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COMMERCIAL TRANSACTION OF GREECE: March 2010

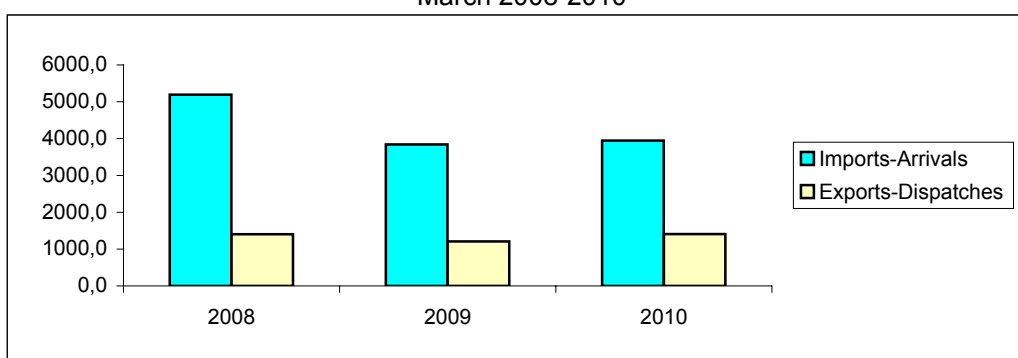
(Provisional Data)

The total value of imports-arrivals in March amounted to **3945.8** million euros (**5337.9** million dollars) against **3841.6** million euros (**4998.1** million dollars) in March 2009, recording an increase of **2.7%**. The total value of imports-arrivals excluding the oil products recorded an increase of **335.2** million euros or **10.0%** in comparison with the corresponding month of 2009 (Tables 2 & 3).

The total value of exports-dispatches in March amounted to **1407.0** million euros (**1914.8** million dollars) against **1208.4** million euros (**1581.7** million dollars) in March 2009, recording an increase of **16.4%**. The total value of exports-dispatches excluding the oil products recorded an increase of **178.0** million euros or **15.9%** in comparison with the corresponding month of 2009 (Tables 2 & 3).

The deficit of the trade balance in March amounted to **2538.8** million euros (**3423.1** million dollars) against **2633.2** million euros (**3416.4** million dollars) in March 2009 recording a drop of **3.6%**. Excluding the oil products the deficit of the trade balance recorded an increase of **157.2** million euros or **7.1%** in comparison with the corresponding month of the year 2009 (Table 1).

Diagram 1a. Imports-Arrivals⁽¹⁾, Exports-Dispatches (€ million):
March 2008-2010



(1) Excluding the value of ships

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The total value of imports-arrivals for the 3-month time period of January-March 2010 amounted to **9636.6** million euros (**13270.3** million dollars) against **11051.4** million euros (**14318.8** million dollars) for the same time period of 2009, recording a drop of **12.8%**. The total value of imports-arrivals excluding the oil products recorded a decrease of **127.6** million euros or **1.4%** in comparison with the corresponding time period of 2009 (Tables 5 & 6).

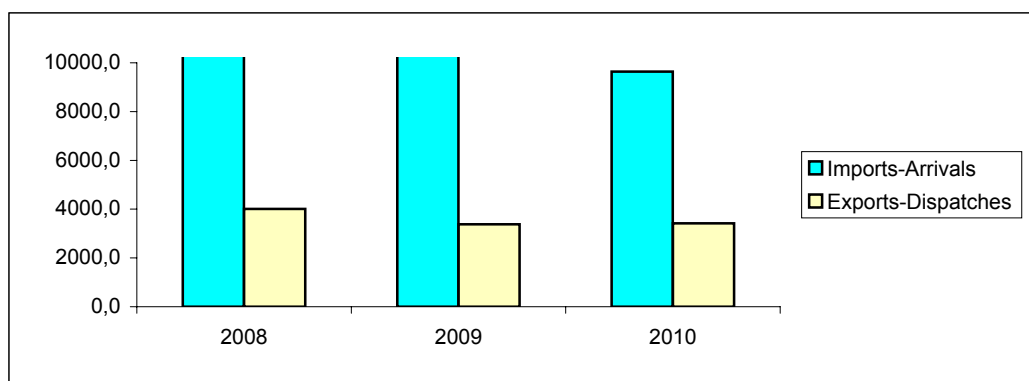
The total value of exports-dispatches for the 3-month time period of January-March 2010 amounted to **3416.0** million euros (**4729.0** million dollars) against **3379.3** million euros (**4400.4** million dollars) for the same time period of 2009, recording an increase of **1.1%**. The total value of exports-dispatches excluding the oil products recorded an increase of **80.5** million euros or **2.6%** in comparison with the corresponding time period of 2009 (Tables 5 & 6).

The deficit of the Trade Balance for the 3-month time period of January-March 2010 amounted to **6220.6** million euros (**8541.3** million dollars) against **7672.1** million euros (**9918.4** million dollars) for the same time period of the year 2009, recording a drop of **18.9%**. Excluding the oil products the deficit of the trade balance recorded a decrease of **208.1** million euros or **3.4%** in comparison with the corresponding time period of the year 2009 (Tables 4).

It is pointed out that the above-mentioned data concern only the commercial transactions. Consequently, there are not included in them, the transactions of services and the non registered transactions which with the commercial transactions are taken into account for the compilation of the tables of the National Accounts.

Below there are tables with concise statistical data for the commercial transactions of our country in March and for the time period January-March of the years 2008, 2009, 2010.

Diagram 1b. Imports-Arrivals⁽¹⁾, Exports-Dispatches (€ million):
Jan-March 2008-2010



⁽¹⁾ Excluding the value of ships

Table 1. Trade Balance: March 2008, 2009 & 2010

	2008*	March 2009*	2010*	Changes %	
				2009/2008	2010/2009
A. Imports-Arrivals (million euros)					
I. Including the value of ships	5.420,3	4.409,4	4.208,1	-18,7	-4,6
II. Excluding the value of ships	5.193,1	3.841,6	3.945,8	-26,0	2,7
III. Excluding the oil products	3.957,2	3.346,1	3.681,3	-15,4	10,0
B. Exports-Dispatches (million euros)					
I. Including the oil products	1.405,0	1.208,4	1.407,0	-14,0	16,4
II. Excluding the oil products	1.293,5	1.120,7	1.298,7	-13,4	15,9
C. Trade Balance including the oil products (=B.I - A.I I)	-3.788,1	-2.633,2	-2.538,8	-30,5	-3,6
D. Trade Balance excluding the oil products (=B.II - A.II I)	-2.663,7	-2.225,4	-2.382,6	-16,5	7,1
A. Imports-Arrivals (USD** million)					
I. Including the value of ships	8.390,6	5.736,9	5.692,8	-31,6	-0,8
II. Excluding the value of ships	8.038,8	4.998,1	5.337,9	-37,8	6,8
III. Excluding the oil products	6.125,7	4.353,6	4.980,1	-28,9	14,4
B. Exports-Dispatches (USD** million)					
I. Including the oil products	2.187,9	1.581,7	1.914,8	-27,7	21,1
II. Excluding the oil products	2.014,1	1.466,9	1.767,4	-27,2	20,5
C. Trade Balance including the oil products (=B.I - A.I I)	-5.850,9	-3.416,4	-3.423,1	-41,6	0,2
D. Trade Balance excluding the oil products (=B.II - A.II I)	-4.111,6	-2.886,7	-3.212,7	-29,8	11,3

* Provisional data

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Table 2. Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches with oil products, March 2008-2010

Imports-Arrivals ** (€ million)					
	March			Changes %	
	2008*	2009*	2010*	2009/2008	2010/2009
I. European Union	2.964,3	2.435,3	2.513,9	-17,8	3,2
II. Third countries	2.228,7	1.406,3	1.431,8	-36,9	1,8
TOTAL	5.193,1	3.841,6	3.945,8	-26,0	2,7

Imports-Arrivals ** (USD*** million)					
	March			Changes %	
	2008*	2009*	2010*	2009/2008	2010/2009
I. European Union	4.588,8	3.168,5	3.400,9	-31,0	7,3
II. Third countries	3.450,1	1.829,6	1.937,0	-47,0	5,9
TOTAL	8.038,8	4.998,1	5.337,9	-37,8	6,8

Exports-Dispatches (€ million)					
	March			Changes %	
	2008*	2009*	2010*	2009/2008	2010/2009
I. European Union	980,8	771,2	890,3	-21,4	15,5
II. Third countries	424,3	437,2	516,6	3,1	18,2
TOTAL	1.405,0	1.208,4	1.407,0	-14,0	16,4

Exports-Dispatches (USD*** million)					
	March			Changes %	
	2008*	2009*	2010*	2009/2008	2010/2009
I. European Union	1.527,2	1.009,4	1.211,7	-33,9	20,0
II. Third countries	660,6	572,3	703,1	-13,4	22,9
TOTAL	2.187,9	1.581,7	1.914,8	-27,7	21,1

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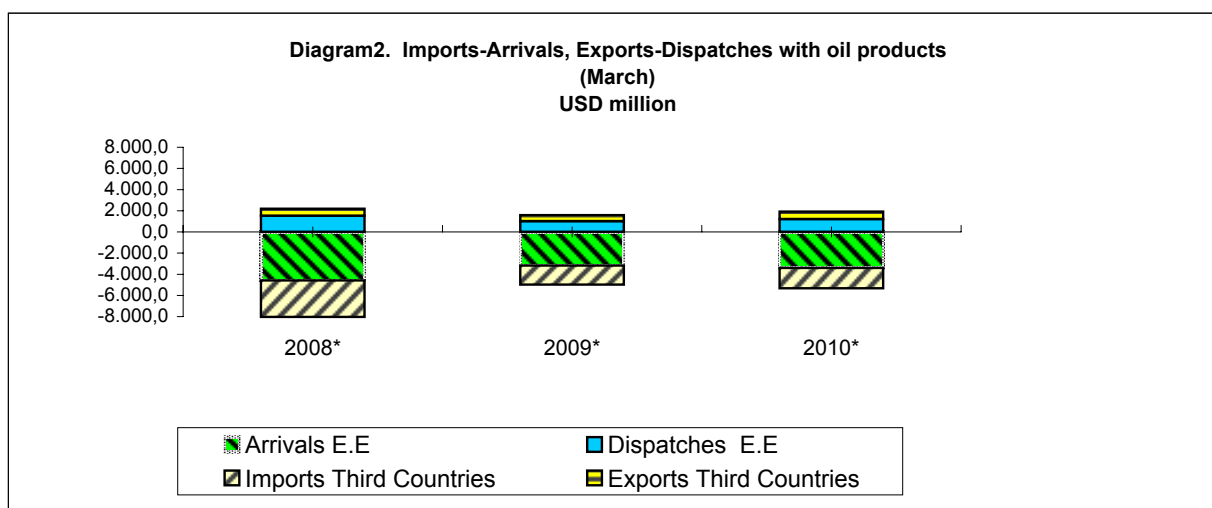


Table 3: Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches without oil products, March 2008-2010

	Imports-Arrivals ** (€ εκατομμύρια)			Changes %	
	2008*	March 2009*	2010*	2009/2008	2010/2009
I. European Union	2.925,7	2.421,5	2.466,5	-17,2	1,9
II. Third countries	1.031,5	924,6	1.214,7	-10,4	31,4
TOTAL	3.957,2	3.346,1	3.681,3	-15,4	10,0

	Imports-Arrivals (USD*** million)			Changes %	
	2008*	March 2009*	2010*	2009/2008	2010/2009
I. European Union	4.529,0	3.150,5	3.336,8	-30,4	5,9
II. Third countries	1.596,7	1.203,0	1.643,3	-24,7	36,6
TOTAL	6.125,7	4.353,6	4.980,1	-28,9	14,4

	Exports-Dispatches (€ million)			Changes %	
	2008*	March 2009*	2010*	2009/2008	2010/2009
I. European Union	918,5	722,9	843,3	-21,3	16,7
II. Third countries	374,9	397,8	455,4	6,1	14,5
TOTAL	1.293,5	1.120,7	1.298,7	-13,4	15,9

	Exports-Dispatches (USD*** million)			Changes %	
	2008*	March 2009*	2010*	2009/2008	2010/2009
I. European Union	1.430,3	946,2	1.147,7	-33,8	21,3
II. Third countries	583,8	520,7	619,7	-10,8	19,0
TOTAL	2.014,1	1.466,9	1.767,4	-27,2	20,5

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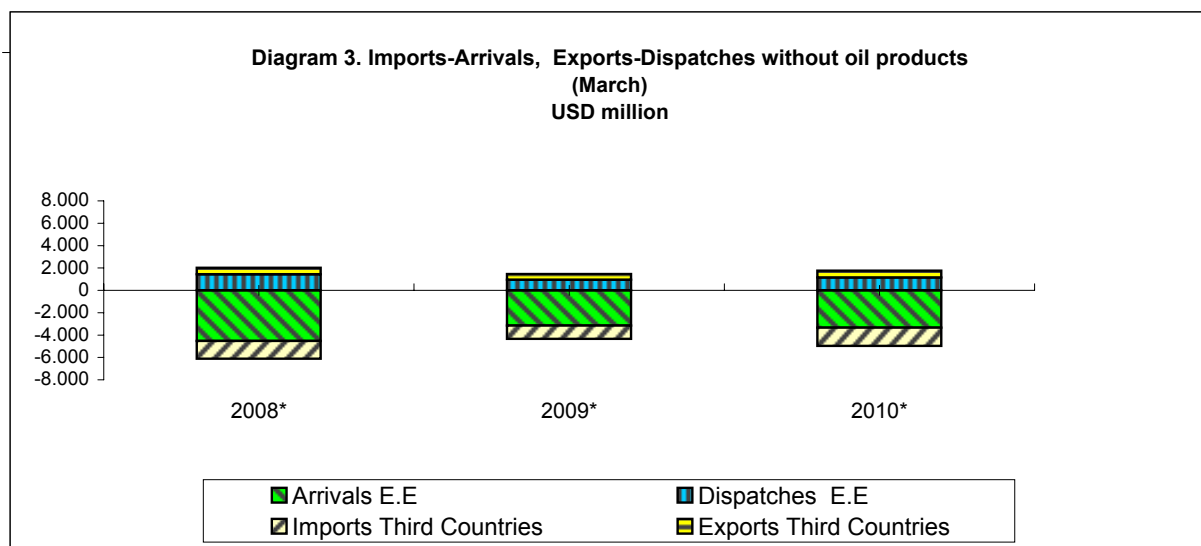


Table 4. Trade Balance: January-March 2008, 2009 & 2010

	January - March			Changes %	
	2008*	2009*	2010*	2009/2008	2010/2009
A. Imports-Arrivals (million euros)					
I. Including the value of ships	14.979,9	12.138,0	10.513,9	-19,0	-13,4
II. Excluding the value of ships	14.383,1	11.051,4	9.636,6	-23,2	-12,8
III. Excluding the oil products	10.805,3	9.268,6	9.141,0	-14,2	-1,4
B. Exports-Dispatches (million euros)					
I. Including the oil products	4.011,3	3.379,3	3.416,0	-15,8	1,1
II. Excluding the oil products	3.674,5	3.107,4	3.187,9	-15,4	2,6
C. Trade Balance including the oil products (=B.I - A.I I)	-10.371,8	-7.672,1	-6.220,6	-26,0	-18,9
D. Trade Balance excluding the oil products (=B.I I - A.I I I)	-7.130,8	-6.161,2	-5.953,1	-13,6	-3,4
A. Imports-Arrivals (USD** million)					
I. Including the value of ships	22.433,7	15.727,3	14.480,9	-29,9	-7,9
II. Excluding the value of ships	21.539,2	14.318,8	13.270,3	-33,5	-7,3
III. Excluding the oil products	16.185,9	12.008,5	12.588,6	-25,8	4,8
B. Exports-Dispatches (USD** million)					
I. Including the oil products	6.039,3	4.400,4	4.729,0	-27,1	7,5
II. Excluding the oil products	5.532,7	4.047,7	4.412,6	-26,8	9,0
C. Trade Balance including the oil products (=B.I - A.I I)	-15.499,9	-9.918,4	-8.541,3	-36,0	-13,9
D. Trade Balance excluding the oil products (=B.I I - A.I I I)	-10.653,3	-7.960,8	-8.176,0	-25,3	2,7

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Table 5. Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches with oil products, January-March 2008-2010**Imports-Arrivals ** (€ million)**

	January - March			Changes %	
	2008*	2009*	2010*	2009/2008	2010/2009
I. European Union	8.122,2	6.668,1	6.442,1	-17,9	-3,4
II. Third countries	6.260,9	4.383,3	3.194,5	-30,0	-27,1
TOTAL	14.383,1	11.051,4	9.636,6	-23,2	-12,8

Imports-Exports ** (USD* million)**

	January - March			Changes %	
	2008*	2009*	2010*	2009/2008	2010/2009
I. European Union	12.165,7	8.638,2	8.867,7	-29,0	2,7
II. Third countries	9.373,5	5.680,6	4.402,5	-39,4	-22,5
TOTAL	21.539,2	14.318,8	13.270,3	-33,5	-7,3

Exports-Dispatches (€ million)

	January - March			Changes %	
	2008*	2009*	2010*	2009/2008	2010/2009
I. European Union	2.689,9	2.168,5	2.212,8	-19,4	2,0
II. Third countries	1.321,5	1.210,8	1.203,2	-8,4	-0,6
TOTAL	4.011,3	3.379,3	3.416,0	-15,8	1,1

Exports-Dispatches (USD* million)**

	January - March			Changes %	
	2008*	2009*	2010*	2009/2008	2010/2009
I. European Union	4.052,8	2.824,1	3.064,0	-30,3	8,5
II. Third countries	1.986,5	1.576,2	1.665,0	-20,7	5,6
TOTAL	6.039,3	4.400,4	4.729,0	-27,1	7,5

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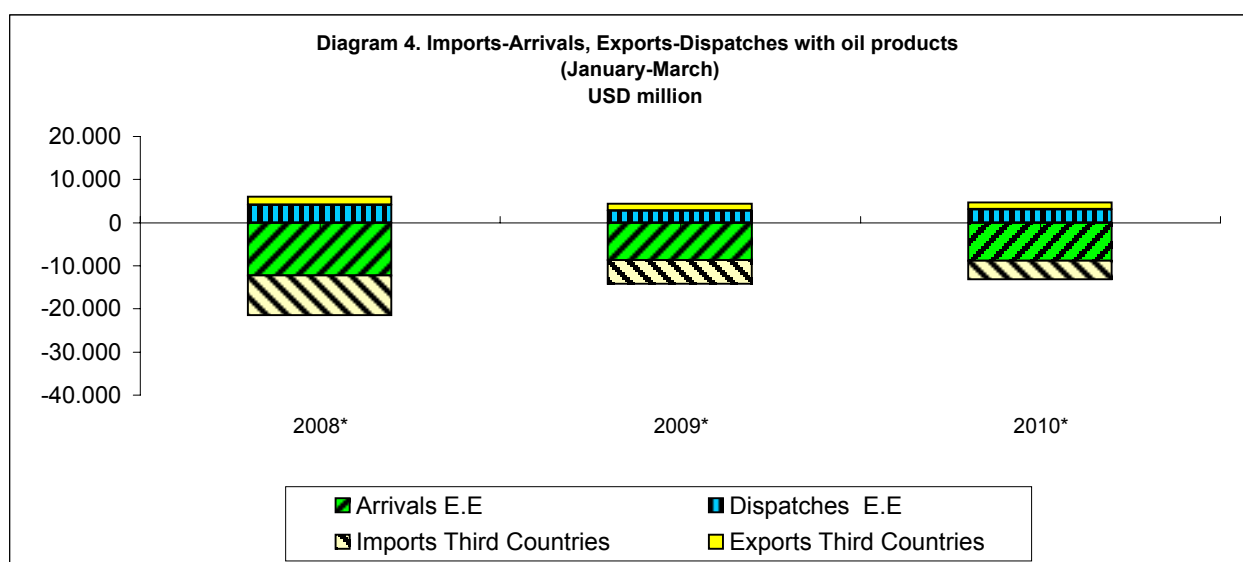


Table 6: Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches without oil products, January-March 2008-2010**Imports-Arrivals ** (€ million)**

	January - March			Changes %	
	2008*	2009*	2010*	2009/2008	2010/2009
I. European Union	8.039,9	6.615,5	6.354,0	-17,7	-4,0
II. Third countries	2.765,4	2.653,1	2.786,9	-4,1	5,0
TOTAL	10.805,3	9.268,6	9.141,0	-14,2	-1,4

Imports-Arrivals (USD* million)**

	January - March			Changes %	
	2008*	2009*	2010*	2009/2008	2010/2009
I. European Union	12.041,8	8.570,5	8.746,8	-28,8	2,1
II. Third countries	4.144,1	3.438,0	3.841,8	-17,0	11,7
TOTAL	16.185,9	12.008,5	12.588,6	-25,8	4,8

Exports-Dispatches (€ million)

	January - March			Changes %	
	2008*	2009*	2010*	2009/2008	2010/2009
I. European Union	2.568,1	2.045,0	2.132,1	-20,4	4,3
II. Third countries	1.106,4	1.062,5	1.055,9	-4,0	-0,6
TOTAL	3.674,5	3.107,4	3.187,9	-15,4	2,6

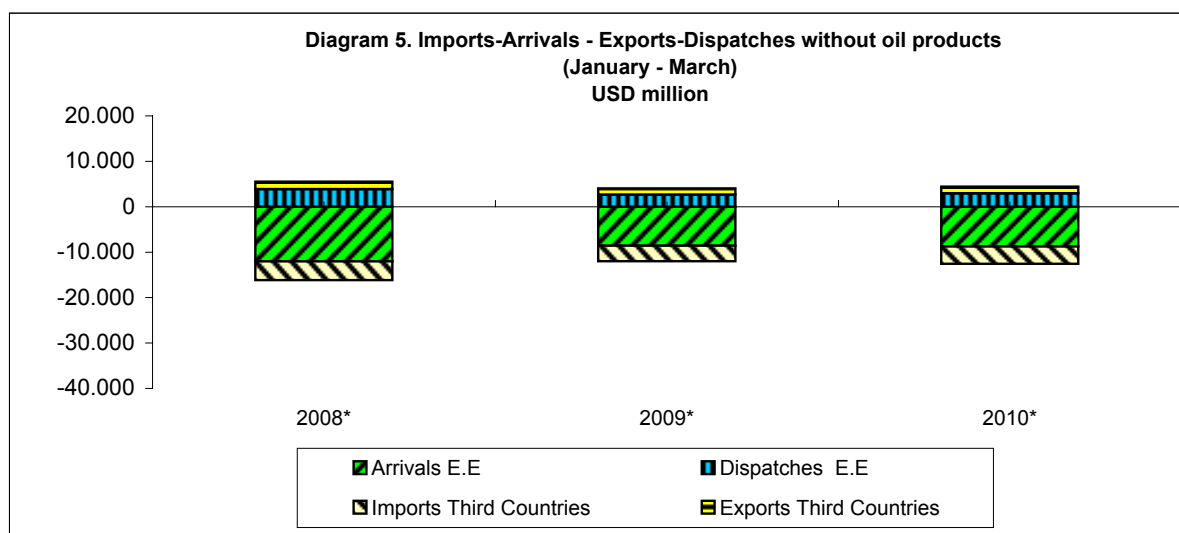
Exports-Dispatches (USD* million)**

	January - March			Changes %	
	2008*	2009*	2010*	2009/2008	2010/2009
I. European Union	3.867,9	2.663,8	2.951,9	-31,1	10,8
II. Third countries	1.664,8	1.383,9	1.460,8	-16,9	5,6
TOTAL	5.532,7	4.047,7	4.412,6	-26,8	9,0

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Commercial Transactions of Greece	The recording of the Commercial Transactions of Greece is carried out every month and its aim is to monitor the total value of Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches and the changes in percentage base of the above-mentioned categories.
Legal Framework	The survey is conducted in the framework of application of the Regulations of the European Union, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Regarding the intra EU trade (INTRASTAT) based on Regulation 638/2004 as it was amended by the Regulation 222/2009.· Regarding the trade with Third Countries (Extrastat) based on the Regulation 1172/1995.
Reference Period	Monthly
Availability of Results	40 days after the end of the reference month (Estimations) and 56 days after the end of the reference month (Provisional).
Definitions	<p>INTRASTAT is the system of collecting Intra EU statistical data (among the countries of the EU). It was implemented on January 1st, 1993.</p> <p>Arrival is considered every import of goods from a country of the EU.</p> <p>Dispatch is considered every export of goods to a country of the EU.</p> <p>EXTRASTAT is the system of collecting external trade statistical data (with the countries outside the EU).</p> <p>Import is considered every import of goods from a third country (outside the EU).</p> <p>Export is considered every export of goods to a third country (outside the EU).</p>
Methodology	<p>INTRASTAT: It is a statistical survey which is an inventory one. The parties responsible for providing information through the Intrastat System are all the enterprises which have exceeded the statistical thresholds, which are in effect for the running year. The statistical thresholds are readjusted by the Hellenic Statistical Authority, every year. The percentage of coverage ranges between 97-99%.</p> <p>The thresholds of adjustment for 2010 are the following: Arrivals: € 130,000.00 (98% coverage) Dispatches: € 95,000.00 (98% coverage)</p> <p>ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION: The electronic submission of the Intrastat form is in effect from the year 2003 onwards, through the links: http://eurostat.statistics.gr or www.statistics.gr. Nowadays, the 80-85% of the forms is submitted electronically.</p> <p>EXTRASTAT: It 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 using 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.</p> <p>Classification of goods: For the classification of goods is used the 8-digit Combined Nomenclature Code (CN/8) and the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC).</p>
References	More information regarding the survey on Commercial Transactions is available in the web page of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (www.statistics.gr) under the link "Statistical Themes / Trade - Services / Imports-Exports / External Trade" and then click on (INTRASTAT) or trade with non EU Member countries.