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COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF GREECE : August 2019

(Provisional Data)

The total value of imports-arrivals, in August 2019 amounted to 4,109.2 million euros (4,558.1 million dollars) in comparison with 4,326.6 million euros (4,981.6 million dollars) in August 2018, recording a drop, in euros, of **5.0%**. The corresponding value excluding oil products in August 2019 recorded an increase of 83.3 million euros or 2.9% and the corresponding value excluding oil products and ships in August 2019 recorded a drop of 92.2 million euros or 3.2%, in comparison with August 2018 (Table 1).

The total value of exports-dispatches, in August 2019 amounted to 2,380.2 million euros (2,656.2 million dollars) in comparison with 2,568.4 million euros (2,975.1 million dollars) in August 2018, recording a drop, in euros, of **7.3%**. The corresponding value excluding oil products recorded in August 2019 an increase of 40.4 million euros or 2.6% and the corresponding value excluding oil products and ships in August 2019 recorded an increase of 37.4 million euros or 2.4%, in comparison with August 2018 (Table 1).

The deficit of the trade balance, in August 2019 amounted to 1,729.0 million euros (1,901.9 million dollars) in comparison with 1,758.2 million euros (2,006.5 million dollars) in August 2018, recording a drop, in euros, of **1.7%**. The corresponding value of deficit excluding oil products in August 2019 recorded an increase of 42.9 million euros or 3.2% and the corresponding value excluding oil products and ships in August 2019 recorded a drop of 129.6 million euros or 9.8%, in comparison with August 2018 (Table 1).

The total value of imports-arrivals, for the 8-month period from January to August 2019 amounted to 36,999.7 million euros (41,556.4 million dollars) in comparison with 35,539.9 million euros (42,429.1 million dollars) for the corresponding period of the year 2018, recording an increase, in euros, of **4.1%**. The corresponding value excluding oil products recorded an increase of 1,667.1 million euros or 6.5% and the corresponding value excluding oil products and ships recorded an increase of 1,479.1 million euros or 5.8%, in comparison with August 2018 (Table 5).

The total value of exports-dispatches, for the 8-month period from January to August 2019 amounted to 22,411.7 million euros (25,322.2 million dollars) in comparison with 21,994.3 million euros (26,415.5 million dollars) for the corresponding period of the year 2018, recording an increase, in euros, of **1.9%**. The corresponding value excluding oil products recorded an increase of 646.1 million euros or 4.4% and the corresponding value excluding oil products and ships recorded an increase of 706.9 million euros or 4.9%, in comparison with August 2018 (Table 5).

The deficit of the Trade Balance, for the 8-month period from January to August 2019 amounted to 14,588.0 million euros (16,234.2 million dollars) in comparison with 13,545.6 million euros (16,013.6 million dollars) for the corresponding period of the year 2018, recording an increase, in euros, of **7.7%**. The corresponding deficit excluding oil products recorded an increase of 1,021.0 million euros or 9.4% and the corresponding deficit excluding oil products and ships recorded an increase of 772.2 million euros or 7.1% (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 ⁽¹⁾, 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.

⁽¹⁾ 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 : August 2017 - 2019

<i>Million euros</i>					
	August			Changes %	
	2017	2018 ⁽¹⁾	2019 ⁽¹⁾	2018/2017	2019/2018
A. Imports-Arrivals					
I. Total Imports-Arrivals	3,704.6	4,326.6	4,109.2	16.8	-5.0
II. Excluding the value of ships	3,699.4	4,324.2	3,931.3	16.9	-9.1
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	2,548.7	2,854.4	2,937.7	12.0	2.9
IV. Excluding oil products and the value of ships	2,543.5	2,852.0	2,759.8	12.1	-3.2
B. Exports-Dispatches					
I. Total Exports-Dispatches	2,034.3	2,568.4	2,380.2	26.3	-7.3
II. Excluding the value of ships	2,020.2	2,566.8	2,375.6	27.1	-7.4
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	1,380.4	1,529.1	1,569.5	10.8	2.6
IV. Excluding oil products and the value of ships	1,366.3	1,527.5	1,564.9	11.8	2.4
C. Trade Balance (=B.I-A.I)	-1,670.3	-1,758.2	-1,729.0	5.3	-1.7
D. Trade Balance excluding the value of ships (=B.II - A.II)	-1,679.2	-1,757.4	-1,555.7	4.7	-11.5
E. Trade Balance excluding oil products and including the value of ships (=B.III - A.III)	-1,168.3	-1,325.3	-1,368.2	13.4	3.2
F. Trade Balance excluding oil products and the value of ships (=B.IV - A.IV)	-1,177.2	-1,324.5	-1,194.9	12.5	-9.8
<i>USD⁽²⁾ million</i>					
	August			Changes %	
	2017	2018 ⁽¹⁾	2019 ⁽¹⁾	2018/2017	2019/2018
A. Imports-Arrivals					
I. Total Imports-Arrivals	4,360.9	4,981.6	4,558.1	14.2	-8.5
II. Excluding the value of ships	4,354.8	4,978.8	4,360.8	14.3	-12.4
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	3,000.1	3,286.4	3,258.6	9.5	-0.8
IV. Excluding oil products and the value of ships	2,994.1	3,283.7	3,061.3	9.7	-6.8
B. Exports-Dispatches					
I. Total Exports-Dispatches	2,409.2	2,975.1	2,656.2	23.5	-10.7
II. Excluding the value of ships	2,392.5	2,973.2	2,651.1	24.3	-10.8
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	1,634.8	1,771.3	1,751.5	8.3	-1.1
IV. Excluding oil products and the value of ships	1,618.1	1,769.4	1,746.4	9.4	-1.3
C. Trade Balance (=B.I-A.I)	-1,951.7	-2,006.5	-1,901.9	2.8	-5.2
D. Trade Balance excluding the value of ships (=B.II - A.II)	-1,962.3	-2,005.6	-1,709.7	2.2	-14.8
E. Trade Balance excluding oil products and including the value of ships (=B.III - A.III)	-1,365.3	-1,515.1	-1,507.1	11.0	-0.5
F. Trade Balance excluding oil products and the value of ships (=B.IV - A.IV)	-1,376.0	-1,514.3	-1,314.9	10.1	-13.2

⁽¹⁾ Provisional data.⁽²⁾ 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, August 2017 - 2019

Imports - Arrivals (€ million)

	August			Changes %	
	2017	2018 ⁽¹⁾	2019 ⁽¹⁾	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	1,883.5	2,172.7	1,909.5	15.4	-12.1
II. Third countries	1,821.1	2,153.9	2,199.7	18.3	2.1
Total	3,704.6	4,326.6	4,109.2	16.8	-5.0

Imports - Arrivals (USD ⁽²⁾ million)

	August			Changes %	
	2017	2018 ⁽¹⁾	2019 ⁽¹⁾	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	2,217.2	2,501.6	2,118.1	12.8	-15.3
II. Third countries	2,143.7	2,480.0	2,440.0	15.7	-1.6
Total	4,360.9	4,981.6	4,558.1	14.2	-8.5

Exports - Dispatches (€ million)

	August			Changes %	
	2017	2018 ⁽¹⁾	2019 ⁽¹⁾	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	1,110.1	1,235.1	1,317.1	11.3	6.6
II. Third countries	924.2	1,333.3	1,063.1	44.3	-20.3
Total	2,034.3	2,568.4	2,380.2	26.3	-7.3

Exports - Dispatches (USD ⁽²⁾ million)

	August			Changes %	
	2017	2018 ⁽¹⁾	2019 ⁽¹⁾	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	1,314.7	1,430.7	1,469.8	8.8	2.7
II. Third countries	1,094.5	1,544.4	1,186.4	41.1	-23.2
Total	2,409.2	2,975.1	2,656.2	23.5	-10.7

⁽¹⁾ Provisional data.

⁽²⁾ 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, August 2017-2019, million €

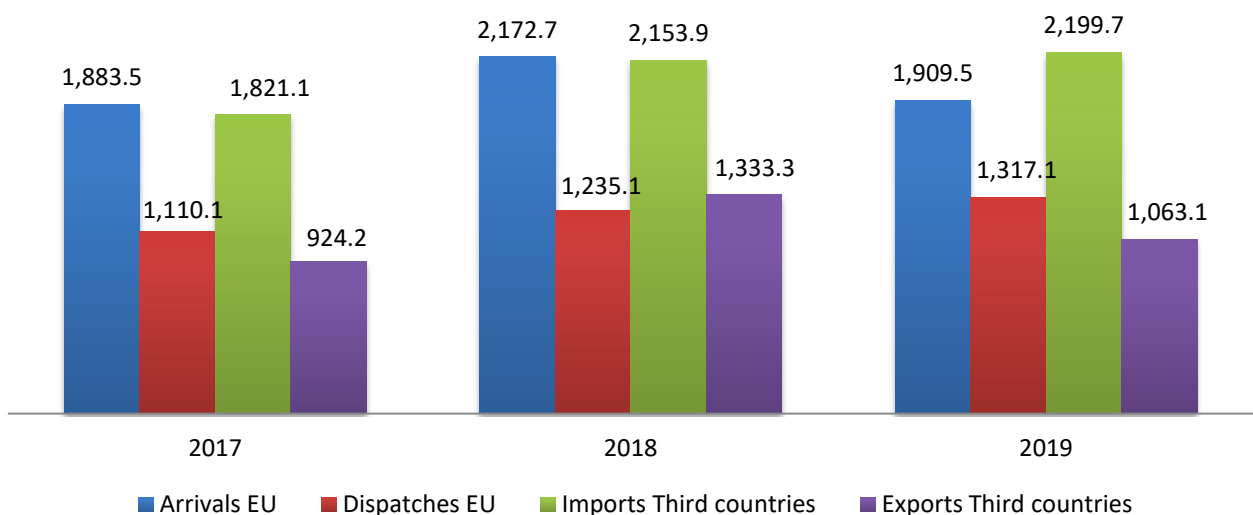


Table 3. Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches excluding oil products, August 2017 - 2019

Imports-Arrivals (€ million)

	August			Changes %	
	2017	2018 ⁽¹⁾	2019 ⁽¹⁾	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	1,827.1	2,029.6	1,843.5	11.1	-9.2
II. Third countries	721.6	824.8	1,094.2	14.3	32.7
Total	2,548.7	2,854.4	2,937.7	12.0	2.9

Imports-Arrivals (USD ⁽²⁾ million)

	August			Changes %	
	2017	2018 ⁽¹⁾	2019 ⁽¹⁾	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	2,150.8	2,336.9	2,045.0	8.7	-12.5
II. Third countries	849.3	949.5	1,213.6	11.8	27.8
Total	3,000.1	3,286.4	3,258.6	9.5	-0.8

Exports-Dispatches (€ million)

	August			Changes %	
	2017	2018 ⁽¹⁾	2019 ⁽¹⁾	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	908.0	1,025.8	1,090.3	13.0	6.3
II. Third countries	472.4	503.3	479.2	6.5	-4.8
Total	1,380.4	1,529.1	1,569.5	10.8	2.6

Exports-Dispatches (USD ⁽²⁾ million)

	August			Changes %	
	2017	2018 ⁽¹⁾	2019 ⁽¹⁾	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	1,075.3	1,188.3	1,216.7	10.5	2.4
II. Third countries	559.5	583.0	534.8	4.2	-8.3
Total	1,634.8	1,771.3	1,751.5	8.3	-1.1

⁽¹⁾ Provisional data.

⁽²⁾ 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, August 2017-2019, million €

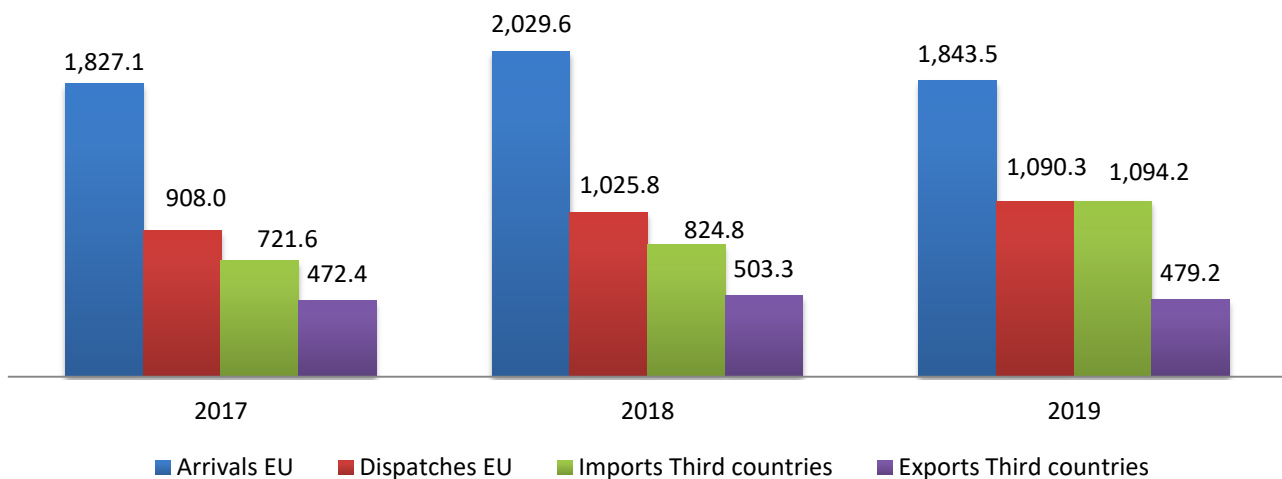


Table 4: Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches excluding oil products and ships, August 2017 - 2019

Imports-Arrivals (€ million)

	August			Changes %	
	2017	2018 ⁽¹⁾	2019 ⁽¹⁾	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	1,824.0	2,027.4	1,842.6	11.2	-9.1
II. Third countries	719.5	824.6	917.2	14.6	11.2
Total	2,543.5	2,852.0	2,759.8	12.1	-3.2

Imports-Arrivals (USD ⁽²⁾ million)

	August			Changes %	
	2017	2018 ⁽¹⁾	2019 ⁽¹⁾	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	2,147.1	2,334.4	2,043.9	8.7	-12.4
II. Third countries	847.0	949.3	1,017.4	12.1	7.2
Total	2,994.1	3,283.7	3,061.3	9.7	-6.8

Exports-Dispatches (€ million)

	August			Changes %	
	2017	2018 ⁽¹⁾	2019 ⁽¹⁾	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	907.2	1,025.4	1,087.3	13.0	6.0
II. Third countries	459.1	502.1	477.6	9.4	-4.9
Total	1,366.3	1,527.5	1,564.9	11.8	2.4

Exports-Dispatches (USD ⁽²⁾ million)

	August			Changes %	
	2017	2018 ⁽¹⁾	2019 ⁽¹⁾	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	1,074.4	1,187.7	1,213.3	10.5	2.2
II. Third countries	543.7	581.7	533.1	7.0	-8.4
Total	1,618.1	1,769.4	1,746.4	9.4	-1.3

(1) Provisional data.

(2) 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, August 2017-2019, million €

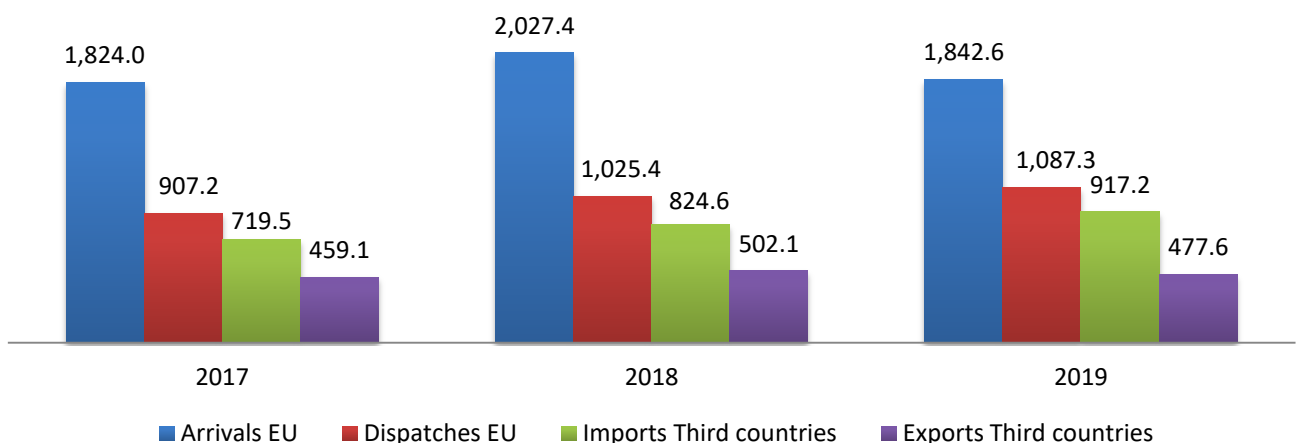


Table 5. Trade Balance : January - August 2017 - 2019

<i>Million euros</i>					
	January - August			Changes %	
	2017	2018 ⁽¹⁾	2019 ⁽¹⁾	2018/2017	2019/2018
A. Imports-Arrivals					
I. Total Imports-Arrivals	31,185.2	35,539.9	36,999.7	14.0	4.1
II. Excluding the value of ships	31,112.1	35,370.8	36,642.6	13.7	3.6
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	23,257.5	25,459.7	27,126.8	9.5	6.5
IV. Excluding oil products and the value of ships	23,184.4	25,290.6	26,769.7	9.1	5.8
B. Exports-Dispatches					
I. Total Exports-Dispatches	18,675.8	21,994.3	22,411.7	17.8	1.9
II. Excluding the value of ships	18,597.7	21,876.0	22,354.3	17.6	2.2
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	12,903.8	14,580.7	15,226.8	13.0	4.4
IV. Excluding oil products and the value of ships	12,825.8	14,462.4	15,169.3	12.8	4.9
C. Trade Balance (=B.I-A.I)	-12,509.4	-13,545.6	-14,588.0	8.3	7.7
D. Trade Balance excluding the value of ships (=B.II - A.II)	-12,514.4	-13,494.8	-14,288.3	7.8	5.9
E. Trade Balance excluding oil products and including the value of ships (=B.III - A.III)	-10,353.7	-10,879.0	-11,900.0	5.1	9.4
F. Trade Balance excluding oil products and the value of ships (=B.IV - A.IV)	-10,358.6	-10,828.2	-11,600.4	4.5	7.1
<i>USD ⁽²⁾ million</i>					
	January - August			Changes %	
	2017	2018 ⁽¹⁾	2019 ⁽¹⁾	2018/2017	2019/2018
A. Imports-Arrivals					
I. Total Imports-Arrivals	34,296.7	42,429.1	41,556.4	23.7	-2.1
II. Excluding the value of ships	34,216.4	42,227.6	41,156.4	23.4	-2.5
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	25,576.8	30,409.0	30,469.1	18.9	0.2
IV. Excluding oil products and the value of ships	25,496.4	30,207.5	30,069.1	18.5	-0.5
B. Exports-Dispatches					
I. Total Exports-Dispatches	20,657.6	26,415.5	25,322.2	27.9	-4.1
II. Excluding the value of ships	20,571.3	26,275.2	25,257.2	27.7	-3.9
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	14,278.1	17,526.3	17,207.9	22.7	-1.8
IV. Excluding oil products and the value of ships	14,191.6	17,386.2	17,143.0	22.5	-1.4
C. Trade Balance (=B.I-A.I)	-13,639.1	-16,013.6	-16,234.2	17.4	1.4
D. Trade Balance excluding the value of ships (=B.II - A.II)	-13,645.1	-15,952.4	-15,899.2	16.9	-0.3
E. Trade Balance excluding oil products and including the value of ships (=B.III - A.III)	-11,298.7	-12,882.7	-13,261.2	14.0	2.9
F. Trade Balance excluding oil products and the value of ships (=B.IV - A.IV)	-11,304.8	-12,821.3	-12,926.1	13.4	0.8

⁽¹⁾ Provisional data.⁽²⁾ 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-August 2017-2019

Imports-Arrivals (€ million)

	January - August			Changes %	
	2017	2018 ⁽¹⁾	2019 ⁽¹⁾	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	17,004.0	18,680.1	19,144.9	9.9	2.5
II. Third countries	14,181.2	16,859.8	17,854.8	18.9	5.9
Total	31,185.2	35,539.9	36,999.7	14.0	4.1

Imports-Arrivals (USD ⁽²⁾ million)

	January - August			Changes %	
	2017	2018 ⁽¹⁾	2019 ⁽¹⁾	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	18,704.6	22,306.9	21,506.5	19.3	-3.6
II. Third countries	15,592.1	20,122.2	20,049.9	29.1	-0.4
Total	34,296.7	42,429.1	41,556.4	23.7	-2.1

Exports-Dispatches (€ million)

	January - August			Changes %	
	2017	2018 ⁽¹⁾	2019 ⁽¹⁾	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	10,239.2	11,585.7	12,468.9	13.2	7.6
II. Third countries	8,436.6	10,408.6	9,942.8	23.4	-4.5
Total	18,675.8	21,994.3	22,411.7	17.8	1.9

Exports-Dispatches (USD ⁽²⁾ million)

	January - August			Changes %	
	2017	2018 ⁽¹⁾	2019 ⁽¹⁾	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	11,330.6	13,921.8	14,089.2	22.9	1.2
II. Third countries	9,327.0	12,493.7	11,233.0	34.0	-10.1
Total	20,657.6	26,415.5	25,322.2	27.9	-4.1

⁽¹⁾ Provisional data.

⁽²⁾ 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 4. Imports - Arrivals, Exports - Dispatches, January - August 2017-2019, million €

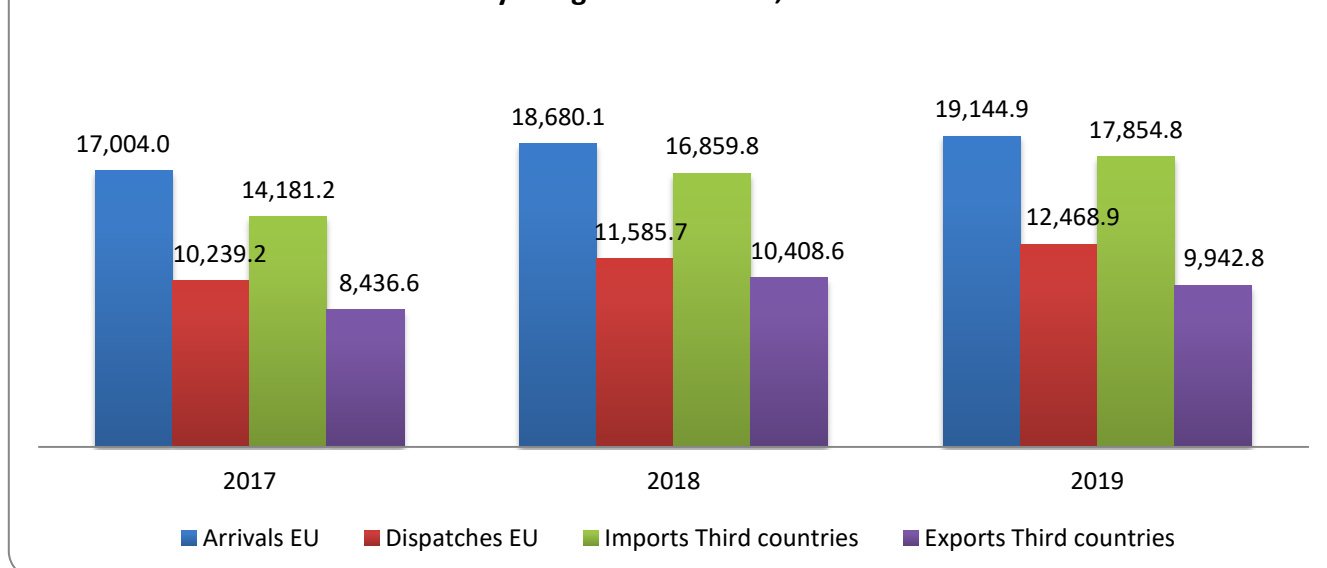


Table 7. Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches excluding oil products, January-August 2017-2019

Imports-Arrivals (€ million)

	January - August			Changes %	
	2017	2018 ⁽¹⁾	2019 ⁽¹⁾	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	16,479.1	17,914.1	18,478.3	8.7	3.1
II. Third countries	6,778.4	7,545.6	8,648.5	11.3	14.6
Total	23,257.5	25,459.7	27,126.8	9.5	6.5

Imports-Arrivals (USD ⁽²⁾ million)

	January - August			Changes %	
	2017	2018 ⁽¹⁾	2019 ⁽¹⁾	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	18,127.7	21,395.9	20,757.8	18.0	-3.0
II. Third countries	7,449.1	9,013.1	9,711.3	21.0	7.7
Total	25,576.8	30,409.0	30,469.1	18.9	0.2

Exports-Dispatches (€ million)

	January - August			Changes %	
	2017	2018 ⁽¹⁾	2019 ⁽¹⁾	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	8,806.5	10,044.9	10,399.5	14.1	3.5
II. Third countries	4,097.3	4,535.8	4,827.3	10.7	6.4
Total	12,903.8	14,580.7	15,226.8	13.0	4.4

Exports-Dispatches (USD ⁽²⁾ million)

	January - August			Changes %	
	2017	2018 ⁽¹⁾	2019 ⁽¹⁾	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	9,739.3	12,077.0	11,752.9	24.0	-2.7
II. Third countries	4,538.8	5,449.3	5,455.0	20.1	0.1
Total	14,278.1	17,526.3	17,207.9	22.7	-1.8

⁽¹⁾ Provisional data.

⁽²⁾ 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 - August 2017-2019, million €

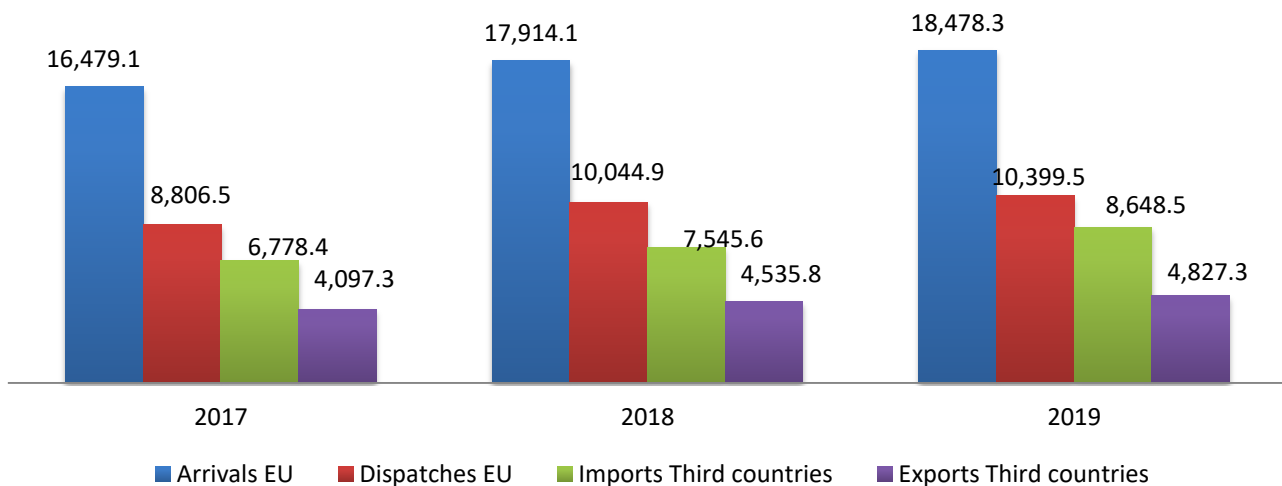


Table 8: Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches excluding oil products and ships, January- August 2017 - 2019

Imports-Arrivals (€ million)

	January - August			Changes %	
	2017	2018 ⁽¹⁾	2019 ⁽¹⁾	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	16,441.7	17,812.3	18,419.2	8.3	3.4
II. Third countries	6,742.7	7,478.3	8,350.5	10.9	11.7
Total	23,184.4	25,290.6	26,769.7	9.1	5.8

Imports-Arrivals (USD ⁽²⁾ million)

	January - August			Changes %	
	2017	2018 ⁽¹⁾	2019 ⁽¹⁾	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	18,086.7	21,275.7	20,691.3	17.6	-2.7
II. Third countries	7,409.7	8,931.8	9,377.8	20.5	5.0
Total	25,496.4	30,207.5	30,069.1	18.5	-0.5

Exports-Dispatches (€ million)

	January - August			Changes %	
	2017	2018 ⁽¹⁾	2019 ⁽¹⁾	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	8,776.2	9,956.6	10,389.1	13.5	4.3
II. Third countries	4,049.6	4,505.8	4,780.2	11.3	6.1
Total	12,825.8	14,462.4	15,169.3	12.8	4.9

Exports-Dispatches (USD ⁽²⁾ million)

	January - August			Changes %	
	2017	2018 ⁽¹⁾	2019 ⁽¹⁾	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	9,706.6	11,973.0	11,741.2	23.3	-1.9
II. Third countries	4,485.0	5,413.2	5,401.8	20.7	-0.2
Total	14,191.6	17,386.2	17,143.0	22.5	-1.4

⁽¹⁾ Provisional data.

⁽²⁾ 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 - August 2017-2019, million €

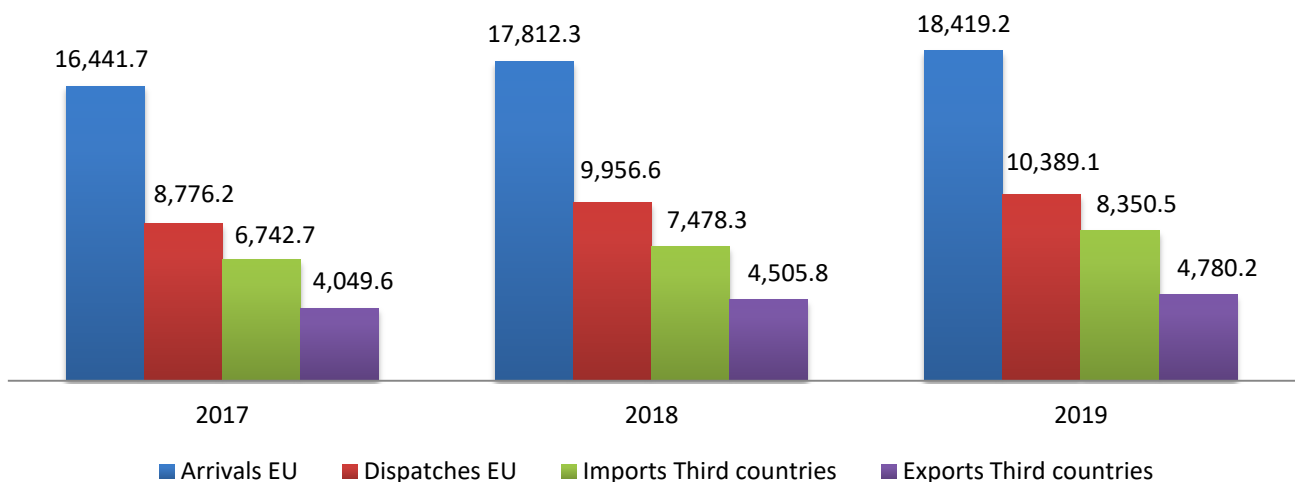


Table 9. Imports - Arrivals and Exports - Dispatches by SITC sections (Standard International Trade Classification) including oil products, August 2019⁽¹⁾

Imports - Arrivals (in million €)

	August 2019		January-August 2019	
	E.U.	Third countries	E.U.	Third countries
Total	1,909.5	2,199.7	19,144.9	17,854.8
0. Food and live animals	392.9	99.4	3,147.5	862.0
1. Beverages and tobacco	41.6	9.5	371.4	93.2
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	34.8	49.3	409.9	531.3
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, etc	96.7	1,115.5	931.2	9,317.7
4. Animal and vegetable oils and fats	9.7	11.5	78.9	76.1
5. Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	395.4	81.9	4,643.1	934.7
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by raw material	225.9	209.8	2,285.5	1,946.5
7. Machinery and transport equipment	390.9	379.1	4,608.7	2,223.7
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles	319.7	240.4	2,656.1	1,645.8
9. Commodities and transactions not classified by category	1.8	3.23	12.8	223.8

Exports - Dispatches (in million €)

	August 2019		January-August 2019	
	E.U.	Third countries	E.U.	Third countries
Total	1,317.1	1,063.1	12,468.9	9,942.8
0. Food and live animals	270.0	84.7	2,402.0	740.3
1. Beverages and tobacco	26.9	21.0	283.3	213.4
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	24.1	41.9	284.3	629.0
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, etc	230.1	587.2	2,116.5	5,154.2
4. Animal and vegetable oils and fats	15.5	6.2	199.5	65.8
5. Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	183.1	66.1	1,947.7	698.4
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by raw material	222.6	122.2	2,261.7	1,188.7
7. Machinery and transport equipment	158.7	73.0	1,349.1	696.4
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles	165.1	49.7	1,445.5	402.8
9. Commodities and transactions not classified by category	20.9	11.1	179.5	153.9

⁽¹⁾ Provisional data.

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Diagram 7a. Percentage (%) distribution of E.U. arrivals by SITC sections, August 2019

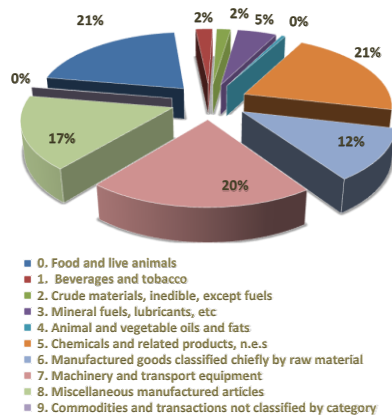


Diagram 7b. Percentage (%) distribution of Third countries imports by SITC sections, August 2019

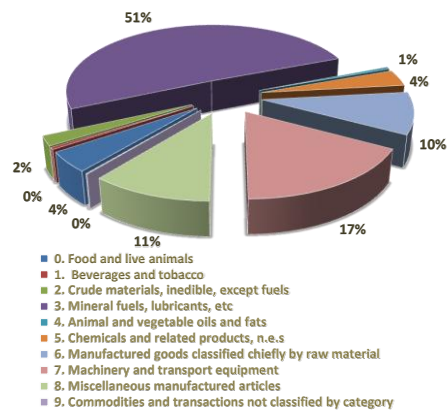


Diagram 8a. Percentage (%) distribution of E.U. dispatches by SITC sections, August 2019

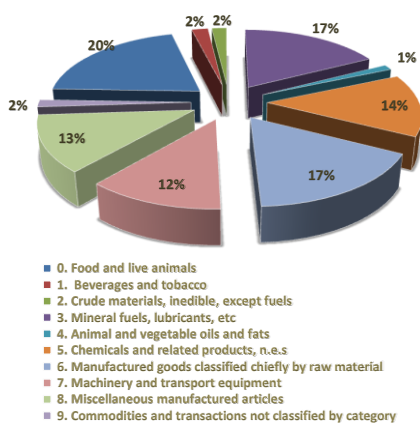


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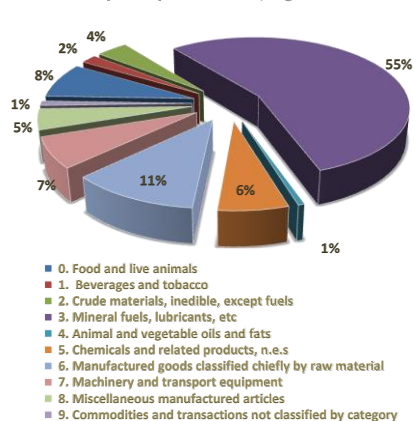


Diagram 9. Imports - Arrivals E.U. & Third countries by SITC sections, Jan. - Aug. 2019 million €

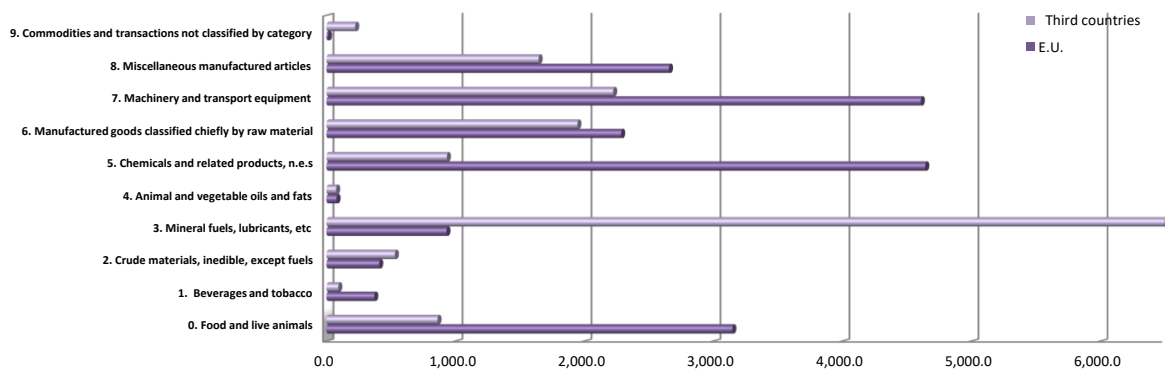


Diagram 10. Exports - Dispatches E.U. & Third countries by SITC sections, Jan. - Aug. 2019 million €

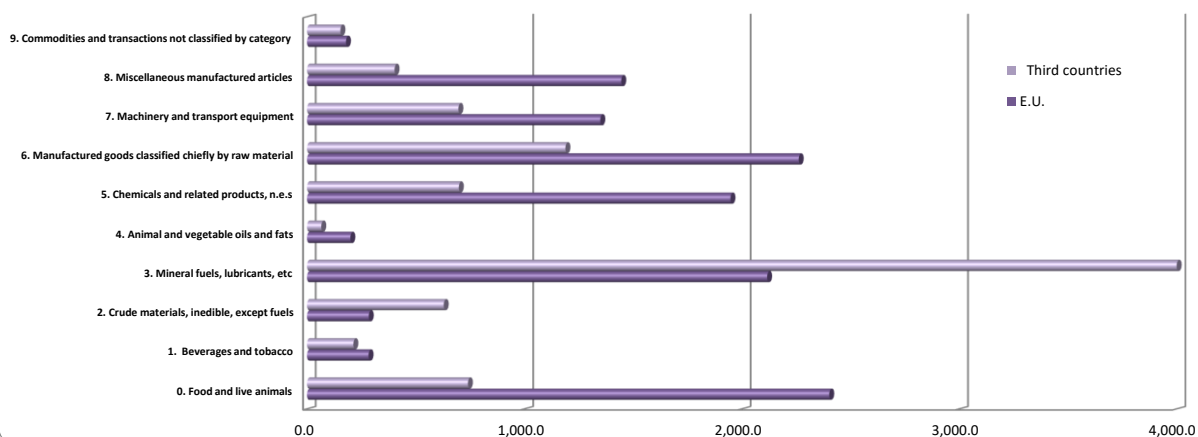


Table 10. Commercial Transactions with EU and Third Countries 2017-2019

Year and Month	Imports - Arrivals			Exports - Dispatches		
	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
2017 ⁽²⁾ : 1	3,567.5	-7.7	25.6	2,142.5	-8.1	25.1
2	3,809.9	6.8	11.1	2,108.0	-1.6	10.4
3	4,627.0	21.4	27.5	2,660.2	26.2	26.8
4	3,567.4	-22.9	3.8	2,321.0	-12.8	9.6
5	4,093.7	14.8	17.5	2,572.0	10.8	26.6
6	3,831.7	-6.4	7.6	2,408.1	-6.4	13.1
7	3,983.4	4.0	11.1	2,429.7	0.9	7.3
8	3,704.6	-7.0	18.3	2,034.3	-16.3	4.5
9	3,750.5	1.2	-0.6	2,420.1	19.0	1.8
10	4,355.1	16.1	18.2	2,514.9	3.9	9.6
11	3,947.5	-9.4	1.3	2,617.4	4.1	17.1
12	4,117.9	4.3	6.5	2,636.8	0.7	13.2
Total year	47,356.2		11.9	28,864.9		13.4
2018 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ : 1	4,466.7	8.5	25.2	2,541.9	-3.6	18.6
2	3,925.9	-12.1	3.0	2,425.8	-4.6	15.1
3	4,459.6	13.6	-3.6	2,900.5	19.6	9.0
4	4,307.7	-3.4	20.8	2,606.3	-10.1	12.3
5	4,357.6	1.2	6.4	2,955.3	13.4	14.9
6	5,015.8	15.1	30.9	3,035.0	2.7	26.0
7	4,680.1	-6.7	17.5	2,961.2	-2.4	21.9
8	4,326.6	-7.6	16.8	2,568.4	-13.3	26.3
9	4,509.4	4.2	20.2	2,670.9	4.0	10.4
10	5,222.5	15.8	19.9	3,150.3	17.9	25.3
11	4,557.5	-12.7	15.5	3,059.5	-2.9	16.9
12	4,252.8	-6.7	3.3	2,590.6	-15.3	-1.8
Total year	54,082.2		14.2	33,465.6		15.9
2019 ⁽¹⁾ : 1	4,621.5	8.7	3.5	2,512.3	-3.0	-1.2
2	4,255.0	-7.9	8.4	2,688.5	7.0	10.8
3	4,747.9	11.6	6.5	2,809.8	4.5	-3.1
4	4,590.0	-3.3	6.6	2,980.4	6.1	14.4
5	5,275.3	14.9	21.1	3,063.4	2.8	3.7
6	4,340.2	-17.7	-13.5	2,780.8	-9.2	-8.4
7	5,060.8	16.6	8.1	3,196.4	14.9	7.9
8	4,109.2	-18.8	-5.0	2,380.2	-25.5	-7.3

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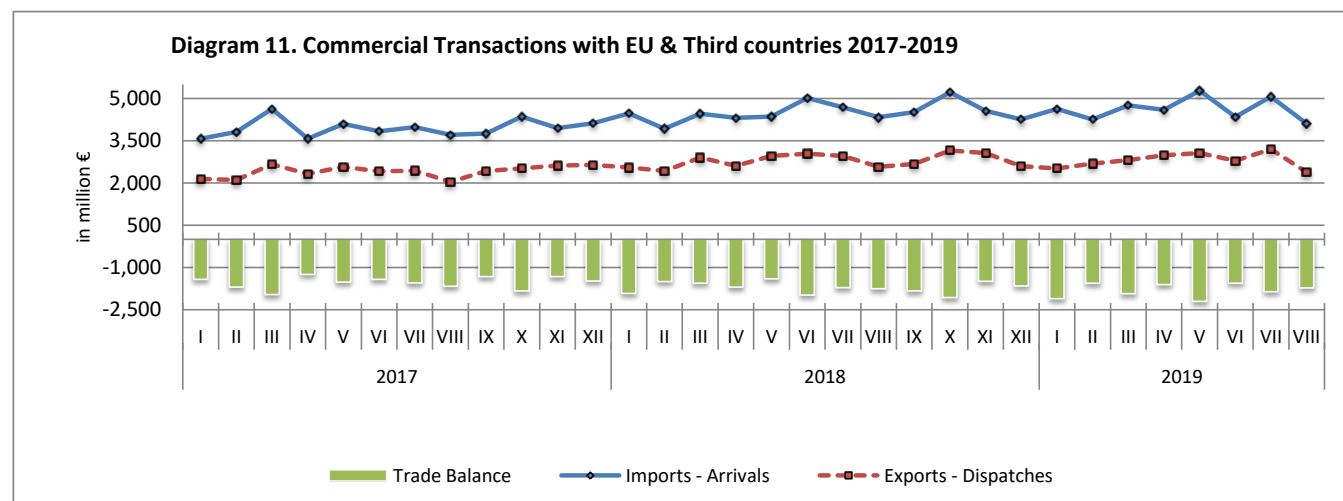


Table 11. Commercial Transactions with EU and Third Countries 2017 - 2019 excluding oil products

Year and Month	Imports - Arrivals			Exports - Dispatches		
	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
2017 ⁽²⁾ : 1	2,600.2	-5.3	12.0	1,428.3	-12.9	7.7
2	2,755.8	6.0	-1.5	1,480.6	3.7	-1.3
3	3,300.5	19.8	9.8	1,863.8	25.9	13.7
4	2,799.4	-15.2	0.7	1,523.1	-18.3	-5.5
5	3,145.0	12.3	13.6	1,726.1	13.3	21.1
6	3,031.7	-3.6	5.0	1,791.1	3.8	12.1
7	3,076.2	1.5	8.4	1,710.4	-4.5	1.3
8	2,548.6	-17.2	7.3	1,380.4	-19.3	9.2
9	2,966.4	16.4	2.3	1,687.9	22.3	1.4
10	3,142.6	5.9	15.4	1,802.9	6.8	12.8
11	3,228.8	2.7	12.1	1,817.5	0.8	8.3
12	2,904.5	-10.0	5.8	1,786.1	-1.7	8.9
Total year	35,499.7		7.5	19,998.1		7.3
2018 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ : 1	3,067.5	5.6	18.0	1,707.9	-4.4	19.6
2	2,927.8	-4.6	6.2	1,696.7	-0.7	14.6
3	3,402.4	16.2	3.1	2,023.1	19.2	8.5
4	2,994.2	-12.0	7.0	1,721.2	-14.9	13.0
5	3,260.4	8.9	3.7	1,884.5	9.5	9.2
6	3,490.3	7.1	15.1	2,091.1	11.0	16.7
7	3,462.8	-0.8	12.6	1,927.0	-7.8	12.7
8	2,854.3	-17.6	12.0	1,529.2	-20.6	10.8
9	3,105.8	8.8	4.7	1,748.8	14.4	3.6
10	3,629.6	16.9	15.5	2,028.2	16.0	12.5
11	3,294.8	-9.2	2.0	2,010.3	-0.9	10.6
12	3,105.0	-5.8	6.9	1,828.3	-9.1	2.4
Total year	38,595.0		8.7	22,196.4		11.0
2019 ⁽¹⁾ : 1	3,265.5	5.2	6.5	1,799.8	-1.6	5.4
2	3,296.9	1.0	12.6	1,861.8	3.4	9.7
3	3,420.3	3.7	0.5	1,994.6	7.1	-1.4
4	3,360.6	-1.7	12.2	1,942.3	-2.6	12.9
5	3,782.6	12.6	16.0	2,027.7	4.4	7.6
6	3,333.8	-11.9	-4.5	1,921.1	-5.3	-8.1
7	3,729.5	11.9	7.7	2,109.9	9.8	9.5
8	2,937.6	-21.2	2.9	1,569.5	-25.6	2.6

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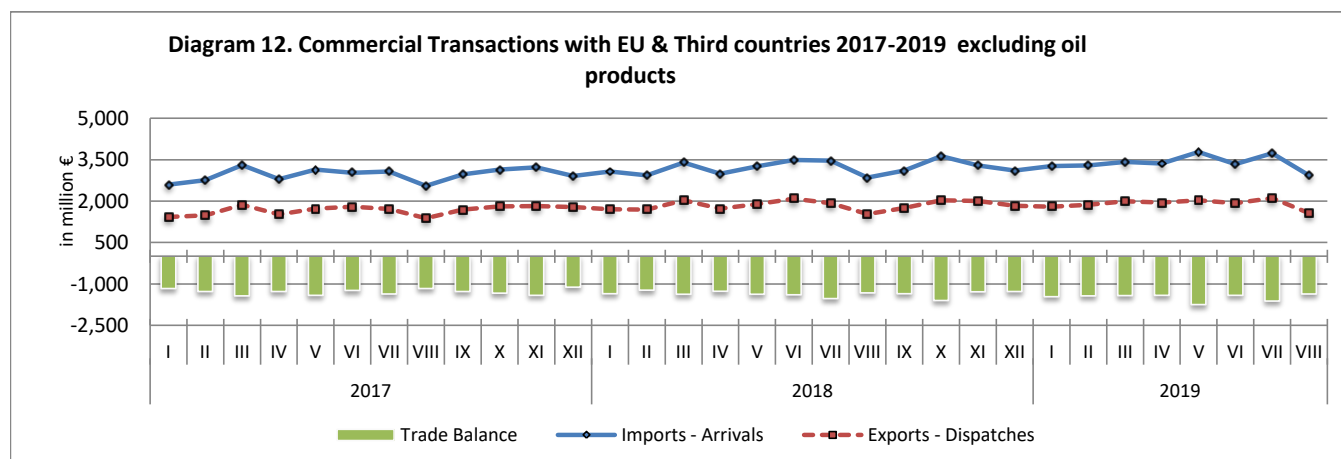


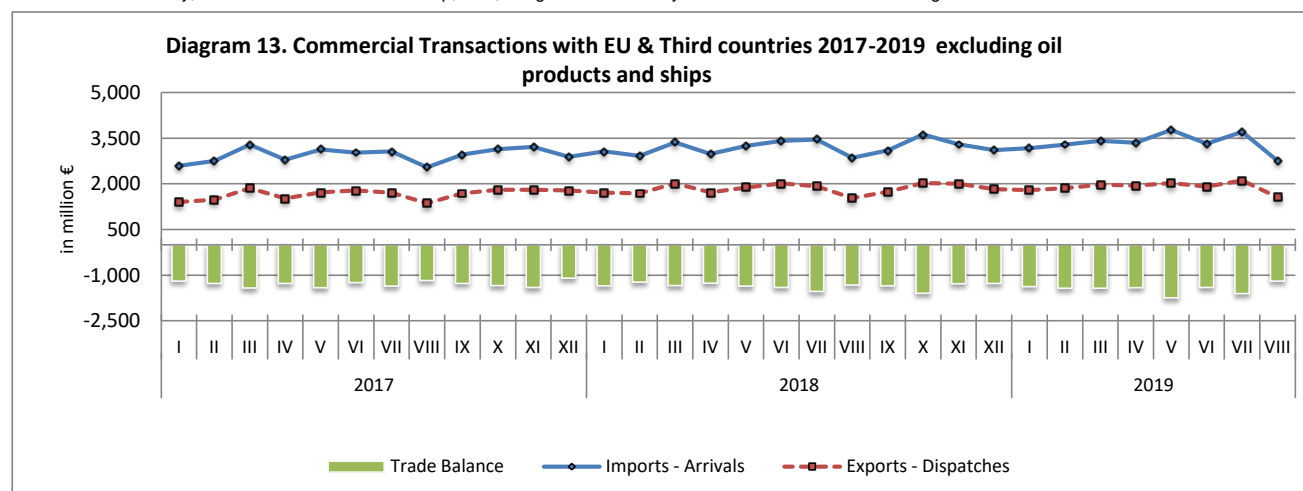
Table 12. Commercial Transactions with EU and Third Countries 2017 - 2019 excluding oil products and ships

Year and Month	Imports - Arrivals			Exports - Dispatches		
	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
2017 ⁽²⁾ : 1	2,594.0	-5.4	12.2	1,399.6	-14.2	5.7
2	2,753.2	6.1	0.8	1,479.4	5.7	-1.2
3	3,283.5	19.3	10.1	1,860.9	25.8	13.7
4	2,790.1	-15.0	0.9	1,516.8	-18.5	-4.0
5	3,131.8	12.2	13.7	1,715.6	13.1	21.4
6	3,024.1	-3.4	5.5	1,780.7	3.8	12.8
7	3,064.2	1.3	8.1	1,706.6	-4.2	2.0
8	2,543.4	-17.0	7.1	1,366.2	-19.9	8.5
9	2,959.4	16.4	2.2	1,684.9	23.3	1.3
10	3,141.6	6.2	15.7	1,801.4	6.9	12.8
11	3,211.4	2.2	11.6	1,804.5	0.2	8.3
12	2,880.7	-10.3	5.1	1,778.0	-1.5	9.0
Total year	35,377.4		7.7	19,894.5		7.4
2018 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ : 1	3,059.8	6.2	18.0	1,705.7	-4.1	21.9
2	2,920.0	-4.6	6.1	1,688.0	-1.0	14.1
3	3,360.6	15.1	2.3	2,014.0	19.3	8.2
4	2,981.3	-11.3	6.9	1,713.9	-14.9	13.0
5	3,246.1	8.9	3.7	1,881.1	9.8	9.6
6	3,413.5	5.2	12.9	2,012.5	7.0	13.0
7	3,457.4	1.3	12.8	1,919.7	-4.6	12.5
8	2,851.9	-17.5	12.1	1,527.5	-20.4	11.8
9	3,094.4	8.5	4.6	1,742.0	14.0	3.4
10	3,618.4	16.9	15.2	2,025.4	16.3	12.4
11	3,290.7	-9.1	2.5	2,007.0	-0.9	11.2
12	3,102.2	-5.7	7.7	1,827.0	-9.0	2.8
Total year	38,396.3		8.5	22,063.9		10.9
2019 ⁽¹⁾ : 1	3,174.1	2.3	3.7	1,797.7	-1.6	5.4
2	3,287.8	3.6	12.6	1,854.0	3.1	9.8
3	3,407.4	3.6	1.4	1,973.5	6.4	-2.0
4	3,349.3	-1.7	12.3	1,939.8	-1.7	13.2
5	3,767.7	12.5	16.1	2,024.5	4.4	7.6
6	3,313.5	-12.1	-2.9	1,908.9	-5.7	-5.1
7	3,710.1	12.0	7.3	2,106.0	10.3	9.7
8	2,759.7	-25.6	-3.2	1,564.9	-25.7	2.4

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Commercial Transactions of Greece	The Commercial Transactions are recorded on a monthly basis aiming at monitoring the total value of imports/arrivals, exports/dispatches and their changes. This recording does not include the imports and exports of services; however the imports and exports of services together with the corresponding commercial transactions are taken into account for the compilation of National Accounts tables.
Legal Framework	The survey is conducted by virtue of the following EU Regulations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• for intra-EU trade (Intrastat), in accordance with Regulation (EC) 638/2004, as amended and in force, and Regulation (EU) 96/2010.• for trade with third countries (Extrastat), in accordance with Regulation (EC) 471/2009 and Regulation (EU) 113/2010.
Reference Period	August 2019
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 2019 are the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 . 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. 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. IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF SHIPS AND AIRCRAFTS: In accordance with EU Regulations put into force in 2010 (Regulations (EU) 96/2010, 113/2010), the EU Member States are obliged to record the transactions of special goods and movements and more specifically of vessels and aircrafts in line with the principle of economic ownership. "Economic ownership" means the right of a taxable person to claim the benefits associated with the use of a vessel or aircraft in the course of an economic activity by virtue of accepting the associated risks. For the compilation of statistics on imports/arrivals and exports/dispatches of ships are used Intrastat data, data from administrative sources (Customs, Ministry of Marine and Island Policy), as well as data from national and international commercial databases based on the estimation model of the Bank of Greece for the Greek shipping (see Press Release on Balance of Payments published by the Bank of Greece on 20.11.2018). The compilation of statistics on imports/arrivals and exports/dispatches of aircrafts is based on Intrastat data and data from administrative sources (Customs, Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority). 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) under the link "Statistics / International Trade in Goods" .