



PRESS RELEASE

COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF GREECE : December 2012

(Provisional Data)

The total value of imports-arrivals, excluding oil products, in December 2012 amounted to 2384,1 million euros (3118,5 million dollars) in comparison with 2358,7 million euros (3099,1 million dollars) in December 2011, recording an increase, in euros, of **1,1%** (Table 1).

The total value of exports-dispatches, excluding oil products, in December 2012 amounted to 1295,5 million euros (1704,9 million dollars) in comparison with 1523,9 million euros (2014,5 million dollars) in December 2011, recording a drop, in euros, of **15,0%** (Table 1).

The deficit of the trade balance, excluding oil products, in December 2012 amounted to 1088,6 million euros (1413,6 million dollars) in comparison with 834,8 million euros (1084,6 million dollars) in December 2011, recording an increase, in euros, of **30,4%** (Table 1).

The total value of imports-arrivals, excluding oil products, for the 12-month period from January to December 2012 amounted to 30201,2 million euros (38720,7 million dollars) in comparison with 32127,4 million euros (44604,7 million dollars) for the corresponding period of the year 2011 recording a drop, in euros, of **6,0%** (Table 3).

The total value of exports-dispatches, excluding oil products, for the 12-month period from January to December 2012 amounted to 17004,4 million euros (21922,5 million dollars) in comparison with 16182,9 million euros (22577,7 million dollars) for the corresponding period of the year 2011, recording an increase, in euros, of **5,1%** (Table 3).

The deficit of the Trade Balance, excluding oil products, for the 12-month period from January to December 2012 amounted to 13196,8 million euros (16798,2 million dollars) in comparison with 15944,5 million euros (22027,0 million dollars) for the corresponding period of the year 2011, recording a drop, in euros, of **17,2%** (Table 3).

Data on trade in petroleum products are not included due to a revision under way of the respective time series. The revision aims to incorporate revised primary data that have been recently provided by the Customs Authority.

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Table 1. Trade Balance excluding oil products : December 2010, 2011 and 2012

<i>Million euros</i>					
	December			Changes %	
	2010*	2011*	2012*	2011/2010	2012/2011
A. Imports-Arrivals					
I. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	2.902,3	2.358,7	2.384,1	-18,7	1,1
B. Exports-Dispatches					
I. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	1.459,7	1.523,9	1.295,5	4,4	-15,0
C. Trade Balance					
excluding oil products and including the value of ships (=B.I - A.I)	-1.442,6	-834,8	-1.088,6	-42,1	30,4

<i>USD** million</i>					
	December			Changes %	
	2010*	2011*	2012*	2011/2010	2012/2011
A. Imports-Arrivals					
I. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	3.825,5	3.099,1	3.118,5	-19,0	0,6
B. Exports-Dispatches					
I. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	1.935,8	2.014,5	1.704,9	4,1	-15,4
C. Trade Balance					
excluding oil products and including the value of ships (=B.I - A.I)	-1.889,7	-1.084,6	-1.413,6	-42,6	30,3

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** 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 excluding oil products, December 2010 - 2012

Imports-Arrivals (€ million)

	December			Changes %	
	2010*	2011*	2012*	2011/2010	2012/2011
I. European Union	1.995,7	1.686,6	1.615,3	-15,5	-4,2
II. Third countries	906,6	672,1	768,8	-25,9	14,4
Total	2.902,3	2.358,7	2.384,1	-18,7	1,1

Imports-Arrivals (USD million)**

	December			Changes %	
	2010*	2011*	2012*	2011/2010	2012/2011
I. European Union	2.630,5	2.216,0	2.112,9	-15,8	-4,7
II. Third countries	1.195,0	883,1	1.005,6	-26,1	13,9
Total	3.825,5	3.099,1	3.118,5	-19,0	0,6

Exports-Dispatches (€ million)

	December			Changes %	
	2010*	2011*	2012*	2011/2010	2012/2011
I. European Union	891,7	893,9	795,5	0,2	-11,0
II. Third countries	568,0	630,0	500,0	10,9	-20,6
Total	1.459,7	1.523,9	1.295,5	4,4	-15,0

Exports-Dispatches (USDmillion)**

	December			Changes %	
	2010*	2011*	2012*	2011/2010	2012/2011
I. European Union	1.182,5	1.181,7	1.046,9	-0,1	-11,4
II. Third countries	753,3	832,8	658,0	10,6	-21,0
Total	1.935,8	2.014,5	1.704,9	4,1	-15,4

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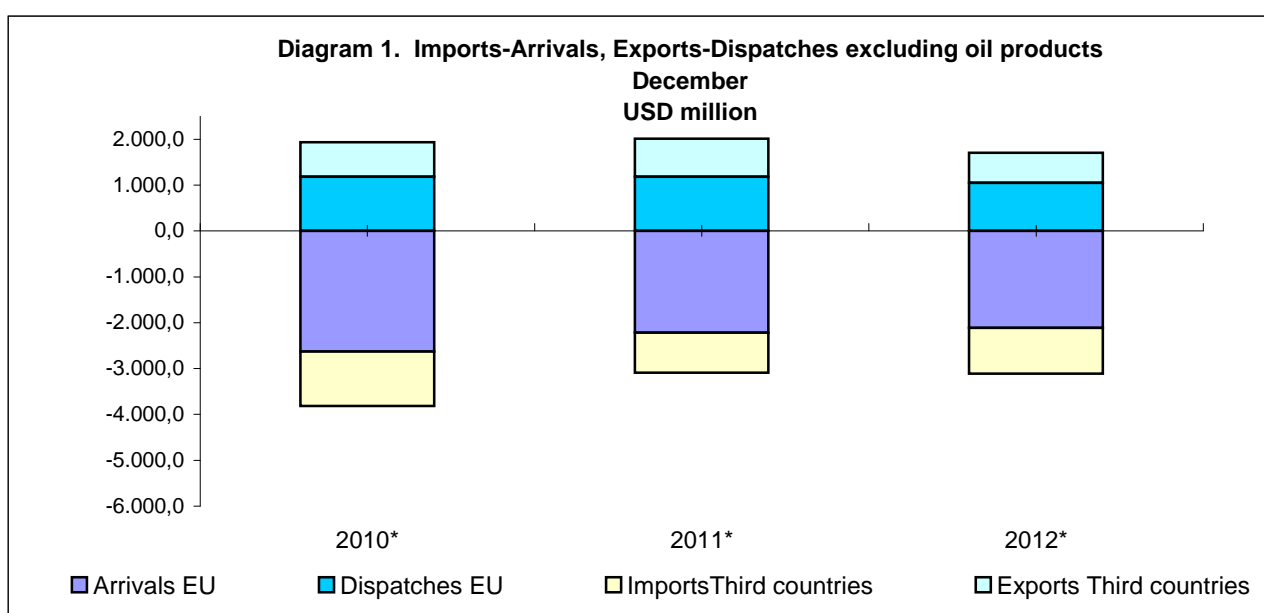


Table 3. Trade Balance excluding oil products : January - December 2010, 2011 and 2012

<i>Million euros</i>					
	January -December			Changes %	
	2010*	2011*	2012*	2011/2010	2012/2011
A. Imports-Arrivals					
I. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	36.683,2	32.127,4	30.201,2	-12,4	-6,0
B. Exports-Dispatches					
I. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	14.656,3	16.182,9	17.004,4	10,4	5,1
C. Trade Balance					
excluding oil products and including the value of ships (=B.I - A.I)	-22.026,9	-15.944,5	-13.196,8	-27,6	-17,2
<i>USD** million</i>					
	January -December			Changes %	
	2010*	2011*	2012*	2011/2010	2012/2011
A. Imports-Arrivals					
I. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	48.567,6	44.604,7	38.720,7	-8,2	-13,2
B. Exports-Dispatches					
I. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	19.496,5	22.577,7	21.922,5	15,8	-2,9
C. Trade Balance					
excluding oil products and including the value of ships (=B.I - A.I)	-29.071,1	-22.027,0	-16.798,2	-24,2	-23,7

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Table 4. Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches excluding oil products, January-December 2010-2012

Imports-Arrivals (€ million)

	January -December			Changes %	
	2010*	2011*	2012*	2011/2010	2012/2011
I. European Union	24.188,5	22.295,1	20.282,9	-7,8	-9,0
II. Third countries	12.494,7	9.832,3	9.918,3	-21,3	0,9
Total	36.683,2	32.127,4	30.201,2	-12,4	-6,0

Imports-Arrivals (USD million)**

	January -December			Changes %	
	2010*	2011*	2012*	2011/2010	2012/2011
I. European Union	32.025,3	30.952,9	26.003,4	-3,3	-16,0
II. Third countries	16.542,3	13.651,8	12.717,3	-17,5	-6,8
Total	48.567,6	44.604,7	38.720,7	-8,2	-13,2

Exports-Dispatches (€ million)

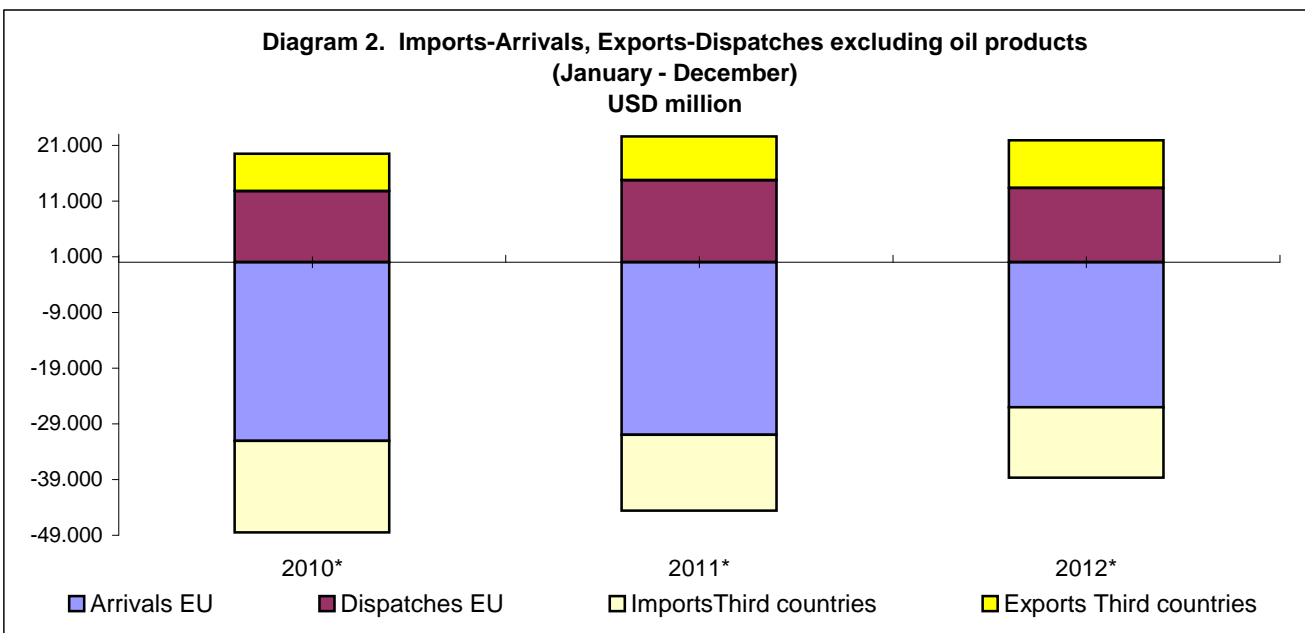
	January -December			Changes %	
	2010*	2011*	2012*	2011/2010	2012/2011
I. European Union	9.602,2	10.531,0	10.347,9	9,7	-1,7
II. Third countries	5.054,1	5.651,9	6.656,5	11,8	17,8
Total	14.656,3	16.182,9	17.004,4	10,4	5,1

Exports-Dispatches (USD million)**

	January -December			Changes %	
	2010*	2011*	2012*	2011/2010	2012/2011
I. European Union	12.769,3	14.699,6	13.341,1	15,1	-9,2
II. Third countries	6.727,2	7.878,1	8.581,4	17,1	8,9
Total	19.496,5	22.577,7	21.922,5	15,8	-2,9

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Commercial Transactions of Greece	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.
Legal Framework	The survey is conducted in compliance with the following Regulations of the European Union: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regulation 638/2004, as it was amended by the Regulation 222/2009, as far as the intra EU trade (INTRASTAT) is concerned.• Regulation 471/2009, as far as the trade with Third Countries (Extrastat) is concerned.
Reference Period	Month
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 for 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 for collecting external trade statistical data (with 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>
Μεθοδολογία	<p>INTRASTAT: 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 percentage of coverage ranges between 97 and 99%.</p> <p>The statistical thresholds for 2012 are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arrivals: € 115,000.00 (98% coverage)• Dispatches: € 90,000.00 (98% coverage) <p>ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION: From 2003 onwards, the Intrastat form can be submitted electronically at the following links: http://eurostat.statistics.gr or www.statistics.gr. Nowadays, 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 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>Classification of goods: The goods are classified in compliance with the 8-digit Combined Nomenclature Code (CN/8) and the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC).</p> <p>Data on trade in petroleum products are not included due to a revision under way of the respective time series. The revision aims to incorporate revised primary data that have been recently provided by the Customs Authority.</p>
References	More information concerning the survey on Commercial Transactions is available on the website of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (www.statistics.gr) under the link "Statistical Themes / Trade - Services / Imports-Exports / External Trade" click on (INTRASTAT) or trade with non EU Member countries.