

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF GREECE : December 2019**

( Provisional Data )

The total value of imports-arrivals, in December 2019 amounted to 4,422.7 million euros (4,900.5 million dollars) in comparison with 4,267.4 million euros (4,843.8 million dollars) in December 2018, recording an increase, in euros, of **3.6%**. The corresponding value excluding oil products in December 2019 recorded an increase of 172.5 million euros or 5.5% and the corresponding value excluding oil products and ships in December 2019 recorded an increase of 88.1 million euros or 2.8%, in comparison with December 2018 (Table 1).

The total value of exports-dispatches, in December 2019 amounted to 2,868.8 million euros (3,197.9 million dollars) in comparison with 2,592.6 million euros (2,960.2 million dollars) in December 2018, recording an increase, in euros, of **10.7%**. The corresponding value excluding oil products recorded in December 2019 an increase of 118.9 million euros or 6.5% and the corresponding value excluding oil products and ships in December 2019 recorded an increase of 112.3 million euros or 6.1%, in comparison with December 2018 (Table 1).

The deficit of the trade balance, in December 2019 amounted to 1,553.9 million euros (1,702.6 million dollars) in comparison with 1,674.8 million euros (1,883.6 million dollars) in December 2018, recording a drop, in euros, of **7.2%**. The corresponding value of deficit excluding oil products in December 2019 recorded an increase of 53.6 million euros or 4.2% and the corresponding value excluding oil products and ships in December 2019 recorded a drop of 24.2 million euros or 1.9%, in comparison with December 2018 (Table 1).

The total value of imports-arrivals, for the 12-month period from January to December 2019 amounted to 55,521.0 million euros (61,969.7 million dollars) in comparison with 54,119.7 million euros (63,685.6 million dollars) for the corresponding period of the year 2018, recording an increase, in euros, of **2.6%**. The corresponding value excluding oil products recorded an increase of 2,494.2 million euros or 6.5% and the corresponding value excluding oil products and ships recorded an increase of 2,229.5 million euros or 5.8%, in comparison with the period from January to December 2018 (Table 5).

The total value of exports-dispatches, for the 12-month period from January to December 2019 amounted to 33,800.7 million euros (37,951.4 million dollars) in comparison with 33,471.6 million euros (39,620.2 million dollars) for the corresponding period of the year 2018, recording an increase, in euros, of **1.0%**. The corresponding value excluding oil products recorded an increase of 1,035.2 million euros or 4.7% and the corresponding value excluding oil products and ships recorded an increase of 1,074.4 million euros or 4.9%, in comparison with the period from January to December 2018 (Table 5).

The deficit of the trade balance, for the 12-month period from January to December 2019 amounted to 21,720.3 million euros (24,018.3 million dollars) in comparison with 20,648.1 million euros (24,065.4 million dollars) for the corresponding period of the year 2018, recording an increase, in euros, of **5.2%**. The corresponding deficit excluding oil products recorded an increase of 1,459.0 million euros or 8.9% and the corresponding deficit excluding oil products and ships recorded an increase of 1,155.1 million euros or 7.1% (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.

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**Table 1. Trade Balance : December 2017 - 2019**

<i>Million euros</i>					
	December			Changes %	
	2017	2018	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
<b>A. Imports-Arrivals</b>					
I. Total Imports-Arrivals	4,117.9	4,267.4	4,422.7	3.6	3.6
II. Excluding the value of ships	4,094.1	4,263.7	4,334.6	4.1	1.7
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	2,904.5	3,119.5	3,292.0	7.4	5.5
IV. Excluding oil products and the value of ships	2,880.7	3,115.8	3,203.9	8.2	2.8
<b>B. Exports-Dispatches</b>					
I. Total Exports-Dispatches	2,636.8	2,592.6	2,868.8	-1.7	10.7
II. Excluding the value of ships	2,628.7	2,591.4	2,861.0	-1.4	10.4
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	1,786.1	1,830.3	1,949.2	2.5	6.5
IV. Excluding oil products and the value of ships	1,778.0	1,829.1	1,941.4	2.9	6.1
<b>C. Trade Balance (=B.I-A.I)</b>	<b>-1,481.1</b>	<b>-1,674.8</b>	<b>-1,553.9</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>-7.2</b>
<b>D. Trade Balance</b> excluding the value of ships (=B.II - A.II)	<b>-1,465.4</b>	<b>-1,672.3</b>	<b>-1,473.6</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>-11.9</b>
<b>E. Trade Balance</b> excluding oil products and including the value of ships (=B.III - A.III)	<b>-1,118.4</b>	<b>-1,289.2</b>	<b>-1,342.8</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>4.2</b>
<b>F. Trade Balance</b> excluding oil products and the value of ships (=B.IV - A.IV)	<b>-1,102.7</b>	<b>-1,286.7</b>	<b>-1,262.5</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>-1.9</b>
<i>USD <sup>(2)</sup> million</i>					
	December			Changes %	
	2017	2018	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
<b>A. Imports-Arrivals</b>					
I. Total Imports-Arrivals	4,859.4	4,843.8	4,900.5	-0.3	1.2
II. Excluding the value of ships	4,831.4	4,839.6	4,802.8	0.2	-0.8
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	3,427.5	3,540.8	3,647.6	3.3	3.0
IV. Excluding oil products and the value of ships	3,399.5	3,536.7	3,549.9	4.0	0.4
<b>B. Exports-Dispatches</b>					
I. Total Exports-Dispatches	3,130.5	2,960.2	3,197.9	-5.4	8.0
II. Excluding the value of ships	3,120.9	2,958.8	3,189.2	-5.2	7.8
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	2,120.5	2,089.8	2,172.8	-1.4	4.0
IV. Excluding oil products and the value of ships	2,110.9	2,088.4	2,164.1	-1.1	3.6
<b>C. Trade Balance (=B.I-A.I)</b>	<b>-1,728.9</b>	<b>-1,883.6</b>	<b>-1,702.6</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>-9.6</b>
<b>D. Trade Balance</b> excluding the value of ships (=B.II - A.II)	<b>-1,710.5</b>	<b>-1,880.8</b>	<b>-1,613.6</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>-14.2</b>
<b>E. Trade Balance</b> excluding oil products and including the value of ships (=B.III - A.III)	<b>-1,307.0</b>	<b>-1,451.0</b>	<b>-1,474.8</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>F. Trade Balance</b> excluding oil products and the value of ships (=B.IV - A.IV)	<b>-1,288.6</b>	<b>-1,448.3</b>	<b>-1,385.8</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>-4.3</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.

**Table 2. Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches including oil products, December 2017 - 2019**

**Imports - Arrivals (€ million)**

	December			Changes %	
	2017	2018	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	2,289.2	2,330.4	2,411.1	1.8	3.5
II. Third countries	1,828.7	1,937.0	2,011.6	5.9	3.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,117.9</b>	<b>4,267.4</b>	<b>4,422.7</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.6</b>

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

	December			Changes %	
	2017	2018	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	2,701.4	2,645.2	2,671.5	-2.1	1.0
II. Third countries	2,158.0	2,198.6	2,229.0	1.9	1.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,859.4</b>	<b>4,843.8</b>	<b>4,900.5</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>1.2</b>

**Exports - Dispatches (€ million)**

	December			Changes %	
	2017	2018	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	1,337.1	1,389.9	1,544.3	3.9	11.1
II. Third countries	1,299.7	1,202.7	1,324.5	-7.5	10.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,636.8</b>	<b>2,592.6</b>	<b>2,868.8</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>10.7</b>

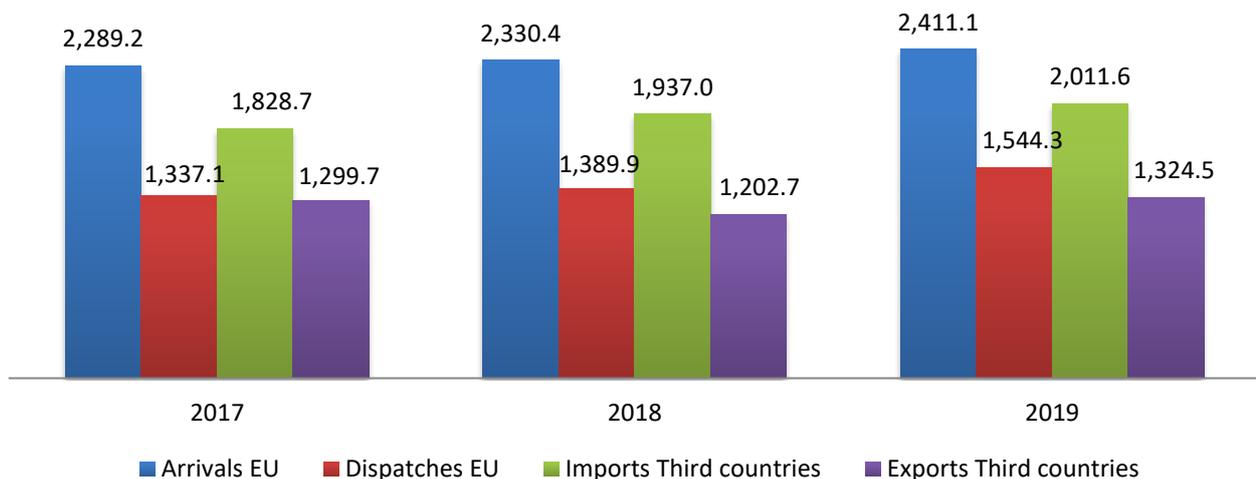
**Exports - Dispatches (USD <sup>(2)</sup> million)**

	December			Changes %	
	2017	2018	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	1,587.4	1,587.0	1,721.5	0.0	8.5
II. Third countries	1,543.1	1,373.2	1,476.4	-11.0	7.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,130.5</b>	<b>2,960.2</b>	<b>3,197.9</b>	<b>-5.4</b>	<b>8.0</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.

**Diagram 1. Imports - Arrivals, Exports - Dispatches, December 2017-2019, million €**



**Table 3. Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches excluding oil products, December 2017 - 2019**

**Imports - Arrivals (€ million)**

	December			Changes %	
	2017	2018	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	2,179.6	2,271.1	2,353.1	4.2	3.6
II. Third countries	724.9	848.4	938.9	17.0	10.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,904.5</b>	<b>3,119.5</b>	<b>3,292.0</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>5.5</b>

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

	December			Changes %	
	2017	2018	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	2,572.1	2,577.9	2,607.3	0.2	1.1
II. Third countries	855.4	962.9	1,040.3	12.6	8.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,427.5</b>	<b>3,540.8</b>	<b>3,647.6</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.0</b>

**Exports - Dispatches (€ million)**

	December			Changes %	
	2017	2018	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	1,172.6	1,148.6	1,284.3	-2.0	11.8
II. Third countries	613.5	681.7	664.9	11.1	-2.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,786.1</b>	<b>1,830.3</b>	<b>1,949.2</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>6.5</b>

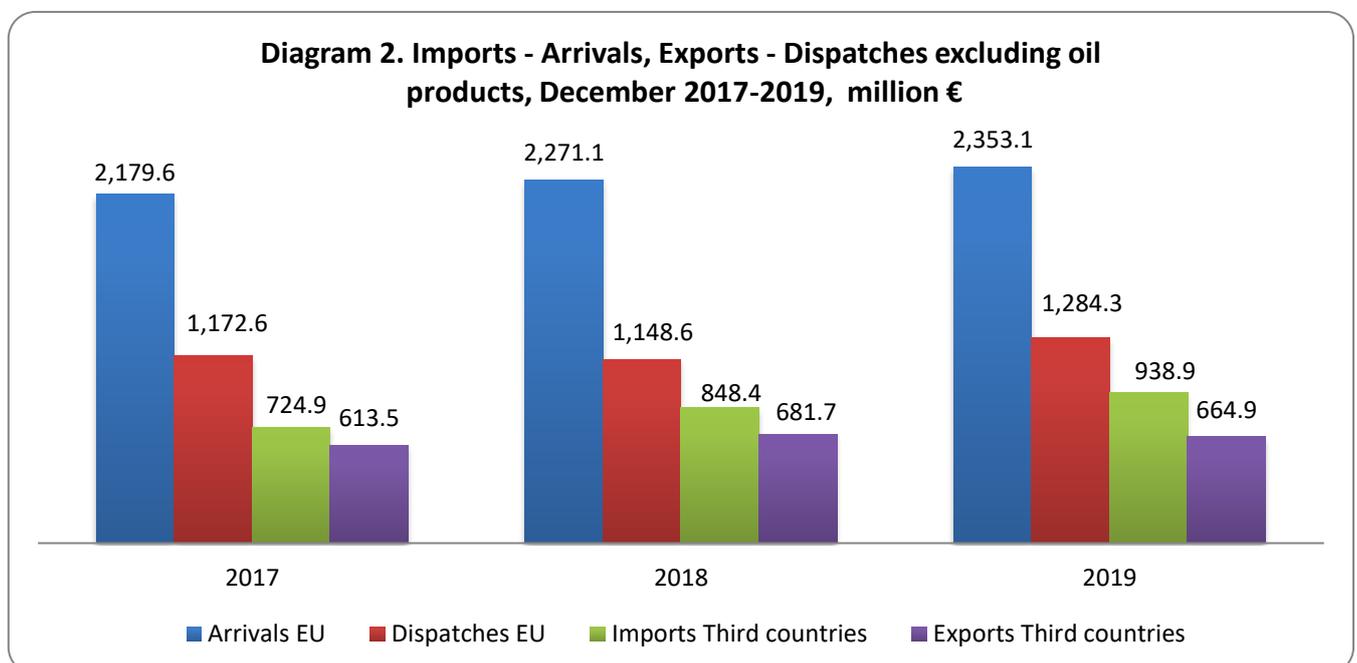
**Exports - Dispatches (USD <sup>(2)</sup> million)**

	December			Changes %	
	2017	2018	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	1,392.1	1,311.5	1,431.6	-5.8	9.2
II. Third countries	728.4	778.3	741.2	6.9	-4.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,120.5</b>	<b>2,089.8</b>	<b>2,172.8</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>4.0</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.

**Diagram 2. Imports - Arrivals, Exports - Dispatches excluding oil products, December 2017-2019, million €**



**Table 4: Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches excluding oil products and ships, December 2017 - 2019**

**Imports-Arrivals (€ million)**

	December			Changes %	
	2017	2018	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	2,178.1	2,267.8	2,342.6	4.1	3.3
II. Third countries	702.6	848.0	861.3	20.7	1.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,880.7</b>	<b>3,115.8</b>	<b>3,203.9</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>2.8</b>

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

	December			Changes %	
	2017	2018	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	2,570.3	2,574.1	2,595.7	0.1	0.8
II. Third countries	829.2	962.6	954.2	16.1	-0.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,399.5</b>	<b>3,536.7</b>	<b>3,549.9</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>

**Exports - Dispatches (€ million)**

	December			Changes %	
	2017	2018	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	1,172.4	1,148.2	1,283.6	-2.1	11.8
II. Third countries	605.6	680.9	657.8	12.4	-3.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,778.0</b>	<b>1,829.1</b>	<b>1,941.4</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>6.1</b>

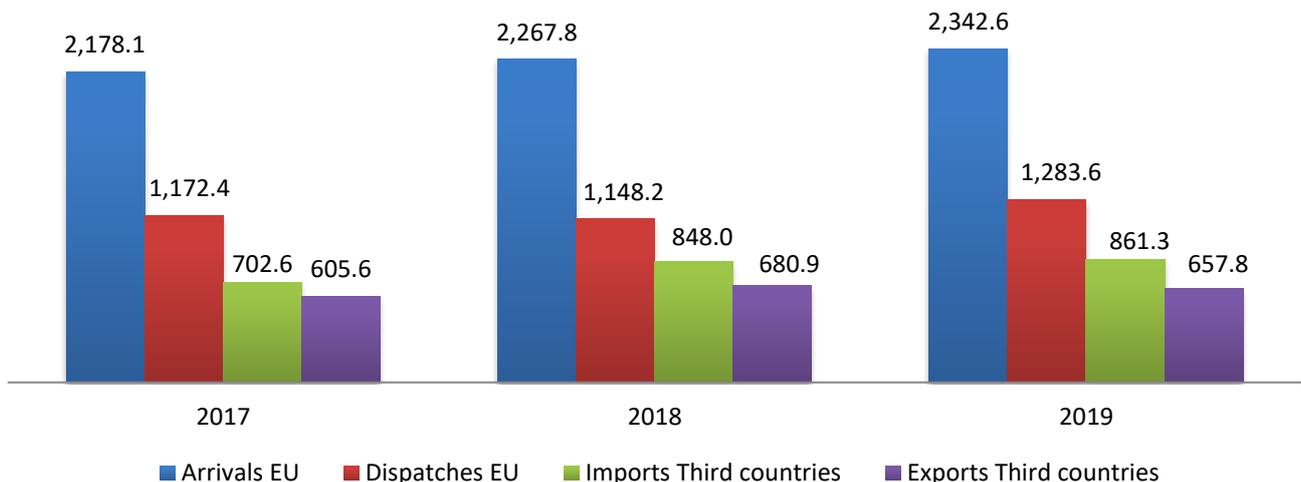
**Exports - Dispatches (USD <sup>(2)</sup> million)**

	December			Changes %	
	2017	2018	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	1,391.9	1,311.0	1,430.8	-5.8	9.1
II. Third countries	719.0	777.4	733.3	8.1	-5.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,110.9</b>	<b>2,088.4</b>	<b>2,164.1</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>3.6</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.

**Diagram 3. Imports - Arrivals, Exports - Dispatches, excluding oil products and ships, December 2017-2019, million €**



**Table 5. Trade Balance : January - December 2017 - 2019**

<i>Million euros</i>					
	January - December			Changes %	
	2017	2018	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
<b>A. Imports - Arrivals</b>					
I. Total Imports-Arrivals	47,356.6	54,119.7	55,521.0	14.3	2.6
II. Excluding the value of ships	47,234.3	53,920.2	55,056.8	14.2	2.1
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	35,500.2	38,628.6	41,122.8	8.8	6.5
IV. Excluding oil products and the value of ships	35,377.9	38,429.1	40,658.6	8.6	5.8
<b>B. Exports - Dispatches</b>					
I. Total Exports-Dispatches	28,865.4	33,471.6	33,800.7	16.0	1.0
II. Excluding the value of ships	28,761.9	33,338.9	33,707.3	15.9	1.1
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	19,998.6	22,202.4	23,237.6	11.0	4.7
IV. Excluding oil products and the value of ships	19,895.1	22,069.7	23,144.1	10.9	4.9
<b>C. Trade Balance (=B.I-A.I)</b>	<b>-18,491.2</b>	<b>-20,648.1</b>	<b>-21,720.3</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>5.2</b>
<b>D. Trade Balance</b> excluding the value of ships (=B.II - A.II)	<b>-18,472.4</b>	<b>-20,581.3</b>	<b>-21,349.5</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>3.7</b>
<b>E. Trade Balance</b> excluding oil products and including the value of ships (=B.III - A.III)	<b>-15,501.6</b>	<b>-16,426.2</b>	<b>-17,885.2</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>8.9</b>
<b>F. Trade Balance</b> excluding oil products and the value of ships (=B.IV - A.IV)	<b>-15,482.8</b>	<b>-16,359.4</b>	<b>-17,514.5</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>7.1</b>
<i>USD <sup>(2)</sup> million</i>					
	January - December			Changes %	
	2017	2018	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
<b>A. Imports - Arrivals</b>					
I. Total Imports-Arrivals	53,336.1	63,685.6	61,969.7	19.4	-2.7
II. Excluding the value of ships	53,197.8	63,449.1	61,451.2	19.3	-3.1
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	39,990.7	45,471.9	45,895.2	13.7	0.9
IV. Excluding oil products and the value of ships	39,852.3	45,235.4	45,376.7	13.5	0.3
<b>B. Exports - Dispatches</b>					
I. Total Exports-Dispatches	32,727.5	39,620.2	37,951.4	21.1	-4.2
II. Excluding the value of ships	32,611.0	39,463.2	37,846.5	21.0	-4.1
III. Excluding oil products and including the value of ships	22,681.7	26,294.0	26,091.0	15.9	-0.8
IV. Excluding oil products and the value of ships	22,565.0	26,137.2	25,986.2	15.8	-0.6
<b>C. Trade Balance (=B.I-A.I)</b>	<b>-20,608.6</b>	<b>-24,065.4</b>	<b>-24,018.3</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
<b>D. Trade Balance</b> excluding the value of ships (=B.II - A.II)	<b>-20,586.8</b>	<b>-23,985.9</b>	<b>-23,604.7</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>-1.6</b>
<b>E. Trade Balance</b> excluding oil products and including the value of ships (=B.III - A.III)	<b>-17,309.0</b>	<b>-19,177.9</b>	<b>-19,804.2</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>3.3</b>
<b>F. Trade Balance</b> excluding oil products and the value of ships (=B.IV - A.IV)	<b>-17,287.3</b>	<b>-19,098.2</b>	<b>-19,390.5</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>1.5</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.

**Table 6. Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches including oil products, January-December 2017-2019**

**Imports-Arrivals (€ million)**

	January - December			Changes %	
	2017	2018	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	26,187.2	28,460.9	29,477.8	8.7	3.6
II. Third countries	21,169.4	25,658.8	26,043.2	21.2	1.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,356.6</b>	<b>54,119.7</b>	<b>55,521.0</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>2.6</b>

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

	January - December			Changes %	
	2017	2018	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	29,518.0	33,493.8	32,894.7	13.5	-1.8
II. Third countries	23,818.1	30,191.8	29,075.0	26.8	-3.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,336.1</b>	<b>63,685.6</b>	<b>61,969.7</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>-2.7</b>

**Exports - Dispatches (€ million)**

	January - December			Changes %	
	2017	2018	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	15,505.3	17,692.9	18,943.1	14.1	7.1
II. Third countries	13,360.1	15,778.7	14,857.6	18.1	-5.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,865.4</b>	<b>33,471.6</b>	<b>33,800.7</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>

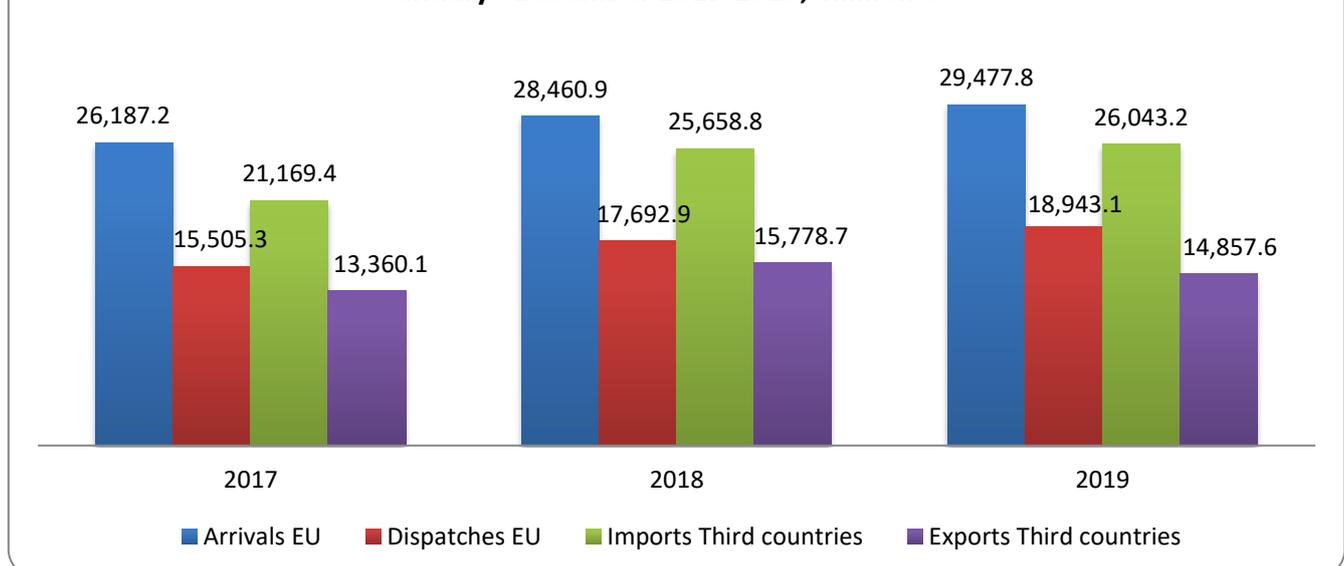
**Exports - Dispatches (USD <sup>(2)</sup> million)**

	January - December			Changes %	
	2017	2018	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	17,568.7	20,947.6	21,267.9	19.2	1.5
II. Third countries	15,158.8	18,672.6	16,683.5	23.2	-10.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,727.5</b>	<b>39,620.2</b>	<b>37,951.4</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>-4.2</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.

**Diagram 4. Imports - Arrivals, Exports - Dispatches, January - December 2017-2019, million €**



**Table 7. Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches excluding oil products, January-December 2017-2019**

**Imports-Arrivals (€ million)**

	January - December			Changes %	
	2017	2018	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	25,334.6	27,314.3	28,442.7	7.8	4.1
II. Third countries	10,165.6	11,314.3	12,680.1	11.3	12.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,500.2</b>	<b>38,628.6</b>	<b>41,122.8</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>6.5</b>

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

	January - December			Changes %	
	2017	2018	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	28,555.0	32,146.7	31,740.6	12.6	-1.3
II. Third countries	11,435.7	13,325.2	14,154.6	16.5	6.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,990.7</b>	<b>45,471.9</b>	<b>45,895.2</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>0.9</b>

**Exports - Dispatches (€ million)**

	January - December			Changes %	
	2017	2018	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	13,451.8	15,018.6	15,826.3	11.6	5.4
II. Third countries	6,546.8	7,183.8	7,411.3	9.7	3.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,998.6</b>	<b>22,202.4</b>	<b>23,237.6</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>4.7</b>

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

	January - December			Changes %	
	2017	2018	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	15,242.2	17,799.4	17,770.2	16.8	-0.2
II. Third countries	7,439.5	8,494.6	8,320.8	14.2	-2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,681.7</b>	<b>26,294.0</b>	<b>26,091.0</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>-0.8</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.

**Diagram 5. Imports - Arrivals, Exports - Dispatches, excluding oil products, January - December 2017-2019, million €**

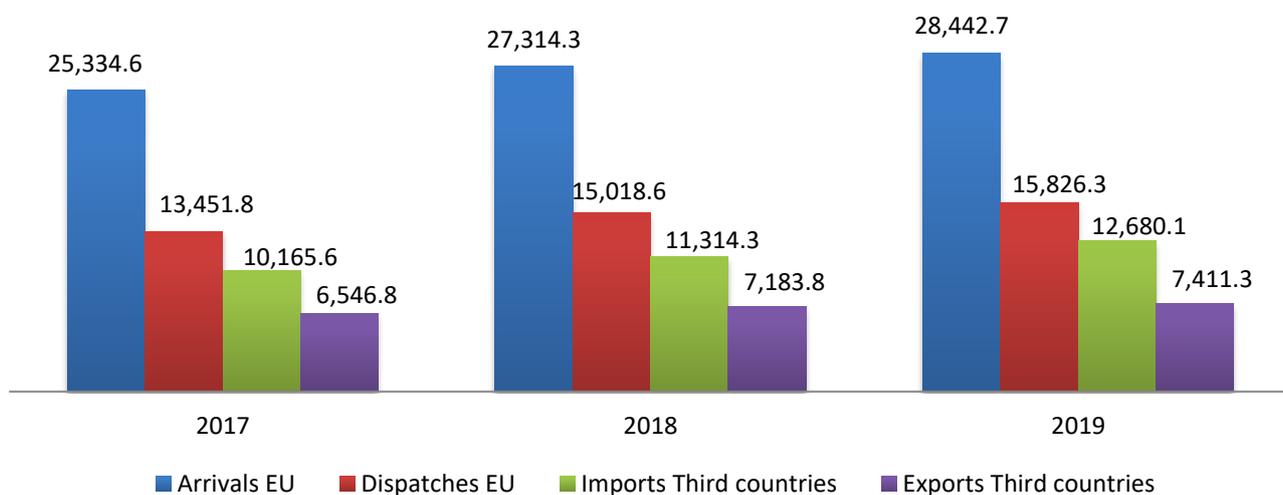


Table 8: Imports-Arrivals, Exports-Dispatches excluding oil products and ships, January- December 2017 - 2019

**Imports-Arrivals (€ million)**

	January - December			Changes %	
	2017	2018	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	25,292.9	27,193.0	28,359.4	7.5	4.3
II. Third countries	10,085.0	11,236.1	12,299.2	11.4	9.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,377.9</b>	<b>38,429.1</b>	<b>40,658.6</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>5.8</b>

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

	January - December			Changes %	
	2017	2018	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	28,508.8	32,004.2	31,647.3	12.3	-1.1
II. Third countries	11,343.5	13,231.2	13,729.4	16.6	3.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,852.3</b>	<b>45,235.4</b>	<b>45,376.7</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>0.3</b>

**Exports - Dispatches (€ million)**

	January - December			Changes %	
	2017	2018	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	13,420.1	14,928.2	15,813.1	11.2	5.9
II. Third countries	6,475.1	7,141.5	7,331.0	10.3	2.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,895.2</b>	<b>22,069.7</b>	<b>23,144.1</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>4.9</b>

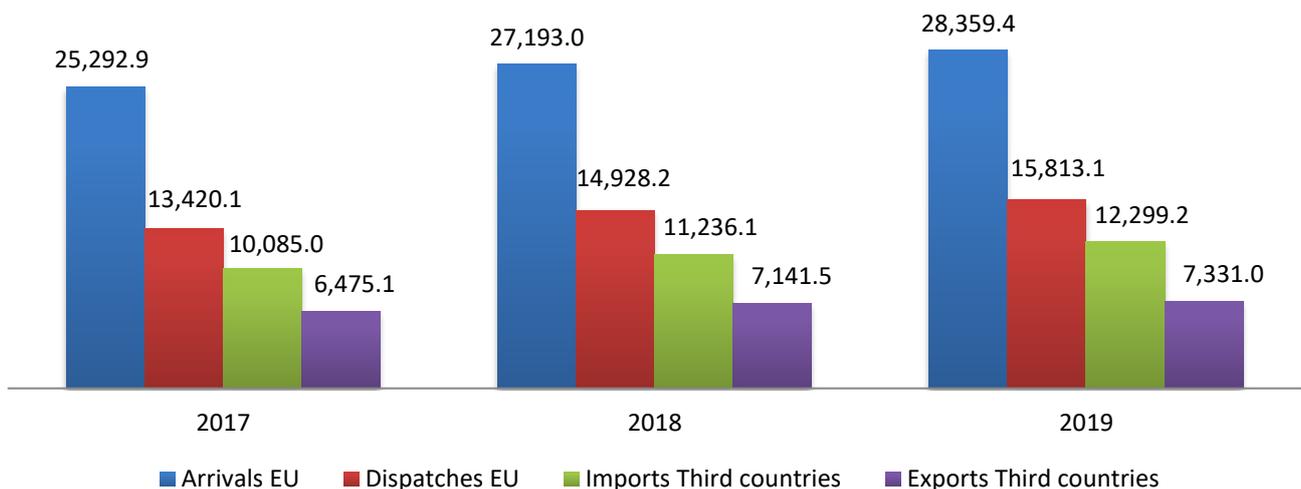
**Exports - Dispatches (USD <sup>(2)</sup> million)**

	January - December			Changes %	
	2017	2018	2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	2018/2017	2019/2018
I. European Union	15,207.8	17,693.0	17,755.4	16.3	0.4
II. Third countries	7,357.2	8,444.2	8,230.8	14.8	-2.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,565.0</b>	<b>26,137.2</b>	<b>25,986.2</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>-0.6</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.

**Diagram 6. Imports - Arrivals, Exports - Dispatches, excluding oil products and ships, January - December 2017-2019, million €**



**Table 9. Imports - Arrivals and Exports - Dispatches by SITC sections (Standard International Trade Classification) including oil products, December 2019<sup>(1)</sup>**

**Imports - Arrivals (in million €)**

	December 2019		January-December 2019	
	E.U.	Third countries	E.U.	Third countries
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,411.1</b>	<b>2,011.7</b>	<b>29,477.8</b>	<b>26,043.2</b>
0. Food and live animals	409.4	104.3	4,805.4	1,250.4
1. Beverages and tobacco	41.2	6.8	541.7	123.3
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	41.8	62.4	610.9	787.6
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, etc	85.1	1,086.8	1,409.6	13,523.3
4. Animal and vegetable oils and fats	8.2	8.1	118.2	108.6
5. Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	563.4	93.7	7,231.4	1,372.3
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by raw material	244.5	184.6	3,440.8	2,881.7
7. Machinery and transport equipment	671.4	281.4	7,148.6	3,283.0
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles	343.6	181.0	4,147.9	2,464.9
9. Commodities and transactions not classified by category	2.4	2.5	23.2	248.2

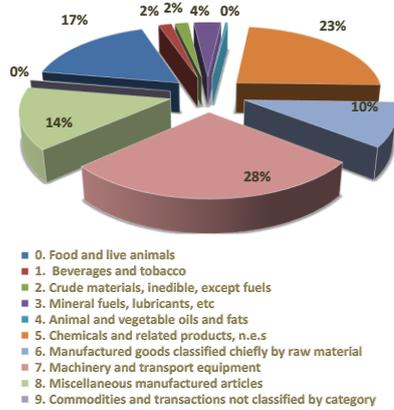
**Exports - Dispatches (in million €)**

	December 2019		January-December 2019	
	E.U.	Third countries	E.U.	Third countries
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,544.3</b>	<b>1,324.5</b>	<b>18,943.1</b>	<b>14,857.6</b>
0. Food and live animals	322.2	113.2	3,653.9	1,151.7
1. Beverages and tobacco	30.6	24.1	423.0	324.3
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	44.7	113.6	444.6	1,036.5
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, etc	261.2	660.1	3,173.6	7,499.9
4. Animal and vegetable oils and fats	46.7	8.2	324.6	94.9
5. Chemicals and related products, n.e.s	276.0	96.4	3,026.7	1,077.8
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by raw material	212.9	117.6	3,313.9	1,707.8
7. Machinery and transport equipment	162.4	102.6	2,102.5	1,070.2
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles	164.5	63.4	2,203.8	639.1
9. Commodities and transactions not classified by category	23.1	25.2	276.6	255.5

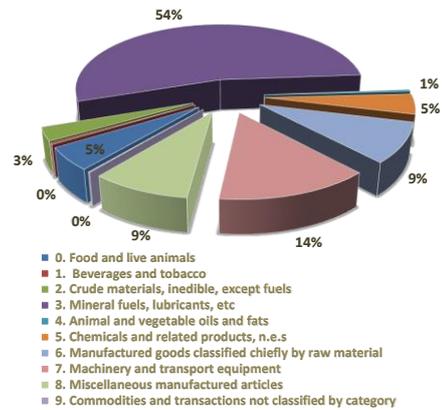
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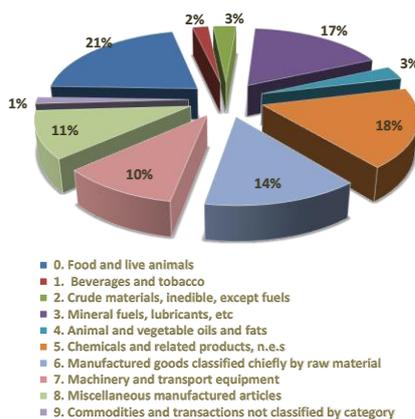
**Diagram 7a. Percentage (%) distribution of E.U. arrivals by SITC sections, December 2019**



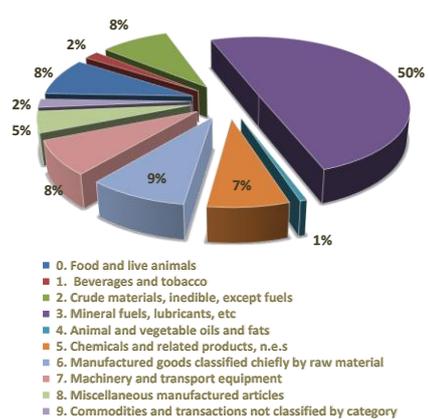
**Diagram 7b. Percentage (%) distribution of Third countries imports by SITC sections, December 2019**



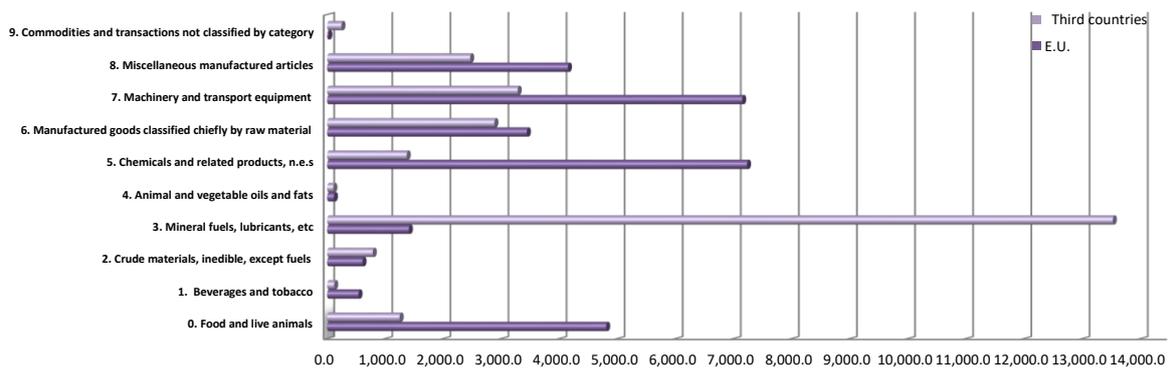
**Diagram 8a. Percentage (%) distribution of E.U. dispatches by SITC sections, December 2019**



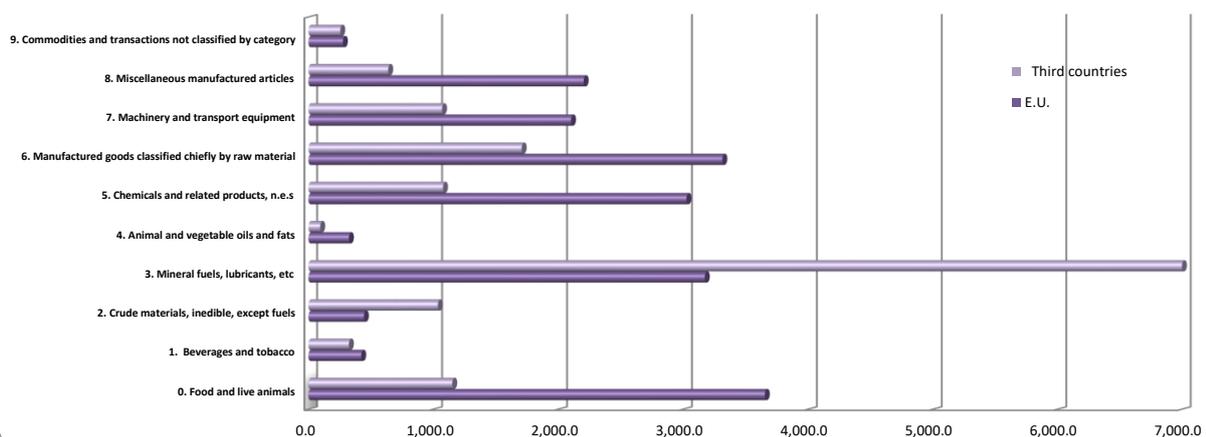
**Diagram 8b. Percentage (%) distribution of Third countries exports by SITC sections, December 2019**



**Diagram 9. Imports - Arrivals E.U. & Third countries by SITC sections, Jan. - Dec. 2019, million €**



**Diagram 10. Exports - Dispatches E.U. & Third countries by SITC sections, Jan. - Dec. 2019, million €**



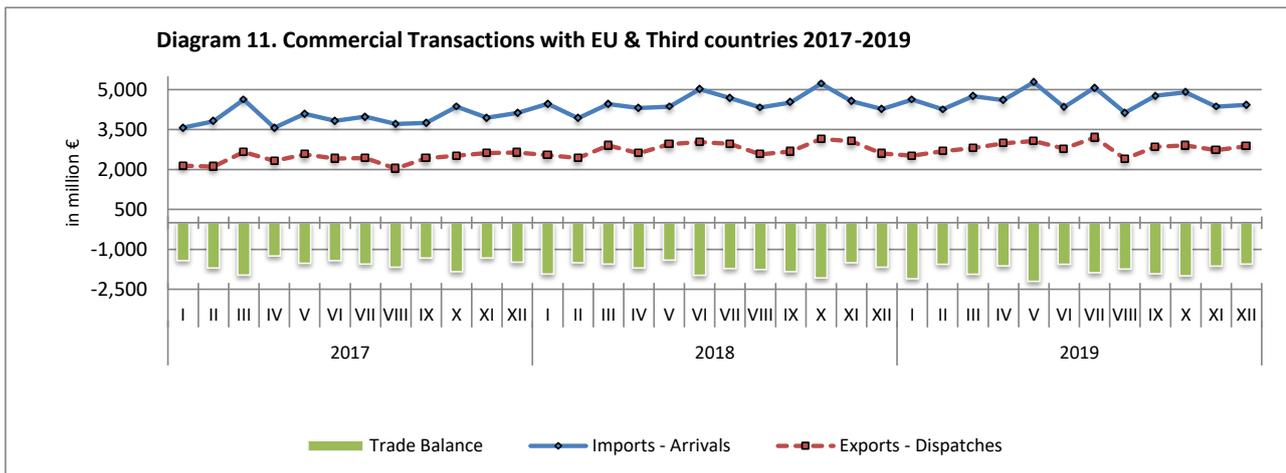
**Table 10. Commercial Transactions with EU and Third Countries 2017-2019**

Year and Month	Imports - Arrivals			Exports - Dispatches		
	Value in million €	Monthly Changes %	Changes % compared with the corresponding month of the previous year	Value in million €	Monthly Changes %	Changes % compared with the corresponding month of the previous year
2017 <sup>(2)</sup> : 1	3,567.5	-7.7	25.6	2,142.5	-8.1	25.1
2	3,809.9	6.8	11.1	2,108.0	-1.6	10.4
3	4,627.0	21.4	27.5	2,660.2	26.2	26.8
4	3,567.4	-22.9	3.8	2,321.0	-12.8	9.6
5	4,093.7	14.8	17.5	2,572.1	10.8	26.6
6	3,832.1	-6.4	7.6	2,408.2	-6.4	13.1
7	3,983.5	3.9	11.1	2,429.7	0.9	7.3
8	3,704.6	-7.0	18.3	2,034.3	-16.3	4.5
9	3,750.5	1.2	-0.6	2,420.1	19.0	1.8
10	4,355.1	16.1	18.2	2,514.9	3.9	9.6
11	3,947.5	-9.4	1.3	2,617.5	4.1	17.1
12	4,117.9	4.3	6.5	2,636.8	0.7	13.2
Total year	47,356.6		11.9	28,865.4		13.4
2018 <sup>(2)</sup> : 1	4,467.4	8.5	25.2	2,542.3	-3.6	18.7
2	3,926.7	-12.1	3.1	2,426.1	-4.6	15.1
3	4,458.9	13.6	-3.6	2,900.7	19.6	9.0
4	4,308.1	-3.4	20.8	2,606.7	-10.1	12.3
5	4,362.8	1.3	6.6	2,955.8	13.4	14.9
6	5,017.1	15.0	30.9	3,035.0	2.7	26.0
7	4,680.2	-6.7	17.5	2,959.9	-2.5	21.8
8	4,325.4	-7.6	16.8	2,568.2	-13.2	26.2
9	4,514.0	4.4	20.4	2,671.6	4.0	10.4
10	5,228.6	15.8	20.1	3,152.4	18.0	25.4
11	4,563.1	-12.7	15.6	3,060.3	-2.9	16.9
12	4,267.4	-6.5	3.6	2,592.6	-15.3	-1.7
Total year	54,119.7		14.3	33,471.6		16.0
2019 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> : 1	4,621.1	8.3	3.4	2,514.4	-3.0	-1.1
2	4,256.2	-7.9	8.4	2,689.3	7.0	10.8
3	4,748.5	11.6	6.5	2,808.5	4.4	-3.2
4	4,601.0	-3.1	6.8	2,980.9	6.1	14.4
5	5,276.8	14.7	20.9	3,069.2	3.0	3.8
6	4,343.2	-17.7	-13.4	2,781.7	-9.4	-8.3
7	5,077.4	16.9	8.5	3,202.4	15.1	8.2
8	4,136.7	-18.5	-4.4	2,396.7	-25.2	-6.7
9	4,775.6	15.4	5.8	2,857.6	19.2	7.0
10	4,899.7	2.6	-6.3	2,901.9	1.5	-7.9
11	4,362.1	-11.0	-4.4	2,729.3	-5.9	-10.8
12	4,422.7	1.4	3.6	2,868.8	5.1	10.7
Total year	55,521.0		2.6	33,800.7		1.0

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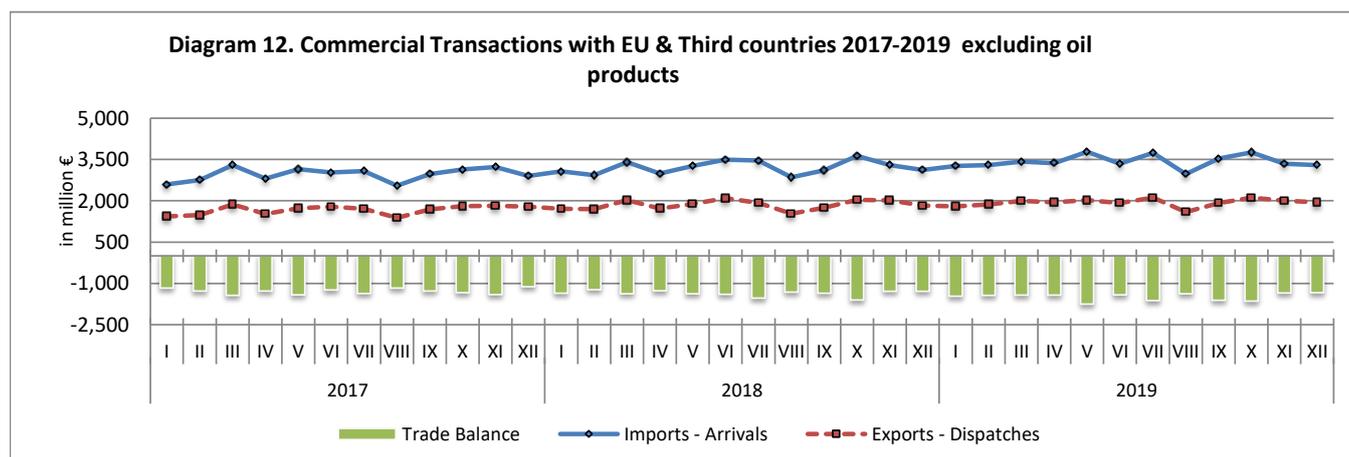
**Table 11. Commercial Transactions with EU and Third Countries 2017 - 2019 excluding oil products**

Year and Month	Imports - Arrivals			Exports - Dispatches		
	Value in million €	Monthly Changes %	Changes % compared with the corresponding month of the previous year	Value in million €	Monthly Changes %	Changes % compared with the corresponding month of the previous year
2017 <sup>(2)</sup> : 1	2,600.2	-5.3	12.0	1,428.3	-12.9	7.7
2	2,755.8	6.0	-1.5	1,480.6	3.7	-1.3
3	3,300.5	19.8	9.8	1,863.8	25.9	13.7
4	2,799.4	-15.2	0.7	1,523.1	-18.3	-5.5
5	3,145.0	12.3	13.6	1,726.1	13.3	21.1
6	3,032.1	-3.6	5.0	1,791.3	3.8	12.1
7	3,076.3	1.5	8.4	1,710.4	-4.5	1.3
8	2,548.6	-17.2	7.3	1,380.4	-19.3	9.2
9	2,966.4	16.4	2.3	1,687.9	22.3	1.4
10	3,142.6	5.9	15.4	1,802.8	6.8	12.8
11	3,228.8	2.7	12.1	1,817.6	0.8	8.3
12	2,904.5	-10.0	5.8	1,786.1	-1.7	8.9
Total year	35,500.2		7.5	19,998.5		7.3
2018 <sup>(2)</sup> : 1	3,068.2	5.6	18.0	1,708.3	-4.4	19.6
2	2,928.5	-4.6	6.3	1,697.0	-0.7	14.6
3	3,401.8	16.2	3.1	2,023.3	19.2	8.6
4	2,994.6	-12.0	7.0	1,721.6	-14.9	13.0
5	3,265.6	9.0	3.8	1,885.1	9.5	9.2
6	3,491.6	6.9	15.2	2,091.1	10.9	16.7
7	3,461.7	-0.9	12.5	1,925.8	-7.9	12.6
8	2,852.3	-17.6	11.9	1,528.9	-20.6	10.8
9	3,109.5	9.0	4.8	1,749.5	14.4	3.6
10	3,634.9	16.9	15.7	2,030.4	16.1	12.6
11	3,300.2	-9.2	2.2	2,011.2	-0.9	10.6
12	3,119.5	-5.5	7.4	1,830.3	-9.0	2.5
Total year	38,628.6		8.8	22,202.3		11.0
2019 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> : 1	3,265.4	4.7	6.4	1,801.9	-1.5	5.5
2	3,298.8	1.0	12.6	1,862.7	3.4	9.8
3	3,421.8	3.7	0.6	1,993.2	7.0	-1.5
4	3,369.4	-1.5	12.5	1,942.8	-2.5	12.8
5	3,780.0	12.2	15.8	2,027.1	4.3	7.5
6	3,340.8	-11.6	-4.3	1,919.6	-5.3	-8.2
7	3,742.9	12.0	8.1	2,115.8	10.2	9.9
8	2,967.4	-20.7	4.0	1,591.5	-24.8	4.1
9	3,535.4	19.1	13.7	1,917.8	20.5	9.6
10	3,760.2	6.4	3.4	2,112.9	10.2	4.1
11	3,348.8	-10.9	1.5	2,003.0	-5.2	-0.4
12	3,292.0	-1.7	5.5	1,949.3	-2.7	6.5
Total year	41,122.8		6.5	23,237.6		4.7

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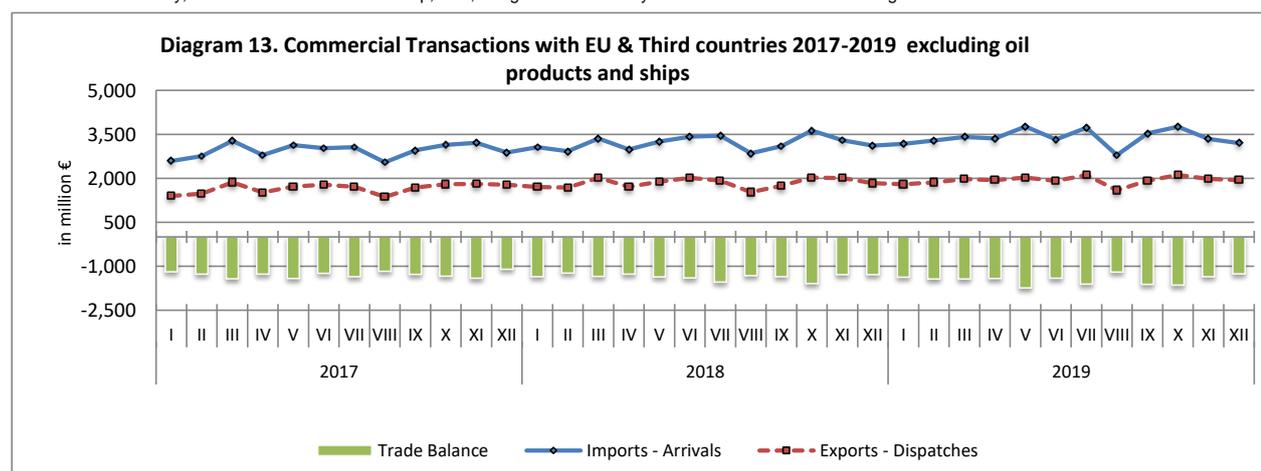
**Table 12. Commercial Transactions with EU and Third Countries 2017 - 2019 excluding oil products and ships**

Year and Month	Imports - Arrivals			Exports - Dispatches		
	Value in million €	Monthly Changes %	Changes % compared with the corresponding month of the previous year	Value in million €	Monthly Changes %	Changes % compared with the corresponding month of the previous year
2017 <sup>(2)</sup> : 1	2,594.0	-5.4	12.2	1,399.6	-14.2	5.7
2	2,753.2	6.1	0.8	1,479.4	5.7	-1.2
3	3,283.5	19.3	10.1	1,860.9	25.8	13.7
4	2,790.1	-15.0	0.9	1,516.9	-18.5	-4.0
5	3,131.8	12.2	13.7	1,715.6	13.1	21.4
6	3,024.5	-3.4	5.5	1,780.9	3.8	12.9
7	3,064.3	1.3	8.1	1,706.6	-4.2	2.0
8	2,543.4	-17.0	7.1	1,366.2	-19.9	8.5
9	2,959.4	16.4	2.2	1,684.9	23.3	1.3
10	3,141.6	6.2	15.7	1,801.4	6.9	12.8
11	3,211.4	2.2	11.6	1,804.7	0.2	8.4
12	2,880.7	-10.3	5.1	1,778.0	-1.5	9.0
Total year	35,377.8		7.7	19,895.0		7.4
2018 <sup>(2)</sup> : 1	3,060.5	6.2	18.0	1,706.0	-4.0	21.9
2	2,920.7	-4.6	6.1	1,688.3	-1.0	14.1
3	3,359.9	15.0	2.3	2,014.2	19.3	8.2
4	2,981.7	-11.3	6.9	1,714.4	-14.9	13.0
5	3,251.3	9.0	3.8	1,881.7	9.8	9.7
6	3,414.8	5.0	12.9	2,012.5	7.0	13.0
7	3,456.4	1.2	12.8	1,918.4	-4.7	12.4
8	2,849.9	-17.5	12.1	1,527.3	-20.4	11.8
9	3,098.1	8.7	4.7	1,742.7	14.1	3.4
10	3,623.8	17.0	15.3	2,027.6	16.3	12.6
11	3,296.1	-9.0	2.6	2,007.6	-1.0	11.2
12	3,115.9	-5.5	8.2	1,829.0	-8.9	2.9
Total year	38,429.1		8.6	22,069.6		10.9
2019 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> : 1	3,174.0	1.9	3.7	1,799.8	-1.6	5.5
2	3,289.7	3.6	12.6	1,854.9	3.1	9.9
3	3,407.7	3.6	1.4	1,972.1	6.3	-2.1
4	3,358.1	-1.5	12.6	1,940.2	-1.6	13.2
5	3,765.1	12.1	15.8	2,023.8	4.3	7.6
6	3,319.8	-11.8	-2.8	1,907.3	-5.8	-5.2
7	3,723.4	12.2	7.7	2,111.5	10.7	10.1
8	2,789.5	-25.1	-2.1	1,587.0	-24.8	3.9
9	3,533.2	26.7	14.0	1,916.1	20.7	10.0
10	3,755.3	6.3	3.6	2,108.2	10.0	4.0
11	3,339.1	-11.1	1.3	1,981.6	-6.0	-1.3
12	3,203.8	-4.1	2.8	1,941.5	-2.0	6.1
Total year	40,658.6		5.8	23,144.2		4.9

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

<b>Commercial Transactions of Greece</b>	The Commercial Transactions are recorded on a monthly basis aiming at monitoring the total value of imports/arrivals, exports/dispatches and their changes. This recording does not include the imports and exports of services; however the imports and exports of services together with the corresponding commercial transactions are taken into account for the compilation of National Accounts tables.
<b>Legal Framework</b>	The survey is conducted by virtue of the following EU Regulations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• for intra-EU trade (Intrastat), in accordance with Regulation (EC) 638/2004, as amended and in force, and Regulation (EU) 96/2010.</li><li>• for trade with third countries (Extrastat), in accordance with Regulation (EC) 471/2009 and Regulation (EU) 113/2010.</li></ul>
<b>Reference Period</b>	<b>December 2019</b>
<b>Availability of Results</b>	38 days after the end of the reference month (provisional data). The provisional data are revised and disseminated on a monthly basis for all the previous months until the finalization of the yearly data, which takes place ten months after the end of the reference year.
<b>Definitions</b>	<b>INTRASTAT</b> is the system for collecting Intra EU statistical data (among the EU countries). It was implemented on January 1st, 1993. <b>Arrival</b> is considered every import of goods from a country of the EU. <b>Dispatch</b> is considered every export of goods to a country of the EU. <b>EXTRASTAT</b> is the system for collecting external trade data with third countries (countries outside the EU). <b>Import</b> is considered every import of goods from a third country (outside the EU). <b>Export</b> is considered every export of goods to a third country (outside the EU).
<b>Methodology</b>	<b>INTRASTAT:</b> It is an exhaustive statistical survey. The parties responsible for providing statistical information through Intrastat System are the enterprises which perform intra EU trade transactions and they have exceeded the applied statistical thresholds. The statistical thresholds are readjusted each year. The statistical thresholds for 2019 are the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arrivals: € 150,000.00 (95.0% coverage)</li><li>• Dispatches: € 90,000.00 (98.0% coverage)</li></ul> The statistical data of Intra EU-Trade include also the transactions of the enterprises, which are not obliged to submit Intrastat data since the value of their transactions is below the applied statistical threshold. In compliance with the obligations provided in the EU Regulations regarding 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. <b>ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION:</b> Intrastat declarations are submitted electronically via 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> . <b>EXTRASTAT:</b> It is a statistical survey where data are collected by administrative sources. The Customs Authorities collect the relevant statistical data on trade by filling in the Single Administrative Document (SAD). All the transactions with third countries above the amount of 1,000 euros are registered. In the beginning of each month Customs Authorities transmit to Hellenic Statistical Authority an electronic file with the customs data of statistical relevance of the previous month. 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. <b>IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF SHIPS AND AIRCRAFTS:</b> In accordance with EU Regulations put into force in 2010 (Regulations (EU) 96/2010, 113/2010), the EU Member States are obliged to record the transactions of special goods and movements and more specifically of vessels and aircrafts in line with the principle of economic ownership. "Economic ownership" means the right of a taxable person to claim the benefits associated with the use of a vessel or aircraft in the course of an economic activity by virtue of accepting the associated risks. For the compilation of statistics on imports/arrivals and exports/dispatches of ships are used Intrastat data, data from administrative sources (Customs, Ministry of Marine and Island Policy), as well as data from national and international commercial databases based on the estimation model of the Bank of Greece for the Greek shipping (see Press Release on Balance of Payments published by the Bank of Greece on 20.11.2018). The compilation of statistics on imports/arrivals and exports/dispatches of aircrafts is based on Intrastat data and data from administrative sources (Customs, Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority). <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).
<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 "Statistics / International Trade in Goods" .