

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF GREECE : December 2020**

( Provisional Data )

The total value of imports-arrivals, in December 2020 amounted to 4,439.8 million euros (5,386.8 million dollars) in comparison with 4,544.2 million euros (5,035.1 million dollars) in December 2019, recording a drop, in euros, of **2.3%**. The corresponding value excluding oil products in December 2020 recorded an increase of 19.5 million euros or 0.6% and the corresponding value excluding oil products and ships in December 2020 recorded an increase of 31.7 million euros or 1.0%, in comparison with December 2019 (Table 1).

The total value of exports-dispatches, in December 2020 amounted to 2,979.8 million euros (3,637.4 million dollars) in comparison with 2,907.8 million euros (3,241.3 million dollars) in December 2019, recording an increase, in euros, of **2.5%**. The corresponding value excluding oil products recorded in December 2020 an increase of 255.1 million euros or 12.9% and the corresponding value excluding oil products and ships in December 2020 recorded an increase of 187.7 million euros or 9.5%, in comparison with December 2019 (Table 1).

The deficit of the trade balance, in December 2020 amounted to 1,460.0 million euros (1,749.4 million dollars) in comparison with 1,636.4 million euros (1,793.8 million dollars) in December 2019, recording a drop, in euros, of **10.8%**. The corresponding value of deficit excluding oil products in December 2020 recorded a drop of 235.6 million euros or 16.9% and the corresponding value excluding oil products and ships in December 2020 recorded a drop of 156.0 million euros or 11.9%, in comparison with December 2019 (Table 1).

The total value of imports-arrivals, for the 12-month period from January to December 2020 amounted to 48,621.7 million euros (55,385.6 million dollars) in comparison with 55,847.3 million euros (62,332.5 million dollars) for the corresponding period of the year 2019, recording a drop, in euros, of **12.9%**. The corresponding value excluding oil products recorded a drop of 2,026.4 million euros or 4.9% and the corresponding value excluding oil products and ships recorded a drop of 1,788.0 million euros or 4.4%, in comparison with the period from January to December 2019 (Table 5).

The total value of exports-dispatches, for the 12-month period from January to December 2020 amounted to 30,705.3 million euros (35,204.3 million dollars) in comparison with 33,866.9 million euros (38,025.0 million dollars) for the corresponding period of the year 2019, recording a drop, in euros, of **9.3%**. The corresponding value excluding oil products recorded an increase of 738.8 million euros or 3.2% and the corresponding value excluding oil products and ships recorded an increase of 675.0 million euros or 2.9%, in comparison with the period from January to December 2019 (Table 5).

The deficit of the trade balance, for the 12-month period from January to December 2020 amounted to 17,916.4 million euros (20,181.3 million dollars) in comparison with 21,980.4 million euros (24,307.5 million dollars) for the corresponding period of the year 2019, recording a drop, in euros, of **18.5%**. The corresponding deficit excluding oil products recorded a drop of 2,765.2 million euros or 15.3% and the corresponding deficit excluding oil products and ships recorded a drop of 2,463.0 million euros or 13.9% (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 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.

<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.

**Table 1. Trade Balance : December 2018 - 2020**

| <i>Million euros</i>  |                 |                 |                     |             |              |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------|
|   | December        |                 |                     | Changes %   |              |
|   | 2018            | 2019            | 2020 <sup>(1)</sup> | 2019/2018   | 2020/2019    |
| <b>A. Imports-Arrivals</b>  |                 |                 |                     |             |              |
| I. Total Imports-Arrivals   | 4,267.5         | 4,544.2         | 4,439.8             | 6.5         | -2.3         |
| II. Excluding the value of ships  | 4,263.8         | 4,454.4         | 4,362.2             | 4.5         | -2.1         |
| III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships  | 3,119.7         | 3,372.7         | 3,392.2             | 8.1         | 0.6          |
| IV. Excluding oil products and the value of ships   | 3,116.0         | 3,282.9         | 3,314.6             | 5.4         | 1.0          |
| <b>B. Exports-Dispatches</b>  |                 |                 |                     |             |              |
| I. Total Exports-Dispatches   | 2,592.6         | 2,907.8         | 2,979.8             | 12.2        | 2.5          |
| II. Excluding the value of ships  | 2,591.4         | 2,900.0         | 2,904.6             | 11.9        | 0.2          |
| III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships  | 1,830.3         | 1,978.7         | 2,233.8             | 8.1         | 12.9         |
| IV. Excluding oil products and the value of ships   | 1,829.1         | 1,970.9         | 2,158.6             | 7.8         | 9.5          |
| <b>C. Trade Balance (=B.I-A.I)</b>  | <b>-1,674.9</b> | <b>-1,636.4</b> | <b>-1,460.0</b>     | <b>-2.3</b> | <b>-10.8</b> |
| <b>D. Trade Balance</b><br>excluding the value of ships (=B.II - A.II)                              | <b>-1,672.4</b> | <b>-1,554.4</b> | <b>-1,457.6</b>     | <b>-7.1</b> | <b>-6.2</b>  |
| <b>E. Trade Balance</b><br>excluding oil products and including the value of ships (=B.III - A.III) | <b>-1,289.4</b> | <b>-1,394.0</b> | <b>-1,158.4</b>     | <b>8.1</b>  | <b>-16.9</b> |
| <b>F. Trade Balance</b><br>excluding oil products and the value of ships (=B.IV - A.IV)             | <b>-1,286.9</b> | <b>-1,312.0</b> | <b>-1,156.0</b>     | <b>2.0</b>  | <b>-11.9</b> |

| <i>USD <sup>(2)</sup> million</i>   |                 |                 |                     |             |             |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
|   | December        |                 |                     | Changes %   |             |
|   | 2018            | 2019            | 2020 <sup>(1)</sup> | 2019/2018   | 2020/2019   |
| <b>A. Imports-Arrivals</b>  |                 |                 |                     |             |             |
| I. Total Imports-Arrivals   | 4,843.9         | 5,035.1         | 5,386.8             | 3.9         | 7.0         |
| II. Excluding the value of ships  | 4,839.7         | 4,935.6         | 5,292.7             | 2.0         | 7.2         |
| III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships  | 3,541.0         | 3,737.1         | 4,115.8             | 5.5         | 10.1        |
| IV. Excluding oil products and the value of ships   | 3,536.8         | 3,637.6         | 4,021.7             | 2.9         | 10.6        |
| <b>B. Exports-Dispatches</b>  |                 |                 |                     |             |             |
| I. Total Exports-Dispatches   | 2,960.3         | 3,241.3         | 3,637.4             | 9.5         | 12.2        |
| II. Excluding the value of ships  | 2,958.9         | 3,232.6         | 3,545.6             | 9.3         | 9.7         |
| III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships  | 2,089.9         | 2,205.6         | 2,726.8             | 5.5         | 23.6        |
| IV. Excluding oil products and the value of ships   | 2,088.5         | 2,196.9         | 2,635.0             | 5.2         | 19.9        |
| <b>C. Trade Balance (=B.I-A.I)</b>  | <b>-1,883.6</b> | <b>-1,793.8</b> | <b>-1,749.4</b>     | <b>-4.8</b> | <b>-2.5</b> |
| <b>D. Trade Balance</b><br>excluding the value of ships (=B.II - A.II)                              | <b>-1,880.8</b> | <b>-1,703.0</b> | <b>-1,747.1</b>     | <b>-9.5</b> | <b>2.6</b>  |
| <b>E. Trade Balance</b><br>excluding oil products and including the value of ships (=B.III - A.III) | <b>-1,451.1</b> | <b>-1,531.5</b> | <b>-1,389.0</b>     | <b>5.5</b>  | <b>-9.3</b> |
| <b>F. Trade Balance</b><br>excluding oil products and the value of ships (=B.IV - A.IV)             | <b>-1,448.3</b> | <b>-1,440.7</b> | <b>-1,386.7</b>     | <b>-0.5</b> | <b>-3.7</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.

**Table 2. Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches including oil products, December 2018 - 2020**

**Imports - Arrivals (€ million)**

|                     | December       |                |                     | Changes %  |             |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|
|                     | 2018           | 2019           | 2020 <sup>(1)</sup> | 2019/2018  | 2020/2019   |
| I. European Union   | 2,225.9        | 2,394.1        | 2,500.9             | 7.6        | 4.5         |
| II. Third countries | 2,041.6        | 2,150.1        | 1,938.9             | 5.3        | -9.8        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>4,267.5</b> | <b>4,544.2</b> | <b>4,439.8</b>      | <b>6.5</b> | <b>-2.3</b> |

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

|                     | December       |                |                     | Changes %  |            |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|------------|------------|
|                     | 2018           | 2019           | 2020 <sup>(1)</sup> | 2019/2018  | 2020/2019  |
| I. European Union   | 2,526.5        | 2,652.7        | 3,034.4             | 5.0        | 14.4       |
| II. Third countries | 2,317.4        | 2,382.4        | 2,352.4             | 2.8        | -1.3       |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>4,843.9</b> | <b>5,035.1</b> | <b>5,386.8</b>      | <b>3.9</b> | <b>7.0</b> |

**Exports - Dispatches (€ million)**

|                     | December       |                |                     | Changes %   |            |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------|------------|
|                     | 2018           | 2019           | 2020 <sup>(1)</sup> | 2019/2018   | 2020/2019  |
| I. European Union   | 1,307.5        | 1,490.5        | 1,658.4             | 14.0        | 11.3       |
| II. Third countries | 1,285.1        | 1,417.3        | 1,321.4             | 10.3        | -6.8       |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>2,592.6</b> | <b>2,907.8</b> | <b>2,979.8</b>      | <b>12.2</b> | <b>2.5</b> |

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

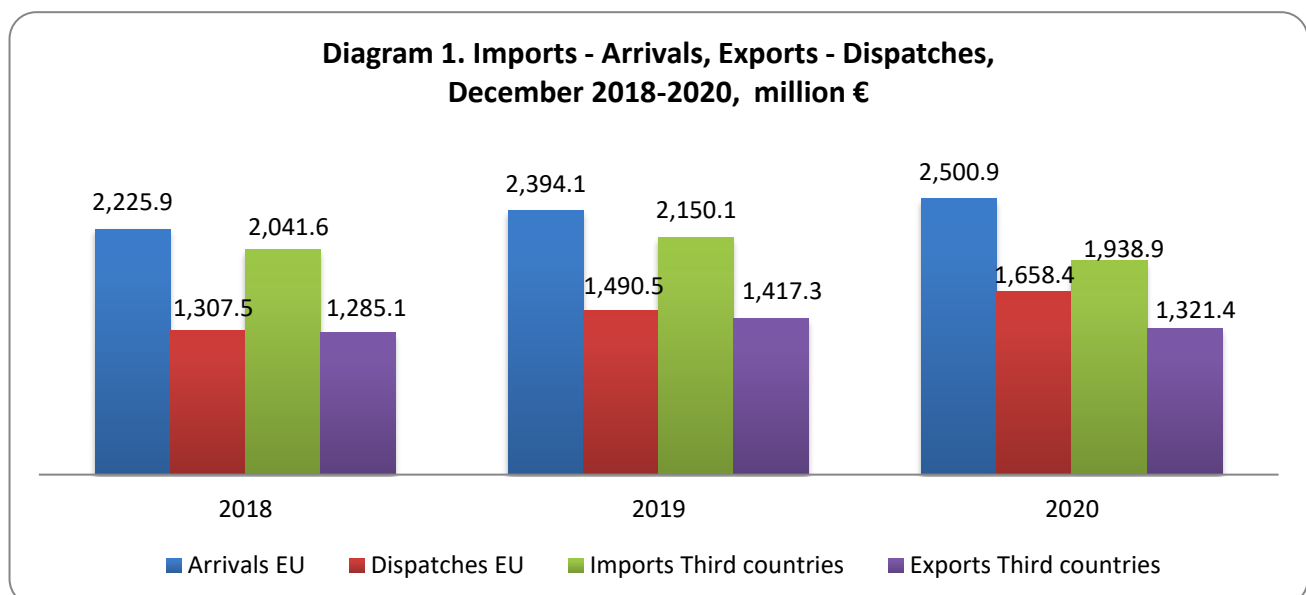
|                     | December       |                |                     | Changes %  |             |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|
|                     | 2018           | 2019           | 2020 <sup>(1)</sup> | 2019/2018  | 2020/2019   |
| I. European Union   | 1,493.0        | 1,661.5        | 2,024.4             | 11.3       | 21.8        |
| II. Third countries | 1,467.3        | 1,579.8        | 1,613.0             | 7.7        | 2.1         |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>2,960.3</b> | <b>3,241.3</b> | <b>3,637.4</b>      | <b>9.5</b> | <b>12.2</b> |

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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).



**Table 3. Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches excluding oil products, December 2018 - 2020**

**Imports - Arrivals (€ million)**

|                     | December       |                |                     | Changes %  |            |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|------------|------------|
|                     | 2018           | 2019           | 2020 <sup>(1)</sup> | 2019/2018  | 2020/2019  |
| I. European Union   | 2,167.1        | 2,318.3        | 2,406.3             | 7.0        | 3.8        |
| II. Third countries | 952.6          | 1,054.4        | 985.9               | 10.7       | -6.5       |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>3,119.7</b> | <b>3,372.7</b> | <b>3,392.2</b>      | <b>8.1</b> | <b>0.6</b> |

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

|                     | December       |                |                     | Changes %  |             |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|
|                     | 2018           | 2019           | 2020 <sup>(1)</sup> | 2019/2018  | 2020/2019   |
| I. European Union   | 2,459.8        | 2,568.8        | 2,919.5             | 4.4        | 13.7        |
| II. Third countries | 1,081.2        | 1,168.3        | 1,196.3             | 8.1        | 2.4         |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>3,541.0</b> | <b>3,737.1</b> | <b>4,115.8</b>      | <b>5.5</b> | <b>10.1</b> |

**Exports - Dispatches (€ million)**

|                     | December       |                |                     | Changes %  |             |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|
|                     | 2018           | 2019           | 2020 <sup>(1)</sup> | 2019/2018  | 2020/2019   |
| I. European Union   | 1,070.4        | 1,231.9        | 1,418.6             | 15.1       | 15.2        |
| II. Third countries | 759.9          | 746.8          | 815.2               | -1.7       | 9.2         |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>1,830.3</b> | <b>1,978.7</b> | <b>2,233.8</b>      | <b>8.1</b> | <b>12.9</b> |

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

|                     | December       |                |                     | Changes %  |             |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|
|                     | 2018           | 2019           | 2020 <sup>(1)</sup> | 2019/2018  | 2020/2019   |
| I. European Union   | 1,222.3        | 1,373.2        | 1,731.7             | 12.3       | 26.1        |
| II. Third countries | 867.6          | 832.4          | 995.1               | -4.1       | 19.5        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>2,089.9</b> | <b>2,205.6</b> | <b>2,726.8</b>      | <b>5.5</b> | <b>23.6</b> |

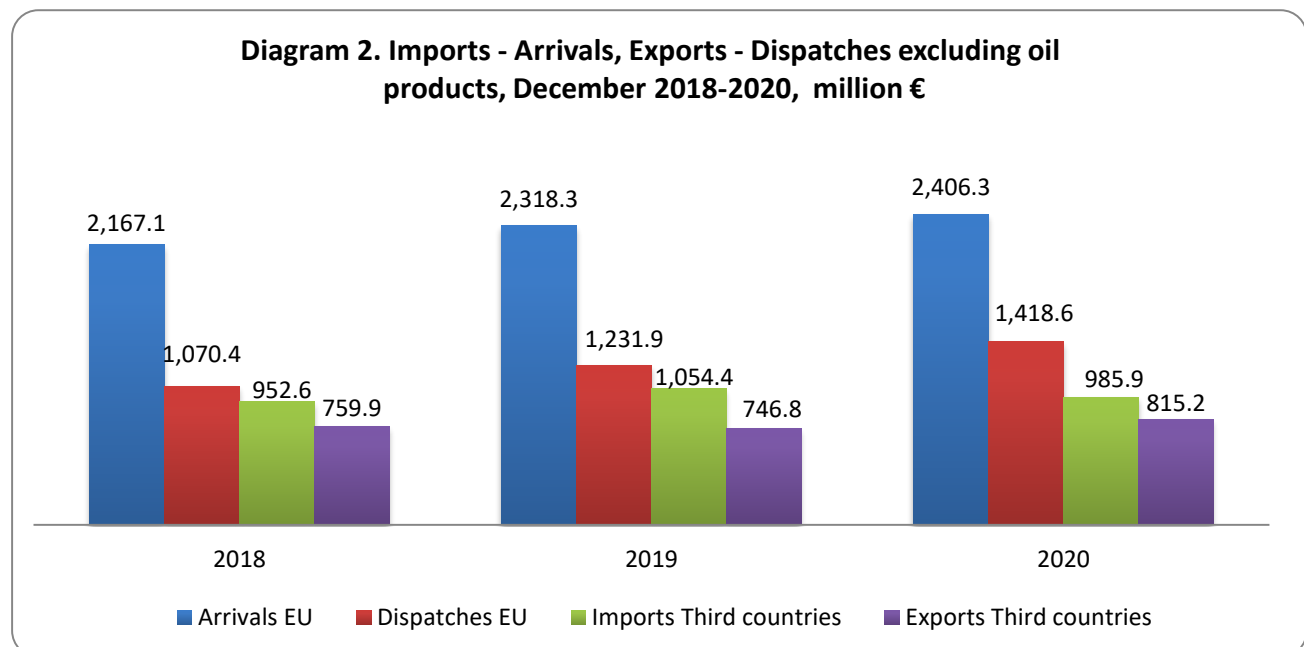
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**Diagram 2. Imports - Arrivals, Exports - Dispatches excluding oil products, December 2018-2020, million €**



**Table 4: Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches excluding oil products and ships, December 2018 - 2020**

**Imports-Arrivals (€ million)**

|                     | December       |                |                     | Changes %  |            |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|------------|------------|
|                     | 2018           | 2019           | 2020 <sup>(1)</sup> | 2019/2018  | 2020/2019  |
| I. European Union   | 2,163.8        | 2,306.5        | 2,330.6             | 6.6        | 1.0        |
| II. Third countries | 952.2          | 976.4          | 984.0               | 2.5        | 0.8        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>3,116.0</b> | <b>3,282.9</b> | <b>3,314.6</b>      | <b>5.4</b> | <b>1.0</b> |

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

|                     | December       |                |                     | Changes %  |             |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|
|                     | 2018           | 2019           | 2020 <sup>(1)</sup> | 2019/2018  | 2020/2019   |
| I. European Union   | 2,456.1        | 2,555.6        | 2,827.7             | 4.1        | 10.6        |
| II. Third countries | 1,080.7        | 1,082.0        | 1,194.0             | 0.1        | 10.4        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>3,536.8</b> | <b>3,637.6</b> | <b>4,021.7</b>      | <b>2.9</b> | <b>10.6</b> |

**Exports - Dispatches (€ million)**

|                     | December       |                |                     | Changes %  |            |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|------------|------------|
|                     | 2018           | 2019           | 2020 <sup>(1)</sup> | 2019/2018  | 2020/2019  |
| I. European Union   | 1,070.0        | 1,231.1        | 1,345.7             | 15.1       | 9.3        |
| II. Third countries | 759.1          | 739.8          | 812.9               | -2.5       | 9.9        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>1,829.1</b> | <b>1,970.9</b> | <b>2,158.6</b>      | <b>7.8</b> | <b>9.5</b> |

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

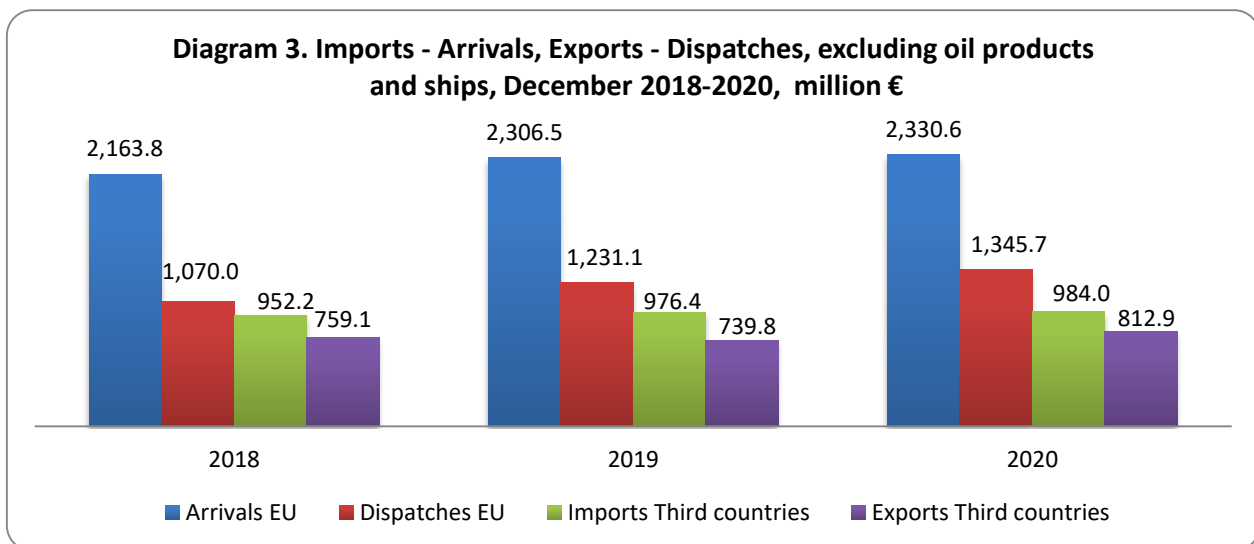
|                     | December       |                |                     | Changes %  |             |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|
|                     | 2018           | 2019           | 2020 <sup>(1)</sup> | 2019/2018  | 2020/2019   |
| I. European Union   | 1,221.8        | 1,372.4        | 1,642.7             | 12.3       | 19.7        |
| II. Third countries | 866.7          | 824.5          | 992.3               | -4.9       | 20.4        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>2,088.5</b> | <b>2,196.9</b> | <b>2,635.0</b>      | <b>5.2</b> | <b>19.9</b> |

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**Table 5. Trade Balance : January - December 2018 - 2020**

| <i>Million euros</i>  |                    |                  |                     |             |              |
|---|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------|
|   | January - December |                  |                     | Changes %   |              |
|   | 2018               | 2019             | 2020 <sup>(1)</sup> | 2019/2018   | 2020/2019    |
| <b>A. Imports - Arrivals</b>  |                    |                  |                     |             |              |
| I. Total Imports-Arrivals   | 54,119.7           | 55,847.3         | 48,621.7            | 3.2         | -12.9        |
| II. Excluding the value of ships  | 53,920.1           | 55,375.8         | 48,388.6            | 2.7         | -12.6        |
| III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships  | 38,628.7           | 41,351.8         | 39,325.4            | 7.0         | -4.9         |
| IV. Excluding oil products and the value of ships   | 38,429.1           | 40,880.3         | 39,092.3            | 6.4         | -4.4         |
| <b>B. Exports - Dispatches</b>  |                    |                  |                     |             |              |
| I. Total Exports-Dispatches   | 33,471.4           | 33,866.9         | 30,705.3            | 1.2         | -9.3         |
| II. Excluding the value of ships  | 33,338.3           | 33,773.5         | 30,548.1            | 1.3         | -9.6         |
| III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships  | 22,203.1           | 23,308.7         | 24,047.5            | 5.0         | 3.2          |
| IV. Excluding oil products and the value of ships   | 22,070.0           | 23,215.3         | 23,890.3            | 5.2         | 2.9          |
| <b>C. Trade Balance (=B.I-A.I)</b>  | <b>-20,648.3</b>   | <b>-21,980.4</b> | <b>-17,916.4</b>    | <b>6.5</b>  | <b>-18.5</b> |
| <b>D. Trade Balance</b><br>excluding the value of ships (=B.II - A.II)                              | <b>-20,581.8</b>   | <b>-21,602.3</b> | <b>-17,840.5</b>    | <b>5.0</b>  | <b>-17.4</b> |
| <b>E. Trade Balance</b><br>excluding oil products and including the value of ships (=B.III - A.III) | <b>-16,425.6</b>   | <b>-18,043.1</b> | <b>-15,277.9</b>    | <b>9.8</b>  | <b>-15.3</b> |
| <b>F. Trade Balance</b><br>excluding oil products and the value of ships (=B.IV - A.IV)             | <b>-16,359.1</b>   | <b>-17,665.0</b> | <b>-15,202.0</b>    | <b>8.0</b>  | <b>-13.9</b> |
| <i>USD <sup>(2)</sup> million</i>   |                    |                  |                     |             |              |
|   | January - December |                  |                     | Changes %   |              |
|   | 2018               | 2019             | 2020 <sup>(1)</sup> | 2019/2018   | 2020/2019    |
| <b>A. Imports - Arrivals</b>  |                    |                  |                     |             |              |
| I. Total Imports-Arrivals   | 63,685.6           | 62,332.5         | 55,385.6            | -2.1        | -11.1        |
| II. Excluding the value of ships  | 63,449.1           | 61,805.8         | 55,116.7            | -2.6        | -10.8        |
| III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships  | 45,471.9           | 46,150.0         | 44,805.6            | 1.5         | -2.9         |
| IV. Excluding oil products and the value of ships   | 45,235.4           | 45,623.3         | 44,536.7            | 0.9         | -2.4         |
| <b>B. Exports - Dispatches</b>  |                    |                  |                     |             |              |
| I. Total Exports-Dispatches   | 39,620.0           | 38,025.0         | 35,204.3            | -4.0        | -7.4         |
| II. Excluding the value of ships  | 39,462.5           | 37,920.1         | 35,018.6            | -3.9        | -7.7         |
| III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships  | 26,294.7           | 26,170.5         | 27,566.9            | -0.5        | 5.3          |
| IV. Excluding oil products and the value of ships   | 26,137.2           | 26,065.6         | 27,381.2            | -0.3        | 5.0          |
| <b>C. Trade Balance (=B.I-A.I)</b>  | <b>-24,065.6</b>   | <b>-24,307.5</b> | <b>-20,181.3</b>    | <b>1.0</b>  | <b>-17.0</b> |
| <b>D. Trade Balance</b><br>excluding the value of ships (=B.II - A.II)                              | <b>-23,986.6</b>   | <b>-23,885.7</b> | <b>-20,098.1</b>    | <b>-0.4</b> | <b>-15.9</b> |
| <b>E. Trade Balance</b><br>excluding oil products and including the value of ships (=B.III - A.III) | <b>-19,177.2</b>   | <b>-19,979.5</b> | <b>-17,238.7</b>    | <b>4.2</b>  | <b>-13.7</b> |
| <b>F. Trade Balance</b><br>excluding oil products and the value of ships (=B.IV - A.IV)             | <b>-19,098.2</b>   | <b>-19,557.7</b> | <b>-17,155.5</b>    | <b>2.4</b>  | <b>-12.3</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.

**Table 6. Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches including oil products, January-December 2018-2020**

**Imports-Arrivals (€ million)**

|                     | January - December |                 |                     | Changes %  |              |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------|--------------|
|                     | 2018               | 2019            | 2020 <sup>(1)</sup> | 2019/2018  | 2020/2019    |
| I. European Union   | 27,089.0           | 28,572.0        | 27,696.0            | 5.5        | -3.1         |
| II. Third countries | 27,030.7           | 27,275.3        | 20,925.7            | 0.9        | -23.3        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>54,119.7</b>    | <b>55,847.3</b> | <b>48,621.7</b>     | <b>3.2</b> | <b>-12.9</b> |

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

|                     | January - December |                 |                     | Changes %   |              |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------|
|                     | 2018               | 2019            | 2020 <sup>(1)</sup> | 2019/2018   | 2020/2019    |
| I. European Union   | 31,877.9           | 31,883.7        | 31,572.4            | 0.0         | -1.0         |
| II. Third countries | 31,807.7           | 30,448.8        | 23,813.2            | -4.3        | -21.8        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>63,685.6</b>    | <b>62,332.5</b> | <b>55,385.6</b>     | <b>-2.1</b> | <b>-11.1</b> |

**Exports - Dispatches (€ million)**

|                     | January - December |                 |                     | Changes %  |             |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|
|                     | 2018               | 2019            | 2020 <sup>(1)</sup> | 2019/2018  | 2020/2019   |
| I. European Union   | 16,479.8           | 17,745.9        | 17,643.6            | 7.7        | -0.6        |
| II. Third countries | 16,991.6           | 16,121.0        | 13,061.7            | -5.1       | -19.0       |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>33,471.4</b>    | <b>33,866.9</b> | <b>30,705.3</b>     | <b>1.2</b> | <b>-9.3</b> |

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

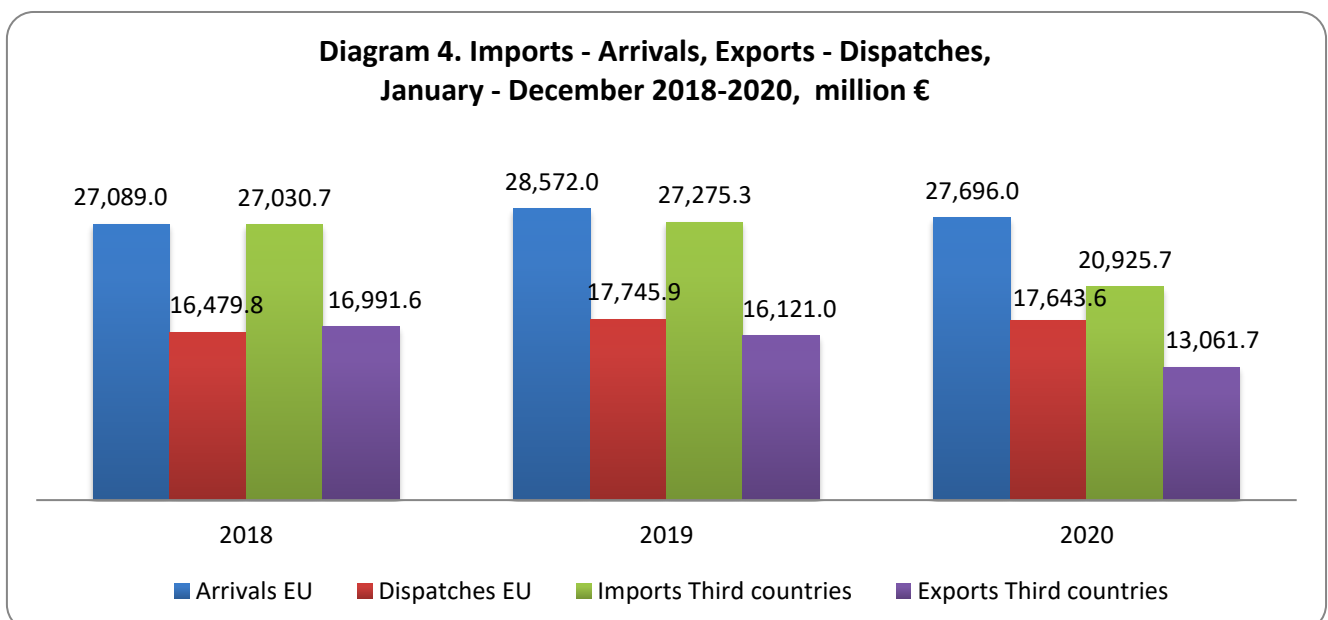
|                     | January - December |                 |                     | Changes %   |             |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                     | 2018               | 2019            | 2020 <sup>(1)</sup> | 2019/2018   | 2020/2019   |
| I. European Union   | 19,513.5           | 19,923.3        | 20,223.2            | 2.1         | 1.5         |
| II. Third countries | 20,106.5           | 18,101.7        | 14,981.1            | -10.0       | -17.2       |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>39,620.0</b>    | <b>38,025.0</b> | <b>35,204.3</b>     | <b>-4.0</b> | <b>-7.4</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.

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).



**Table 7. Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches excluding oil products, January-December 2018-2020**

**Imports-Arrivals (€ million)**

|                     | January - December |                 |                     | Changes %  |             |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|
|                     | 2018               | 2019            | 2020 <sup>(1)</sup> | 2019/2018  | 2020/2019   |
| I. European Union   | 26,118.7           | 27,534.3        | 27,000.0            | 5.4        | -1.9        |
| II. Third countries | 12,510.0           | 13,817.5        | 12,325.4            | 10.5       | -10.8       |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>38,628.7</b>    | <b>41,351.8</b> | <b>39,325.4</b>     | <b>7.0</b> | <b>-4.9</b> |

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

|                     | January - December |                 |                     | Changes %  |             |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|
|                     | 2018               | 2019            | 2020 <sup>(1)</sup> | 2019/2018  | 2020/2019   |
| I. European Union   | 30,739.7           | 30,726.5        | 30,778.5            | 0.0        | 0.2         |
| II. Third countries | 14,732.2           | 15,423.5        | 14,027.1            | 4.7        | -9.1        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>45,471.9</b>    | <b>46,150.0</b> | <b>44,805.6</b>     | <b>1.5</b> | <b>-2.9</b> |

**Exports - Dispatches (€ million)**

|                     | January - December |                 |                     | Changes %  |            |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------|------------|
|                     | 2018               | 2019            | 2020 <sup>(1)</sup> | 2019/2018  | 2020/2019  |
| I. European Union   | 14,020.4           | 14,859.2        | 15,657.9            | 6.0        | 5.4        |
| II. Third countries | 8,182.7            | 8,449.5         | 8,389.6             | 3.3        | -0.7       |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>22,203.1</b>    | <b>23,308.7</b> | <b>24,047.5</b>     | <b>5.0</b> | <b>3.2</b> |

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

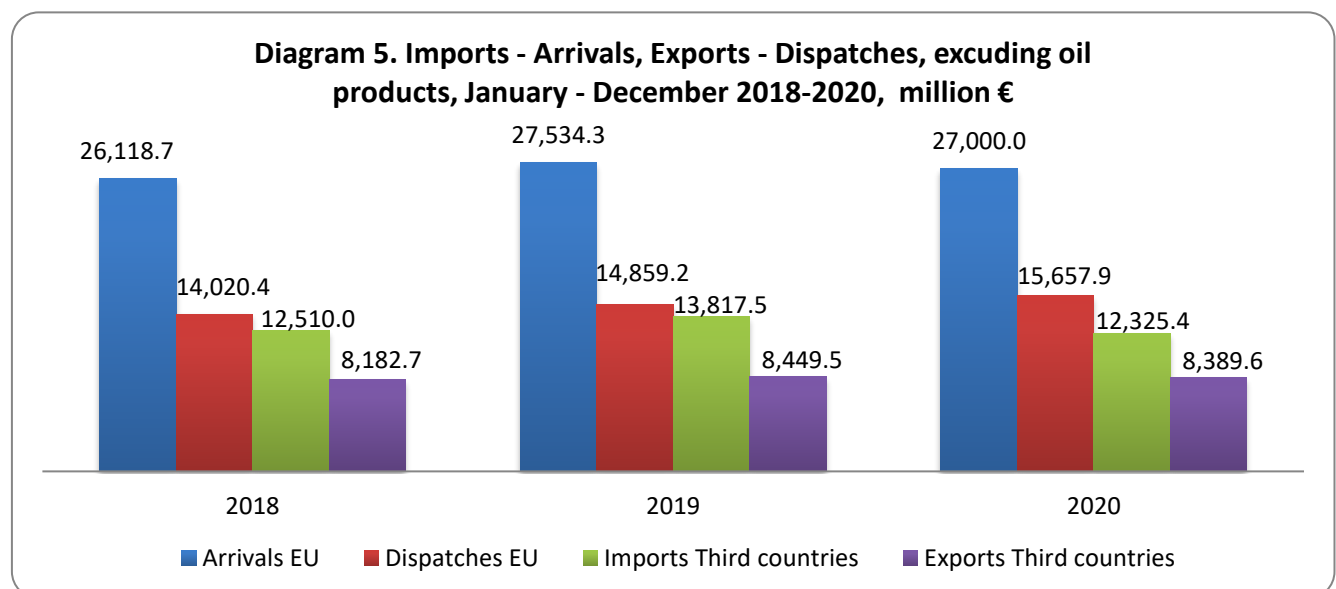
|                     | January - December |                 |                     | Changes %   |            |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|------------|
|                     | 2018               | 2019            | 2020 <sup>(1)</sup> | 2019/2018   | 2020/2019  |
| I. European Union   | 16,617.5           | 16,684.3        | 17,944.5            | 0.4         | 7.6        |
| II. Third countries | 9,677.2            | 9,486.2         | 9,622.4             | -2.0        | 1.4        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>26,294.7</b>    | <b>26,170.5</b> | <b>27,566.9</b>     | <b>-0.5</b> | <b>5.3</b> |

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

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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).





**Table 8: Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches excluding oil products and ships, January- December 2018 - 2020**

**Imports-Arrivals (€ million)**

|                     | January - December |                 |                     | Changes %  |             |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|
|                     | 2018               | 2019            | 2020 <sup>(1)</sup> | 2019/2018  | 2020/2019   |
| I. European Union   | 25,999.6           | 27,447.5        | 26,840.4            | 5.6        | -2.2        |
| II. Third countries | 12,429.5           | 13,432.8        | 12,251.9            | 8.1        | -8.8        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>38,429.1</b>    | <b>40,880.3</b> | <b>39,092.3</b>     | <b>6.4</b> | <b>-4.4</b> |

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

|                     | January - December |                 |                     | Changes %  |             |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|
|                     | 2018               | 2019            | 2020 <sup>(1)</sup> | 2019/2018  | 2020/2019   |
| I. European Union   | 30,599.9           | 30,629.3        | 30,592.9            | 0.1        | -0.1        |
| II. Third countries | 14,635.5           | 14,994.0        | 13,943.8            | 2.4        | -7.0        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>45,235.4</b>    | <b>45,623.3</b> | <b>44,536.7</b>     | <b>0.9</b> | <b>-2.4</b> |

**Exports - Dispatches (€ million)**

|                     | January - December |                 |                     | Changes %  |            |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------|------------|
|                     | 2018               | 2019            | 2020 <sup>(1)</sup> | 2019/2018  | 2020/2019  |
| I. European Union   | 13,931.1           | 14,846.8        | 15,570.7            | 6.6        | 4.9        |
| II. Third countries | 8,138.9            | 8,368.5         | 8,319.6             | 2.8        | -0.6       |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>22,070.0</b>    | <b>23,215.3</b> | <b>23,890.3</b>     | <b>5.2</b> | <b>2.9</b> |

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

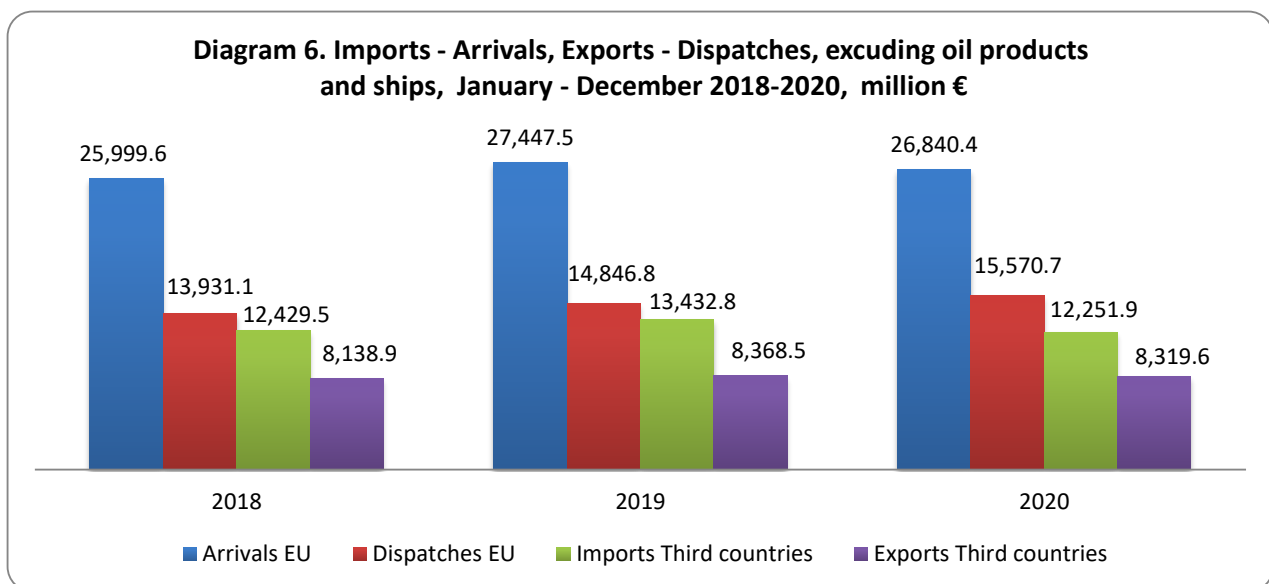
|                     | January - December |                 |                     | Changes %   |            |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|------------|
|                     | 2018               | 2019            | 2020 <sup>(1)</sup> | 2019/2018   | 2020/2019  |
| I. European Union   | 16,512.3           | 16,670.4        | 17,839.3            | 1.0         | 7.0        |
| II. Third countries | 9,624.9            | 9,395.2         | 9,541.9             | -2.4        | 1.6        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>26,137.2</b>    | <b>26,065.6</b> | <b>27,381.2</b>     | <b>-0.3</b> | <b>5.0</b> |

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

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**Table 9. Imports - Arrivals and Exports - Dispatches by SITC sections (Standard International Trade Classification) including oil products, December 2020<sup>(1)</sup>**

**Imports - Arrivals (in million €)**

|  | December 2020  |                 | January-December 2020 |                 |
|--|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
|  | E.U.           | Third countries | E.U.                  | Third countries |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>2,500.9</b> | <b>1,938.9</b>  | <b>27,696.0</b>       | <b>20,925.7</b> |
| 0. Food and live animals                                   | 364.1          | 99.9            | 4,328.8               | 1,283.3         |
| 1. Beverages and tobacco                                   | 26.4           | 12.2            | 370.6                 | 157.3           |
| 2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels                 | 60.8           | 64.3            | 524.2                 | 762.7           |
| 3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, etc                          | 114.8          | 960.9           | 942.6                 | 8,735.8         |
| 4. Animal and vegetable oils and fats                      | 8.3            | 8.6             | 116.8                 | 106.8           |
| 5. Chemicals and related products, n.e.s                   | 689.3          | 116.8           | 8,326.8               | 1,595.2         |
| 6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by raw material   | 228.8          | 240.2           | 3,100.0               | 2,815.3         |
| 7. Machinery and transport equipment                       | 736.5          | 245.3           | 6,566.0               | 3,229.7         |
| 8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles                     | 269.7          | 187.6           | 3,385.9               | 2,174.7         |
| 9. Commodities and transactions not classified by category | 2.2            | 3.1             | 34.2                  | 65.0            |

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

|  | December 2020  |                 | January-December 2020 |                 |
|--|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
|  | E.U.           | Third countries | E.U.                  | Third countries |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>1,658.4</b> | <b>1,321.4</b>  | <b>17,643.6</b>       | <b>13,061.8</b> |
| 0. Food and live animals                                   | 320.2          | 152.6           | 3,638.0               | 1,663.8         |
| 1. Beverages and tobacco                                   | 33.9           | 20.2            | 460.0                 | 335.0           |
| 2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels                 | 37.8           | 106.2           | 398.4                 | 862.1           |
| 3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, etc                          | 245.4          | 516.7           | 2,013.3               | 4,701.9         |
| 4. Animal and vegetable oils and fats                      | 56.1           | 9.6             | 464.3                 | 105.8           |
| 5. Chemicals and related products, n.e.s                   | 300.1          | 168.6           | 3,359.1               | 1,681.2         |
| 6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by raw material   | 239.1          | 143.6           | 3,217.6               | 1,654.4         |
| 7. Machinery and transport equipment                       | 246.2          | 118.1           | 2,091.4               | 1,166.9         |
| 8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles                     | 151.7          | 63.7            | 1,795.4               | 635.0           |
| 9. Commodities and transactions not classified by category | 27.9           | 22.2            | 206.0                 | 255.7           |

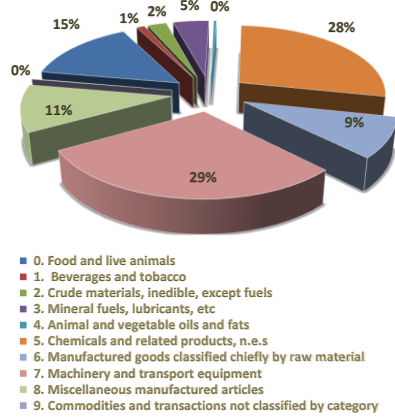
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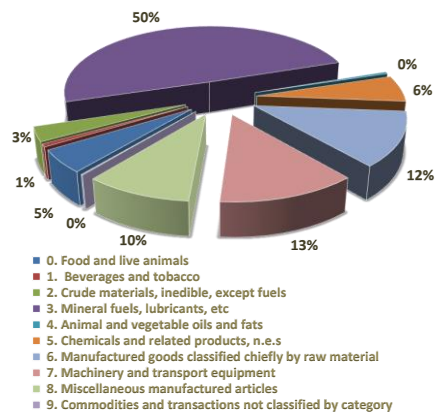
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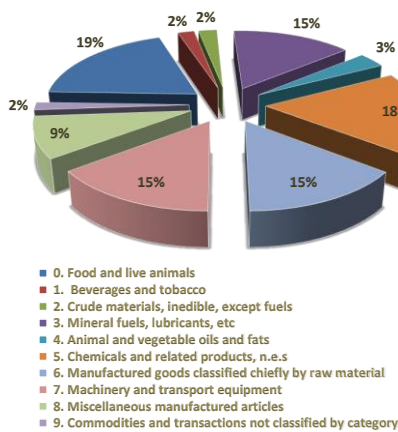
**Diagram 7a. Percentage (%) distribution of E.U. arrivals by SITC sections, December 2020**



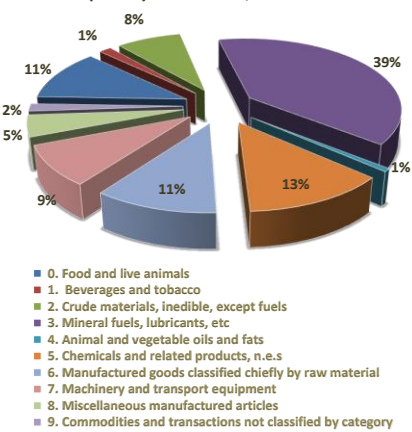
**Diagram 7b. Percentage (%) distribution of Third countries imports by SITC sections, December 2020**



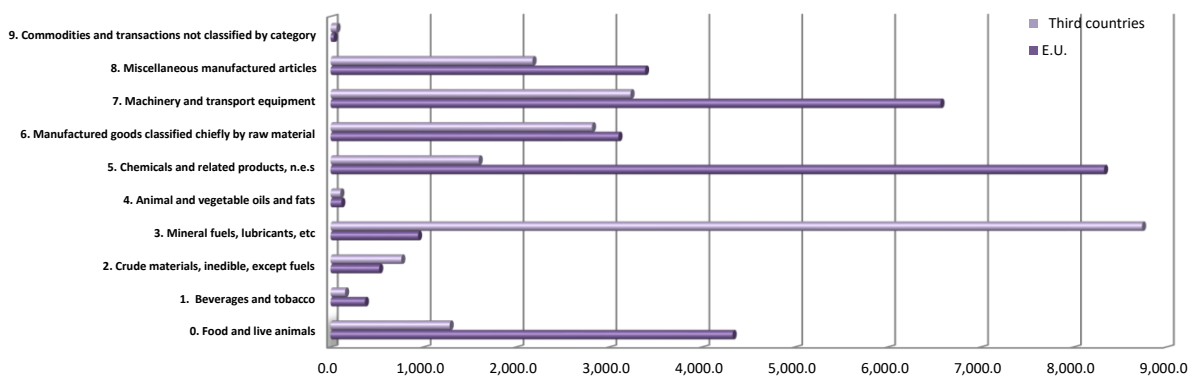
**Diagram 8a. Percentage (%) distribution of E.U. dispatches by SITC sections, December 2020**



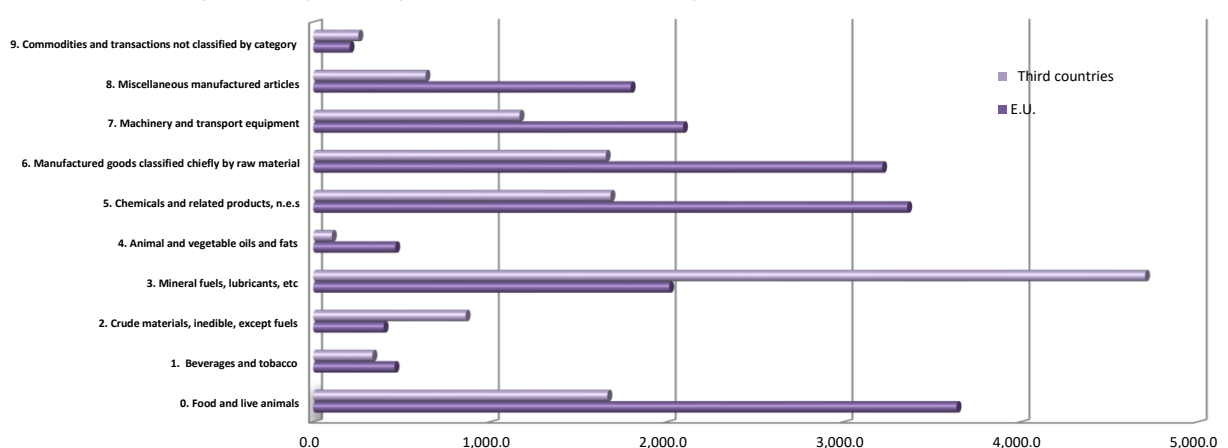
**Diagram 8b. Percentage (%) distribution of Third countries exports by SITC sections, December 2020**



**Diagram 9. Imports - Arrivals E.U. & Third countries by SITC sections, Jan. - Dec. 2020, million €**



**Diagram 10. Exports - Dispatches E.U. & Third countries by SITC sections, Jan. - Dec. 2020, million €**



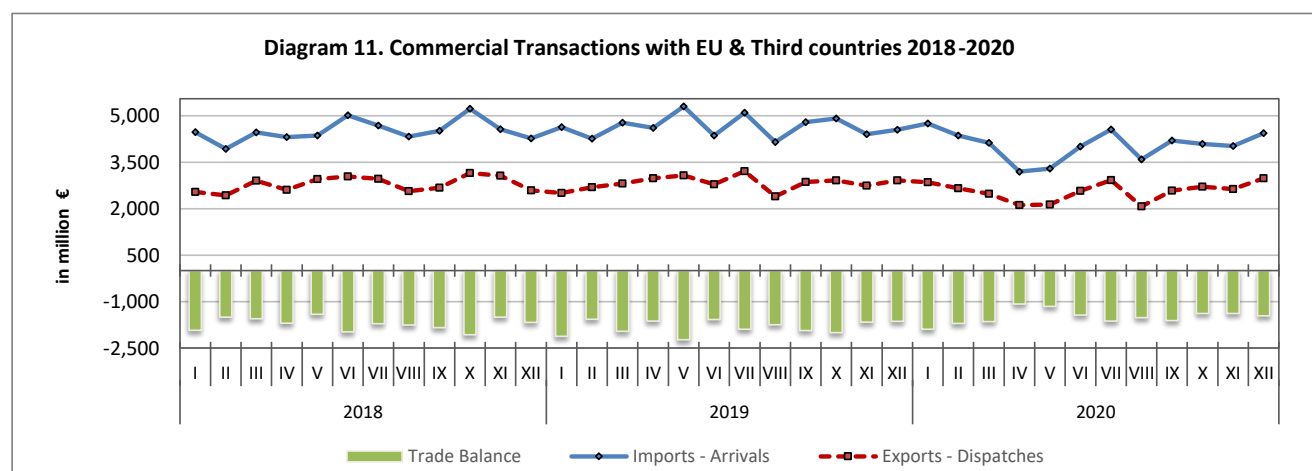
**Table 10. Commercial Transactions with EU and Third Countries 2018-2020**

| 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 |
| 2018 <sup>(2)</sup> : 1    | 4,467.4            | 8.5               | 25.2   | 2,542.3              | -3.6              | 18.7   |
| 2                          | 3,926.7            | -12.1             | 3.1  | 2,426.3              | -4.6              | 15.1   |
| 3                          | 4,458.9            | 13.6              | -3.6   | 2,900.7              | 19.6              | 9.0  |
| 4                          | 4,308.1            | -3.4              | 20.8   | 2,605.9              | -10.2             | 12.3   |
| 5                          | 4,362.8            | 1.3               | 6.6  | 2,955.9              | 13.4              | 14.9   |
| 6                          | 5,017.1            | 15.0              | 30.9   | 3,035.0              | 2.7               | 26.0   |
| 7                          | 4,680.2            | -6.7              | 17.5   | 2,959.9              | -2.5              | 21.8   |
| 8                          | 4,325.4            | -7.6              | 16.7   | 2,568.2              | -13.2             | 26.2   |
| 9                          | 4,514.0            | 4.4               | 20.4   | 2,672.0              | 4.0               | 10.4   |
| 10                         | 5,228.6            | 15.8              | 20.1   | 3,152.4              | 18.0              | 25.4   |
| 11                         | 4,563.0            | -12.7             | 15.6   | 3,060.2              | -2.9              | 16.9   |
| 12                         | 4,267.5            | -6.5              | 3.6  | 2,592.6              | -15.3             | -1.7   |
| Total year                 | 54,119.7           |                   | 14.3   | 33,471.4             |                   | 16.0   |
| 2019 <sup>(2)</sup> : 1    | 4,629.7            | 8.5               | 3.6  | 2,507.3              | -3.3              | -1.4   |
| 2                          | 4,263.5            | -7.9              | 8.6  | 2,691.3              | 7.3               | 10.9   |
| 3                          | 4,773.4            | 12.0              | 7.1  | 2,809.0              | 4.4               | -3.2   |
| 4                          | 4,608.0            | -3.5              | 7.0  | 2,978.6              | 6.0               | 14.3   |
| 5                          | 5,300.7            | 15.0              | 21.5   | 3,071.2              | 3.1               | 3.9  |
| 6                          | 4,364.8            | -17.7             | -13.0  | 2,786.3              | -9.3              | -8.2   |
| 7                          | 5,101.4            | 16.9              | 9.0  | 3,209.9              | 15.2              | 8.4  |
| 8                          | 4,148.9            | -18.7             | -4.1   | 2,397.8              | -25.3             | -6.6   |
| 9                          | 4,792.8            | 15.5              | 6.2  | 2,859.8              | 19.3              | 7.0  |
| 10                         | 4,915.0            | 2.5               | -6.0   | 2,908.0              | 1.7               | -7.8   |
| 11                         | 4,405.0            | -10.4             | -3.5   | 2,739.9              | -5.8              | -10.5  |
| 12                         | 4,544.2            | 3.2               | 6.5  | 2,907.8              | 6.1               | 12.2   |
| Total year                 | 55,847.3           |                   | 3.2  | 33,866.9             |                   | 1.2  |
| 2020 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> : 1 | 4,747.3            | 4.5               | 2.5  | 2,854.5              | -1.8              | 13.8   |
| 2                          | 4,360.7            | -8.1              | 2.3  | 2,653.3              | -7.0              | -1.4   |
| 3                          | 4,122.1            | -5.5              | -13.6  | 2,477.3              | -6.6              | -11.8  |
| 4                          | 3,195.1            | -22.5             | -30.7  | 2,117.9              | -14.5             | -28.9  |
| 5                          | 3,291.0            | 3.0               | -37.9  | 2,133.0              | 0.7               | -30.5  |
| 6                          | 4,007.5            | 21.8              | -8.2   | 2,572.9              | 20.6              | -7.7   |
| 7                          | 4,554.0            | 13.6              | -10.7  | 2,919.9              | 13.5              | -9.0   |
| 8                          | 3,592.1            | -21.1             | -13.4  | 2,073.7              | -29.0             | -13.5  |
| 9                          | 4,197.2            | 16.8              | -12.4  | 2,580.1              | 24.4              | -9.8   |
| 10                         | 4,093.2            | -2.5              | -16.7  | 2,708.9              | 5.0               | -6.8   |
| 11                         | 4,021.7            | -1.7              | -8.7   | 2,634.2              | -2.8              | -3.9   |
| 12                         | 4,439.8            | 10.4              | -2.3   | 2,979.8              | 13.1              | 2.5  |
| Total year                 | 48,621.7           |                   | -12.9  | 30,705.3             |                   | -9.3   |

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

<sup>(2)</sup> 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.

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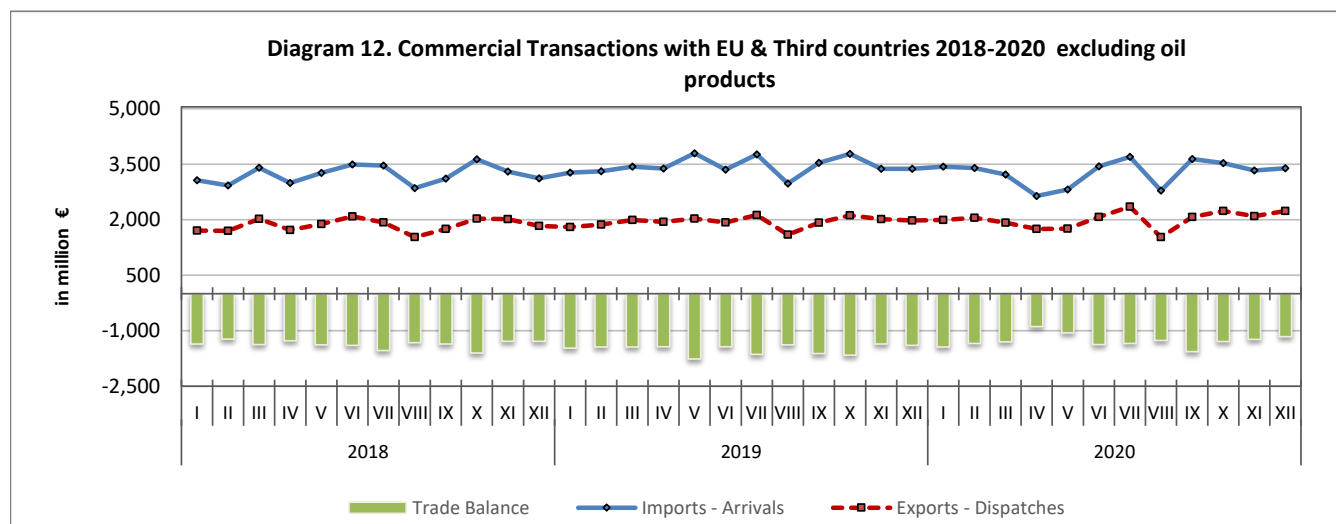
**Table 11. Commercial Transactions with EU and Third Countries 2018 - 2020 excluding oil products**

| 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 |
| 2018 <sup>(2)</sup> : 1    | 3,068.2            | 5.6               | 18.0   | 1,708.3              | -4.4              | 19.6   |
| 2                          | 2,928.5            | -4.6              | 6.3  | 1,697.2              | -0.7              | 14.6   |
| 3                          | 3,401.8            | 16.2              | 3.1  | 2,023.3              | 19.2              | 8.6  |
| 4                          | 2,994.6            | -12.0             | 7.0  | 1,721.7              | -14.9             | 13.0   |
| 5                          | 3,265.6            | 9.0               | 3.8  | 1,885.1              | 9.5               | 9.2  |
| 6                          | 3,491.6            | 6.9               | 15.2   | 2,091.1              | 10.9              | 16.7   |
| 7                          | 3,461.7            | -0.9              | 12.5   | 1,925.8              | -7.9              | 12.6   |
| 8                          | 2,852.3            | -17.6             | 11.9   | 1,529.0              | -20.6             | 10.8   |
| 9                          | 3,109.6            | 9.0               | 4.8  | 1,749.9              | 14.4              | 3.7  |
| 10                         | 3,634.9            | 16.9              | 15.7   | 2,030.4              | 16.0              | 12.6   |
| 11                         | 3,300.1            | -9.2              | 2.2  | 2,011.1              | -1.0              | 10.6   |
| 12                         | 3,119.7            | -5.5              | 7.4  | 1,830.3              | -9.0              | 2.5  |
| Total year                 | 38,628.7           |                   | 8.8  | 22,203.0             |                   | 11.0   |
| 2019 <sup>(2)</sup> : 1    | 3,273.9            | 4.9               | 6.7  | 1,802.2              | -1.5              | 5.5  |
| 2                          | 3,306.2            | 1.0               | 12.9   | 1,864.6              | 3.5               | 9.9  |
| 3                          | 3,435.2            | 3.9               | 1.0  | 1,993.7              | 6.9               | -1.5   |
| 4                          | 3,379.3            | -1.6              | 12.8   | 1,943.6              | -2.5              | 12.9   |
| 5                          | 3,796.7            | 12.4              | 16.3   | 2,028.6              | 4.4               | 7.6  |
| 6                          | 3,355.7            | -11.6             | -3.9   | 1,924.3              | -5.1              | -8.0   |
| 7                          | 3,765.2            | 12.2              | 8.8  | 2,123.3              | 10.3              | 10.3   |
| 8                          | 2,978.7            | -20.9             | 4.4  | 1,596.8              | -24.8             | 4.4  |
| 9                          | 3,539.3            | 18.8              | 13.8   | 1,920.0              | 20.2              | 9.7  |
| 10                         | 3,777.6            | 6.7               | 3.9  | 2,119.3              | 10.4              | 4.4  |
| 11                         | 3,371.3            | -10.8             | 2.2  | 2,013.6              | -5.0              | 0.1  |
| 12                         | 3,372.7            | 0.0               | 8.1  | 1,978.7              | -1.7              | 8.1  |
| Total year                 | 41,351.8           |                   | 7.0  | 23,308.7             |                   | 5.0  |
| 2020 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> : 1 | 3,437.2            | 1.9               | 5.0  | 1,992.7              | 0.7               | 10.7   |
| 2                          | 3,393.9            | -1.3              | 2.7  | 2,047.9              | 2.8               | 9.9  |
| 3                          | 3,219.5            | -5.1              | -6.3   | 1,916.6              | -6.4              | -3.9   |
| 4                          | 2,639.8            | -18.0             | -21.9  | 1,747.8              | -8.8              | -10.1  |
| 5                          | 2,816.4            | 6.7               | -25.8  | 1,755.8              | 0.5               | -13.4  |
| 6                          | 3,442.8            | 22.2              | 2.6  | 2,070.9              | 17.9              | 7.6  |
| 7                          | 3,699.1            | 7.4               | -1.8   | 2,351.0              | 13.5              | 10.7   |
| 8                          | 2,788.4            | -24.6             | -6.4   | 1,526.4              | -35.1             | -4.4   |
| 9                          | 3,638.0            | 30.5              | 2.8  | 2,074.2              | 35.9              | 8.0  |
| 10                         | 3,525.5            | -3.1              | -6.7   | 2,233.4              | 7.7               | 5.4  |
| 11                         | 3,332.7            | -5.5              | -1.1   | 2,096.9              | -6.1              | 4.1  |
| 12                         | 3,392.2            | 1.8               | 0.6  | 2,233.8              | 6.5               | 12.9   |
| Total year                 | 39,325.4           |                   | -4.9   | 24,047.5             |                   | 3.2  |

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

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



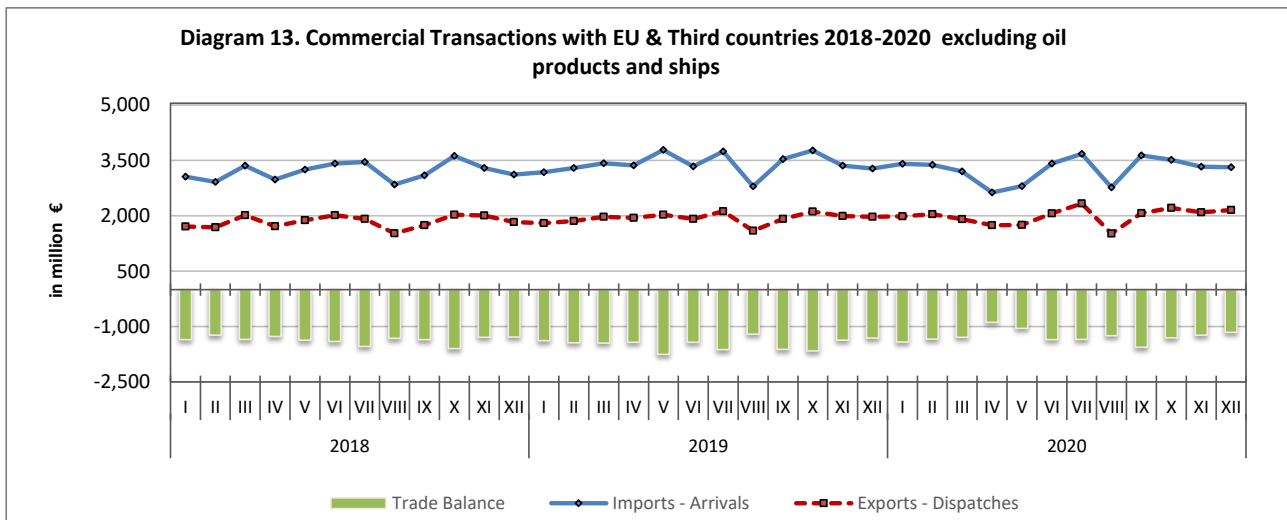
**Table 12. Commercial Transactions with EU and Third Countries 2018 - 2020 excluding oil products and ships**

| 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 |
| 2018 <sup>(2)</sup> : 1    | 3,060.5            | 6.2               | 18.0   | 1,706.0              | -4.0              | 21.9   |
| 2                          | 2,920.7            | -4.6              | 6.1  | 1,688.4              | -1.0              | 14.1   |
| 3                          | 3,359.9            | 15.0              | 2.3  | 2,014.2              | 19.3              | 8.2  |
| 4                          | 2,981.7            | -11.3             | 6.9  | 1,714.4              | -14.9             | 13.0   |
| 5                          | 3,251.3            | 9.0               | 3.8  | 1,882.7              | 9.8               | 9.7  |
| 6                          | 3,414.8            | 5.0               | 12.9   | 2,012.5              | 6.9               | 13.0   |
| 7                          | 3,456.4            | 1.2               | 12.8   | 1,918.4              | -4.7              | 12.4   |
| 8                          | 2,849.9            | -17.5             | 12.0   | 1,527.3              | -20.4             | 11.8   |
| 9                          | 3,098.1            | 8.7               | 4.7  | 1,742.7              | 14.1              | 3.4  |
| 10                         | 3,623.8            | 17.0              | 15.3   | 2,027.5              | 16.3              | 12.6   |
| 11                         | 3,296.0            | -9.0              | 2.6  | 2,007.5              | -1.0              | 11.2   |
| 12                         | 3,116.0            | -5.5              | 8.2  | 1,829.1              | -8.9              | 2.9  |
| Total year                 | 38,429.1           |                   | 8.6  | 22,070.0             |                   | 10.9   |
| 2019 <sup>(2)</sup> : 1    | 3,181.0            | 2.1               | 3.9  | 1,800.1              | -1.6              | 5.5  |
| 2                          | 3,297.0            | 3.6               | 12.9   | 1,856.8              | 3.2               | 10.0   |
| 3                          | 3,421.2            | 3.8               | 1.8  | 1,972.6              | 6.2               | -2.1   |
| 4                          | 3,368.0            | -1.6              | 13.0   | 1,941.0              | -1.6              | 13.2   |
| 5                          | 3,781.8            | 12.3              | 16.3   | 2,025.4              | 4.3               | 7.6  |
| 6                          | 3,334.7            | -11.8             | -2.3   | 1,912.0              | -5.6              | -5.0   |
| 7                          | 3,745.3            | 12.3              | 8.4  | 2,119.0              | 10.8              | 10.5   |
| 8                          | 2,799.4            | -25.3             | -1.8   | 1,592.3              | -24.9             | 4.3  |
| 9                          | 3,536.7            | 26.3              | 14.2   | 1,918.3              | 20.5              | 10.1   |
| 10                         | 3,772.7            | 6.7               | 4.1  | 2,114.6              | 10.2              | 4.3  |
| 11                         | 3,359.6            | -10.9             | 1.9  | 1,992.2              | -5.8              | -0.8   |
| 12                         | 3,282.9            | -2.3              | 5.4  | 1,970.9              | -1.1              | 7.8  |
| Total year                 | 40,880.3           |                   | 6.4  | 23,215.3             |                   | 5.2  |
| 2020 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> : 1 | 3,410.7            | 3.9               | 7.2  | 1,988.5              | 0.9               | 10.5   |
| 2                          | 3,377.7            | -1.0              | 2.4  | 2,039.8              | 2.6               | 9.9  |
| 3                          | 3,204.2            | -5.1              | -6.3   | 1,910.9              | -6.3              | -3.1   |
| 4                          | 2,630.9            | -17.9             | -21.9  | 1,745.8              | -8.6              | -10.1  |
| 5                          | 2,805.3            | 6.6               | -25.8  | 1,752.9              | 0.4               | -13.5  |
| 6                          | 3,416.9            | 21.8              | 2.5  | 2,061.5              | 17.6              | 7.8  |
| 7                          | 3,680.0            | 7.7               | -1.7   | 2,331.2              | 13.1              | 10.0   |
| 8                          | 2,771.4            | -24.7             | -1.0   | 1,520.4              | -34.8             | -4.5   |
| 9                          | 3,634.5            | 31.1              | 2.8  | 2,072.6              | 36.3              | 8.0  |
| 10                         | 3,517.2            | -3.2              | -6.8   | 2,215.0              | 6.9               | 4.7  |
| 11                         | 3,328.9            | -5.4              | -0.9   | 2,093.3              | -5.5              | 5.1  |
| 12                         | 3,314.6            | -0.4              | 1.0  | 2,158.6              | 3.1               | 9.5  |
| Total year                 | 39,092.3           |                   | -4.4   | 23,890.3             |                   | 2.9  |

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

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

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| <b>Commercial Transactions of Greece</b> | 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.  |
| <b>Legal Framework</b>                   | The survey is conducted by virtue of the following EU Regulations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• for intra-EU trade (Intrastat), in accordance with Regulation (EC) 638/2004, as amended and in force, and Regulation (EU) 96/2010.</li><li>• for trade with third countries (Extrastat), in accordance with Regulation (EC) 471/2009 and Regulation (EU) 113/2010.</li></ul>   |
| <b>Reference Period</b>                  | <b>December 2020</b>  |
| <b>Provision of Results</b>              | 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.  |
| <b>Definitions</b>                       | <b>INTRASTAT</b> is the system for collecting Intra EU statistical data (among the EU countries). It was implemented on January 1st, 1993.<br><b>Arrival</b> is considered every import of goods from a country of the EU.<br><b>Dispatch</b> is considered every export of goods to a country of the EU.<br><b>EXTRASTAT</b> is the system for collecting external trade data with third countries (countries outside the EU).<br><b>Import</b> is considered every import of goods from a third country (outside the EU).<br><b>Export</b> is considered every export of goods to a third country (outside the EU).   |
| <b>Methodology</b>                       | <b>INTRASTAT:</b> 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 2020 are the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arrivals: € 150,000.00 (95.0% coverage)</li><li>• Dispatches: € 90,000.00 (98.0% coverage)</li></ul> 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.<br><b>ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION:</b> Intrastat declarations are submitted electronically via the following links: <a href="http://eurostat.statistics.gr">http://eurostat.statistics.gr</a> or <a href="http://www.statistics.gr">www.statistics.gr</a> .<br><b>EXTRASTAT:</b> 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.<br>The statistical data of imports and exports of goods with the Third Countries, are derived from the data transmitted by the Customs Authorities.<br>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.<br><b>IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF SHIPS AND AIRCRAFTS:</b> In accordance with EU Regulations entered 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.<br>"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.<br>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).<br>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).<br><b>Classification of goods:</b> The goods are classified in compliance with the 8-digit Combined Nomenclature Code (CN/8) and the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC). |

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| <b>International Trade in Goods data of the United Kingdom</b>                                       | Under the withdrawal agreement endorsed by the European Parliament on 29 January 2020, the United Kingdom will continue to be part of the European Union's customs and tax territory until 31 December 2020, but trade flows between the United Kingdom and the EU are considered transactions with a Third Country. Bilateral trade statistics with the United Kingdom will continue to be collected by the EU Member States through Intrastat declarations system by 31 December 2020 and consequently are based on statistical concepts applicable to trade between EU Member States, but are presented in the International Trade in Goods with Third Countries.  |
| <b>Compilation of International Trade in Goods Statistics during Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19)</b> | <p>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 December 2020.</p> <p>More specifically,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>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).</li><li>b. Intrastat response rate is at levels similar to previous months.</li></ul> <p>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.</p> |
| <b>References</b>  | More information concerning the survey on Commercial Transactions is available on the website of the Hellenic Statistical Authority ( <a href="http://www.statistics.gr">www.statistics.gr</a> ) under the link "Statistics / International Trade in Goods" .   |