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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF GREECE : September 2019**

( Provisional Data )

The total value of imports-arrivals, in September 2019 amounted to 4,719.9 million euros (5,178.2 million dollars) in comparison with 4,513.0 million euros (5,245.8 million dollars) in September 2018, recording an increase, in euros, of **4.6%**. The corresponding value excluding oil products in September 2019 recorded an increase of 376.0 million euros or 12.1% and the corresponding value excluding oil products and ships in September 2019 recorded an increase of 385.2 million euros or 12.4%, in comparison with September 2018 (Table 1).

The total value of exports-dispatches, in September 2019 amounted to 2,835.7 million euros (3,129.9 million dollars) in comparison with 2,671.6 million euros (3,124.0 million dollars) in September 2018, recording an increase, in euros, of **6.1%**. The corresponding value excluding oil products recorded in September 2019 an increase of 147.8 million euros or 8.4% and the corresponding value excluding oil products and ships in September 2019 recorded an increase of 152.9 million euros or 8.8%, in comparison with September 2018 (Table 1).

The deficit of the trade balance, in September 2019 amounted to 1,884.2 million euros (2,048.3 million dollars) in comparison with 1,841.4 million euros (2,121.8 million dollars) in September 2018, recording an increase, in euros, of **2.3%**. The corresponding value of deficit excluding oil products in September 2019 recorded an increase of 228.2 million euros or 16.8% and the corresponding value excluding oil products and ships in September 2019 recorded an increase of 232.3 million euros or 17.2%, in comparison with September 2018 (Table 1).

The total value of imports-arrivals, for the 9-month period from January to September 2019 amounted to 41,766.1 million euros (46,786.3 million dollars) in comparison with 40,056.2 million euros (47,678.8 million dollars) for the corresponding period of the year 2018, recording an increase, in euros, of **4.3%**. The corresponding value excluding oil products recorded an increase of 2,095.4 million euros or 7.3% and the corresponding value excluding oil products and ships recorded an increase of 1,916.5 million euros or 6.8%, in comparison with September 2018 (Table 5).

The total value of exports-dispatches, for the 9-month period from January to September 2019 amounted to 25,265.6 million euros (28,472.7 million dollars) in comparison with 24,665.6 million euros (29,539.1 million dollars) for the corresponding period of the year 2018, recording an increase, in euros, of **2.4%**. The corresponding value excluding oil products recorded an increase of 809.1 million euros or 5.0% and the corresponding value excluding oil products and ships recorded an increase of 874.6 million euros or 5.4%, in comparison with September 2018 (Table 5).

The deficit of the Trade Balance, for the 9-month period from January to September 2019 amounted to 16,500.5 million euros (18,313.6 million dollars) in comparison with 15,390.6 million euros (18,139.7 million dollars) for the corresponding period of the year 2018, recording an increase, in euros, of **7.2%**. The corresponding deficit excluding oil products recorded an increase of 1,286.3 million euros or 10.5% and the corresponding deficit excluding oil products and ships recorded an increase of 1,041.9 million euros or 8.6% (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 : September 2017 - 2019**

<i>Million euros</i>					
	September		Changes %		
	2017	2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
<b>A. Imports-Arrivals</b>					
I. Total Imports-Arrivals	3,750.5	4,513.0	4,719.9	20.3	4.6
II. Excluding the value of ships	3,743.5	4,501.5	4,717.6	20.2	4.8
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	2,966.4	3,108.5	3,484.5	4.8	12.1
IV. Excluding oil products and the value of ships	2,959.4	3,097.0	3,482.2	4.6	12.4
<b>B. Exports-Dispatches</b>					
I. Total Exports-Dispatches	2,420.1	2,671.6	2,835.7	10.4	6.1
II. Excluding the value of ships	2,417.1	2,664.8	2,834.0	10.2	6.3
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	1,687.9	1,749.5	1,897.3	3.6	8.4
IV. Excluding oil products and the value of ships	1,684.9	1,742.7	1,895.6	3.4	8.8
<b>C. Trade Balance (=B.I-A.I)</b>	<b>-1,330.4</b>	<b>-1,841.4</b>	<b>-1,884.2</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>2.3</b>
<b>D. Trade Balance</b> excluding the value of ships (=B.II - A.II)	<b>-1,326.4</b>	<b>-1,836.7</b>	<b>-1,883.6</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>2.6</b>
<b>E. Trade Balance</b> excluding oil products and including the value of ships (=B.III - A.III)	<b>-1,278.5</b>	<b>-1,359.0</b>	<b>-1,587.2</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>16.8</b>
<b>F. Trade Balance</b> excluding oil products and the value of ships (=B.IV - A.IV)	<b>-1,274.5</b>	<b>-1,354.3</b>	<b>-1,586.6</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>17.2</b>
<b><i>USD <sup>(2)</sup> million</i></b>					
	September		Changes %		
	2017	2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
<b>A. Imports-Arrivals</b>					
I. Total Imports-Arrivals	4,455.3	5,245.8	5,178.2	17.7	-1.3
II. Excluding the value of ships	4,447.0	5,232.5	5,175.7	17.7	-1.1
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	3,523.7	3,613.2	3,822.8	2.5	5.8
IV. Excluding oil products and the value of ships	3,515.5	3,600.0	3,820.3	2.4	6.1
<b>B. Exports-Dispatches</b>					
I. Total Exports-Dispatches	2,892.0	3,124.0	3,129.9	8.0	0.2
II. Excluding the value of ships	2,888.4	3,116.1	3,128.1	7.9	0.4
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	2,017.0	2,045.7	2,094.2	1.4	2.4
IV. Excluding oil products and the value of ships	2,013.4	2,037.8	2,092.4	1.2	2.7
<b>C. Trade Balance (=B.I-A.I)</b>	<b>-1,563.3</b>	<b>-2,121.8</b>	<b>-2,048.3</b>	<b>35.7</b>	<b>-3.5</b>
<b>D. Trade Balance</b> excluding the value of ships (=B.II - A.II)	<b>-1,558.6</b>	<b>-2,116.4</b>	<b>-2,047.6</b>	<b>35.8</b>	<b>-3.3</b>
<b>E. Trade Balance</b> excluding oil products and including the value of ships (=B.III - A.III)	<b>-1,506.7</b>	<b>-1,567.5</b>	<b>-1,728.6</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>10.3</b>
<b>F. Trade Balance</b> excluding oil products and the value of ships (=B.IV - A.IV)	<b>-1,502.1</b>	<b>-1,562.2</b>	<b>-1,727.9</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>10.6</b>

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

<sup>(2)</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, September 2017 - 2019**

**Imports - Arrivals (€ million)**

	September		Changes %		
	2017	2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	2,261.1	2,307.0	2,643.4	2.0	14.6
II. Third countries	1,489.4	2,206.0	2,076.5	48.1	-5.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,750.5</b>	<b>4,513.0</b>	<b>4,719.9</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>4.6</b>

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

	September		Changes %		
	2017	2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	2,686.0	2,681.6	2,900.1	-0.2	8.1
II. Third countries	1,769.3	2,564.2	2,278.1	44.9	-11.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,455.3</b>	<b>5,245.8</b>	<b>5,178.2</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>-1.3</b>

**Exports - Dispatches (€ million)**

	September		Changes %		
	2017	2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	1,264.9	1,411.1	1,597.9	11.6	13.2
II. Third countries	1,155.2	1,260.5	1,237.8	9.1	-1.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,420.1</b>	<b>2,671.6</b>	<b>2,835.7</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>6.1</b>

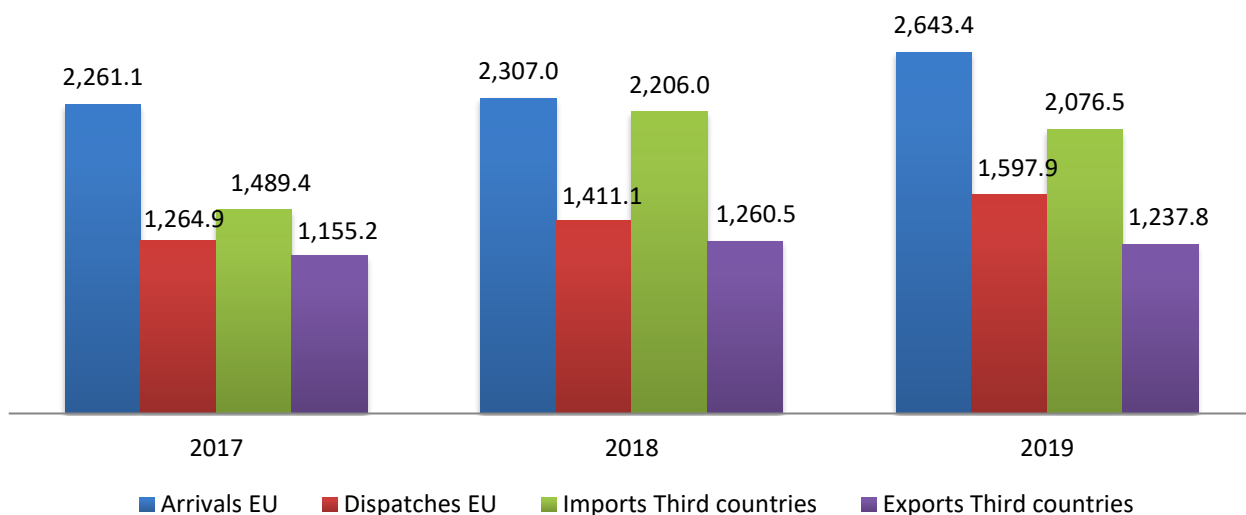
**Exports - Dispatches (USD <sup>(2)</sup> million)**

	September		Changes %		
	2017	2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	1,511.5	1,650.1	1,763.7	9.2	6.9
II. Third countries	1,380.5	1,473.9	1,366.2	6.8	-7.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,892.0</b>	<b>3,124.0</b>	<b>3,129.9</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>

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

<sup>(2)</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, September 2017-2019, million €**



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

**Imports - Arrivals (€ million)**

	September			Changes %	
	2017	2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	2,178.9	2,192.3	2,489.6	0.6	13.6
II. Third countries	787.5	916.2	994.9	16.3	8.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,966.4</b>	<b>3,108.5</b>	<b>3,484.5</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>12.1</b>

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

	September			Changes %	
	2017	2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	2,588.4	2,548.3	2,731.4	-1.5	7.2
II. Third countries	935.3	1,064.9	1,091.4	13.9	2.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,523.7</b>	<b>3,613.2</b>	<b>3,822.8</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>5.8</b>

**Exports - Dispatches (€ million)**

	September			Changes %	
	2017	2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	1,141.8	1,170.3	1,347.4	2.5	15.1
II. Third countries	546.1	579.2	549.9	6.1	-5.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,687.9</b>	<b>1,749.5</b>	<b>1,897.3</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>8.4</b>

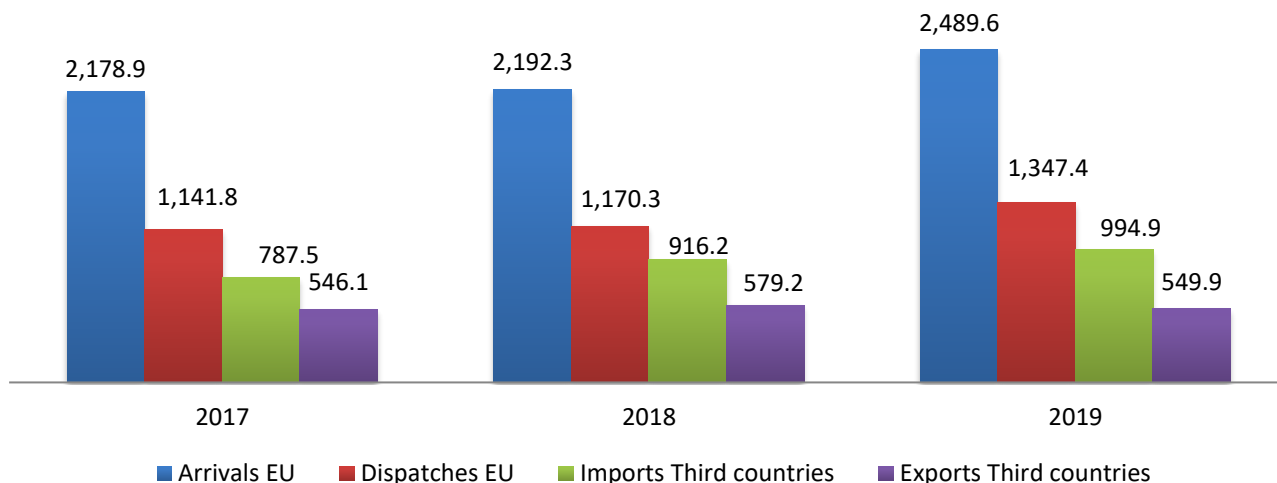
**Exports - Dispatches (USD <sup>(2)</sup> million)**

	September			Changes %	
	2017	2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	1,364.4	1,368.5	1,487.2	0.3	8.7
II. Third countries	652.6	677.2	607.0	3.8	-10.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,017.0</b>	<b>2,045.7</b>	<b>2,094.2</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>2.4</b>

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

<sup>(2)</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, September 2017-2019, million €**



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

**Imports-Arrivals (€ million)**

	September			Changes %	
	2017	2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	2,177.5	2,185.6	2,488.1	0.4	13.8
II. Third countries	781.9	911.4	994.1	16.6	9.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,959.4</b>	<b>3,097.0</b>	<b>3,482.2</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>12.4</b>

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

	September			Changes %	
	2017	2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	2,586.8	2,540.6	2,729.7	-1.8	7.4
II. Third countries	928.7	1,059.4	1,090.6	14.1	2.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,515.5</b>	<b>3,600.0</b>	<b>3,820.3</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>6.1</b>

**Exports - Dispatches (€ million)**

	September			Changes %	
	2017	2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	1,141.2	1,170.0	1,347.2	2.5	15.1
II. Third countries	543.7	572.7	548.4	5.3	-4.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,684.9</b>	<b>1,742.7</b>	<b>1,895.6</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>8.8</b>

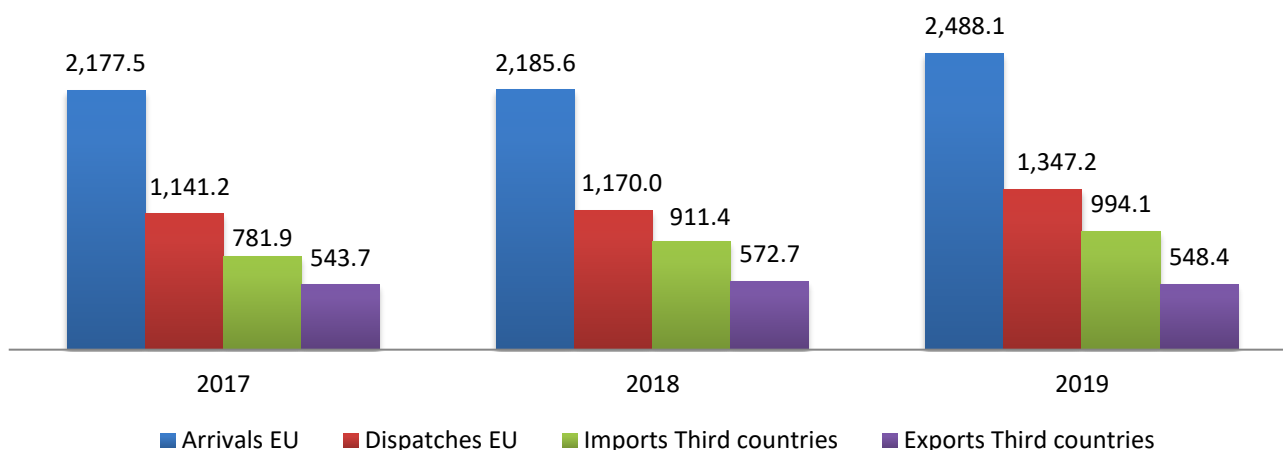
**Exports - Dispatches (USD <sup>(2)</sup> million)**

	September			Changes %	
	2017	2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	1,363.8	1,368.1	1,487.0	0.3	8.7
II. Third countries	649.6	669.7	605.4	3.1	-9.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,013.4</b>	<b>2,037.8</b>	<b>2,092.4</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>2.7</b>

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

<sup>(2)</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, September 2017-2019, million €**



**Table 5. Trade Balance : January - September 2017 - 2019**

<i>Million euros</i>					
	January - September			Changes %	
	2017	2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
<b>A. Imports - Arrivals</b>					
I. Total Imports-Arrivals	34,935.7	40,056.2	41,766.1	14.7	4.3
II. Excluding the value of ships	34,855.6	39,875.6	41,406.6	14.4	3.8
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	26,223.8	28,569.5	30,664.9	8.9	7.3
IV. Excluding oil products and the value of ships	26,143.7	28,388.9	30,305.4	8.6	6.8
<b>B. Exports - Dispatches</b>					
I. Total Exports-Dispatches	21,095.8	24,665.6	25,265.6	16.9	2.4
II. Excluding the value of ships	21,014.7	24,540.5	25,206.1	16.8	2.7
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	14,591.6	16,329.9	17,139.0	11.9	5.0
IV. Excluding oil products and the value of ships	14,510.6	16,204.8	17,079.4	11.7	5.4
<b>C. Trade Balance (=B.I-A.I)</b>	<b>-13,839.9</b>	<b>-15,390.6</b>	<b>-16,500.5</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>7.2</b>
<b>D. Trade Balance</b> excluding the value of ships (=B.II - A.II)	<b>-13,840.9</b>	<b>-15,335.1</b>	<b>-16,200.5</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>5.6</b>
<b>E. Trade Balance</b> excluding oil products and including the value of ships (=B.III - A.III)	<b>-11,632.2</b>	<b>-12,239.6</b>	<b>-13,525.9</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>10.5</b>
<b>F. Trade Balance</b> excluding oil products and the value of ships (=B.IV - A.IV)	<b>-11,633.1</b>	<b>-12,184.1</b>	<b>-13,226.0</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>8.6</b>
<i>USD <sup>(2)</sup> million</i>					
	January - September			Changes %	
	2017	2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
<b>A. Imports - Arrivals</b>					
I. Total Imports-Arrivals	38,752.0	47,678.8	46,786.3	23.0	-1.9
II. Excluding the value of ships	38,663.4	47,464.0	46,383.7	22.8	-2.3
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	29,100.6	34,023.8	34,351.6	16.9	1.0
IV. Excluding oil products and the value of ships	29,011.9	33,809.0	33,949.0	16.5	0.4
<b>B. Exports - Dispatches</b>					
I. Total Exports-Dispatches	23,549.7	29,539.1	28,472.7	25.4	-3.6
II. Excluding the value of ships	23,459.8	29,390.9	28,405.4	25.3	-3.4
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	16,295.2	19,571.7	19,318.8	20.1	-1.3
IV. Excluding oil products and the value of ships	16,205.1	19,423.7	19,251.6	19.9	-0.9
<b>C. Trade Balance (=B.I-A.I)</b>	<b>-15,202.3</b>	<b>-18,139.7</b>	<b>-18,313.6</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>D. Trade Balance</b> excluding the value of ships (=B.II - A.II)	<b>-15,203.6</b>	<b>-18,073.1</b>	<b>-17,978.3</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>-0.5</b>
<b>E. Trade Balance</b> excluding oil products and including the value of ships (=B.III - A.III)	<b>-12,805.4</b>	<b>-14,452.1</b>	<b>-15,032.8</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>4.0</b>
<b>F. Trade Balance</b> excluding oil products and the value of ships (=B.IV - A.IV)	<b>-12,806.8</b>	<b>-14,385.3</b>	<b>-14,697.4</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>2.2</b>

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

<sup>(2)</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-September 2017-2019**

**Imports-Arrivals (€ million)**

	January - September		Changes %		
	2017	2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	19,265.1	20,990.3	21,834.6	9.0	4.0
II. Third countries	15,670.6	19,065.9	19,931.5	21.7	4.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,935.7</b>	<b>40,056.2</b>	<b>41,766.1</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>4.3</b>

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

	January - September		Changes %		
	2017	2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	21,390.6	24,992.4	24,458.0	16.8	-2.1
II. Third countries	17,361.4	22,686.4	22,328.3	30.7	-1.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,752.0</b>	<b>47,678.8</b>	<b>46,786.3</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>-1.9</b>

**Exports - Dispatches (€ million)**

	January - September		Changes %		
	2017	2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	11,504.0	12,996.5	14,082.4	13.0	8.4
II. Third countries	9,591.8	11,669.1	11,183.2	21.7	-4.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,095.8</b>	<b>24,665.6</b>	<b>25,265.6</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>2.4</b>

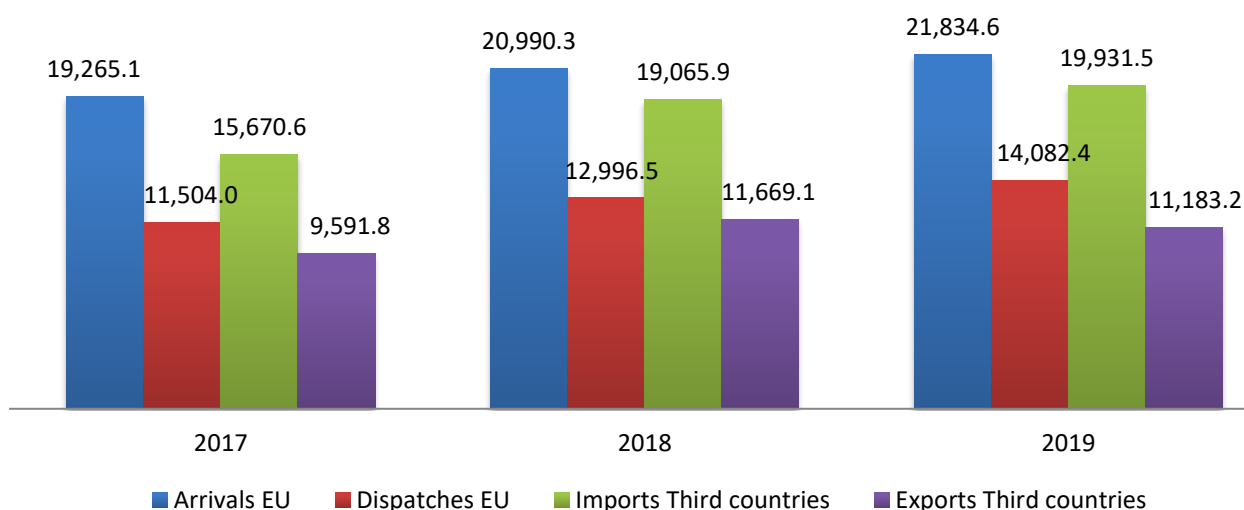
**Export s - Dispatches (USD <sup>(2)</sup> million)**

	January - September		Changes %		
	2017	2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	12,842.2	15,571.5	15,870.4	21.3	1.9
II. Third countries	10,707.5	13,967.6	12,602.3	30.4	-9.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,549.7</b>	<b>29,539.1</b>	<b>28,472.7</b>	<b>25.4</b>	<b>-3.6</b>

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

<sup>(2)</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 4. Imports - Arrivals, Exports - Dispatches, January - September 2017-2019, million €**



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

**Imports-Arrivals (€ million)**

	January - September			Changes %	
	2017	2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	18,658.0	20,107.7	21,016.2	7.8	4.5
II. Third countries	7,565.8	8,461.8	9,648.7	11.8	14.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,223.8</b>	<b>28,569.5</b>	<b>30,664.9</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>7.3</b>

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

	January - September			Changes %	
	2017	2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	20,716.1	23,945.7	23,543.1	15.6	-1.7
II. Third countries	8,384.5	10,078.1	10,808.5	20.2	7.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,100.6</b>	<b>34,023.8</b>	<b>34,351.6</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>1.0</b>

**Exports - Dispatches (€ million)**

	January - September			Changes %	
	2017	2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	9,948.3	11,214.9	11,759.1	12.7	4.9
II. Third countries	4,643.3	5,115.0	5,379.9	10.2	5.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,591.6</b>	<b>16,329.9</b>	<b>17,139.0</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>5.0</b>

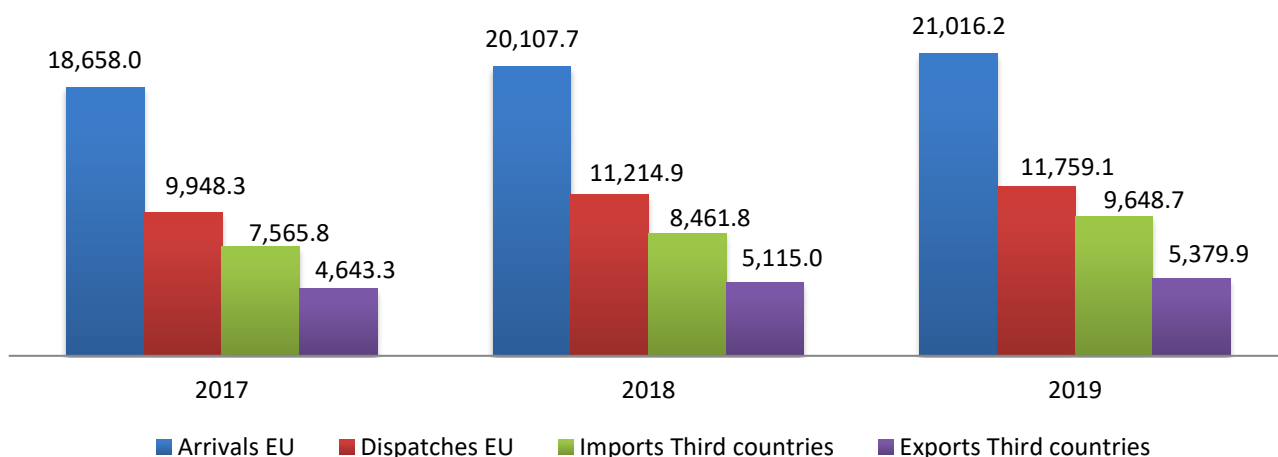
**Exports - Dispatches (USD <sup>(2)</sup> million)**

	January - September			Changes %	
	2017	2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	11,103.7	13,445.2	13,253.9	21.1	-1.4
II. Third countries	5,191.5	6,126.5	6,064.9	18.0	-1.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,295.2</b>	<b>19,571.7</b>	<b>19,318.8</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>-1.3</b>

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

<sup>(2)</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 - September 2017-2019, million €**





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

**Imports-Arrivals (€ million)**

	January - September			Changes %	
	2017	2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	18,619.2	19,999.1	20,955.5	7.4	4.8
II. Third countries	7,524.5	8,389.8	9,349.9	11.5	11.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,143.7</b>	<b>28,388.9</b>	<b>30,305.4</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>6.8</b>

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

	January - September			Changes %	
	2017	2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	20,673.4	23,817.7	23,474.8	15.2	-1.4
II. Third countries	8,338.5	9,991.3	10,474.2	19.8	4.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,011.9</b>	<b>33,809.0</b>	<b>33,949.0</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>0.4</b>

**Exports - Dispatches (€ million)**

	January - September			Changes %	
	2017	2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	9,917.4	11,126.2	11,748.0	12.2	5.6
II. Third countries	4,593.2	5,078.6	5,331.4	10.6	5.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,510.6</b>	<b>16,204.8</b>	<b>17,079.4</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>5.4</b>

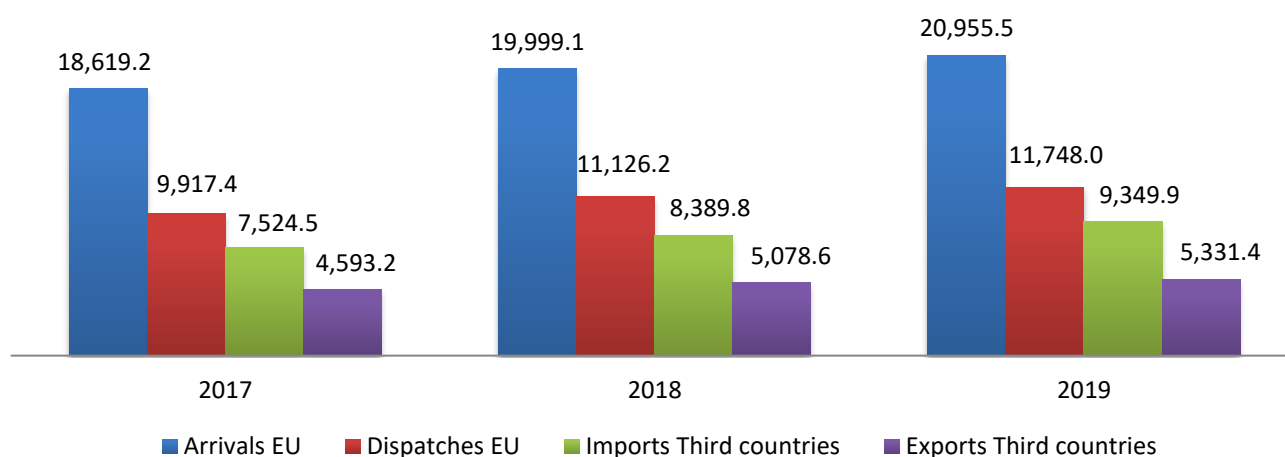
**Exports - Dispatches (USD <sup>(2)</sup> million)**

	January - September			Changes %	
	2017	2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	11,070.4	13,340.7	13,241.4	20.5	-0.7
II. Third countries	5,134.7	6,083.0	6,010.2	18.5	-1.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,205.1</b>	<b>19,423.7</b>	<b>19,251.6</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>-0.9</b>

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

<sup>(2)</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, excuding oil products and ships, January - September 2017-2019, million €**



**Table 9. Imports - Arrivals and Exports - Dispatches by SITC sections (Standard International Trade Classification) including oil products, September 2019<sup>(1)</sup>**

**Imports - Arrivals (in million €)**

	September 2019		January-September 2019	
	E.U.	Third countries	E.U.	Third countries
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,643.4</b>	<b>2,076.5</b>	<b>21,834.6</b>	<b>19,931.5</b>
0. Food and live animals	403.2	81.2	3,554.9	943.3
1. Beverages and tobacco	38.5	8.1	409.9	101.3
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	46.3	62.2	456.6	593.5
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, etc	182.8	1,091.5	1,112.2	10,404.3
4. Animal and vegetable oils and fats	8.7	7.8	87.8	83.9
5. Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	714.4	133.5	5,357.0	1,068.3
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by raw material	295.8	245.9	2,589.3	2,197.5
7. Machinery and transport equipment	563.1	208.1	5,191.3	2,431.8
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles	387.9	233.3	3,060.0	1,879.1
9. Commodities and transactions not classified by category	2.8	4.8	15.6	228.6

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

	September 2019		January-September 2019	
	E.U.	Third countries	E.U.	Third countries
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,597.9</b>	<b>1,237.8</b>	<b>14,082.4</b>	<b>11,183.3</b>
0. Food and live animals	286.6	94.5	2,690.9	834.7
1. Beverages and tobacco	29.9	31.1	313.2	244.5
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	37.7	42.2	321.9	671.7
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, etc	253.9	692.6	2,373.7	5,846.9
4. Animal and vegetable oils and fats	19.9	6.2	220.4	72.0
5. Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	306.4	83.8	2,254.6	782.0
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by raw material	285.4	137.4	2,547.5	1,326.3
7. Machinery and transport equipment	159.8	75.1	1,510.0	771.5
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles	196.1	50.6	1,647.0	453.4
9. Commodities and transactions not classified by category	22.3	24.3	203.3	180.3

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

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

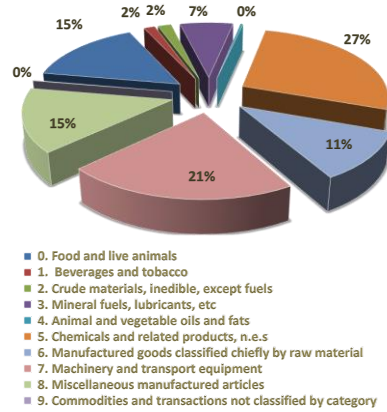


Diagram 7b. Percentage (%) distribution of Third countries imports by SITC sections, September 2019

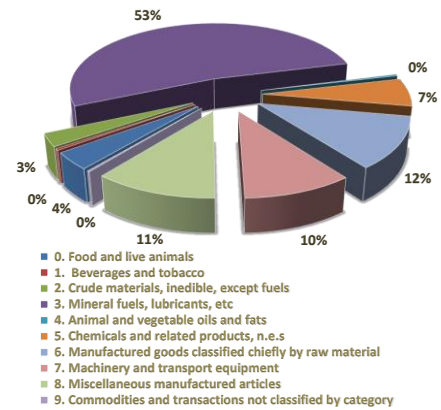


Diagram 8a. Percentage (%) distribution of E.U. dispatches by SITC sections, September 2019

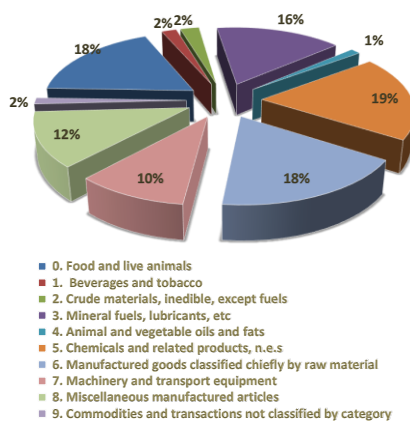


Diagram 8b. Percentage (%) distribution of Third countries exports by SITC sections, September 2019

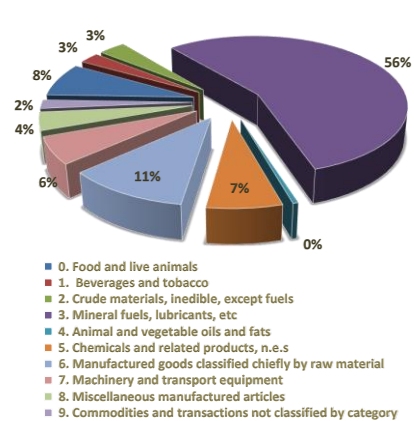


Diagram 9. Imports - Arrivals E.U. & Third countries by SITC sections, Jan. - Sep. 2019 million €

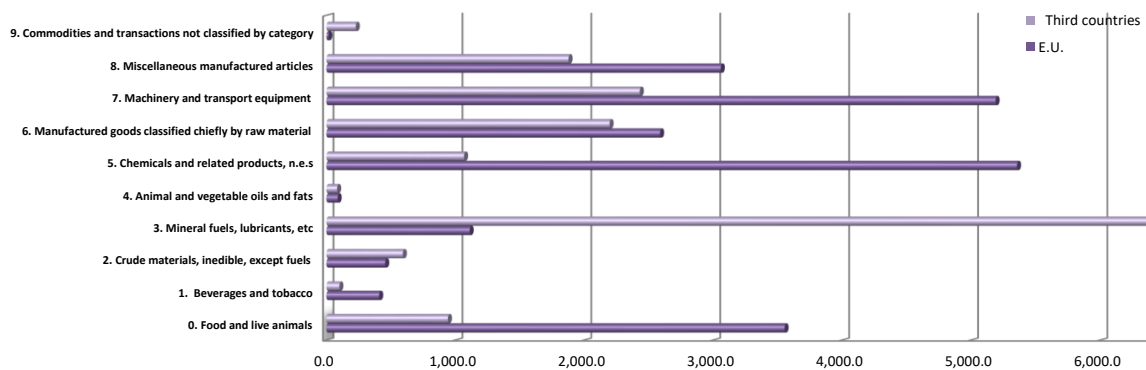
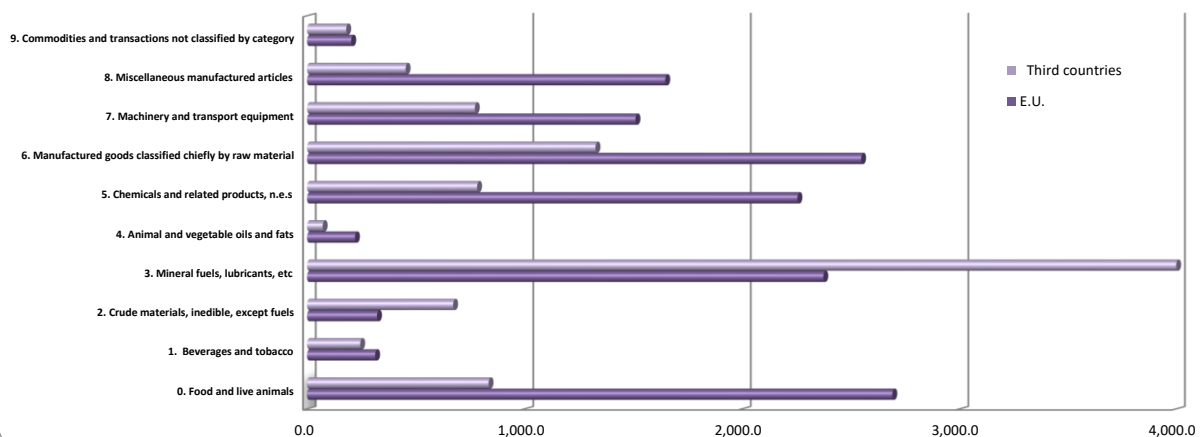


Diagram 10. Exports - Dispatches E.U. & Third countries by SITC sections, Jan. - Sep. 2019 million €



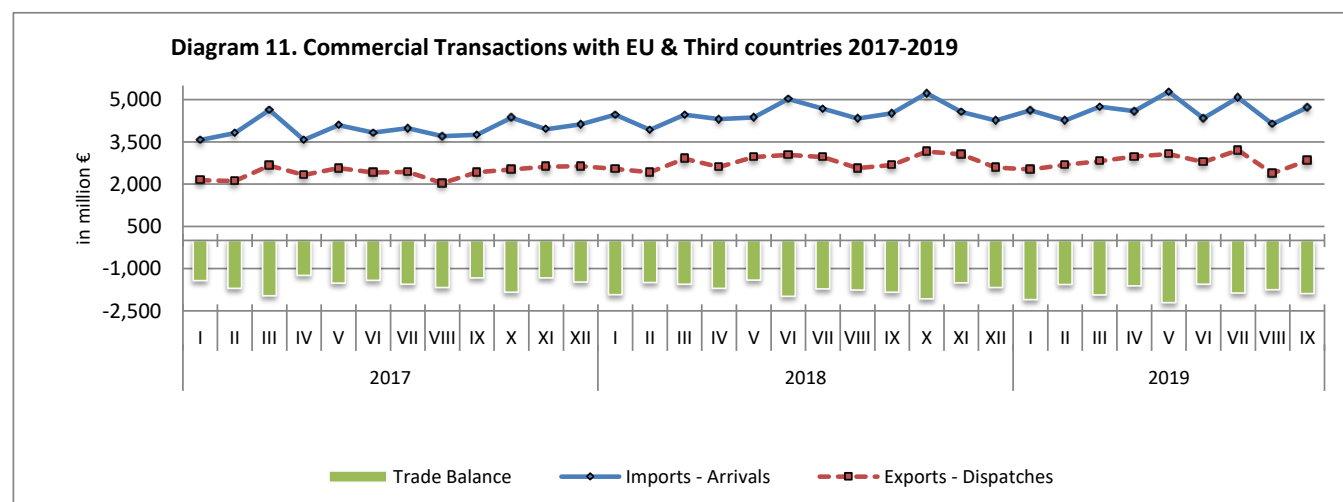
**Table 10. Commercial Transactions with EU and Third Countries 2017-2019**

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 <sup>(2)</sup> : 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 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> : 1	4,466.7	8.5	25.2	2,542.0	-3.6	18.6
2	3,926.0	-12.1	3.0	2,426.0	-4.6	15.1
3	4,459.0	13.6	-3.6	2,900.6	19.6	9.0
4	4,307.8	-3.4	20.8	2,606.6	-10.1	12.3
5	4,362.5	1.3	6.6	2,955.7	13.4	14.9
6	5,016.2	15.0	30.9	3,034.9	2.7	26.0
7	4,679.7	-6.7	17.5	2,959.9	-2.5	21.8
8	4,325.1	-7.6	16.8	2,568.1	-13.2	26.2
9	4,513.0	4.3	20.3	2,671.6	4.0	10.4
10	5,230.3	15.9	20.1	3,152.2	18.0	25.3
11	4,561.9	-12.8	15.6	3,059.2	-3.0	16.9
12	4,263.0	-6.6	3.5	2,590.9	-15.3	-1.7
Total year	54,111.3		14.3	33,467.9		15.9
2019 <sup>(1)</sup> : 1	4,621.0	8.4	3.5	2,514.7	-2.9	-1.1
2	4,256.4	-7.9	8.4	2,688.6	6.9	10.8
3	4,747.4	11.5	6.5	2,810.1	4.5	-3.1
4	4,595.0	-3.2	6.7	2,981.0	6.1	14.4
5	5,279.8	14.9	21.0	3,069.6	3.0	3.9
6	4,340.6	-17.8	-13.5	2,784.1	-9.3	-8.3
7	5,070.5	16.8	8.3	3,200.3	15.0	8.1
8	4,135.5	-18.4	-4.4	2,381.7	-25.6	-7.3
9	4,719.9	14.1	4.6	2,835.7	19.1	6.1

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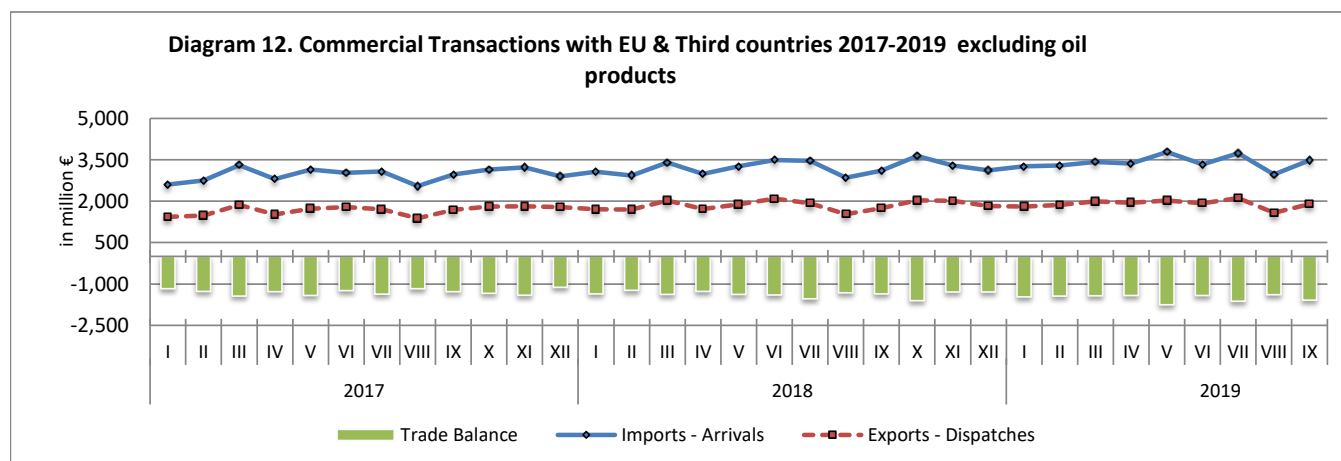
**Table 11. Commercial Transactions with EU and Third Countries 2017 - 2019 excluding oil products**

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 <sup>(2)</sup> : 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 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> : 1	3,067.6	5.6	18.0	1,708.0	-4.4	19.6
2	2,927.8	-4.6	6.2	1,696.9	-0.7	14.6
3	3,401.8	16.2	3.1	2,023.3	19.2	8.6
4	2,994.3	-12.0	7.0	1,721.5	-14.9	13.0
5	3,265.3	9.1	3.8	1,885.0	9.5	9.2
6	3,490.8	6.9	15.1	2,091.0	10.9	16.7
7	3,461.3	-0.8	12.5	1,925.7	-7.9	12.6
8	2,852.1	-17.6	11.9	1,528.9	-20.6	10.8
9	3,108.5	9.0	4.8	1,749.5	14.4	3.6
10	3,636.7	17.0	15.7	2,030.2	16.0	12.6
11	3,299.0	-9.3	2.2	2,010.0	-1.0	10.6
12	3,115.1	-5.6	7.3	1,828.6	-9.0	2.4
Total year	38,620.2		8.8	22,198.7		11.0
2019 <sup>(1)</sup> : 1	3,265.2	4.8	6.4	1,802.1	-1.4	5.5
2	3,299.1	1.0	12.7	1,861.9	3.3	9.7
3	3,420.6	3.7	0.6	1,994.9	7.1	-1.4
4	3,363.4	-1.7	12.3	1,942.9	-2.6	12.9
5	3,783.0	12.5	15.9	2,027.5	4.4	7.6
6	3,338.2	-11.8	-4.4	1,922.0	-5.2	-8.1
7	3,741.0	12.1	8.1	2,113.8	10.0	9.8
8	2,969.8	-20.6	4.1	1,576.4	-25.4	3.1
9	3,484.5	17.3	12.1	1,897.3	20.4	8.4

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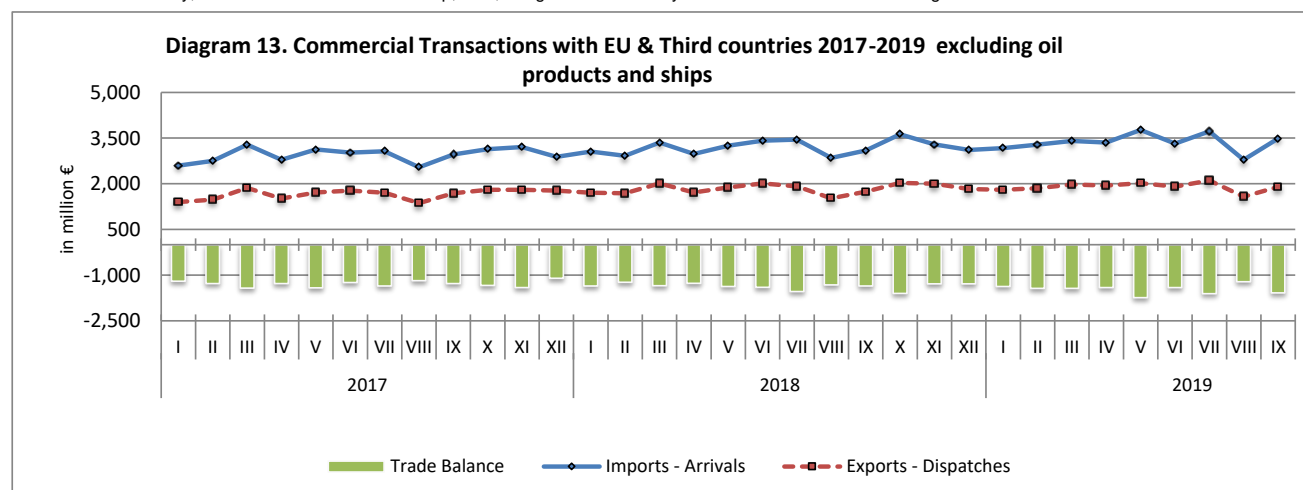
**Table 12. Commercial Transactions with EU and Third Countries 2017 - 2019 excluding oil products and ships**

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 <sup>(2)</sup> : 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 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> : 1	3,059.8	6.2	18.0	1,705.8	-4.1	21.9
2	2,920.0	-4.6	6.1	1,688.2	-1.0	14.1
3	3,360.0	15.1	2.3	2,014.2	19.3	8.2
4	2,981.4	-11.3	6.9	1,714.3	-14.9	13.0
5	3,251.0	9.0	3.8	1,881.6	9.8	9.7
6	3,414.0	5.0	12.9	2,012.5	7.0	13.0
7	3,455.9	1.2	12.8	1,918.4	-4.7	12.4
8	2,849.6	-17.5	12.0	1,527.2	-20.4	11.8
9	3,097.1	8.7	4.7	1,742.7	14.1	3.4
10	3,625.4	17.1	15.4	2,027.4	16.3	12.5
11	3,294.9	-9.1	2.6	2,006.7	-1.0	11.2
12	3,112.3	-5.5	8.0	1,827.4	-8.9	2.8
Total year	38,421.5		8.6	22,066.2		10.9
2019 <sup>(1)</sup> : 1	3,173.9	2.0	3.7	1,800.1	-1.5	5.5
2	3,289.9	3.7	12.7	1,854.1	3.0	9.8
3	3,407.8	3.6	1.4	1,973.8	6.5	-2.0
4	3,352.2	-1.6	12.4	1,940.3	-1.7	13.2
5	3,768.1	12.4	15.9	2,024.3	4.3	7.6
6	3,317.9	-11.9	-2.8	1,909.7	-5.7	-5.1
7	3,721.5	12.2	7.7	2,109.5	10.5	10.0
8	2,791.9	-25.0	-2.0	1,571.9	-25.5	2.9
9	3,482.2	24.7	12.4	1,895.6	20.6	8.8

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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:

- 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** **September 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:

- 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).

**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](http://www.statistics.gr)) under the link "Statistics / International Trade in Goods".