>

<i>USD <sup>(3)</sup> million</i>					
	January -December			Changes %	
	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	2015/2014	2016/2015
<b>A. Imports-Arrivals <sup>(3)</sup></b>					
I. Including the value of ships	64,007.1	48,216.4	48,508.7	-24.7	0.6
II. Excluding the value of ships	61,494.9	46,435.8	46,350.5	-24.5	-0.2
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	42,967.2	36,213.3	38,277.5	-15.7	5.7
<b>B. Exports-Dispatches <sup>(2)</sup></b>					
I. Including the value of ships	36,113.7	28,776.8	28,198.4	-20.3	-2.0
II. Excluding the value of ships	35,947.0	28,604.7	28,064.6	-20.4	-1.9
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	22,479.9	20,422.6	20,628.8	-9.2	1.0
<b>C. Trade Balance</b> including the value of ships (=B.I-A.I)	<b>-27,893.4</b>	<b>-19,439.6</b>	<b>-20,310.3</b>	<b>-30.3</b>	<b>4.5</b>
<b>D. Trade Balance</b> excluding the value of ships (=B.II - A.II)	<b>-25,547.9</b>	<b>-17,831.1</b>	<b>-18,285.9</b>	<b>-30.2</b>	<b>2.6</b>
<b>E. Trade Balance</b> excluding oil products and including the value of ships (=B.III - A.III)	<b>-20,487.3</b>	<b>-15,790.7</b>	<b>-17,648.7</b>	<b>-22.9</b>	<b>11.8</b>

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<sup>(3)</sup> The value in dollars of imports and exports is based on the average exchange rate USD / € of the reporting month in the relevant year.

**Table 6. Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches including oil products, January-December 2014-2016**

**Imports-Arrivals <sup>(2)</sup> (€ million)**

	January - December			Changes %	
	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	2015/2014	2016/2015
I. European Union	23,314.9	23,099.0	24,063.0	-0.9	4.2
II. Third countries	25,012.5	20,525.6	19,899.6	-17.9	-3.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,327.4</b>	<b>43,624.6</b>	<b>43,962.6</b>	<b>-9.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>

**Imports-Arrivals <sup>(2)</sup> (USD <sup>(3)</sup> million)**

	January - December			Changes %	
	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	2015/2014	2016/2015
I. European Union	30,829.3	25,539.5	26,549.5	-17.2	4.0
II. Third countries	33,177.8	22,676.9	21,959.2	-31.7	-3.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,007.1</b>	<b>48,216.4</b>	<b>48,508.7</b>	<b>-24.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>

**Exports-Dispatches <sup>(2)</sup> (€ million)**

	January - December			Changes %	
	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	2015/2014	2016/2015
I. European Union	13,102.6	14,026.6	14,282.3	7.1	1.8
II. Third countries	14,017.1	11,852.7	11,129.1	-15.4	-6.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,119.7</b>	<b>25,879.3</b>	<b>25,411.4</b>	<b>-4.6</b>	<b>-1.8</b>

**Exports-Dispatches <sup>(2)</sup> (USD <sup>(3)</sup> million)**

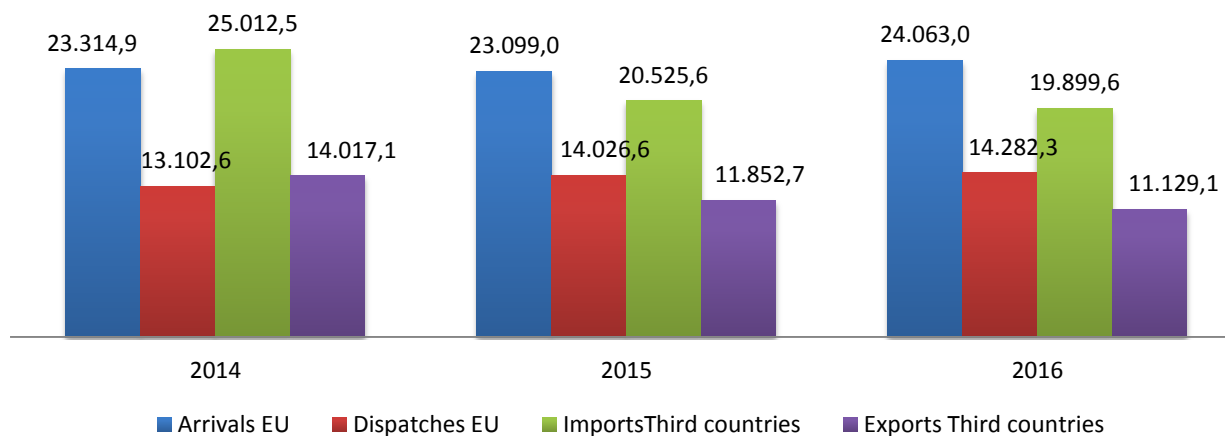
	January - December			Changes %	
	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	2015/2014	2016/2015
I. European Union	17,446.2	15,603.1	15,857.4	-10.6	1.6
II. Third countries	18,667.4	13,173.7	12,341.0	-29.4	-6.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,113.6</b>	<b>28,776.8</b>	<b>28,198.4</b>	<b>-20.3</b>	<b>-2.0</b>

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**Diagram 4. Imports - Arrivals, Exports - Dispatches including oil products, January - December 2014-2016, million €**



**Table 7. Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches excluding oil products, January-December 2014-2016**

**Imports-Arrivals <sup>(2)</sup> (€ million)**

	January -December			Changes %	
	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	2015/2014	2016/2015
I. European Union	22,307.4	22,299.5	23,383.7	0.0	4.9
II. Third countries	10,131.4	10,445.9	11,284.0	3.1	8.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,438.8</b>	<b>32,745.4</b>	<b>34,667.7</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>5.9</b>

**Imports-Arrivals <sup>(2)</sup> (USD <sup>(3)</sup> million)**

	January -December			Changes %	
	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	2015/2014	2016/2015
I. European Union	29,499.8	24,657.9	25,802.1	-16.4	4.6
II. Third countries	13,467.4	11,555.4	12,475.4	-14.2	8.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,967.2</b>	<b>36,213.3</b>	<b>38,277.5</b>	<b>-15.7</b>	<b>5.7</b>

**Exports-Dispatches <sup>(2)</sup> (€ million)**

	January -December			Changes %	
	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	2015/2014	2016/2015
I. European Union	10,907.1	12,083.1	12,613.2	10.8	4.4
II. Third countries	5,997.9	6,281.7	5,977.1	4.7	-4.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,905.0</b>	<b>18,364.8</b>	<b>18,590.3</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>1.2</b>

**Exports-Dispatches <sup>(2)</sup> (USD <sup>(3)</sup> million)**

	January -December			Changes %	
	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	2015/2014	2016/2015
I. European Union	14,516.3	13,441.5	14,000.4	-7.4	4.2
II. Third countries	7,963.6	6,981.1	6,628.4	-12.3	-5.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,479.9</b>	<b>20,422.6</b>	<b>20,628.8</b>	<b>-9.2</b>	<b>1.0</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Provisional data.

<sup>(2)</sup> The data of the Intra EU trade have been adjusted to the total trade with EU countries. The "incomplete customs declarations" for the corresponding month have been incorporated in the data on trade with third countries.

<sup>(3)</sup> The value in dollars of imports and exports is based on the average exchange rate USD / € of the reporting month in the relevant year.

**Diagram 5. Imports - Arrivals, Exports - Dispatches excluding oil products, January - December 2014-2016, million €**

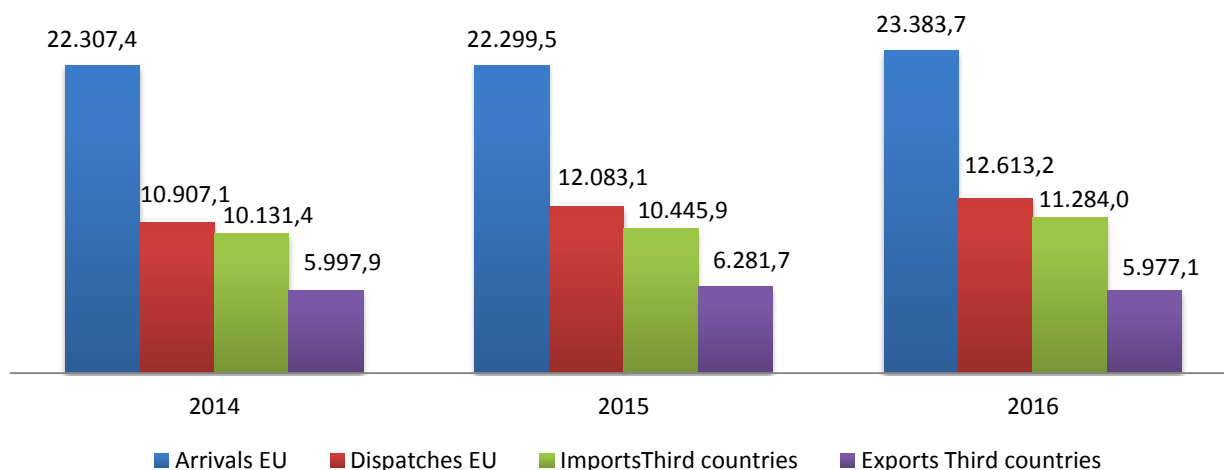




Table 8: Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches excluding oil products and ships, January- December 2014 - 2016

**Imports-Arrivals <sup>(2)</sup> (€ million)**

	January -December			Changes %	
	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	2015/2014	2016/2015
I. European Union	22,282.5	22,265.0	23,356.6	-0.1	4.9
II. Third countries	8,298.4	8,874.3	9,370.8	6.9	5.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,580.9</b>	<b>31,139.3</b>	<b>32,727.4</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>5.1</b>

**Imports-Arrivals <sup>(2)</sup> (USD <sup>(3)</sup> million)**

	January -December			Changes %	
	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	2015/2014	2016/2015
I. European Union	29,466.3	24,619.9	25,772.0	-16.4	4.7
II. Third countries	10,988.7	9,812.8	10,347.3	-10.7	5.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,455.0</b>	<b>34,432.7</b>	<b>36,119.3</b>	<b>-14.9</b>	<b>4.9</b>

**Exports-Dispatches <sup>(2)</sup> (€ million)**

	January -December			Changes %	
	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	2015/2014	2016/2015
I. European Union	10,897.2	12,056.3	12,603.4	10.6	4.5
II. Third countries	5,878.6	6,152.9	5,867.0	4.7	-4.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,775.8</b>	<b>18,209.2</b>	<b>18,470.4</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>1.4</b>

**Exports-Dispatches <sup>(2)</sup> (USD <sup>(3)</sup> million)**

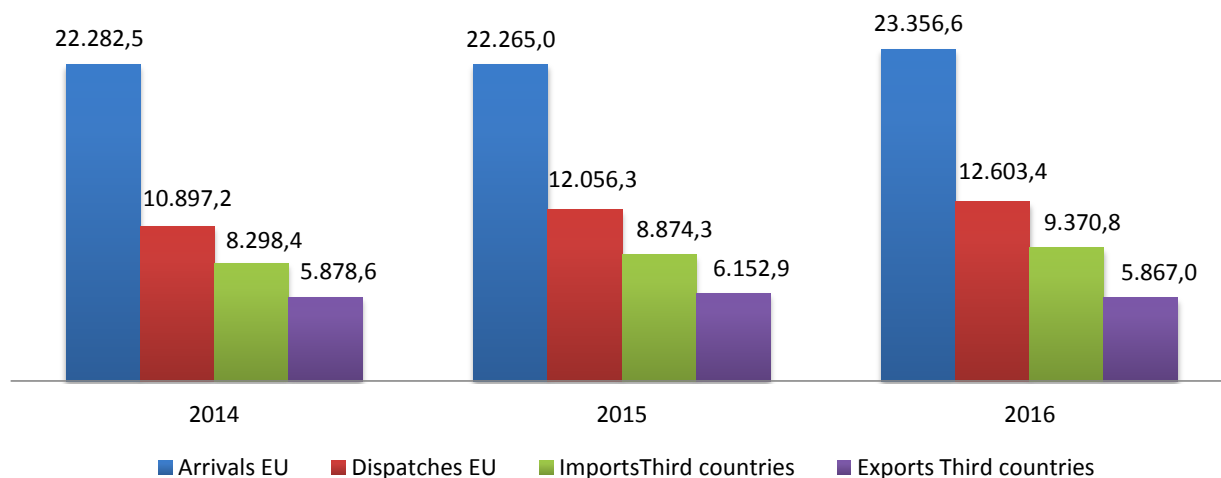
	January -December			Changes %	
	2014	2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	2015/2014	2016/2015
I. European Union	14,503.0	13,411.5	13,989.5	-7.5	4.3
II. Third countries	7,810.1	6,839.1	6,505.6	-12.4	-4.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,313.1</b>	<b>20,250.6</b>	<b>20,495.1</b>	<b>-9.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Provisional data.

<sup>(2)</sup> The data of the Intra EU trade have been adjusted to the total trade with EU countries. The "incomplete customs declarations" for the corresponding month have been incorporated in the data on trade with third countries.

<sup>(3)</sup> The value in dollars of imports and exports is based on the average exchange rate USD / € of the reporting month in the relevant year.

**Diagram 6. Imports - Arrivals, Exports - Dispatches excluding oil products and ships, January - December 2014-2016, million €**



**Table 9. Imports - Arrivals and Exports - Dispatches by SITC sections (Standard International Trade Classification) including oil products, December 2016 & January - December 2016**

**Imports - Arrivals (in million €)**

	December 2016		January-December 2016	
	European Union	Third countries	European Union	Third countries
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,129.5</b>	<b>1,738.6</b>	<b>24,063.0</b>	<b>19,899.6</b>
0. Food and live animals	388.4	97.7	4,329.7	1,046.6
1. Beverages and tobacco	35.6	8.8	499.2	110.4
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	52.3	50.8	512.5	579.1
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, etc	137.0	974.0	972.1	8,752.6
4. Animal and vegetable oils and fats	10.6	7.3	149.1	94.9
5. Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	419.0	84.4	5,528.4	1,308.5
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by raw material	275.3	150.9	3,048.1	2,225.8
7. Machinery and transport equipment	523.4	243.5	5,451.8	4,198.3
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles	286.6	119.5	3,544.7	1,566.4
9. Commodities and transactions not classified by category	1.1	1.8	27.3	16.9

**Exports - Dispatches (in million €)**

	December 2016		January-December 2016	
	European Union	Third countries	European Union	Third countries
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,159.7</b>	<b>1,141.8</b>	<b>14,282.3</b>	<b>11,129.1</b>
0. Food and live animals	294.2	90.2	3,275.4	993.0
1. Beverages and tobacco	36.4	28.6	461.1	276.0
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	43.9	71.7	356.5	664.6
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, etc	127.2	578.9	1,728.7	5,180.2
4. Animal and vegetable oils and fats	42.2	7.4	574.1	99.0
5. Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	162.9	73.3	1,989.2	747.5
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by raw material	198.7	122.9	2,462.0	1,513.5
7. Machinery and transport equipment	118.5	91.9	1,692.4	905.6
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles	116.9	53.5	1,449.6	502.7
9. Commodities and transactions not classified by category	18.8	23.4	293.2	247.0

<sup>(1)</sup> Provisional data.

<sup>(2)</sup> The data of the Intra EU trade have been adjusted to the total trade with EU countries. The "incomplete customs declarations" for the corresponding month have been incorporated in the data on trade with third countries.

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Diagram 7a. Percentage (%) distribution of E.U. arrivals by SITC sections, December 2016

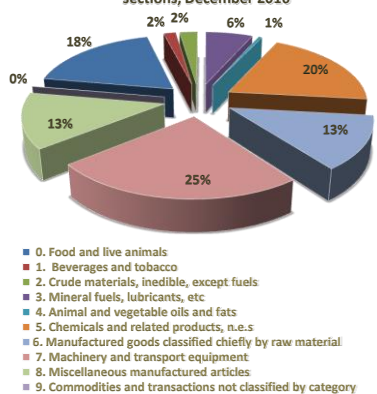


Diagram 7b. Percentage (%) distribution of Third countries imports by SITC sections, December 2016

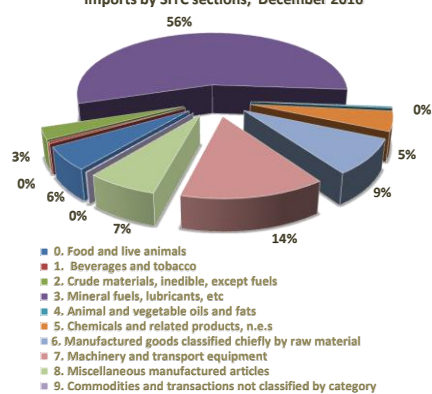


Diagram 8a Percentage (%) distribution of E.U. dispatches by SITC sections, December 2016

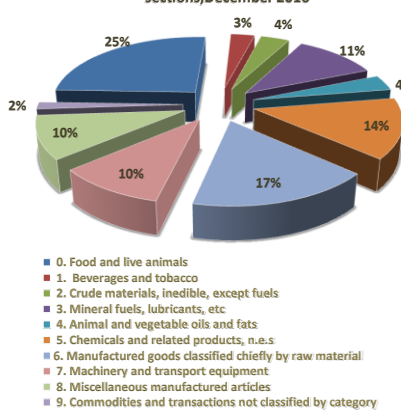


Diagram 8b. Percentage (%) distribution of Third countries exports by SITC sections, December 2016

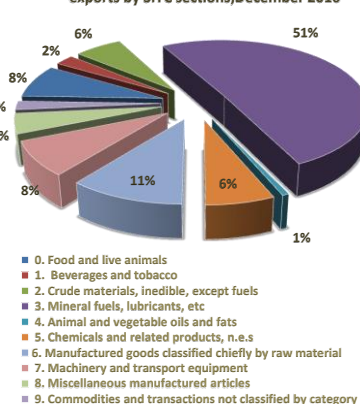


Diagram 9. Imports - Arrivals E.U. & Third countries by SITC sections, Jan. -Dec. 2016 million €

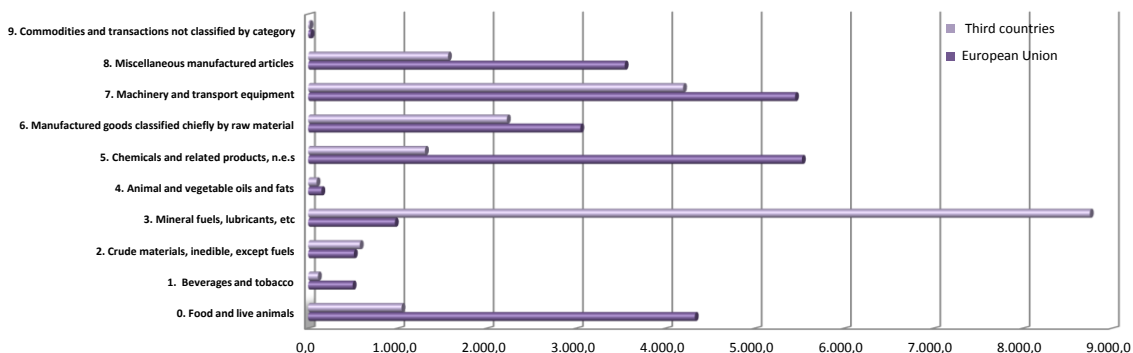
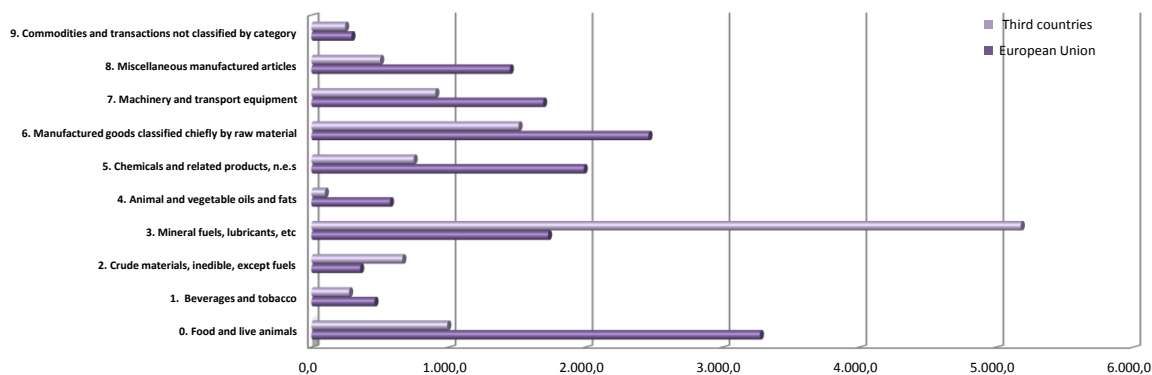


Diagram 10. Exports - Dispatches E.U. & Third countries by SITC sections, Jan. -Dec. 2016 million €



**Table 10. Commercial Transactions with EU and Third Countries 2014-2016**

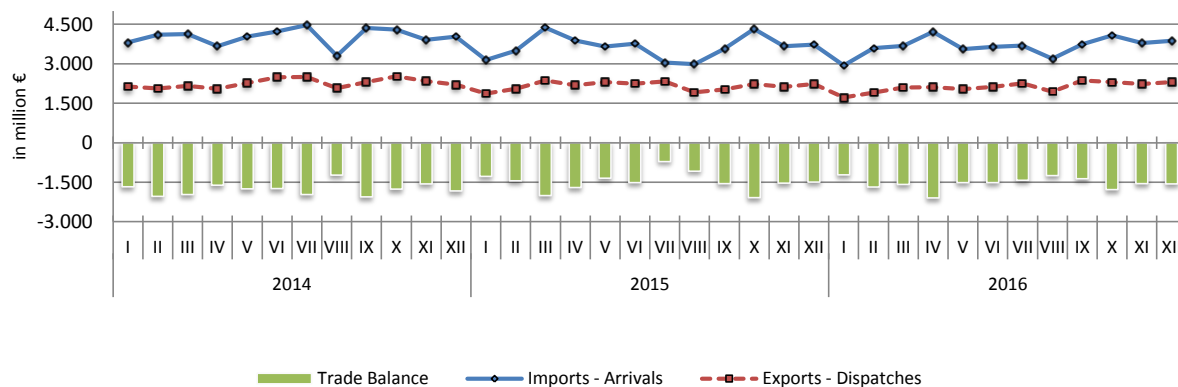
Year and Month	Imports - Arrivals <sup>(2)</sup>			Exports - Dispatches <sup>(2)</sup>		
	Value in million €	Monthly Changes %	Changes % compared with the corresponding month of the previous year	Value in million €	Monthly Changes %	Changes % compared with the corresponding month of the previous year
2014: 1	3,808.3	7.3	-8.4	2,135.9	1.4	-2.2
2	4,105.6	7.8	3.1	2,066.5	-3.3	-1.8
3	4,126.4	0.5	11.1	2,161.4	4.6	2.5
4	3,668.2	-11.1	-6.8	2,053.2	-5.0	-17.9
5	4,027.4	9.8	4.1	2,272.3	10.7	-7.1
6	4,224.3	4.9	10.1	2,485.2	9.4	12.7
7	4,469.0	5.8	13.1	2,498.2	0.5	1.1
8	3,303.5	-26.1	-15.9	2,070.8	-17.1	-4.9
9	4,364.0	32.1	7.9	2,303.8	11.3	-6.8
10	4,292.1	-1.6	1.9	2,528.4	9.7	7.7
11	3,904.2	-9.0	2.3	2,342.3	-7.4	7.9
12	4,034.4	3.3	13.7	2,201.7	-6.0	4.5
Total year	48,327.4		2.8	27,119.7		-0.6
2015 <sup>(1)</sup> : 1	3,143.8	-22.1	-17.4	1,870.9	-15.0	-12.4
2	3,492.4	11.1	-14.9	2,047.1	9.4	-0.9
3	4,375.9	25.3	6.0	2,365.1	15.5	9.4
4	3,886.0	-11.2	5.9	2,186.2	-7.6	6.5
5	3,651.9	-6.0	-9.3	2,306.8	5.5	1.5
6	3,760.4	3.0	-11.0	2,245.5	-2.7	-9.6
7	3,042.8	-19.1	-31.9	2,325.8	3.6	-6.9
8	2,989.2	-1.8	-9.5	1,911.6	-17.8	-7.7
9	3,572.3	19.5	-18.1	2,022.1	5.8	-12.2
10	4,316.8	20.8	0.6	2,236.6	10.6	-11.5
11	3,663.6	-15.1	-6.2	2,127.4	-4.9	-9.2
12	3,729.6	1.8	-7.6	2,234.1	5.0	1.5
Total year	43,624.6		-9.7	25,879.3		-4.6
2016 <sup>(1)</sup> : 1	2,934.7	-21.3	-6.7	1,716.0	-23.2	-8.3
2	3,587.1	22.2	2.7	1,908.4	11.2	-6.8
3	3,676.6	2.5	-16.0	2,095.1	9.8	-11.4
4	4,213.4	14.6	8.4	2,116.3	1.0	-3.2
5	3,554.8	-15.6	-2.7	2,039.6	-3.6	-11.6
6	3,637.6	2.3	-3.3	2,125.6	4.2	-5.3
7	3,686.9	1.4	21.2	2,260.7	6.4	-2.8
8	3,194.1	-13.4	6.9	1,945.4	-13.9	1.8
9	3,738.4	17.0	4.6	2,370.5	21.9	17.2
10	4,083.7	9.2	-5.4	2,301.1	-2.9	2.9
11	3,787.1	-7.3	3.4	2,231.0	-3.0	4.9
12	3,868.1	2.1	3.7	2,301.5	3.2	3.0
Total year	43,962.6		0.8	25,411.4		-1.8

(1) Provisional data

(2) The data of the Intra EU trade have been adjusted to the total trade with EU countries. The "incomplete customs declarations" for the corresponding month have been incorporated in the data on trade with third countries.

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**Diagram 11. Commercial Transactions with EU & Third countries 2014-2016**



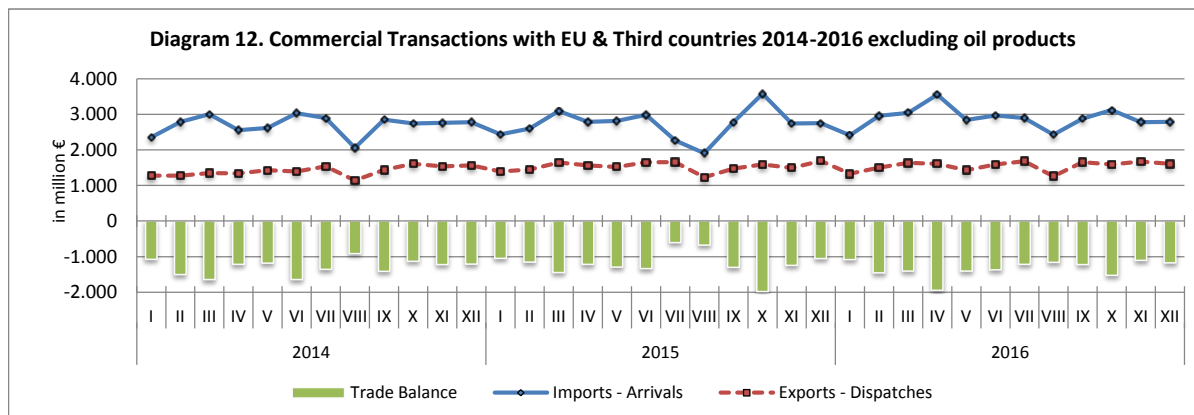
**Table 11. Commercial Transactions with EU and Third Countries 2014-2016 excluding oil products**

Year and Month	Imports - Arrivals <sup>(2)</sup>			Exports - Dispatches <sup>(2)</sup>		
	Value in million €	Monthly Changes %	Changes % compared with the corresponding month of the previous year	Value in million €	Monthly Changes %	Changes % compared with the corresponding month of the previous year
2014: 1	2,355.4	1.9	-3.1	1,277.3	-4.1	-3.9
2	2,787.9	18.4	17.7	1,280.9	0.3	-3.8
3	3,000.2	7.6	20.2	1,352.1	5.6	-4.9
4	2,557.8	-14.7	-3.0	1,338.9	-1.0	-11.5
5	2,614.2	2.2	9.3	1,428.1	6.7	3.4
6	3,034.2	16.1	15.2	1,389.9	-2.7	0.2
7	2,893.0	-4.7	10.9	1,537.2	10.6	3.6
8	2,057.0	-28.9	-11.8	1,143.3	-25.6	-4.4
9	2,851.0	38.6	14.8	1,436.7	25.7	-0.6
10	2,744.0	-3.8	4.4	1,613.6	12.3	4.2
11	2,762.6	0.7	2.0	1,538.1	-4.7	2.6
12	2,781.6	0.7	20.3	1,568.9	2.0	17.8
Total year	32,438.8		8.0	16,905.0		0.2
2015 <sup>(1)</sup> : 1	2,441.5	-12.2	3.7	1,390.0	-11.4	8.8
2	2,601.2	6.5	-6.7	1,444.7	3.9	12.8
3	3,089.8	18.8	3.0	1,641.5	13.6	21.4
4	2,788.7	-9.7	9.0	1,568.3	-4.5	17.1
5	2,815.3	1.0	7.7	1,523.1	-2.9	6.7
6	2,987.2	6.1	-1.5	1,650.3	8.4	18.7
7	2,265.4	-24.2	-21.7	1,658.6	0.5	7.9
8	1,908.4	-15.8	-7.2	1,228.7	-25.9	7.5
9	2,777.9	45.6	-2.6	1,474.8	20.0	2.7
10	3,579.1	28.8	30.4	1,594.8	8.1	-1.2
11	2,739.3	-23.5	-0.8	1,495.8	-6.2	-2.7
12	2,751.5	0.4	-1.1	1,694.1	13.3	8.0
Total year	32,745.4		0.9	18,364.8		8.6
2016 <sup>(1)</sup> : 1	2,414.9	-12.2	-1.1	1,330.0	-21.5	-4.3
2	2,957.6	22.5	13.7	1,499.4	12.7	3.8
3	3,042.3	2.9	-1.5	1,636.7	9.2	-0.3
4	3,556.0	16.9	27.5	1,611.9	-1.5	2.8
5	2,838.6	-20.2	0.8	1,434.1	-11.0	-5.8
6	2,964.5	4.4	-0.8	1,595.0	11.2	-3.3
7	2,898.9	-2.2	28.0	1,684.2	5.6	1.5
8	2,424.8	-16.4	27.1	1,261.6	-25.1	2.7
9	2,880.5	18.8	3.7	1,657.8	31.4	12.4
10	3,122.5	8.4	-12.8	1,594.5	-3.8	0.0
11	2,783.1	-10.9	1.6	1,675.3	5.1	12.0
12	2,783.9	0.0	1.2	1,609.9	-3.9	-5.0
Total year	34,667.7		5.9	18,590.3		1.2

(1)Provisional data

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

**Commercial Transactions of Greece** The Commercial Transactions of Greece are recorded on a monthly basis aiming at monitoring the total value of Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches as well as the relevant changes of the above-mentioned categories. Transactions referring to services are not included, while they are taken into account for the compilation of the National Accounts tables, along with the commercial transactions.

**Legal Framework** The survey is conducted in compliance with the requirements laid down in the following E.U. Regulations:

**Intra - EU TRADE:** Regulation 638/2004, as it was amended by Regulations 222/2009, 1093/2013 and 659/2014.

**EXTRASTAT:** It is a statistical survey where data are collected by administrative sources. The Customs Authorities collect the relevant statistical data on trade by filling in the Single Administrative Document (SAD). All the transactions with third countries above the amount of 1.000 euros are registered. In the beginning of each month Customs Authorities transmit to Hellenic Statistical Authority an electronic file with the customs data of statistical relevance of the previous month.

**Reference Period** December 2016

**Availability of Results** 38 days after the end of the reference month (provisional data). The provisional data are revised and disseminated on a monthly basis for all the previous months until the finalization of the yearly data, which takes place ten months after the end of the reference year.

**Definitions** **INTRASTAT** is the system for collecting Intra EU statistical data (among the EU countries). It was implemented on January 1st, 1993.

**Arrival** is considered every import of goods from a country of the EU.

**Dispatch** is considered every export of goods to a country of the EU.

**EXTRASTAT** is the system for collecting external trade data with third countries (countries outside the EU).

**Import** is considered every import of goods from a third country (outside the EU).

**Export** is considered every export of goods to a third country (outside the EU).

**Methodology** **INTRASTAT:** It is an exhaustive statistical survey. The parties responsible for providing statistical information through Intrastat System are the enterprises which perform intra EU trade transactions and they have exceeded the applied statistical thresholds. The statistical thresholds are readjusted each year. The statistical thresholds for 2016 are the following:

- Arrivals: € 150,000.00 (95,0% coverage)
- Dispatches: € 90,000.00 (98,0% coverage)

The statistical data of Intra EU-Trade include also the transactions of the enterprises, which are not obliged to submit Intrastat data since the value of their transactions is below the applied statistical threshold. In compliance with the obligations provided in the EU Regulations regarding the compilation of external trade statistics, these transactions are calculated on the basis of the Recapitulative Statements of Intra-EU Deliveries and Acquisitions that all the enterprises are obliged to submit to the Ministry of Finance.

**ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION:** Intrastat declarations are submitted electronically via the following links: <http://eurostat.statistics.gr> or [www.statistics.gr](http://www.statistics.gr).

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The statistical data of imports and exports of goods with the Third Countries, are derived from the data transmitted by the Customs Authorities.

The incorporation, henceforth, of the provisional data from the "incomplete customs declarations" - which concern mainly petroleum products - in the monthly data on trade with third countries; the "incomplete customs declarations" data after having been completed will be replaced by the final data.

**Classification of goods:** The goods are classified in compliance with the 8-digit Combined Nomenclature Code (CN/8) and the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC).

**References** More information concerning the survey on Commercial Transactions is available on the website of the Hellenic Statistical Authority ([www.statistics.gr](http://www.statistics.gr)) under the link "Statistical Themes / Trade - Services / Imports-Exports / External Trade