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#### COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF GREECE: June 2013

( Provisional Data )

The total value of imports-arrivals, in June 2013 amounted to 3776,4 million euros (4965,6 million dollars) in comparison with 4161,0 million euros (5196,7 million dollars) in June 2012, recording a drop, in euros, of **9,2%**. The corresponding change excluding oil products recorded a drop of 62,8 million euros or 2,4% (Table 1).

The total value of exports-dispatches, in June 2013 amounted to 2095,1 million euros (2771,4 million dollars) in comparison with 2295,2 million euros (2883,8 million dollars) in June 2012, recording a drop, in euros, of **8,7%**. The corresponding change excluding oil products recorded a drop of 172,4 million euros or 11,4% (Table 1).

The deficit of the trade balance, in June 2013 amounted to 1681,3 million euros (2194,2 million dollars) in comparison with 1865,8 million euros (2312,9 million dollars) in June 2012, recording a drop, in euros, of **9,9%**. The corresponding change excluding oil products recorded an increase of 109,6 million euros or 9,7% (Table 1).

The total value of imports-arrivals, for the 6-month period from January to June 2013 amounted to 23345,0 million euros (30579,8 million dollars) in comparison with 24891,3 million euros (32193,0 million dollars) for the corresponding period of the year 2012 recording a drop, in euros, of **6,2%**. The corresponding change excluding oil products recorded a drop of 1016,6 million euros or 6,4% (Table 5).

The total value of exports-dispatches, for the 6-month period from January to June 2013 amounted to 13640,3 million euros (17963,5 million dollars) in comparison with 12945,5 million euros (16829,3 million dollars) for the corresponding period of the year 2012, recording an increase, in euros, of **5,4%**. The corresponding change excluding oil products recorded a drop of 214,5 million euros or 2,5% (Table 5).

The deficit of the Trade Balance, for the 6-month period from January to June 2013 amounted to 9704,7 million euros (12616,3 million dollars) in comparison with 11945,8 million euros (15363,7 million dollars) for the corresponding period of the year 2012, recording a drop, in euros, of **18,8%**. The corresponding change excluding oil products recorded a drop of 802,1 million euros or 11,0% (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.

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<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.

Table 1. Trade Balance: June 2011, 2012 and 2013

Million euros

	June		Chan	ges %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
A. Imports-Arrivals <sup>(3)</sup>					
I. Including the value of ships	4.414,2	4.161,0	3.776,4	-5,7	-9,2
II. Excluding the value of ships	4.188,2	3.993,5	3.655,7	-4,6	-8,5
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	3.192,4	2.641,5	2.578,7	-17,3	-2,4
B. Exports-Dispatches (3)					
I. Including the value of ships	2.154,0	2.295,2	2.095,1	6,6	-8,7
II. Excluding the value of ships	2.146,1	2.275,6	2.091,8	6,0	-8,1
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	1.454,7	1.514,7	1.342,3	4,1	-11,4
C. Trade Balance including the value of ships (=B.I-A.I)	-2.260,2	-1.865,8	-1.681,3	-17,4	-9,9
D. Trade Balance excluding the value of ships (=B.II - A.II)	-2.042,1	-1.717,9	-1.563,9	-15,9	-9,0
E. Trade Balance excluding oil products and including the value of ships (=B.III - A.III)	-1.737,7	-1.126,8	-1.236,4	-35,2	9,7

USD (2) million

	June		Chang	es %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
A. Imports-Arrivals <sup>(3)</sup>					
I. Including the value of ships	6.332,2	5.196,7	4.965,6	-17,9	-4,4
II. Excluding the value of ships	6.008,1	4.987,5	4.806,9	-17,0	-3,6
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	4.579,5	3.298,9	3.390,8	-28,0	2,8
B. Exports-Dispatches (3)					
I. Including the value of ships	3.108,6	2.883,8	2.771,4	-7,2	-3,9
II. Excluding the value of ships	3.097,2	2.859,0	2.767,1	-7,7	-3,2
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	2.099,5	1.903,2	1.775,6	-9,3	-6,7
C. Trade Balance including the value of ships (=B.I-A.I)	-3.223,6	-2.312,9	-2.194,2	-28,3	-5,1
D. Trade Balance excluding the value of ships (=B.II - A.II)	-2.910,9	-2.128,5	-2.039,8	-26,9	-4,2
E. Trade Balance excluding oil products and including the value of ships (=B.III - A.III)	-2.480,0	-1.395,7	-1.615,2	-43,7	15,7

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

The value in dollars of imports and exports is based on the average exchange rate USD  $\not\in$  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, June 2011 - 2013

		Chan	ges %		
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	2.291,4	1.914,4	1.873,1	-16,5	-2,2
II. Third countries	2.122,8	2.246,6	1.903,3	5,8	-15,3
Total	4.414,2	4.161,0	3.776,4	-5,7	-9,2

# Imports-Arrivals (3) (USD (2) million)

	June			Chan	ges %
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	3.287,1	2.390,9	2.463,0	-27,3	3,0
II. Third countries	3.045,1	2.805,8	2.502,7	-7,9	-10,8
Total	6.332,2	5.196,7	4.965,7	-17,9	-4,4

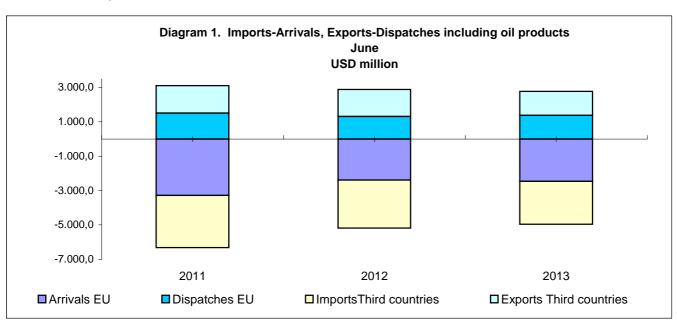
# Exports-Dispatches (3) (€ million)

	June			Chan	ges %
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	1.045,1	1.046,3	1.043,4	0,1	-0,3
II. Third countries	1.108,9	1.248,9	1.051,7	12,6	-15,8
Total	2.154,0	2.295,2	2.095,1	6,6	-8,7

	June			Chan	ges %
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	1.508,3	1.314,7	1.380,3	-12,8	5,0
II. Third countries	1.600,3	1.569,1	1.391,1	-1,9	-11,3
Total	3.108,6	2.883,8	2.771,4	-7,2	-3,9

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<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.

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

		June		Chan	ges %
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	2.216,3	1.802,7	1.783,6	-18,7	-1,1
II. Third countries	976,1	838,8	795,1	-14,1	-5,2
Total	3.192,4	2.641,5	2.578,7	-17,3	-2,4

# Imports-Arrivals (3) (USD (2) million)

	June			Chan	ges %
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	3.179,3	2.251,3	2.345,3	-29,2	4,2
II. Third countries	1.400,2	1.047,6	1.045,5	-25,2	-0,2
Total	4.579,5	3.298,9	3.390,8	-28,0	2,8

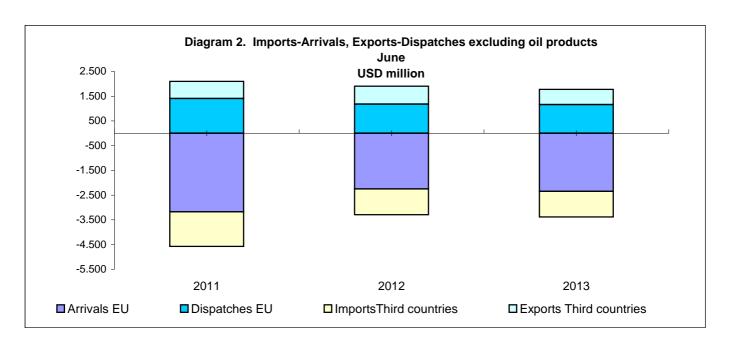
# Exports-Dispatches (3) (€ million)

	June			Chan	ges %
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	972,7	937,2	876,7	-3,6	-6,5
II. Third countries	482,0	577,5	465,6	19,8	-19,4
Total	1.454,7	1.514,7	1.342,3	4,1	-11,4

	June			Chan	ges %
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	1.403,8	1.177,6	1.159,7	-16,1	-1,5
II. Third countries	695,7	725,6	615,9	4,3	-15,1
Total	2.099,5	1.903,2	1.775,6	-9,3	-6,7

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

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The value in dollars of imports and exports is based on the average exchange rate USD  $\neq$  of the reporting month in the relevant year.

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

	June			Chan	ges %
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	2.214,2	1.801,9	1.783,0	-18,6	-1,0
II. Third countries	752,3	672,0	675,0	-10,7	0,4
Total	2.966,5	2.473,9	2.458,0	-16,6	-0,6

#### Imports-Arrivals (3) (USD (2) million)

	June			Chan	ges %
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	3.176,2	2.250,5	2.344,5	-29,1	4,2
II. Third countries	1.079,2	839,3	887,6	-22,2	5,8
Total	4.255,4	3.089,8	3.232,1	-27,4	4,6

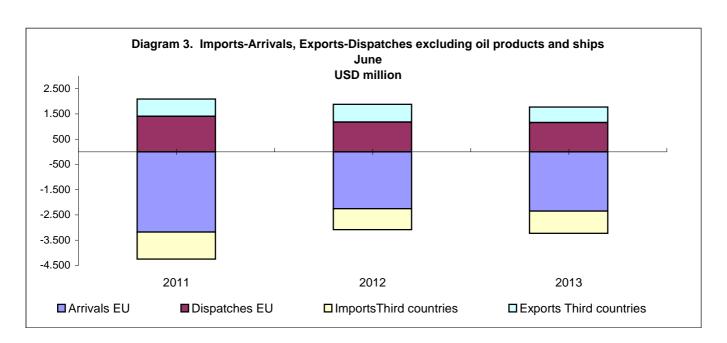
# Exports-Dispatches (3) (€ million)

	June			Chan	ges %
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	972,1	936,0	875,6	-3,7	-6,5
II. Third countries	474,6	559,1	463,4	17,8	-17,1
Total	1.446,7	1.495,1	1.339,0	3,3	-10,4

	June			Chan	ges %
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	1.403,0	1.176,1	1.158,3	-16,2	-1,5
II. Third countries	685,0	702,4	613,0	2,5	-12,7
Total	2.088,0	1.878,5	1.771,3	-10,0	-5,7

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

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

Million euros

	January -June			Chang	es %
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
A. Imports-Arrivals <sup>(3)</sup>					
I. Including the value of ships	24.698,3	24.891,3	23.345,0	0,8	-6,2
II. Excluding the value of ships	23.923,8	23.683,4	22.847,2	-1,0	-3,5
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	17.653,8	15.838,4	14.821,8	-10,3	-6,4
B. Exports-Dispatches <sup>(3)</sup>					
I. Including the value of ships	11.747,1	12.945,5	13.640,3	10,2	5,4
II. Excluding the value of ships	11.706,4	12.897,7	13.607,6	10,2	5,5
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	8.473,7	8.522,0	8.307,5	0,6	-2,5
C. Trade Balance including the value of ships (=B.I-A.I)	-12.951,2	-11.945,8	-9.704,7	-7,8	-18,8
D. Trade Balance excluding the value of ships (=B.II - A.II)	-12.217,4	-10.785,7	-9.239,6	-11,7	-14,3
E. Trade Balance excluding oil products and including the value of ships (=B.III - A.III)	-9.180,1	-7.316,4	-6.514,3	-20,3	-11,0

USD (2) million

	January -June		Chang	es %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
A. Imports-Arrivals <sup>(3)</sup>					
I. Including the value of ships	34.567,6	32.193,0	30.579,8	-6,9	-5,0
II. Excluding the value of ships	33.491,0	30.627,8	29.929,4	-8,5	-2,3
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	24.709,2	20.477,9	19.406,9	-17,1	-5,2
B. Exports-Dispatches (3)					
I. Including the value of ships	16.588,6	16.829,3	17.963,5	1,5	6,7
II. Excluding the value of ships	16.530,8	16.767,9	17.920,4	1,4	6,9
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	11.940,0	11.079,6	10.940,3	-7,2	-1,3
C. Trade Balance including the value of ships (=B.I-A.I)	-17.979,0	-15.363,7	-12.616,3	-14,5	-17,9
D. Trade Balance excluding the value of ships (=B.II - A.II)	-16.960,2	-13.859,9	-12.009,0	-18,3	-13,4
E. Trade Balance excluding oil products and including the value of ships (=B.III - A.III)	-12.769,2	-9.398,3	-8.466,6	-26,4	-9,9

<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 6. Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches including oil products, January-June 2011-2013

	January - June		Changes %		
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	12.721,5	11.197,4	10.825,1	-12,0	-3,3
II. Third countries	11.976,8	13.693,9	12.519,9	14,3	-8,6
Total	24.698,3	24.891,3	23.345,0	0,8	-6,2

# Imports-Arrivals (3) (USD (2) million)

	Janu		Changes %		
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	17.817,7	14.476,3	14.171,9	-18,8	-2,1
II. Third countries	16.749,9	17.716,7	16.408,0	5,8	-7,4
Total	34.567,6	32.193,0	30.579,9	-6,9	-5,0

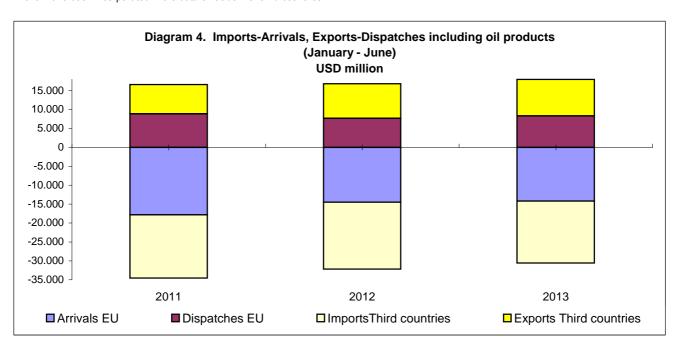
# Exports-Dispatches (3) (€ million)

	Janı	January - June			ı
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	6.303,3	5.915,3	6.307,1	-6,2	6,6
II. Third countries	5.443,8	7.030,2	7.333,2	29,1	4,3
Total	11.747,1	12.945,5	13.640,3	10,2	5,4

	Janu	Changes %			
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	8.882,0	7.689,7	8.302,9	-13,4	8,0
II. Third countries	7.706,6	9.139,6	9.660,6	18,6	5,7
Total	16.588,6	16.829,3	17.963,5	1,5	6,7

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

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

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

	January -June			Changes %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	12.323,3	10.624,0	10.307,9	-13,8	-3,0
II. Third countries	5.330,5	5.214,4	4.513,9	-2,2	-13,4
Total	17.653,8	15.838,4	14.821,8	-10,3	-6,4

#### Imports-Arrivals (3) (USD (2) million)

	January -June			Changes %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	17.258,4	13.735,3	13.496,5	-20,4	-1,7
II. Third countries	7.450,8	6.742,6	5.910,4	-9,5	-12,3
Total	24.709,2	20.477,9	19.406,9	-17,1	-5,2

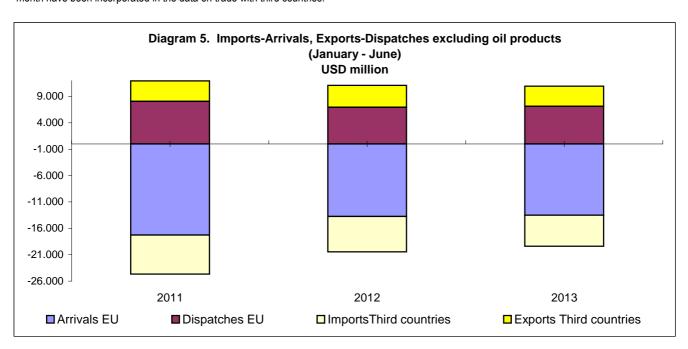
#### Exports-Dispatches (3) (€ million)

	January -June			Changes %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	5.713,0	5.342,8	5.394,7	-6,5	1,0
II. Third countries	2.760,7	3.179,2	2.912,8	15,2	-8,4
Total	8.473,7	8.522,0	8.307,5	0,6	-2,5

	January -June		Changes %		
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	8.048,2	6.947,0	7.104,7	-13,7	2,3
II. Third countries	3.891,8	4.132,6	3.835,5	6,2	-7,2
Total	11.940,0	11.079,6	10.940,2	-7,2	-1,3

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

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<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.

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

	January -June			Changes %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	12.301,0	10.607,5	10.299,7	-13,8	-2,9
II. Third countries	4.578,4	4.023,1	4.024,3	-12,1	0,0
Total	16.879,4	14.630,6	14.324,0	-13,3	-2,1

# Imports-Arrivals (3) (USD (2) million)

	January -June			Changes %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	17.227,1	13.713,8	13.485,9	-20,4	-1,7
II. Third countries	6.405,5	5.198,8	5.270,7	-18,8	1,4
Total	23.632,6	18.912,6	18.756,6	-20,0	-0,8

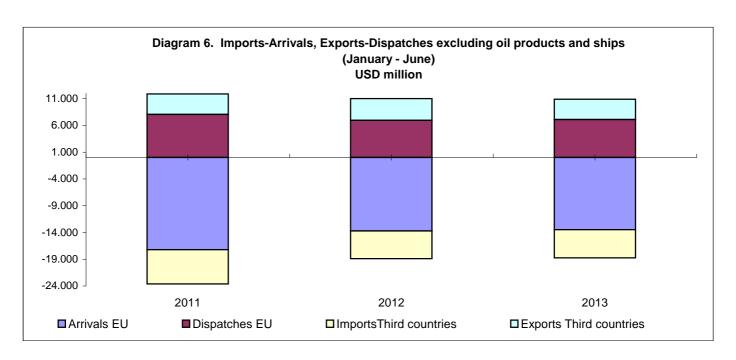
# Exports-Dispatches <sup>(3)</sup> (€ million)

	Jar	January -June			Changes %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012	
I. European Union	5.707,9	5.336,2	5.390,1	-6,5	1,0	
II. Third countries	2.725,1	3.138,0	2.884,7	15,2	-8,1	
Total	8.433,0	8.474,2	8.274,8	0,5	-2,4	

	January -June			Changes %	
	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2012/2011	2013/2012
I. European Union	8.041,0	6.938,5	7.098,6	-13,7	2,3
II. Third countries	3.841,2	4.079,8	3.798,5	6,2	-6,9
Total	11.882,2	11.018,3	10.897,1	-7,3	-1,1

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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

# Transactions of

Commercial 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 Greece the above-mentioned categories. Concequently, 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 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

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

**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 statistical thresholds for 2013 are the following:

€ 100,000.00 (96,50% coverage) Arrivals:

Dispatches: € 90,000.00 (97,75% 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 submited 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.

#### **METHODOLOGICAL REVISION**

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:

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.

#### **Trade with Third Countries:**

The statistical data of imports and exports of goods with the Third Countries, are derived from the data transmitted by the Customs Authorities.

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.

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.