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COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF GREECE: January 2022

(Provisional Data)

The total value of imports-arrivals, in January 2022 amounted to 6,318.4 million euros (7,127.3 million dollars) in comparison with 4,002.6 million euros (4,859.9 million dollars) in January 2021, recording an increase, in euros, of **57.9%**. The corresponding value excluding oil products in January 2022 recorded an increase of 1,320.0 million euros or 42.8% and the corresponding value excluding oil products and ships in January 2022 recorded an increase of 1309.3 million euros or 42.6%, in comparison with January 2021 (Table 1).

The total value of exports-dispatches, in January 2022 amounted to 3,374.1 million euros (3,828.9 million dollars) in comparison with 2,520.8 million euros (3,079.0 million dollars) in January 2021, recording an increase, in euros, of **33.9%**. The corresponding value excluding oil products recorded in January 2022 an increase of 409.6 million euros or 20.4% and the corresponding value excluding oil products and ships in January 2022 recorded an increase of 406.0 million euros or 20.2%, in comparison with January 2021 (Table 1).

The deficit of the trade balance, in January 2022 amounted to 2,944.3 million euros (3,298.4 million dollars) in comparison with 1,481.8 million euros (1,780.9 million dollars) in January 2021, recording an increase, in euros, of **98.7%**. The corresponding value of deficit excluding oil products in January 2022 recorded an increase of 910.4 million euros or 84.5% and the corresponding value excluding oil products and ships in January 2022 recorded an increase of 903.3 million euros or 84.6%, in comparison with January 2021 (Table 1).

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 to 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.

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⁽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.

Table 1. Trade Balance: January 2020 - 2022

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million euros	January			Changes %		
	2020	2021 ⁽¹⁾	2022 (1)	2021/2020	2022/2021	
A. Imports-Arrivals						
I. Total Imports-Arrivals	4,759.2	4,002.6	6,318.4	-15.9	57.9	
II. Excluding the value of ships	4,733.1	3,990.8	6,295.9	-15.7	57.8	
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	3,449.0	3,085.8	4,405.8	-10.5	42.8	
IV. Excluding oil products and the value of ships	3,422.9	3,074.0	4,383.3	-10.2	42.6	
B. Exports-Dispatches						
I. Total Exports-Dispatches	2,856.8	2,520.8	3,374.1	-11.8	33.9	
II. Excluding the value of ships	2,852.6	2,518.2	3,367.9	-11.7	33.7	
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	1,994.7	2,009.0	2,418.6	0.7	20.4	
IV.Excluding oil products and the value of ships	1,990.5	2,006.4	2,412.4	0.8	20.2	
C. Trade Balance (=B.I-A.I)	-1,902.4	-1,481.8	-2,944.3	-22.1	98.7	
D. Trade Balance excluding the value of ships (=B.II - A.II)	-1,880.5	-1,472.6	-2,928.0	-21.7	98.8	
E. Trade Balance excluding oil products and including the value of ships (=B.III - A.III)	-1,454.3	-1,076.8	-1,987.2	-26.0	84.5	
F. Trade Balance excluding oil products and the value of ships (=B.IV - A.IV)	-1,432.4	-1,067.6	-1,970.9	-25.5	84.6	
USD ⁽²⁾ million		January		Changes %		
	2020	2021 ⁽¹⁾	2022 ⁽¹⁾	2021/2020	2022/2021	
A. Imports-Arrivals						
Total Imports-Arrivals	5,267.0	4,859.9	7,127.3	-7.7	46.7	
II. Excluding the value of ships	5,238.2	4,845.5	7,101.9	-7.5	46.6	
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	3,817.0	3,746.8	4,969.8	-1.8	32.6	
IV. Excluding oil products and the value of ships	3,788.2	3,732.4	4,944.4	-1.5	32.5	
B. Exports-Dispatches						
I. Total Exports-Dispatches	3,180.6	3,079.0	3,828.9	-3.2	24.4	
II. Excluding the value of ships	3,175.9	3,075.8	3,821.9	-3.2	24.3	
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	2,220.8	2,453.9	2,744.6	10.5	11.8	
IV. Excluding oil products and the value of ships	2,216.1	2,450.7	2,737.6	10.6	11.7	
C. Trade Balance (=B.I-A.I)	-2,086.4	-1,780.9	-3,298.4	-14.6	85.2	
D. Trade Balance excluding the value of ships (=B.II - A.II)	-2,062.3	-1,769.7	-3,280.0	-14.2	85.3	
E. Trade Balance excluding oil products and including the value of ships (=B.III - A.III)	-1,596.2	-1,292.9	-2,225.2	-19.0	72.1	
F. Trade Balance excluding oil products and			-2,206.8	-18.5	72.2	

⁽¹⁾ Provisional data.

 $^{^{(2)} \ \ \}text{The value in dollars of imports and exports is based on the average exchange rate USD / } \in \text{of the reporting month in the relevant year}.$

Table 2. Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches including oil products, January 2020 - 2022

Imports - Arrivals (€ million)

	January			Chan	ges %
	2020	2021 ⁽¹⁾	2022 ⁽¹⁾	2021/2020	2022/2021
I. European Union	2,334.7	2,183.5	2,809.8	-6.5	28.7
II. Third countries	2,424.5	1,819.1	3,508.6	-25.0	92.9
Total	4,759.2	4,002.6	6,318.4	-15.9	57.9

Imports - Arrivals (USD⁽²⁾ million)

	January			Chan	ges %
	2020	2021 ⁽¹⁾	2022 ⁽¹⁾	2021/2020	2022/2021
I. European Union	2,583.7	2,651.1	3,169.6	2.6	19.6
II. Third countries	2,683.3	2,208.8	3,957.7	-17.7	79.2
Total	5,267.0	4,859.9	7,127.3	-7.7	46.7

Exports - Dispatches (€ million)

	January			Chan	ges %
	2020	2021 ⁽¹⁾	2022 ⁽¹⁾	2021/2020	2022/2021
I. European Union	1,563.5	1,431.1	1,804.0	-8.5	26.1
II. Third countries	1,293.3	1,089.7	1,570.1	-15.7	44.1
Total	2,856.8	2,520.8	3,374.1	-11.8	33.9

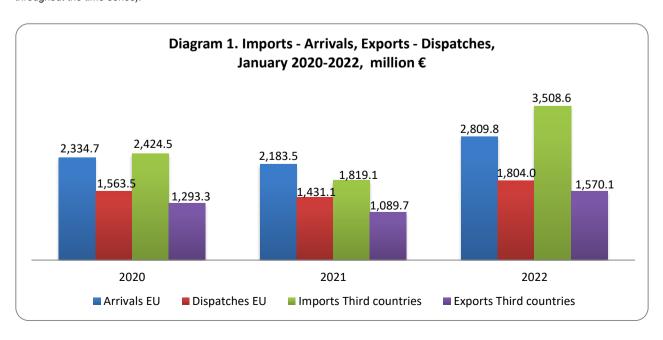
Exports - Dispatches (USD⁽²⁾ million)

		January		Chan	ges %
	2020	2021 ⁽¹⁾	2022 ⁽¹⁾	2021/2020	2022/2021
I. European Union	1,740.7	1,748.1	2,047.2	0.4	17.1
II. Third countries	1,439.9	1,330.9	1,781.7	-7.6	33.9
Total	3,180.6	3,079.0	3,828.9	-3.2	24.4

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The imports and exports of the bilateral trade with the United Kingdom are included in the corresponding trade figures with the Third Countries, given that the United Kingdom is now considered a non-EU country.

In order to ensure comparability of statistics over time, the United Kingdom is considered a Third Country in the cross-time analyses. In this context, the time series have been re-produced, aiming at consistent comparisons at EU 27 Member States level (excluding the UK throughout the time series).



The value in dollars of imports and exports is based on the average exchange rate USD / \in of the reporting month in the relevant year.

Table 3. Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches excluding oil products, January 2020 - 2022

Imports - Arrivals (€ million)

	January			Changes %	
	2020	2021 ⁽¹⁾	2022 ⁽¹⁾	2021/2020	2022/2021
I. European Union	2,277.1	2,107.5	2,709.2	-7.4	28.6
II. Third countries	1,171.9	978.3	1,696.6	-16.5	73.4
Total	3,449.0	3,085.8	4,405.8	-10.5	42.8

Imports - Arrivals (USD⁽²⁾ million)

	January			Changes %	
	2020	2021 ⁽¹⁾	2022 ⁽¹⁾	2021/2020	2022/2021
I. European Union	2,520.1	2,558.9	3,056.0	1.5	19.4
II. Third countries	1,296.9	1,187.9	1,913.8	-8.4	61.1
Total	3,817.0	3,746.8	4,969.8	-1.8	32.6

Exports - Dispatches (€ million)

	January			Changes %	
	2020	2021 ⁽¹⁾	2022 ⁽¹⁾	2021/2020	2022/2021
I. European Union	1,332.2	1,374.5	1,626.1	3.2	18.3
II. Third countries	662.5	634.5	792.5	-4.2	24.9
Total	1,994.7	2,009.0	2,418.6	0.7	20.4

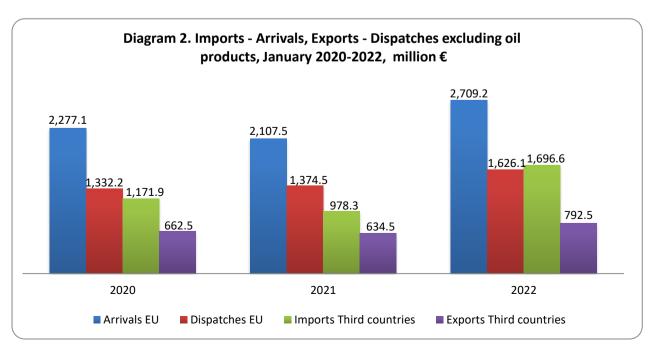
Exports - Dispatches (USD⁽²⁾ million)

	January			Changes %	
	2020	2021 ⁽¹⁾	2022 ⁽¹⁾	2021/2020	2022/2021
I. European Union	1,483.2	1,678.9	1,845.4	13.2	9.9
II. Third countries	737.6	775.0	899.2	5.1	16.0
Total	2,220.8	2,453.9	2,744.6	10.5	11.8

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Table 4. Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches excluding oil products and ships, January 2020 - 2022

Imports - Arrivals (€ million)

	January			Changes %	
	2020	2021 ⁽¹⁾	2022 ⁽¹⁾	2021/2020	2022/2021
I. European Union	2,257.4	2,099.6	2,703.8	-7.0	28.8
II. Third countries	1,165.5	974.4	1,679.5	-16.4	72.4
Total	3,422.9	3,074.0	4,383.3	-10.2	42.6

Imports - Arrivals (USD⁽²⁾ million)

	January			Changes %		
	2020	2021 ⁽¹⁾	2022 ⁽¹⁾	2021/2020	2022/2021	
I. European Union	2,498.2	2,549.3	3,049.9	2.0	19.6	
II. Third countries	1,290.0	1,183.1	1,894.5	-8.3	60.1	
Total	3,788.2	3,732.4	4,944.4	-1.5	32.5	

Exports - Dispatches (€ million)

	January			Changes %		
	2020	2021 ⁽¹⁾	2022 ⁽¹⁾	2021/2020	2022/2021	
I. European Union	1,331.3	1,373.2	1,624.6	3.1	18.3	
II. Third countries	659.2	633.2	787.8	-3.9	24.4	
Total	1,990.5	2,006.4	2,412.4	0.8	20.2	

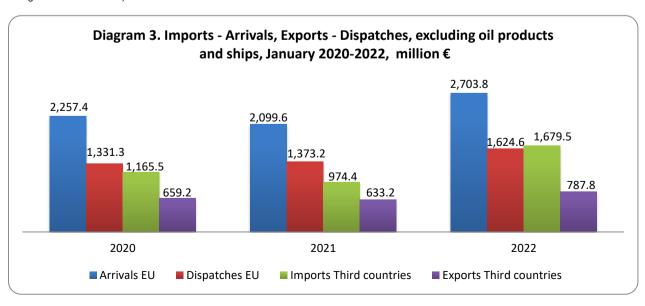
Exports - Dispatches (USD⁽²⁾ million)

		January			Changes %		
	2020	2021 ⁽¹⁾	2022 ⁽¹⁾	2021/2020	2022/2021		
I. European Union	1,482.1	1,677.3	1,843.7	13.2	9.9		
II. Third countries	734.0	773.4	893.9	5.4	15.6		
Total	2,216.1	2,450.7	2,737.6	10.6	11.7		

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Table 5. Imports - Arrivals and Exports - Dispatches by SITC sections (Standard International Trade Classification) including oil products, January 2022⁽¹⁾

Imports - Arrivals (in million €)

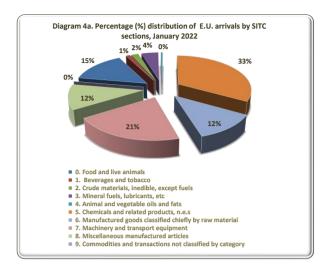
	January 2022			
	E.U.	Third countries		
Total	2,809.8	3,508.5		
0. Food and live animals	410.1	127.4		
Beverages and tobacco	30.6	14.6		
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	51.8	119.1		
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, etc	123.5	1,846.8		
4. Animal and vegetable oils and fats	13.9	16.7		
5. Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	927.6	218.2		
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by raw material	341.9	477.4		
7. Machinery and transport equipment	584.2	423.5		
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles	325.3	257.3		
9. Commodities and transactions not classified by category	0.9	7.6		

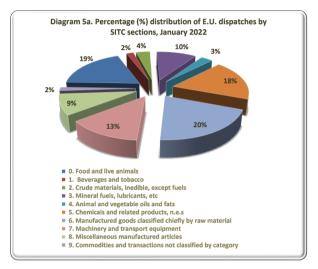
Exports - Dispatches (in million €)

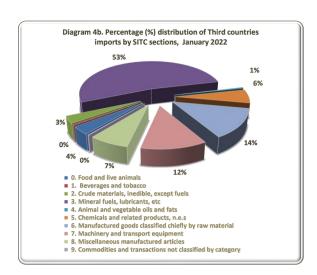
	January 2022			
	E.U.	Third countries		
Total	1,804.0	1,570.0		
Food and live animals	335.0	164.7		
Beverages and tobacco	32.7	36.3		
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	63.2	114.4		
Mineral fuels, lubricants, etc	181.0	805.3		
Animal and vegetable oils and fats	54.4	7.8		
Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	329.0	116.9		
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by raw material	369.2	164.3		
Machinery and transport equipment	241.9	100.2		
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	168.6	42.6		
Commodities and transactions not classified by category	29.1	17.6		

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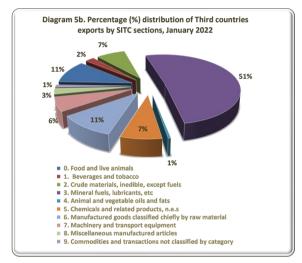
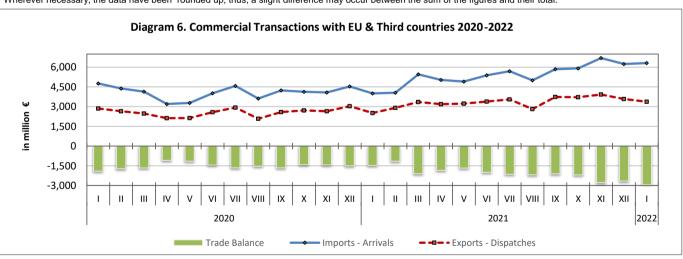


Table 6. Commercial Transactions with EU and Third Countries 2020-2022

	Imports - Arrivals			Exports - Dispatches			
Year and Month	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	
2020: 1	4,759.2	4.7	2.8	2,856.8	-1.8	13.9	
2	4,376.7	-8.0	2.7	2,655.6	-7.0	-1.3	
3	4,136.9	-5.5	-13.3	2,470.7	-7.0	-12.1	
4	3,201.1	-22.6	-30.5	2,120.2	-14.2	-28.8	
5	3,286.1	2.7	-36.7	2,136.1	0.7	-30.5	
6	4,017.6	22.3	-8.0	2,573.6	20.5	-7.6	
7	4,580.7	14.0	-10.2	2,929.1	13.8	-8.8	
8	3,613.1	-21.1	-12.9	2,078.8	-29.0	-13.3	
9	4,235.6	17.2	-11.6	2,583.7	24.3	-9.7	
10	4,132.0	-2.4	-15.9	2,715.9	5.1	-6.6	
11	4,081.8	-1.2	-7.3	2,647.3	-2.5	-3.4	
12	4,533.1	11.1	-0.2	3,032.3	14.5	4.3	
Total year	48,953.9		-12.2	30,800.2		-9.1	
2021 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ : 1	4,002.6	-11.7	-15.9	2,520.8	-16.9	-11.8	
2	4,056.7	1.3	-7.3	2,906.2	15.3	9.4	
3	5,456.7	34.5	31.9	3,354.5	15.4	35.8	
4	5,029.8	-7.8	57.1	3,189.6	-4.9	50.4	
5	4,908.4	-2.4	49.4	3,233.1	1.4	51.4	
6	5,382.7	9.7	34.0	3,390.6	4.9	31.7	
7	5,689.7	5.7	24.2	3,551.6	4.8	21.3	
8	4,998.1	-12.2	38.3	2,813.7	-20.8	35.4	
9	5,848.6	17.0	38.1	3,741.0	33.0	44.8	
10	5,915.3	1.1	43.2	3,720.0	-0.6	37.0	
11	6,696.1	13.2	64.0	3,920.7	5.4	48.1	
12	6,239.1	-6.8	37.6	3,579.5	-8.7	18.0	
Total year	64,223.8		31.2	39,921.4		29.6	
2022 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ : 1	6,318.4	1.3	57.9	3,374.1	-5.7	33.9	

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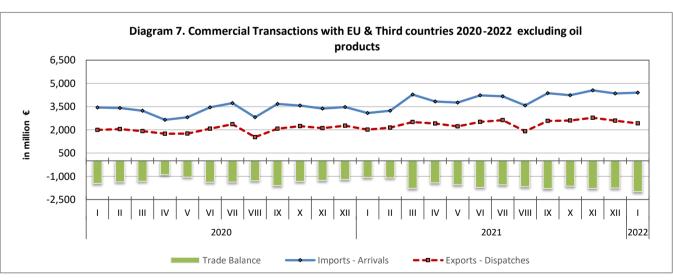
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Table 7. Commercial Transactions with EU and Third Countries 2020 - 2022 excluding oil products

1	Imports - Arrivals			Exports - Dispatches			
Year and Month	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	
2020: 1	3,449.0	2.3	5.3	1,994.7	0.8	10.7	
2	3,409.8	-1.1	3.1	2,050.2	2.8	9.9	
3	3,234.3	-5.1	-5.9	1,919.2	-6.4	-3.8	
4	2,645.8	-18.2	-21.7	1,750.0	-8.8	-10.0	
5	2,811.6	6.3	-25.9	1,758.3	0.5	-13.3	
6	3,452.9	22.8	2.9	2,071.6	17.8	7.6	
7	3,725.8	7.9	-1.0	2,360.3	13.9	11.1	
8	2,809.3	-24.6	-5.7	1,531.5	-35.1	-4.1	
9	3,676.4	30.9	3.9	2,077.8	35.7	8.2	
10	3,564.2	-3.1	-5.6	2,240.2	7.8	5.7	
11	3,375.3	-5.3	0.1	2,107.4	-5.9	4.6	
12	3,468.0	2.7	2.8	2,264.9	7.5	14.4	
Total year	39,622.3		-4.2	24,126.1		3.5	
2021 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ : 1	3,085.8	-11.0	-10.5	2,009.0	-11.3	0.7	
2	3,233.4	4.8	-5.2	2,140.4	6.5	4.4	
3	4,277.1	32.3	32.2	2,504.8	17.0	30.5	
4	3,830.6	-10.4	44.8	2,409.4	-3.8	37.7	
5	3,759.4	-1.9	33.7	2,225.6	-7.6	26.6	
6	4,224.0	12.4	22.3	2,515.8	13.0	21.3	
7	4,168.4	-1.3	11.9	2,624.4	4.3	11.2	
8	3,573.7	-14.3	27.2	1,904.5	-27.4	24.3	
9	4,363.2	22.1	18.7	2,577.1	35.3	24.0	
10	4,231.9	-3.0	18.7	2,603.0	1.0	16.2	
11	4,550.3	7.5	34.8	2,781.0	6.8	32.0	
12	4,352.7	-4.3	25.5	2,595.8	-6.7	14.6	
Total year	47,650.6		20.3	28,890.9		19.7	
2022 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ : 1	4,405.8	1.2	42.8	2,418.6	-6.8	20.4	

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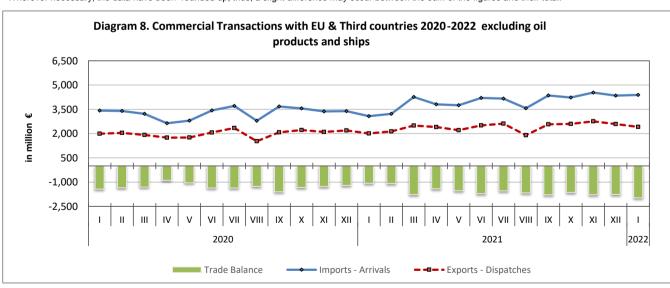
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Table 8. Commercial Transactions with EU and Third Countries 2020 - 2022 excluding oil products and ships

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Year and Month	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	
2020: 1	3,422.9	4.3	7.6	1,990.5	1.0	10.5	
2	3,393.6	-0.9	2.9	2,042.0	2.6	10.0	
3	3,219.0	-5.1	-5.9	1,913.4	-6.3	-3.0	
4	2,636.7	-18.1	-21.7	1,747.9	-8.6	-10.0	
5	2,800.6	6.2	-25.9	1,755.4	0.4	-13.3	
6	3,427.3	22.4	2.8	2,062.3	17.5	7.8	
7	3,706.6	8.1	-1.0	2,340.4	13.5	10.4	
8	2,792.1	-24.7	-0.3	1,525.4	-34.8	-4.2	
9	3,672.7	31.5	3.8	2,076.2	36.1	8.2	
10	3,555.9	-3.2	-5.7	2,221.8	7.0	5.1	
11	3,371.5	-5.2	0.4	2,103.8	-5.3	5.6	
12	3,390.4	0.6	3.3	2,189.4	4.1	11.1	
Total year	39,389.4		-3.6	23,968.6		3.2	
2021 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ : 1	3,074.0	-9.3	-10.2	2,006.4	-8.4	0.8	
2	3,222.1	4.8	-5.1	2,132.3	6.3	4.4	
3	4,264.2	32.3	32.5	2,499.2	17.2	30.6	
4	3,808.8	-10.7	44.5	2,400.6	-3.9	37.3	
5	3,746.9	-1.6	33.8	2,210.4	-7.9	25.9	
6	4,206.2	12.3	22.7	2,501.1	13.2	21.2	
7	4,156.6	-1.2	12.1	2,614.5	4.5	11.7	
8	3,564.0	-14.3	27.6	1,900.3	-27.3	24.6	
9	4,355.9	22.2	18.6	2,567.8	35.1	23.7	
10	4,226.1	-3.0	18.8	2,593.1	1.0	16.7	
11	4,533.2	7.3	34.5	2,754.8	6.2	30.9	
12	4,342.9	-4.2	28.1	2,587.4	-6.1	18.2	
Total year	47,500.8		20.6	28,767.8		20.0	
2022 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ : 1	4,383.3	0.9	42.6	2,412.4	-6.8	20.2	

⁽¹⁾ Provisional data

^{*} Wherever necessary, the data have been rounded up, thus, a slight difference may occur between the sum of the figures and their total.



⁽²⁾ It should be noticed that the timeseries of imports/arrivals and exports/dispatches of goods are re-calculated every time that a new observation is added and, therefore, they may differ from the corresponding timeseries published in the previous Press Release.

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 for intra-EU trade (Intrastat) and for trade with third countries (Extrastat) in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2152/2019 and (EU) 1197/2020.

Reference Period

January 2022

Provision 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 exchaustive 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 2022 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 submiitted 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 the 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.

Henceforth, the provisional data from the "incomplete customs declarations" - which concern mainly petroleum products - are incorporated 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 entered into force in 2010 (Regulations (EU) 96/2010, 113/2010) and in accordance with Regulations (EU) 2152/2019 and (EU) 1197/2020 entered into force in 2022, 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).

EXPLANATORY NOTES

International Trade in Goods data of the United Kingdom

Under the withdrawal agreement endorsed by the European Parliament on 29 January 2020, the United Kingdom from 1st January 2021 is not part of the European Union's customs and tax territory and trade flows between the United Kingdom and the EU are considered transactions with a Third Country. The imports and exports of the bilateral trade with the United Kingdom are included in the corresponding trade figures with the Third Countries, given that the United Kingdom is now considered a non-EU country.

Compilation of International Trade in Goods Statistics during Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19)

No remarkable differences were observed in the available data sources, the data transmission time schedules and the methodological procedures in the framework of the Press Release compilation of reference month January 2022.

More specifically,

a. Customs procedures and formalities for all goods from/to third countries are normally followed, as well as the procedures for submitting the recapitulative statements on Intra-community acquisitions and deliveries (VIES).

b. Intrastat response rate is at levels similar to previous months.

It should be noticed that the timeseries of imports/arrivals and exports/dispatches of goods are re-calculated every time a new observation is added.

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" .