



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF GREECE : October 2013**

( Provisional Data )

The total value of imports-arrivals, in October 2013 amounted to 4171,3 million euros (5670,6 million dollars) in comparison with 4530,3 million euros (5859,8 million dollars) in October 2012, recording a drop, in euros, of **7,9%**. The corresponding change excluding oil products recorded a drop of 241,0 million euros or 8,5% (Table 1).

The total value of exports-dispatches<sup>(2)</sup>, in October 2013 amounted to 2324,6 million euros (3179,2 million dollars) in comparison with 2572,4 million euros (3347,4 million dollars) in October 2012, recording a drop, in euros, of **9,6%**. The corresponding change excluding oil products recorded a drop of 36,5 million euros or 2,3% (Table 1).

The deficit of the trade balance, in October 2013 amounted to 1846,7 million euros (2491,4 million dollars) in comparison with 1957,9 million euros (2512,4 million dollars) in October 2012, recording a drop, in euros, of **5,7%** (Table 1). The corresponding change excluding oil products recorded a drop of 204,5 million euros or 16,2% (Table 1).

The total value of imports-arrivals, for the 10-month period from January to October 2013 amounted to 39442,6 million euros (52001,4 million dollars) in comparison with 41052,1 million euros (52556,6 million dollars) for the corresponding period of the year 2012 recording a drop, in euros, of **3,9%**. The corresponding change excluding oil products recorded a drop of 1416,5 million euros or 5,4% (Table 5).

The total value of exports-dispatches, for the 10-month period from January to October 2013 amounted to 23204,9 million euros (30759,5 million dollars) in comparison with 22369,6 million euros (28784,2 million dollars) for the corresponding period of the year 2012, recording an increase, in euros, of **3,7%**. The corresponding change excluding oil products recorded a drop of 281,1 million euros or 2,0% (Table 5).

The deficit of the Trade Balance, for the 10-month period from January to October 2013 amounted to 16237,7 million euros (21241,9 million dollars) in comparison with 18682,5 million euros (23772,4 million dollars) for the corresponding period of the year 2012, recording a drop, in euros, of **13,1%**. The corresponding change excluding oil products recorded a drop of 1135,4 million euros or 9,5% (Table 5).

The monthly data of Intra EU transactions, have been adjusted to the total trade transactions with EU countries, (including the transactions below the statistical threshold <sup>(1)</sup>), on the basis of the Recapitulative Statements of Intra-EU Deliveries and Acquisitions that are submitted by the enterprises in the Ministry of Finance. Accordingly, the provisional data from the "incomplete customs declarations" have been incorporated in the monthly data on trade with third countries and, after having been completed, they will be replaced by the final data.

<sup>(1)</sup> By virtue of EU Regulations on the compilation of intra-EU trade statistics, Member States set out a "statistical exemption threshold". On the basis of the exemption threshold, the enterprises whose transactions are below the statistical threshold are exempted from the obligation to submit data on their intra-Community transactions (Intrastat declaration). The aim is to reduce the burden on enterprises. The statistical exemption threshold, valid for each year, is specified and released by ELSTAT on a yearly basis.

<sup>(2)</sup> The difference observed between the change in exports (by -9.6%), announced in the Press Release of Commercial Transactions of Greece (Provisional data) for the reference month, October 2013, and the change in the exports (-12.2%) announced in the respective Press Release (Estimations) for October 2013 is due to the transmission of finalized data by the Customs Authorities, concerning oil products and electricity

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**Table 1. Trade Balance : October 2011-2013<sup>(1)</sup>**

<i>Million euros</i>					
	October			Changes %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
<b>A. Imports-Arrivals<sup>(3)</sup></b>					
I. Including the value of ships	3.649,3	4.530,3	4.171,3	24,1	-7,9
II. Excluding the value of ships	3.560,2	4.434,3	4.094,4	24,6	-7,7
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	2.611,9	2.826,5	2.585,5	8,2	-8,5
<b>B. Exports-Dispatches<sup>(3)</sup></b>					
I. Including the value of ships	1.936,5	2.572,4	2.324,6	32,8	-9,6
II. Excluding the value of ships	1.934,4	2.547,7	2.316,4	31,7	-9,1
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	1.369,7	1.562,4	1.525,9	14,1	-2,3
<b>C. Trade Balance</b> including the value of ships (=B.I-A.I)	<b>-1.712,8</b>	<b>-1.957,9</b>	<b>-1.846,7</b>	<b>14,3</b>	<b>-5,7</b>
<b>D. Trade Balance</b> excluding the value of ships (=B.II - A.II)	<b>-1.625,8</b>	<b>-1.886,6</b>	<b>-1.778,0</b>	<b>16,0</b>	<b>-5,8</b>
<b>E. Trade Balance</b> excluding oil products and including the value of ships (=B.III - A.III)	<b>-1.242,2</b>	<b>-1.264,1</b>	<b>-1.059,6</b>	<b>1,8</b>	<b>-16,2</b>

<i>USD<sup>(2)</sup> million</i>					
	October			Changes %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
<b>A. Imports-Arrivals<sup>(3)</sup></b>					
I. Including the value of ships	4.986,7	5.859,8	5.670,6	17,5	-3,2
II. Excluding the value of ships	4.865,0	5.735,7	5.566,0	17,9	-3,0
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	3.569,2	3.656,0	3.514,8	2,4	-3,9
<b>B. Exports-Dispatches<sup>(3)</sup></b>					
I. Including the value of ships	2.662,2	3.347,4	3.179,2	25,7	-5,0
II. Excluding the value of ships	2.659,3	3.315,2	3.167,9	24,7	-4,4
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	1.883,0	2.033,1	2.086,9	8,0	2,6
<b>C. Trade Balance</b> including the value of ships (=B.I-A.I)	<b>-2.324,5</b>	<b>-2.512,4</b>	<b>-2.491,4</b>	<b>8,1</b>	<b>-0,8</b>
<b>D. Trade Balance</b> excluding the value of ships (=B.II - A.II)	<b>-2.205,7</b>	<b>-2.420,5</b>	<b>-2.398,1</b>	<b>9,7</b>	<b>-0,9</b>
<b>E. Trade Balance</b> excluding oil products and including the value of ships (=B.III - A.III)	<b>-1.686,2</b>	<b>-1.622,9</b>	<b>-1.427,9</b>	<b>-3,8</b>	<b>-12,0</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.

<sup>(3)</sup> The data of the Intra EU trade have been adjusted to the total trade with EU countries. The "incomplete customs declarations" for the corresponding month have been incorporated in the data on trade with third countries.

**Table 2. Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches including oil products, October 2011 - 2013**

**Imports-Arrivals <sup>(3)</sup> (€ million)**

	October			Changes %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	1.986,5	2.085,3	1.955,6	5,0	-6,2
II. Third countries	1.662,8	2.445,0	2.215,7	47,0	-9,4
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.649,3</b>	<b>4.530,3</b>	<b>4.171,3</b>	<b>24,1</b>	<b>-7,9</b>

**Imports-Arrivals <sup>(3)</sup> (USD <sup>(2)</sup> million)**

	October			Changes %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	2.714,5	2.697,3	2.658,5	-0,6	-1,4
II. Third countries	2.272,2	3.162,5	3.012,1	39,2	-4,8
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.986,7</b>	<b>5.859,8</b>	<b>5.670,6</b>	<b>17,5</b>	<b>-3,2</b>

**Exports-Dispatches <sup>(3)</sup> (€ million)**

	October			Changes %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	1.038,0	1.079,1	1.090,4	4,0	1,0
II. Third countries	898,5	1.493,3	1.234,2	66,2	-17,4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.936,5</b>	<b>2.572,4</b>	<b>2.324,6</b>	<b>32,8</b>	<b>-9,6</b>

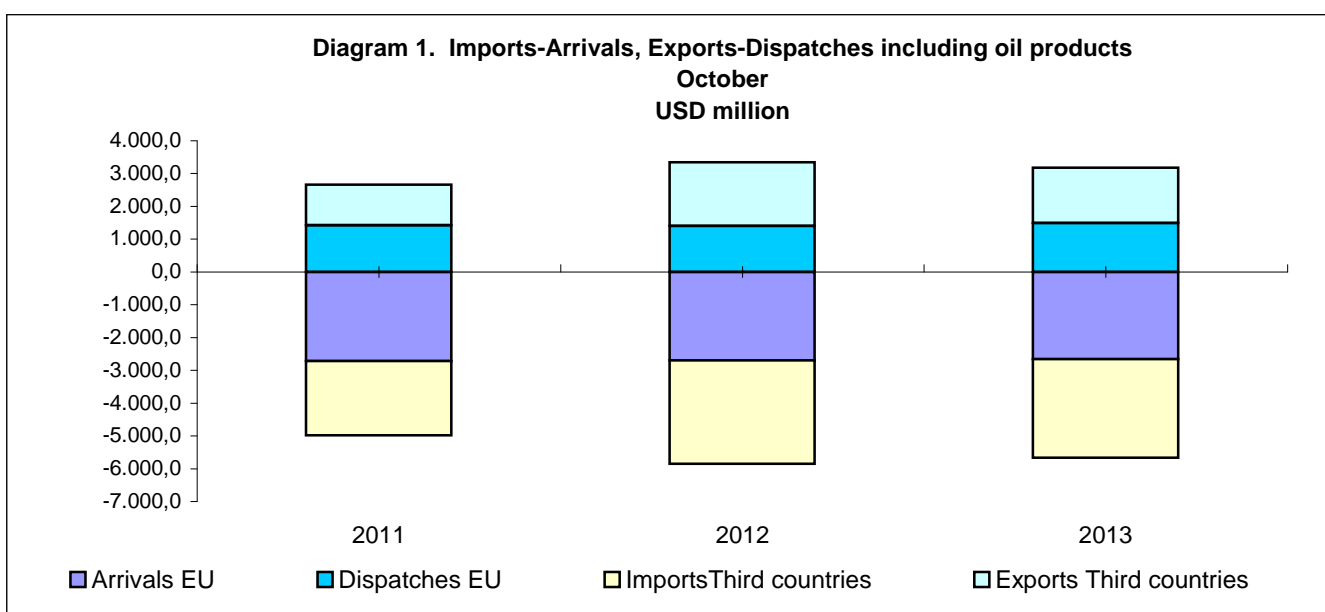
**Exports-Dispatches <sup>(3)</sup> (USD <sup>(2)</sup> million)**

	October			Changes %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	1.427,0	1.404,2	1.491,3	-1,6	6,2
II. Third countries	1.235,2	1.943,2	1.687,9	57,3	-13,1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.662,2</b>	<b>3.347,4</b>	<b>3.179,2</b>	<b>25,7</b>	<b>-5,0</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.

<sup>(3)</sup> The data of the Intra EU trade have been adjusted to the total trade with EU countries. The "incomplete customs declarations" for the corresponding month have been incorporated in the data on trade with third countries.



**Table 3. Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches excluding oil products, October 2011 - 2013**

**Imports-Arrivals <sup>(3)</sup> (€ million)**

	October			Changes %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	1.887,4	1.999,5	1.874,3	5,9	-6,3
II. Third countries	724,5	827,0	711,2	14,1	-14,0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.611,9</b>	<b>2.826,5</b>	<b>2.585,5</b>	<b>8,2</b>	<b>-8,5</b>

**Imports-Arrivals <sup>(3)</sup> (USD <sup>(2)</sup> million)**

	October			Changes %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	2.579,2	2.586,3	2.547,9	0,3	-1,5
II. Third countries	990,0	1.069,7	966,9	8,1	-9,6
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.569,2</b>	<b>3.656,0</b>	<b>3.514,8</b>	<b>2,4</b>	<b>-3,9</b>

**Exports-Dispatches <sup>(3)</sup> (€ million)**

	October			Changes %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	861,2	934,3	906,0	8,5	-3,0
II. Third countries	508,5	628,1	619,9	23,5	-1,3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.369,7</b>	<b>1.562,4</b>	<b>1.525,9</b>	<b>14,1</b>	<b>-2,3</b>

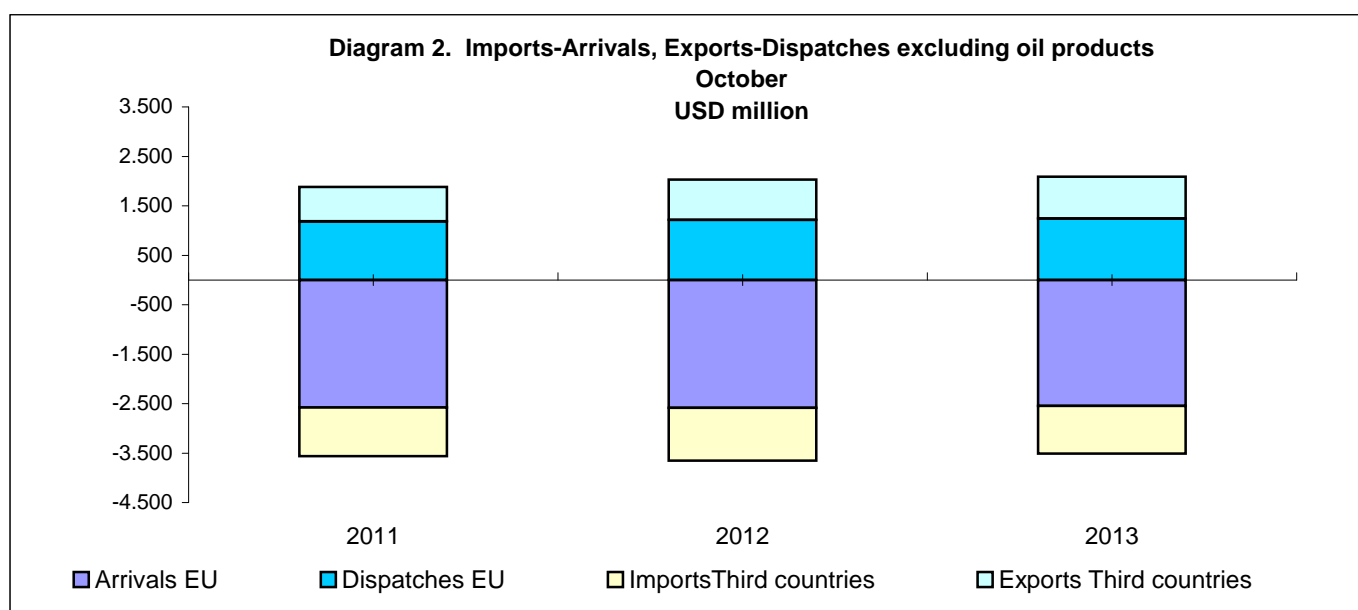
**Exports-Dispatches <sup>(3)</sup> (USD <sup>(2)</sup> million)**

	October			Changes %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	1.183,9	1.215,8	1.239,1	2,7	1,9
II. Third countries	699,1	817,3	847,8	16,9	3,7
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.883,0</b>	<b>2.033,1</b>	<b>2.086,9</b>	<b>8,0</b>	<b>2,6</b>

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

<sup>(2)</sup> The value in dollars of imports and exports is based on the average exchange rate USD /€ of the reporting month in the relevant year.

<sup>(3)</sup> The data of the Intra EU trade have been adjusted to the total trade with EU countries. The "incomplete customs declarations" for the corresponding month have been incorporated in the data on trade with third countries.



**Table 4: Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches excluding oil products and ships, October 2011 - 2013**

**Imports-Arrivals <sup>(3)</sup> (€ million)**

	October			Changes %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	1.887,1	1.999,2	1.874,0	5,9	-6,3
II. Third countries	635,8	731,3	634,5	15,0	-13,2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.522,9</b>	<b>2.730,5</b>	<b>2.508,5</b>	<b>8,2</b>	<b>-8,1</b>

**Imports-Arrivals <sup>(3)</sup> (USD <sup>(2)</sup> million)**

	October			Changes %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	2.578,6	2.585,9	2.547,6	0,3	-1,5
II. Third countries	868,8	945,9	862,6	8,9	-8,8
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.447,4</b>	<b>3.531,8</b>	<b>3.410,2</b>	<b>2,4</b>	<b>-3,4</b>

**Exports-Dispatches <sup>(3)</sup> (€ million)**

	October			Changes %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	860,6	934,1	905,3	8,5	-3,1
II. Third countries	506,9	603,6	612,4	19,1	1,5
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.367,5</b>	<b>1.537,7</b>	<b>1.517,7</b>	<b>12,4</b>	<b>-1,3</b>

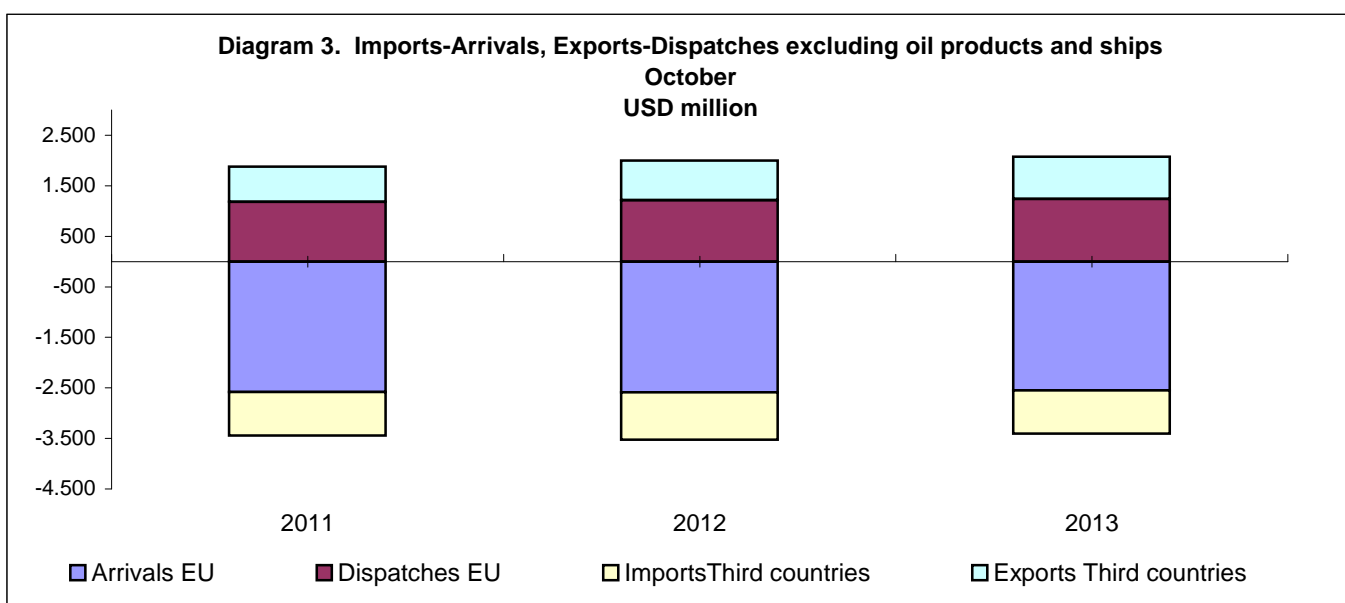
**Exports-Dispatches <sup>(3)</sup> (USD <sup>(2)</sup> million)**

	October			Changes %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	1.183,2	1.215,5	1.238,2	2,7	1,9
II. Third countries	696,9	785,4	837,5	12,7	6,6
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.880,1</b>	<b>2.000,9</b>	<b>2.075,7</b>	<b>6,4</b>	<b>3,7</b>

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

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<sup>(3)</sup> The data of the Intra EU trade have been adjusted to the total trade with EU countries. The "incomplete customs declarations" for the corresponding month have been incorporated in the data on trade with third countries.



**Table 5. Trade Balance : January - October 2011, 2012 and 2013**

<i>Million euros</i>					
	January -October			Changes %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
<b>A. Imports-Arrivals <sup>(3)</sup></b>					
I. Including the value of ships	40.604,8	41.052,1	39.442,6	1,1	-3,9
II. Excluding the value of ships	39.467,3	39.200,3	38.482,2	-0,7	-1,8
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	28.581,7	26.226,9	24.810,4	-8,2	-5,4
<b>B. Exports-Dispatches <sup>(3)</sup></b>					
I. Including the value of ships	19.949,4	22.369,6	23.204,9	12,1	3,7
II. Excluding the value of ships	19.888,2	22.274,2	23.132,3	12,0	3,9
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	13.986,9	14.217,0	13.935,9	1,6	-2,0
<b>C. Trade Balance</b> including the value of ships (=B.I-A.I)	<b>-20.655,4</b>	<b>-18.682,5</b>	<b>-16.237,7</b>	<b>-9,6</b>	<b>-13,1</b>
<b>D. Trade Balance</b> excluding the value of ships (=B.II - A.II)	<b>-19.579,1</b>	<b>-16.926,1</b>	<b>-15.349,9</b>	<b>-13,6</b>	<b>-9,3</b>
<b>E. Trade Balance</b> excluding oil products and including the value of ships (=B.III - A.III)	<b>-14.594,8</b>	<b>-12.009,9</b>	<b>-10.874,5</b>	<b>-17,7</b>	<b>-9,5</b>

<i>USD <sup>(2)</sup> million</i>					
	January -October			Changes %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
<b>A. Imports-Arrivals <sup>(3)</sup></b>					
I. Including the value of ships	56.811,4	52.556,6	52.001,4	-7,5	-1,1
II. Excluding the value of ships	55.229,0	50.180,8	50.735,0	-9,1	1,1
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	39.975,7	33.567,6	32.695,2	-16,0	-2,6
<b>B. Exports-Dispatches <sup>(3)</sup></b>					
I. Including the value of ships	28.122,9	28.784,2	30.759,5	2,4	6,9
II. Excluding the value of ships	28.035,9	28.662,2	30.663,1	2,2	7,0
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	19.687,8	18.297,2	18.474,9	-7,1	1,0
<b>C. Trade Balance</b> including the value of ships (=B.I-A.I)	<b>-28.688,5</b>	<b>-23.772,4</b>	<b>-21.241,9</b>	<b>-17,1</b>	<b>-10,6</b>
<b>D. Trade Balance</b> excluding the value of ships (=B.II - A.II)	<b>-27.193,1</b>	<b>-21.518,6</b>	<b>-20.071,9</b>	<b>-20,9</b>	<b>-6,7</b>
<b>E. Trade Balance</b> excluding oil products and including the value of ships (=B.III - A.III)	<b>-20.287,9</b>	<b>-15.270,4</b>	<b>-14.220,3</b>	<b>-24,7</b>	<b>-6,9</b>

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

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<sup>(3)</sup> The data of the Intra EU trade have been adjusted to the total trade with EU countries. The "incomplete customs declarations" for the corresponding month have been incorporated in the data on trade with third countries.

**Table 6. Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches including oil products, January-October 2011-2013**

**Imports-Arrivals <sup>(3)</sup> (€ million)**

	January - October			Changes %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	20.842,4	18.661,2	18.244,3	-10,5	-2,2
II. Third countries	19.762,4	22.390,9	21.198,3	13,3	-5,3
<b>Total</b>	<b>40.604,8</b>	<b>41.052,1</b>	<b>39.442,6</b>	<b>1,1</b>	<b>-3,9</b>

**Imports-Arrivals <sup>(3)</sup> (USD <sup>(2)</sup> million)**

	January - October			Changes %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	29.156,6	23.884,1	24.042,2	-18,1	0,7
II. Third countries	27.654,8	28.672,5	27.959,2	3,7	-2,5
<b>Total</b>	<b>56.811,4</b>	<b>52.556,6</b>	<b>52.001,4</b>	<b>-7,5</b>	<b>-1,1</b>

**Exports-Dispatches <sup>(3)</sup> (€ million)**

	January - October			Changes %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	10.414,7	10.047,8	10.792,8	-3,5	7,4
II. Third countries	9.534,7	12.321,8	12.412,1	29,2	0,7
<b>Total</b>	<b>19.949,4</b>	<b>22.369,6</b>	<b>23.204,9</b>	<b>12,1</b>	<b>3,7</b>

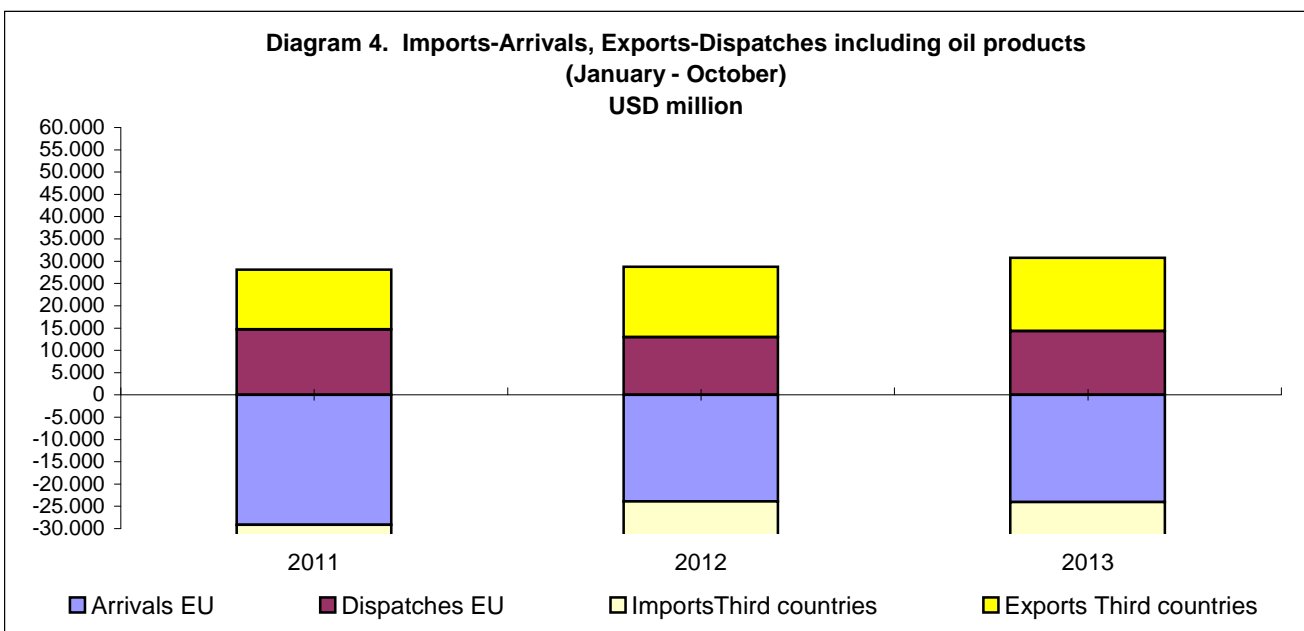
**Exports-Dispatches <sup>(3)</sup> (USD <sup>(2)</sup> million)**

	January - October			Changes %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	14.660,4	12.925,4	14.303,6	-11,8	10,7
II. Third countries	13.462,5	15.858,8	16.455,9	17,8	3,8
<b>Total</b>	<b>28.122,9</b>	<b>28.784,2</b>	<b>30.759,5</b>	<b>2,4</b>	<b>6,9</b>

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

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**Table 7. Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches excluding oil products, January-October 2011-2013**

**Imports-Arrivals <sup>(3)</sup> (€ million)**

	January -October			Changes %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	20.108,8	17.755,1	17.350,5	-11,7	-2,3
II. Third countries	8.472,9	8.471,8	7.459,9	0,0	-11,9
<b>Total</b>	<b>28.581,7</b>	<b>26.226,9</b>	<b>24.810,4</b>	<b>-8,2</b>	<b>-5,4</b>

**Imports-Arrivals <sup>(3)</sup> (USD <sup>(2)</sup> million)**

	January -October			Changes %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	28.131,4	22.723,3	22.866,5	-19,2	0,6
II. Third countries	11.844,3	10.844,3	9.828,7	-8,4	-9,4
<b>Total</b>	<b>39.975,7</b>	<b>33.567,6</b>	<b>32.695,2</b>	<b>-16,0</b>	<b>-2,6</b>

**Exports-Dispatches <sup>(3)</sup> (€ million)**

	January -October			Changes %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	9.328,2	8.899,8	8.914,8	-4,6	0,2
II. Third countries	4.658,7	5.317,2	5.021,1	14,1	-5,6
<b>Total</b>	<b>13.986,9</b>	<b>14.217,0</b>	<b>13.935,9</b>	<b>1,6</b>	<b>-2,0</b>

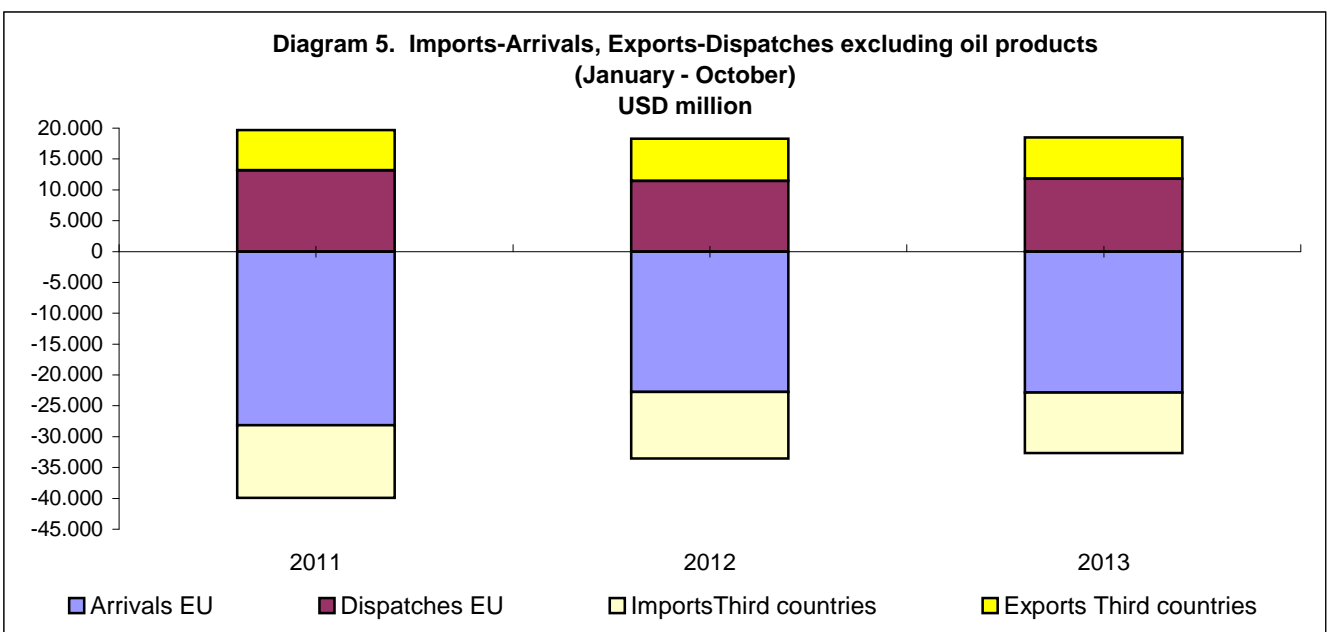
**Exports-Dispatches <sup>(3)</sup> (USD <sup>(2)</sup> million)**

	January -October			Changes %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	13.129,5	11.454,8	11.815,1	-12,8	3,1
II. Third countries	6.558,3	6.842,4	6.659,8	4,3	-2,7
<b>Total</b>	<b>19.687,8</b>	<b>18.297,2</b>	<b>18.474,9</b>	<b>-7,1</b>	<b>1,0</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.

<sup>(3)</sup> The data of the Intra EU trade have been adjusted to the total trade with EU countries. The "incomplete customs declarations" for the corresponding month have been incorporated in the data on trade with third countries.





**Table 8: Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches excluding oil products and ships, January- October 2011 - 2013**

**Imports-Arrivals <sup>(3)</sup> (€ million)**

	January -October			Changes %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	20.082,6	17.737,2	17.339,2	-11,7	-2,2
II. Third countries	7.361,6	6.637,9	6.510,8	-9,8	-1,9
<b>Total</b>	<b>27.444,2</b>	<b>24.375,1</b>	<b>23.850,0</b>	<b>-11,2</b>	<b>-2,2</b>

**Imports-Arrivals <sup>(3)</sup> (USD <sup>(2)</sup> million)**

	January -October			Changes %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	28.094,6	22.700,2	22.851,6	-19,2	0,7
II. Third countries	10.298,6	8.491,6	8.577,3	-17,5	1,0
<b>Total</b>	<b>38.393,2</b>	<b>31.191,8</b>	<b>31.428,9</b>	<b>-18,8</b>	<b>0,8</b>

**Exports-Dispatches <sup>(3)</sup> (€ million)**

	January -October			Changes %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	9.317,0	8.891,5	8.908,7	-4,6	0,2
II. Third countries	4.608,7	5.230,1	4.954,6	13,5	-5,3
<b>Total</b>	<b>13.925,7</b>	<b>14.121,6</b>	<b>13.863,3</b>	<b>1,4</b>	<b>-1,8</b>

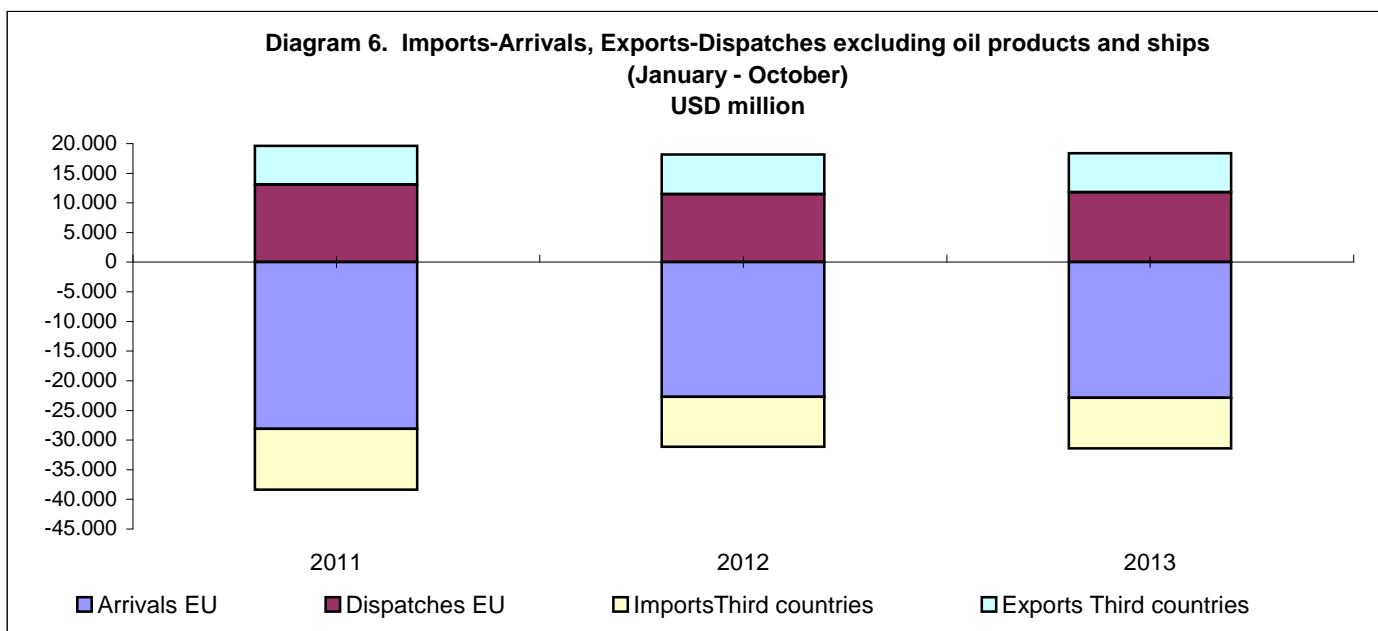
**Exports-Dispatches <sup>(3)</sup> (USD <sup>(2)</sup> million)**

	January -October			Changes %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	13.113,6	11.444,0	11.807,1	-12,7	3,2
II. Third countries	6.487,3	6.731,3	6.571,4	3,8	-2,4
<b>Total</b>	<b>19.600,9</b>	<b>18.175,3</b>	<b>18.378,5</b>	<b>-7,3</b>	<b>1,1</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.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

<b>Commercial Transactions of Greece</b>	The Commercial Transactions of Greece are recorded 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.
<b>Legal Framework</b>	The survey is conducted in compliance with the following Regulations of the European Union: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regulation 638/2004, as it was amended by the Regulation 222/2009, as far as the intra EU trade (INTRASTAT) is concerned.</li><li>• Regulation 471/2009, as far as the trade with Third Countries (Extrastat) is concerned.</li></ul>
<b>Reference Period</b>	Month
<b>Availability of Results</b>	40 days after the end of the reference month (estimations) and 56 days after the end of the reference month (provisional).
<b>Definitions</b>	<p><b>INTRASTAT</b> is the system for collecting Intra EU statistical data (among the countries of the EU). It was implemented on January 1st, 1993.</p> <p><b>Arrival</b> is considered every import of goods from a country of the EU.</p> <p><b>Dispatch</b> is considered every export of goods to a country of the EU.</p> <p><b>EXTRASTAT</b> is the system for collecting external trade statistical data (with countries outside the EU).</p> <p><b>Import</b> is considered every import of goods from a third country (outside the EU).</p> <p><b>Export</b> is considered every export of goods to a third country (outside the EU).</p>
<b>Methodology</b>	<p><b>INTRASTAT:</b> 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.</p> <p>The statistical thresholds for 2013 are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arrivals: € 100,000.00 (96,50% coverage)</li><li>• Dispatches: € 90,000.00 (97,75% coverage)</li></ul> <p><b>ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION:</b> From 2003 onwards, the Intrastat form can be submitted electronically at 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>. Nowadays, 80-85% of the forms is submitted electronically.</p> <p><b>EXTRASTAT:</b> 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 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.</p> <p><b>METHODOLOGICAL REVISION</b></p> <p>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:</p> <p><b>EU Trade</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Trade with Third Countries:</b></p> <p>The statistical data of imports and exports of goods with the Third Countries, are derived from the data transmitted by the Customs Authorities.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><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).</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 "Statistical Themes / Trade - Services / Imports-Exports / External Trade" click on (INTRASTAT) or trade with non EU Member countries.