

**User oriented quality report
Commercial Transactions of Greece, Year 2013-2014**

The survey is conducted on a monthly basis aiming at monitoring the total value of Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches as well as the changes on a percentage basis of the above-mentioned categories. Consequently, there are not included in them, the transactions of services and the non-registered transactions, which these two latter categories of transactions, along with the commercial transactions are taken into account in the compilation of the tables of the National Accounts.

The survey is conducted in compliance with the following Regulations of the European Union:

- Regarding Intra-EU Trade with European Union countries (INTRASTAT) E.C. Regulation 638/2004
- Regarding Extra –EU Trade with third countries (Extrastat) E.C. Regulation 471/2009,

The results of the survey are available 38 days after the end of the reference month, estimations and 56 days after the end of the reference month, provisional data.

As a reference period is defined the calendar month during the goods are entering or leaving the statistical territory of Greece.

INTRASTAT is the system for collecting Intra EU statistical data (among the countries of the EU), which is implemented since 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.

It is an inventory statistical survey. The parties responsible for providing information through the Intrastat System are the enterprises which have intra EU transactions and they have exceeded the statistical thresholds, which are in effect for each year.

The statistical thresholds are readjusted by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, every year. The statistical thresholds for 2014 are the following:

- Arrivals: € 100,000.00 (96,05% coverage)
- Dispatches: € 90,000.00 (97,85% coverage)

Since 2003, the Intrastat form can be submitted electronically at the following links: <http://eurostat.statistics.gr> Approximately 80-85% of the forms is submitted electronically.

EXTRASTAT is the system for collecting external trade statistical data (with 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).

EXTRASTAT is a statistical survey where data are collected by administrative sources. All the transactions above the amount of 1.000 euros are registered. The Customs Authorities of the country collect the statistical data on trade filling in the Single Administrative Document (SAD). In the beginning of each month they send

to the Hellenic Statistical Authority an electronic file with the statistical data of the previous month.

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

In the framework of the Action Plan which ELSTAT implemented in collaboration with Eurostat, during the period 2011-2012, aiming at enhancing External Trade Statistics of Greece, the applied methodological adjustments refer to:

- **Intra- EU Trade**

The statistical data of the Intra EU-Trade also include the transactions of the enterprises, which are not obliged to submit data to the Intrastat system, since the value of their transactions is below the applied statistical threshold. In compliance with the obligations provided for in EU Regulations on 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.

- **Trade with Third Countries:**

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

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

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