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COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF GREECE: August 2010

(Provisional Data)

The total value of imports-arrivals in August amounted to 2.336,7 million euros (3.004,2 million dollars) in comparison with 3.327,5 million euros (4.733,3 million dollars) in August 2009, recording a drop of **29,8%**. The corresponding change excluding oil products recording a drop of 313,6 million euros or **12,3%** (Tables 2 & 3).

The total value of exports-dispatches in August amounted to 1.201,7 million euros (1.554,3 million dollars) in comparison with 992,7 million euros (1.420,5 million dollars) in August 2009, recording an increase of **21,1%**. The corresponding change excluding oil products recorded an increase of 210 million euros or **24,6%** (Tables 2 & 3).

The deficit of the trade balance in August amounted to 1.135,0 million euros (1.449,9 million dollars) in comparison with 2.334,8 million euros (3.312,8 million dollars) in August 2009 recording a drop of **51,4%**. The corresponding change excluding oil products recorded a decrease of 523,6 million euros or **30,9%** (Table 1).

The total value of imports-arrivals for the 7-month period from January to August 2010 amounted to 23.640,9 million euros (31.094,6 million dollars) in comparison with 29.960,5 million euros (40.420,2 million dollars) for the corresponding period of 2009, recording a drop of **21,1%**. The corresponding change excluding oil products recorded a decrease of 2.460,3 million euros or **9,9%** (Tables 5 & 6).

The total value of exports-dispatches for the 7-month period from January to August 2010 amounted to 10.012,7 million euros (13.176,0 million dollars) in comparison with 9.684,6 million euros (13.146,1 million dollars) for the corresponding period of 2009, recording an increase of **3,4%**. The corresponding change excluding oil products recorded an increase of 346,2 million euros or **3,9%** (Tables 5 & 6).

The deficit of the Trade Balance for the 7-month period from January to August 2010 amounted to 13.628,2 million euros (17.918,7 million dollars) in comparison with 20.275,9 million euros (27.274,0 million dollars) for the corresponding period of the year 2009, recording a drop of **32,8%**. The corresponding change excluding oil products the deficit of the trade balance recorded a decrease of 2.806,5 million euros or **17,5%** (Table 4).

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

	2008*	August 2009*	2010*	Changes %	
				2009/2008	2010/2009
A. Imports-Arrivals (million euros)					
I. Including the value of ships	4.533,2	3.481,0	2.414,9	-23,2	-30,6
II. Excluding the value of ships	4.344,8	3.327,5	2.336,7	-23,4	-29,8
III. Excluding the oil products	3.167,0	2.547,4	2.233,8	-19,6	-12,3
B. Exports-Dispatches (million euros)					
I. Including the oil products	1.251,6	992,7	1.201,7	-20,7	21,1
II. Excluding the oil products	1.064,3	855,0	1.065,0	-19,7	24,6
C. Trade Balance including the oil products (=B.I - A.I I)	-3.093,2	-2.334,8	-1.135,0	-24,5	-51,4
D. Trade Balance excluding the oil products (=B.II - A.I I I)	-2.102,7	-1.692,4	-1.168,8	-19,5	-30,9
	2008*	August 2009*	2010*	Changes %	
				2009/2008	2010/2009
A. Imports-Arrivals (USD** million)					
I. Including the value of ships	6.768,0	4.951,6	3.104,7	-26,8	-37,3
II. Excluding the value of ships	6.486,7	4.733,3	3.004,2	-27,0	-36,5
III. Excluding the oil products	4.728,3	3.623,6	2.871,9	-23,4	-20,7
B. Exports-Dispatches (USD** million)					
I. Including the oil products	1.879,9	1.420,5	1.554,3	-24,4	9,4
II. Excluding the oil products	1.598,5	1.223,5	1.377,3	-23,5	12,6
C. Trade Balance including the oil products (=B.I - A.I I)	-4.606,8	-3.312,8	-1.449,9	-28,1	-56,2
D. Trade Balance excluding the oil products (=B.II - A.I I I)	-3.129,8	-2.400,1	-1.494,6	-23,3	-37,7

* Provisional data

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

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

	August			Changes %	
	2008*	2009*	2010*	2009/2008	2010/2009
Imports-Arrivals ** (€ million)					
I. European Union	2.278,9	1.950,8	1.645,0	-14,4	-15,7
II. Third countries	2.065,9	1.376,7	691,7	-33,4	-49,8
TOTAL	4.344,8	3.327,5	2.336,7	-23,4	-29,8

	August			Changes %	
	2008*	2009*	2010*	2009/2008	2010/2009
Imports-Arrivals ** (USD*** million)					
I. European Union	3.402,4	2.775,0	2.114,9	-18,4	-23,8
II. Third countries	3.084,3	1.958,3	889,3	-36,5	-54,6
TOTAL	6.486,7	4.733,3	3.004,2	-27,0	-36,5

	August			Changes %	
	2008*	2009*	2010*	2009/2008	2010/2009
Exports-Dispatches (€ million)					
I. European Union	786,9	600,2	789,3	-23,7	31,5
II. Third countries	464,7	392,5	412,5	-15,5	5,1
TOTAL	1.251,6	992,7	1.201,8	-20,7	21,1

	August			Changes %	
	2008*	2009*	2010*	2009/2008	2010/2009
Exports-Dispatches (USD*** million)					
I. European Union	1.181,9	858,8	1.020,8	-27,3	18,9
II. Third countries	698,0	561,7	533,5	-19,5	-5,0
TOTAL	1.879,9	1.420,5	1.554,3	-24,4	9,4

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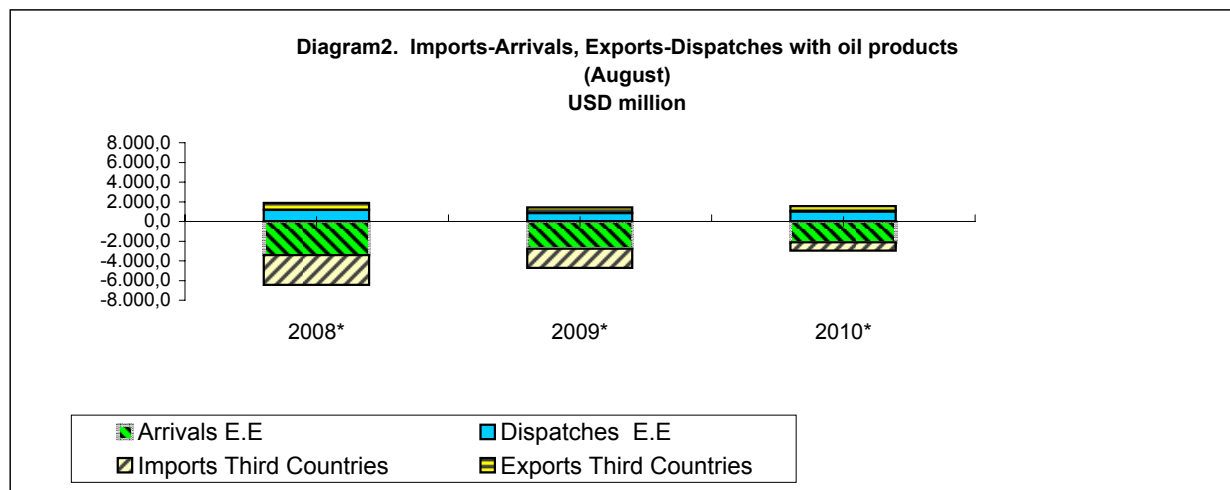


Table 3: Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches without oil products, August 2008-2010**Imports-Arrivals ** (€ million)**

	August			Changes %	
	2008*	2009*	2010*	2009/2008	2010/2009
I. European Union	2.235,8	1.892,6	1.620,2	-15,3	-14,4
II. Third countries	931,2	654,8	613,6	-29,7	-6,3
TOTAL	3.167,0	2.547,4	2.233,8	-19,6	-12,3

Imports-Arrivals (USD* million)**

	August			Changes %	
	2008*	2009*	2010*	2009/2008	2010/2009
I. European Union	3.338,0	2.692,2	2.083,1	-19,3	-22,6
II. Third countries	1.390,3	931,4	788,8	-33,0	-15,3
TOTAL	4.728,3	3.623,6	2.871,9	-23,4	-20,7

Exports-Dispatches (€ million)

	August			Changes %	
	2008*	2009*	2010*	2009/2008	2010/2009
I. European Union	702,8	538,6	721,3	-23,4	33,9
II. Third countries	361,5	316,3	343,7	-12,5	8,7
TOTAL	1.064,3	855,0	1.065,0	-19,7	24,6

Exports-Dispatches (USD* million)**

	August			Changes %	
	2008*	2009*	2010*	2009/2008	2010/2009
I. European Union	1.055,5	770,8	932,8	-27,0	21,0
II. Third countries	543,0	452,7	444,5	-16,6	-1,8
TOTAL	1.598,5	1.223,5	1.377,3	-23,5	12,6

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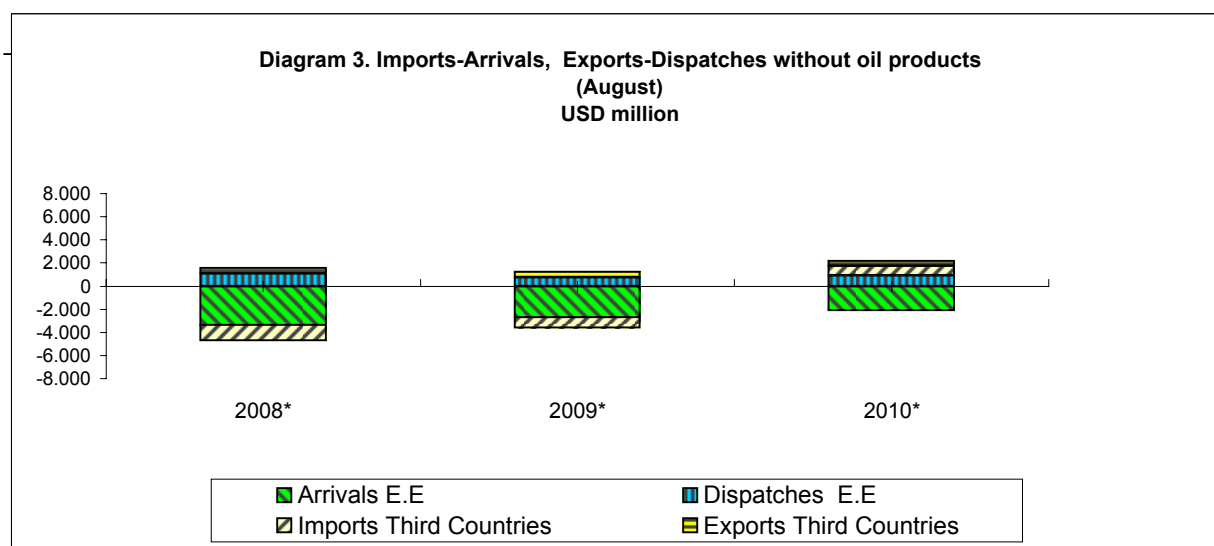


Table 4. Trade Balance: January-August 2008, 2009 & 2010

	January - August			Changes %	
	2008*	2009*	2010*	2009/2008	2010/2009
A. Imports-Arrivals (million euros)					
I. Including the value of ships	42.282,8	32.720,8	25.705,8	-22,6	-21,4
II. Excluding the value of ships	40.799,4	29.960,5	23.640,9	-26,6	-21,1
III. Excluding oil products	31.404,8	24.873,8	22.413,5	-20,8	-9,9
B. Exports-Dispatches (million euros)					
I. Including oil products	11.785,1	9.684,6	10.012,7	-17,8	3,4
II. Excluding oil products	10.462,4	8.824,0	9.170,2	-15,7	3,9
C. Trade Balance including the oil products (=B.I - A.I I)	-29.014,3	-20.275,9	-13.628,2	-30,1	-32,8
I)	-20.942,4	-16.049,8	-13.243,3	-23,4	-17,5
	January - August			Changes %	
	2008*	2009*	2010*	2009/2008	2010/2009
A. Imports-Arrivals (USD** million)					
I. Including the value of ships	64.733,8	44.132,1	33.800,2	-31,8	-23,4
II. Excluding the value of ships	62.468,4	40.420,2	31.094,6	-35,3	-23,1
III. Excluding oil products	48.113,1	33.549,2	29.483,7	-30,3	-12,1
B. Exports-Dispatches (USD** million)					
I. Including oil products	18.155,0	13.146,1	13.176,0	-27,6	0,2
II. Excluding oil products	16.116,6	11.972,7	12.074,3	-25,7	0,8
C. Trade Balance including the oil products (=B.I - A.I I)	-44.313,4	-27.274,1	-17.918,6	-38,5	-34,3
I)	-31.996,5	-21.576,5	-17.409,4	-32,6	-19,3

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Table 5. Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches with oil products, January-August 2008-2010

Imports-Arrivals ** (€ million)

	January - August			Changes %	
	2008*	2009*	2010*	2009/2008	2010/2009
I. European Union	22.805,3	18.186,2	16.134,1	-20,3	-11,3
II. Third countries	17.994,1	11.744,3	7.506,8	-34,7	-36,1
TOTAL	40.799,4	29.930,5	23.640,9	-26,6	-21,0

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

	January - August			Changes %	
	2008*	2009*	2010*	2009/2008	2010/2009
I. European Union	34.917,6	24.546,2	21.208,0	-29,7	-13,6
II. Third countries	27.550,8	15.874,0	9.886,6	-42,4	-37,7
TOTAL	62.468,4	40.420,2	31.094,6	-35,3	-23,1

Exports-Dispatches (€ million)

	January - August			Changes %	
	2008*	2009*	2010*	2009/2008	2010/2009
I. European Union	7.930,4	6.105,9	6.522,8	-23,0	6,8
II. Third countries	3.854,7	3.578,7	3.489,9	-7,2	-2,5
TOTAL	11.785,1	9.684,6	10.012,7	-17,8	3,4

Exports-Dispatches (USD* million)**

	January - August			Changes %	
	2008*	2009*	2010*	2009/2008	2010/2009
I. European Union	12.221,7	8.285,1	8.584,4	-32,2	3,6
II. Third countries	5.933,3	4.861,0	4.591,6	-18,1	-5,5
TOTAL	18.155,0	13.146,1	13.176,0	-27,6	0,2

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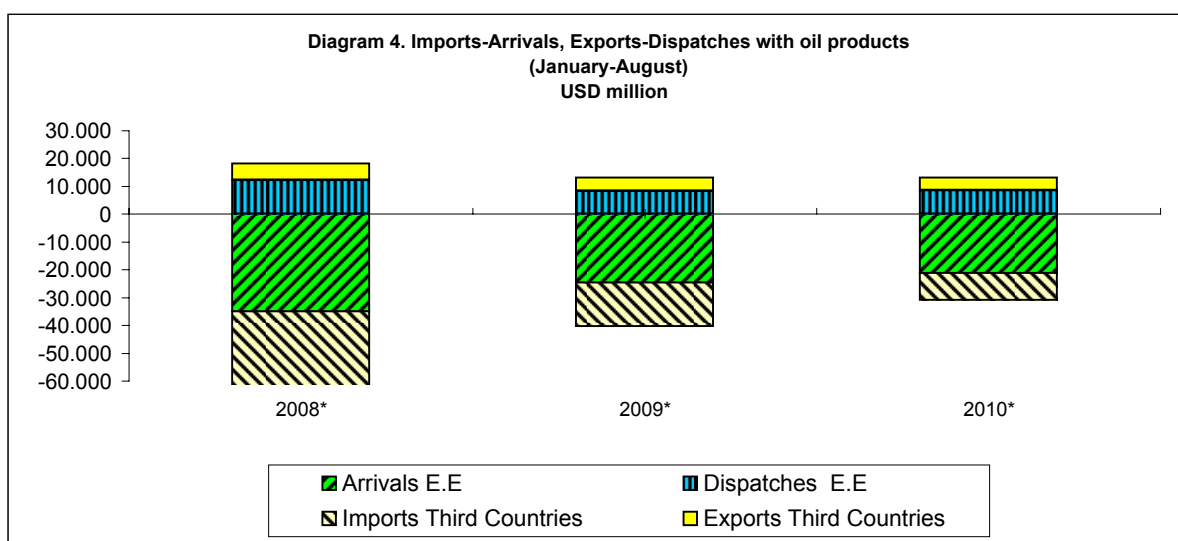


Table 6: Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches without oil products, January-August 2008-2010**Imports-Arrivals ** (€ million)**

	January - August			Changes %	
	2008*	2009*	2010*	2009/2008	2010/2009
I. European Union	22.483,1	17.987,1	15.919,9	-20,0	-11,5
II. Third countries	8.921,7	6.886,7	6.493,6	-22,8	-5,7
TOTAL	31.404,8	24.873,8	22.413,5	-20,8	-9,9

Imports-Arrivals (USD* million)**

	January - August			Changes %	
	2008*	2009*	2010*	2009/2008	2010/2009
I. European Union	34.422,5	24.274,4	20.926,2	-29,5	-13,8
II. Third countries	13.690,6	9.274,8	8.557,5	-32,3	-7,7
TOTAL	48.113,1	33.549,2	29.483,7	-30,3	-12,1

Exports-Dispatches (€ million)

	January - August			Changes %	
	2008*	2009*	2010*	2009/2008	2010/2009
I. European Union	7.205,5	5.733,8	6.124,7	-20,4	6,8
II. Third countries	3.256,9	3.090,2	3.045,5	-5,1	-1,4
TOTAL	10.462,4	8.824,0	9.170,2	-15,7	3,9

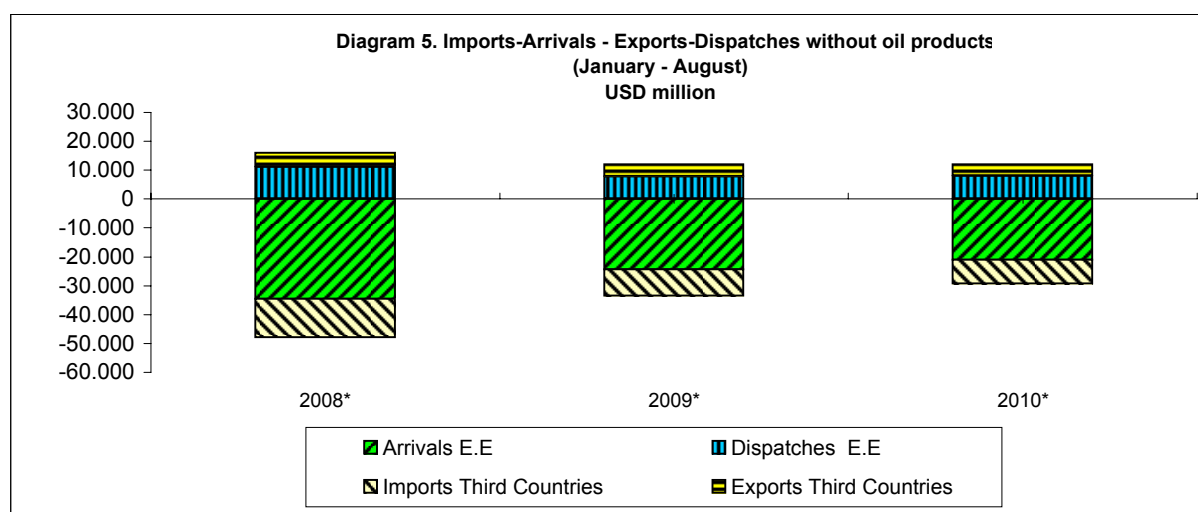
Exports-Dispatches (USD* million)**

	January - August			Changes %	
	2008*	2009*	2010*	2009/2008	2010/2009
I. European Union	11.098,6	7.778,9	8.068,0	-29,9	3,7
II. Third countries	5.018,0	4.193,8	4.006,3	-16,4	-4,5
TOTAL	16.116,6	11.972,7	12.074,3	-25,7	0,8

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** Excluding the value of ships

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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:

- Regulation 638/2004, as it was amended by the Regulation 222/2009, as far as the intra EU trade (INTRASTAT) is concerned.
- Regulation 1172/1995, 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 **INTRASTAT** is the system for collecting Intra EU statistical data (among the countries of the EU). It was implemented on 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.

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).

Methodology **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%.

The thresholds of adjustment for 2010 are the following:

Arrivals: € 130,000.00 (98% coverage)

Dispatches: € 95,000.00 (98% coverage)

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.

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.

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).

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.