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COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF GREECE : April 2012

(Provisional Data)

The total value of imports-arrivals, excluding oil products, in April 2012 amounted to 2316,9 million euros (3040,2 million dollars) in comparison with 2531,9 million euros (3645,6 million dollars) in April 2011, recording a drop, in euros, of **8,5%** (Table 1).

The total value of exports-dispatches, excluding oil products, in April 2012 amounted to 1267,7 million euros (1673,6 million dollars) in comparison with 1309,6 million euros (1896,8 million dollars) in April 2011, recording a drop, in euros, of **3,2%** (Table 1).

The deficit of the trade balance, excluding oil products, in April 2012 amounted to 1049,2 million euros (1366,6 million dollars) in comparison with 1222,3 million euros (1748,8 million dollars) in April 2011, recording a drop, in euros, of **14,2%** (Table 1).

The total value of imports-arrivals, excluding oil products, for the 4-month period from January to April 2012 amounted to 9765,5 million euros (12782,7 million dollars) in comparison with 11023,3 million euros (15233,1 million dollars) for the corresponding period of the year 2011 recording a drop, in euros, of **11,4%** (Table 3).

The total value of exports-dispatches, excluding oil products, for the 4-month period from January to April 2012 amounted to 5298,5 million euros (6977,6 million dollars) in comparison with 5085,1 million euros (7078,4 million dollars) for the corresponding period of the year 2011, recording an increase, in euros, of **4,2%** (Table 3).

The deficit of the Trade Balance, excluding oil products, for the 4-month period from January to April 2012 amounted to 4467,0 million euros (5805,1 million dollars) in comparison with 5938,2 million euros (8154,7 million dollars) for the corresponding period of the year 2011, recording a drop, in euros, of **24,8%** (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: April 2010, 2011 and 2012

<i>Million euros</i>					
	2010*	April 2011*	2012*	Changes %	
				2011/2010	2012/2011
A. Imports-Arrivals					
I. Excluding oil products	2.969,1	2.531,9	2.316,9	-14,7	-8,5
B. Exports-Dispatches					
I. Excluding oil products	1.178,9	1.309,6	1.267,7	11,1	-3,2
C. Trade Balance excluding oil products (=B.I - A.I)	-1.790,2	-1.222,3	-1.049,2	-31,7	-14,2
<i>USD** million</i>					
	2010*	April 2011*	2012*	Changes %	
				2011/2010	2012/2011
A. Imports-Arrivals					
I. Excluding oil products	3.968,9	3.645,6	3.040,2	-8,1	-16,6
B. Exports-Dispatches					
I. Excluding oil products	1.585,3	1.896,8	1.673,6	19,6	-11,8
C. Trade Balance excluding oil products (=B.I - A.I)	-2.383,6	-1.748,8	-1.366,6	-26,6	-21,9

* Provisional data..

** For the value in dollars the average exchange rate USD /€ of the reporting month is used.

Table 2. Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches excluding oil products, April 2010 - 2012

Imports-Arrivals (€ million)

	April			Changes %	
	2010*	2011*	2012*	2011/2010	2012/2011
I. European Union	1.962,4	1.755,8	1.529,7	-10,5	-12,9
II. Third countries	1.006,7	776,1	787,2	-22,9	1,4
Total	2.969,1	2.531,9	2.316,9	-14,7	-8,5

Imports-Arrivals (USD million)**

	April			Changes %	
	2010*	2011*	2012*	2011/2010	2012/2011
I. European Union	2.623,2	2.528,1	2.007,2	-3,6	-20,6
II. Third countries	1.345,7	1.117,5	1.033,0	-17,0	-7,6
Total	3.968,9	3.645,6	3.040,2	-8,1	-16,6

Exports-Dispatches (€ million)

	April			Changes %	
	2010*	2011*	2012*	2011/2010	2012/2011
I. European Union	771,4	845,4	771,2	9,6	-8,8
II. Third countries	407,5	464,2	496,5	13,9	7,0
Total	1.178,9	1.309,6	1.267,7	11,1	-3,2

Exports-Dispatches (USDmillion)**

	April			Changes %	
	2010*	2011*	2012*	2011/2010	2012/2011
I. European Union	1.037,3	1.224,5	1.018,1	18,0	-16,9
II. Third countries	548,0	672,3	655,5	22,7	-2,5
Total	1.585,3	1.896,8	1.673,6	19,6	-11,8

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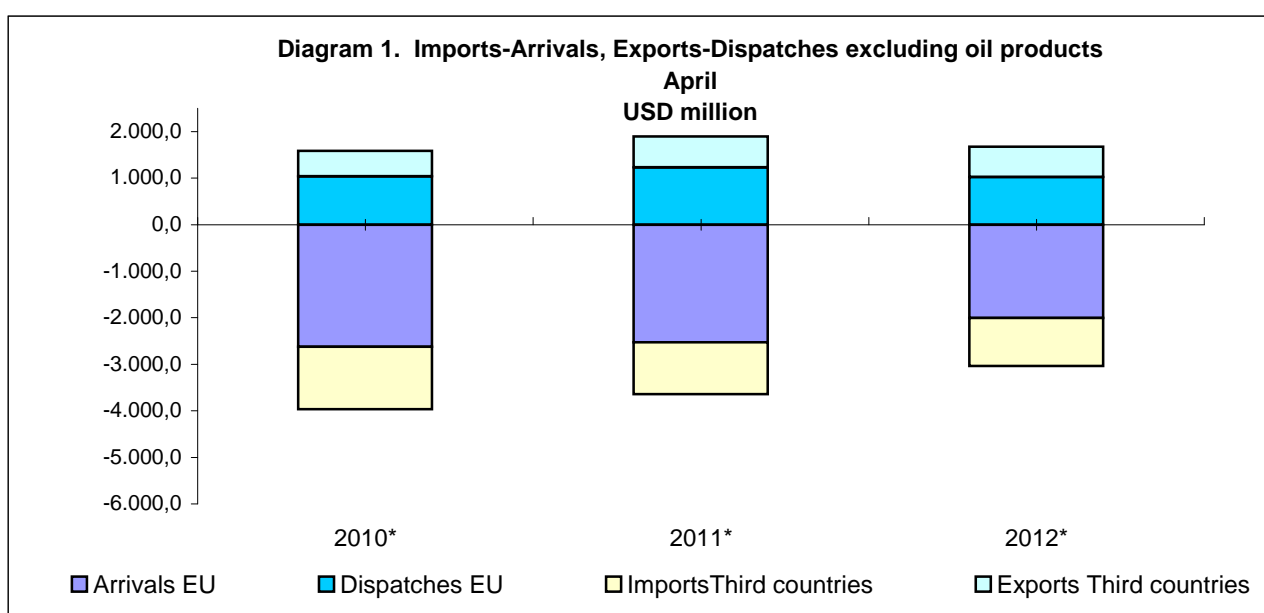


Table 3. Trade Balance excluding oil products: January - April 2010, 2011 and 2012

<i>Million euros</i>					
	January -April			Changes %	
	2010*	2011*	2012*	2011/2010	2012/2011
A. Imports-Arrivals					
I. Excluding oil products	13.134,9	11.023,3	9.765,5	-16,1	-11,4
B. Exports-Dispatches					
I. Excluding oil products	4.424,2	5.085,1	5.298,5	14,9	4,2
C. Trade Balance excluding oil products (=B.I - A.I)	-8.710,7	-5.938,2	-4.467,0	-31,8	-24,8

<i>USD** million</i>					
	January -April			Changes %	
	2010*	2011*	2012*	2011/2010	2012/2011
A. Imports-Arrivals					
I. Excluding oil products	17.972,6	15.233,1	12.782,7	-15,2	-16,1
B. Exports-Dispatches					
I. Excluding oil products	6.078,3	7.078,4	6.977,6	16,5	-1,4
C. Trade Balance excluding oil products (=B.I - A.I)	-11.894,3	-8.154,7	-5.805,1	-31,4	-28,8

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

Imports-Arrivals (€ million)

	January -April			Changes %	
	2010*	2011*	2012*	2011/2010	2012/2011
I. European Union	8.449,8	7.443,2	6.459,4	-11,9	-13,2
II. Third countries	4.685,1	3.580,1	3.306,1	-23,6	-7,7
Total	13.134,9	11.023,3	9.765,5	-16,1	-11,4

Imports-Arrivals (USD million)**

	January -April			Changes %	
	2010*	2011*	2012*	2011/2010	2012/2011
I. European Union	11.554,5	10.292,9	8.453,5	-10,9	-17,9
II. Third countries	6.418,1	4.940,1	4.329,2	-23,0	-12,4
Total	17.972,6	15.233,0	12.782,7	-15,2	-16,1

Exports-Dispatches (€ million)

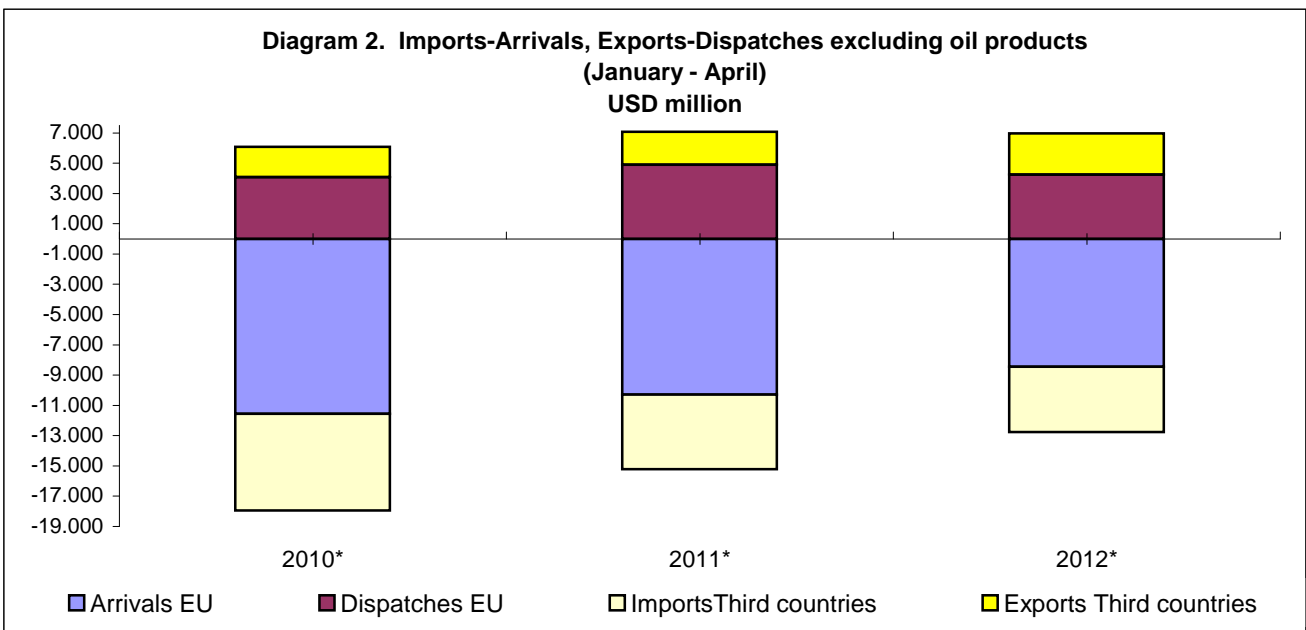
	January -April			Changes %	
	2010*	2011*	2012*	2011/2010	2012/2011
I. European Union	2.962,6	3.521,3	3.215,7	18,9	-8,7
II. Third countries	1.461,6	1.563,8	2.082,8	7,0	33,2
Total	4.424,2	5.085,1	5.298,5	14,9	4,2

Exports-Dispatches (USD million)**

	January -April			Changes %	
	2010*	2011*	2012*	2011/2010	2012/2011
I. European Union	4.072,0	4.898,4	4.234,4	20,3	-13,6
II. Third countries	2.006,3	2.180,0	2.743,2	8,7	25,8
Total	6.078,3	7.078,4	6.977,6	16,5	-1,4

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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 thresholds of adjustment for 2011 are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arrivals: € 130,000.00 (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>
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.