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## ***PRESS RELEASE***

### **STATISTICS ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN GOODS BY ENTERPRISE CHARACTERISTICS (TEC), 2014**

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces, for the first time through this press release, data on international trade in goods by enterprise characteristics, presenting the value of imports and exports by economic activity sector of NACE Rev.2 and employment size class of the enterprises, for the year 2014.

On the basis of the available data, in 2014 the total number of enterprises which carried out imports, exports or both types of transactions amounted to 38,403: out of this number 24,201 enterprises had transactions with EU countries and 25,048 enterprises with third countries. The total value of imports and exports amounted to 73,365.2 million euro: 35,120.1 million euro correspond to transactions with EU countries and 38,245.1 million euro to transactions with third countries. The enterprises in sections "Manufacturing, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities and Mining and quarrying" accounted for 59.1 % of the value of transactions; the enterprises belonging to "Agriculture, forestry and fishing, Construction and Other services (excluding wholesale and retail sale, etc.)" accounted for 8.6 % of the total value of transactions and the enterprises in the section "Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles" stood for 32.3 % of the value of the transactions (Table 1).

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More specifically, as regards imports, 33,045 enterprises had import transactions whose value amounted to 46,721.6 million euro. The enterprises in sections “Manufacturing, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities and Mining and quarrying”, which represent 21.4 % (7,065) of the total number of enterprises, accounted for 52.1 % of the total imports value (24,359.9 million euro). The enterprises in “Agriculture, forestry and fishing, Construction and Other services (excluding Wholesale and retail trade, etc.)”, which represent 19.5 % (6,442 enterprises ) of the total number of enterprises, accounted for 9.5 % (4,451.4 million euro) of the total value of imports. Finally, the enterprises in “Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles”, which stand for 59.1 % (19,538 enterprises) of the total number of enterprises, accounted for 38.3 % (17,910.4 million euro) of the total value of imports (Table 1- Graph 1.1).

Accordingly, as regards exports, 17,538 enterprises had export transactions amounting to 26,643.6 million euro. The enterprises in sections “Manufacturing, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities and Mining and quarrying”, which represent 33.7 % (5,905) of the total number of enterprises, accounted for 71.3 % (18,990.7 million euro) of the total exports value. The enterprises in sections “Agriculture, forestry and fishing, Construction and Other services (excluding Wholesale and retail, etc.)”, which represent 17.3% (3,037) of the total number of enterprises, accounted for 7.1 % (1,887.6 million euro) of the total exports value. Finally, the enterprises in “Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles”, which stand for 49.0 % (8,596) of the total number of enterprises, accounted for 21.6 % (5,765.3 million euro) of the total value of exports (Table 1- Graph 1.1).

As regards the breakdown of import data by employment size class of the enterprises, it can be observed that small enterprises with less than 50 employees, which represent 75.9 % of the total number of import enterprises accounted for 28.2 % of the total value of imports, namely 13,194.6 million euro. Medium-sized enterprises, with 50 to 249 employees, which represent 3.9 % of the total number of import enterprises, accounted for 20.1 % of the total value of imports, namely 9,399.6 million euro, and large enterprises, with more than 250 employees, which stand for 1.2 % of the total number of import enterprises, accounted for 50.1 % of the total value of imports, namely 23,395.3 million euro (Table 2.1- Graph 2.1).

As regards the breakdown of exports data by employment size class of the enterprises, it can be observed that small companies with less than 50 employees, which represent 75.3 % of the total number of exporting enterprises, accounted for 23.2 % of the total value of exports, namely 6,186.8 million euro. Medium-sized enterprises with 50 to 249 employees, which represent 6.0 % of the total number of exporting enterprises,

accounted for 20.9 % of the total value of exports, namely 5,580.1 million euro and large enterprises with more than 250 employees, which represent 1.6 % of the total number of exporting enterprises, accounted for 54.7 % of the total value of exports, amounting to 14,574.6 million euro (Table 2.2- Graph 2.2).

On the basis of the available data on the concentration of trade value by size of the enterprises in terms of value of transactions, it is observed that the top 5 enterprises, in terms of value of transactions, accounted for 34.0 % of the total value of imports and the top 50 enterprises accounted for, approximately, half of the total value of imports (47.7 %), while the top 500 enterprises stood for 71.5 % of the total value of imports. As regards exports, it is observed that the top 5 enterprises, in terms of value of transactions, accounted for 33.2 % of the total value of exports, the top 50 enterprises stood for, approximately, half of the total value of exports (51.2 %), while the top 500 enterprises accounted for 78.5 % of the total value of exports (Table 3- Graph 3).

As regards the concentration of trade value by sector of economic activity, for imports the following are observed: in sections “Manufacturing, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities and Mining and quarrying”, the top 5 enterprises, in terms of value transactions, accounted almost for 2/3 (61.6 %) of the total value of imports. In “Agriculture, forestry and fishing, Construction and Other services (excluding Wholesale and retail trade, etc.)”, the top 20 enterprises, in terms of value transactions, stood approximately for half (48.0 %) of the total value of imports. In “Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles”, the top 100 enterprises, in terms of value transactions, accounted for 41.2 % of the total value of imports and the top 500 enterprises for 2/3 (66.3 %) of the total value of imports (Table 3 - Graph 3).

Accordingly as regards exports, on the basis of available data broken down by sector of economic activity, it is observed that in “Manufacturing, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities and Mining and quarrying”, the top 10 enterprises, in terms of value transactions accounted for more than half (52.0 %) of the total value of exports. In “Agriculture, forestry and fishing, Construction and Other services (excluding Wholesale and retail trade, etc.)”, the top 20 enterprises, in terms of value transactions, stood approximately for half the total value of exports (47.2 %). In “Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles”, the top 100 enterprises, in terms of value transactions, accounted for more than half of the total value of exports (54.4 %) and the biggest 500 enterprises for 78.5 % of the total value of exports (Table 3 - Graph 3).

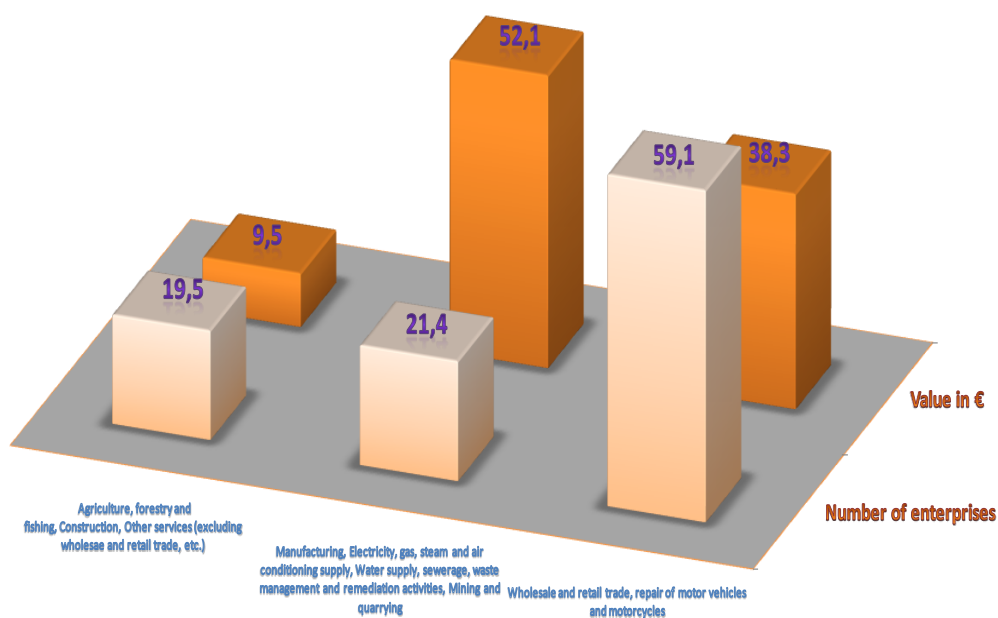
**Table 1. International trade in goods, by type of trader and section of economic activity, 2014**

Type of Trader			Total		Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing, Construction, Other services (excluding wholesae and retail trade, etc.)		Manufacturing, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities, Mining and quarrying		Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	
			Number of enterprises	Value in €	Number of enterprises	Value in €	Number of enterprises	Value in €	Number of enterprises	Value in €
Total - Importers and Exporters <sup>(1)</sup>	Imports and Exports	World <sup>(2)</sup>	38,403	73,365,242,815	7,668	6,339,060,713	9,012	43,350,543,215	21,723	23,675,638,887
		of which:								
		European Union	24,201	35,120,155,983	3,955	3,105,022,750	5,722	15,290,281,421	14,524	16,724,851,812
		Third countries (other than EU)	25,048	38,245,086,832	5,029	3,234,037,963	6,664	28,060,261,794	13,355	6,950,787,075
Importers		World <sup>(2)</sup>	33,045	46,721,647,593	6,442	4,451,407,251	7,065	24,359,861,838	19,538	17,910,378,504
		of which:								
		European Union	21,976	22,332,504,259	3,585	2,146,954,187	5,003	7,298,235,221	13,388	12,887,314,851
of which:		Third countries (other than EU)	19,369	24,389,143,334	3,831	2,304,453,064	4,504	17,061,626,617	11,034	5,023,063,653
Importers only	Imports	World <sup>(2)</sup>	20,865	5,729,757,109	4,631	683,765,704	3,107	480,756,881	13,127	4,565,234,524
		of which:								
		European Union	12,058	3,742,397,268	2,471	574,456,148	1,684	349,646,899	7,903	2,818,294,221
		Third countries (other than EU)	11,427	1,987,359,841	2,561	109,309,556	1,789	131,109,982	7,077	1,746,940,303
Two-way traders <sup>(1)</sup>		World <sup>(2)</sup>	12,180	40,991,890,484	1,811	3,767,641,547	3,958	23,879,104,957	6,411	13,345,143,980
		of which:								
		European Union	9,918	18,590,106,991	1,114	1,572,498,039	3,319	6,948,588,322	5,485	10,069,020,630
		Third countries (other than EU)	7,942	22,401,783,493	1,270	2,195,143,508	2,715	16,930,516,635	3,957	3,276,123,350
Exporters		World <sup>(2)</sup>	17,538	26,643,595,222	3,037	1,887,653,462	5,905	18,990,681,377	8,596	5,765,260,383
		of which:								
		European Union	10,879	12,787,651,724	1,296	958,068,563	3,638	7,992,046,200	5,945	3,837,536,961
of which:		Third countries (other than EU)	11,434	13,855,943,498	2,222	929,584,899	4,406	10,998,635,177	4,806	1,927,723,422
Exporters only	Exports	World <sup>(2)</sup>	5,358	1,725,670,894	1,226	212,530,465	1,947	277,437,698	2,185	1,235,702,731
		of which:								
		European Union	1,766	958,828,484	305	98,828,739	591	130,892,999	870	729,106,746
		Third countries (other than EU)	4,046	766,842,410	990	113,701,726	1,528	146,544,699	1,528	506,595,985
Two-way traders <sup>(1)</sup>		World <sup>(2)</sup>	12,180	24,917,924,328	1,811	1,675,122,997	3,958	18,713,243,679	6,411	4,529,557,652
		of which:								
		European Union	9,113	11,828,823,240	991	859,239,824	3,047	7,861,153,201	5,075	3,108,430,215
		Third countries (other than EU)	7,388	13,089,101,088	1,232	815,883,173	2,878	10,852,090,478	3,278	1,421,127,437

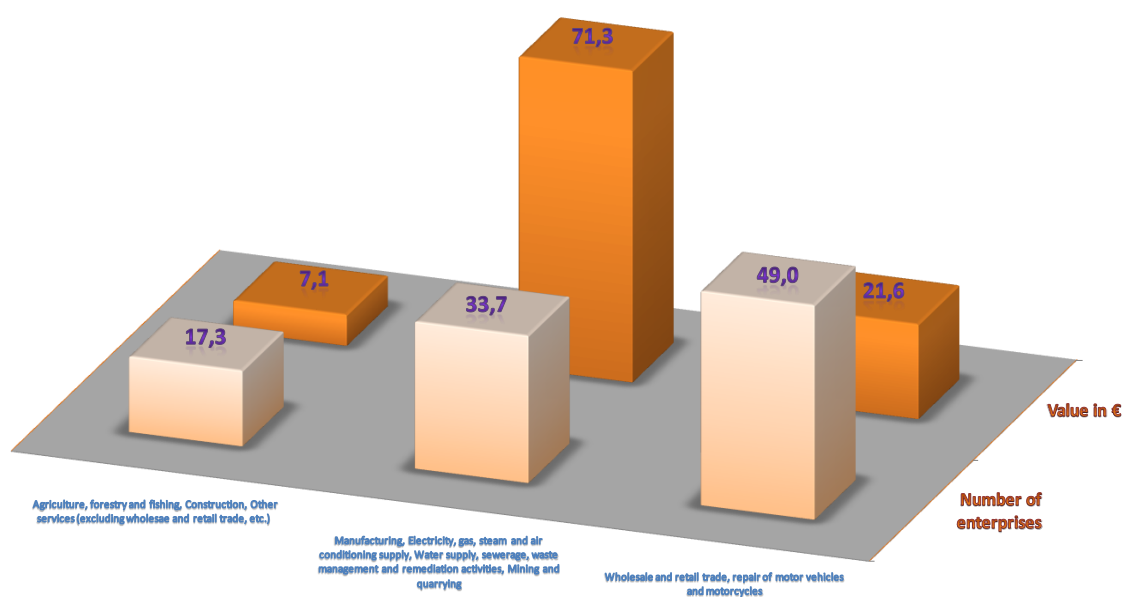
(1) Two-way traders are recorded only once

(2) The number of enterprises is not the sum of the total number of enterprises because one enterprise may have transactions with both EU countries and Third countries.

Graph 1.1. Imports: Percentage distribution of enterprises and trade value by economic activity section , 2014



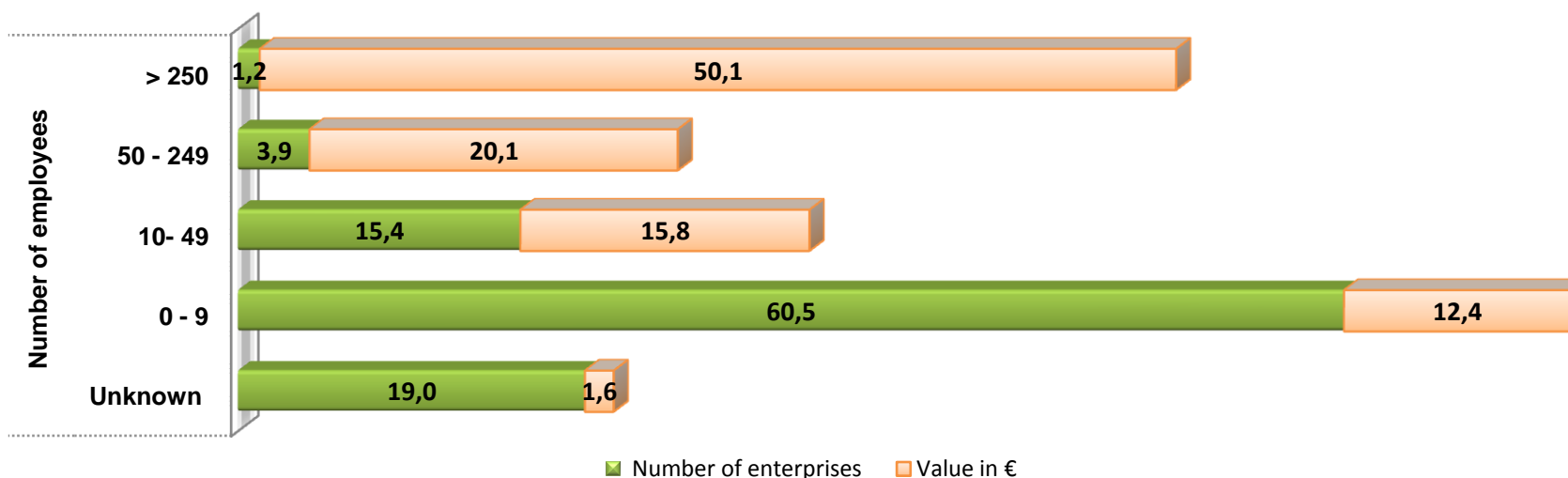
Graph 1.2. Exports: Percentage distribution of enterprises and trade value by economic activity section, 2014



**Table 2.1. Imports: Number of enterprises and trade value, by employment size class and section of economic activity, 2014**

Enterprise size class (in terms of number of employees)	Total				Agriculture, forestry and fishing, Construction, Other services (excluding Wholesale and retail trade, etc.)				Manufacturing, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities, Mining and quarrying				Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles			
	Number of enterprises	Share %	Value in €	Share %	Number of enterprises	Share %	Value in €	Share %	Number of enterprises	Share %	Value in €	Share %	Number of enterprises	Share %	Value in €	Share %
0 - 9	19,976	60.5	5,814,914,862	12.4	3,124	48.5	497,196,039	11.2	3,572	50.6	803,212,624	3.3	13,280	68.0	4,514,506,199	25.2
10- 49	5,104	15.4	7,379,683,559	15.8	891	13.8	1,488,803,056	33.4	1,907	27.0	1,739,626,648	7.1	2,306	11.8	4,151,253,855	23.2
50 - 249	1,297	3.9	9,399,641,354	20.1	333	5.2	1,198,933,708	26.9	530	7.5	2,751,568,019	11.3	434	2.2	5,449,139,627	30.4
> 250	398	1.2	23,395,299,759	50.1	167	2.6	862,742,160	19.4	134	1.9	19,020,462,135	78.1	97	0.5	3,512,095,464	19.6
Unknown	6,270	19.0	732,108,059	1.6	1,927	29.9	403,732,288	9.1	922	13.1	44,992,412	0.2	3,421	17.5	283,383,359	1.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,045</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>46,721,647,593</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,442</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,451,407,251</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,065</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>24,359,861,838</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>19,538</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>17,910,378,504</b>	<b>100.0</b>

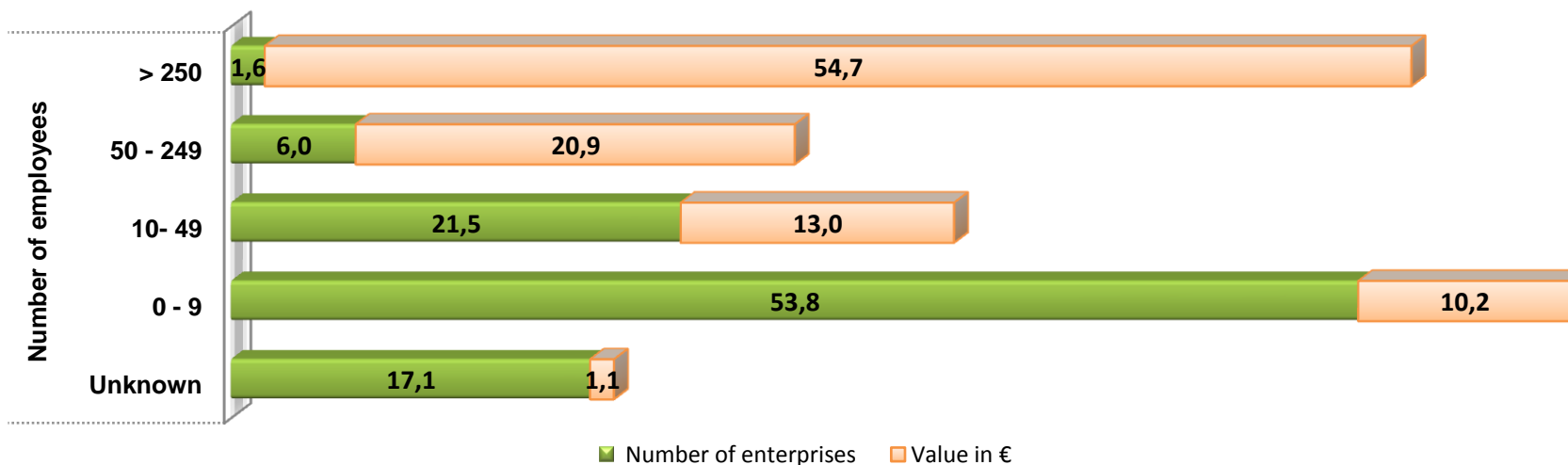
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**Table 2.2. Exports: Number of enterprises and trade value, by employment size class and section of economic activity, 2014**

Enterprise size class (in terms of number of employees)	Total				Agriculture, forestry and fishing, Construction, Other services (excluding Wholesale and retail trade, etc.)				Manufacturing, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities, Mining and quarrying				Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles			
	Number of enterprises	Share %	Value in €	Share %	Number of enterprises	Share %	Value in €	Share %	Number of enterprises	Share %	Value in €	Share %	Number of enterprises	Share %	Value in €	Share %
0 - 9	9,434	53.8	2,714,048,171	10.2	1,237	40.7	280,272,958	14.8	2,696	45.7	697,292,298	3.7	5,501	64.0	1,736,482,915	30.1
10- 49	3,766	21.5	3,472,741,842	13.0	482	15.9	409,978,103	21.7	1,709	28.9	1,651,147,302	8.7	1,575	18.3	1,411,616,437	24.5
50 - 249	1,046	6.0	5,580,084,752	20.9	173	5.7	422,198,289	22.4	504	8.5	3,418,498,118	18.0	369	4.3	1,739,388,345	30.2
> 250	285	1.6	14,574,618,392	54.7	79	2.6	601,125,777	31.8	129	2.2	13,165,606,488	69.3	77	0.9	807,886,127	14.0
Unknown	3,007	17.1	302,102,065	1.1	1,066	35.1	174,078,335	9.2	867	14.7	58,137,171	0.3	1,074	12.5	69,886,559	1.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,538</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>26,643,595,222</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,037</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,887,653,462</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,905</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>18,990,681,377</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,596</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,765,260,383</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Graph 2.2. Exports: Percentage distribution of enterprises and trade value by employment size class, 2014**



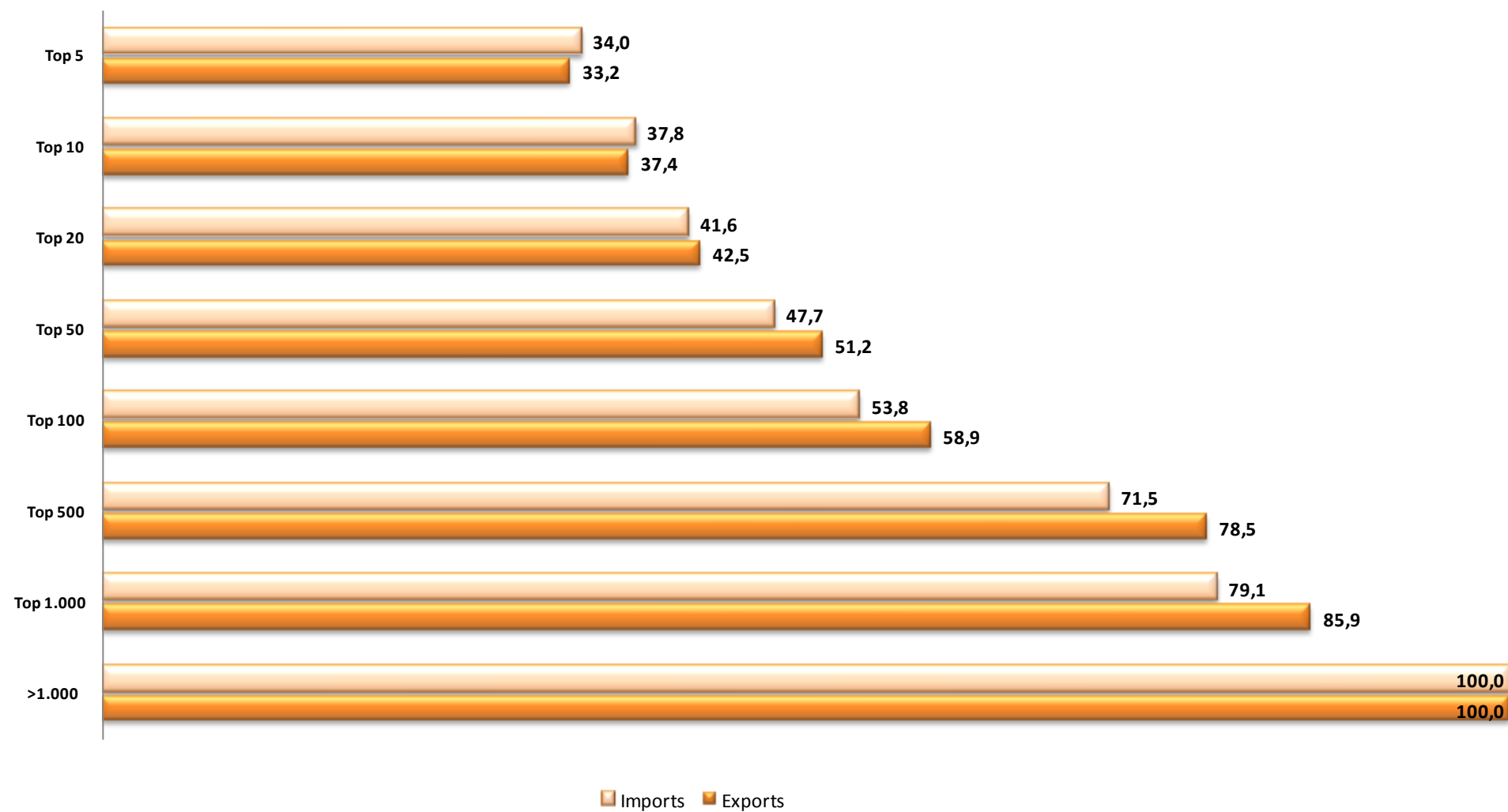
**Table 3. Imports-Exports: Concentration of trade value by section of economic activity, 2014**

Distribution of enterprises by value of transactions <sup>(1)</sup>	Imports								Exports							
	Total		Agriculture, forestry and fishing, Construction, Other services (excluding wholesae and retail trade, etc.)		Manufacturing, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities, Mining and quarrying		Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles		Total		Agriculture, forestry and fishing, Construction, Other services (excluding wholesae and retail trade, etc.)		Manufacturing, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities, Mining and quarrying		Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	
	Value in €	Share %	Value in €	Share %	Value in €	Share %	Value in €	Share %	Value in €	Share %	Value in €	Share %	Value in €	Share %	Value in €	Share %
Top 5	15,878,784,031	34.0	1,328,839,760	29.9	15,003,949,345	61.6	2,093,252,601	11.7	8,858,917,932	33.2	557,951,774	29.6	8,858,917,932	46.6	660,875,642	11.5
Top 10	17,677,470,731	37.8	1,696,266,168	38.1	15,813,510,449	64.9	2,881,033,844	16.1	9,959,975,536	37.4	706,707,055	37.4	9,878,885,652	52.0	1,072,380,190	18.6
Top 20	19,438,393,788	41.6	2,135,339,113	48.0	16,654,042,041	68.4	3,886,952,029	21.7	11,322,288,333	42.5	891,804,764	47.2	11,011,094,902	58.0	1,647,795,590	28.6
Top 50	22,291,826,265	47.7	2,800,882,477	62.9	18,098,156,233	74.3	5,678,556,326	31.7	13,634,893,155	51.2	1,172,900,207	62.1	12,538,538,792	66.0	2,509,135,162	43.5
Top 100	25,126,887,964	53.8	3,263,623,899	73.3	19,288,962,682	79.2	7,384,003,488	41.2	15,680,330,901	58.9	1,374,508,660	72.8	14,002,836,550	73.7	3,133,421,984	54.4
Top 500	33,403,576,277	71.5	4,002,788,247	89.9	22,164,656,484	91.0	11,876,259,399	66.3	20,907,754,128	78.5	1,750,576,584	92.7	17,111,891,719	90.1	4,527,393,340	78.5
Top 1.000	36,975,410,686	79.1	4,221,221,651	94.8	23,157,889,838	95.1	13,577,271,749	75.8	22,879,477,270	85.9	1,842,021,400	97.6	18,074,195,400	95.2	5,056,859,536	87.7
>1.000	46,721,647,593	100.0	4,451,407,251	100.0	24,359,861,838	100.0	17,910,378,504	100.0	26,643,595,222	100.0	1,887,653,462	100.0	18,990,681,377	100.0	5,765,260,383	100.0

(1) The distribution of the enterprises is based on the value of their transactions



**Graph 3. Imports-Exports: Concentration of trade value (%), 2014**



## EXPLANATORY NOTES

<b>International trade in goods by enterprise characteristics</b>	<p>Statistics on International Trade in Goods by Enterprise Characteristics are compiled on a yearly basis and refer to the total value of imports and exports on the basis of the economic activity sector and employment size class of the enterprises. International Trade in Goods Statistics, when combined with data on other characteristics of the enterprises, can provide a more comprehensive view for assessing the economy of a country.</p>
<b>Legal framework</b>	<p>The data on International Trade in Goods by Enterprise Characteristics are compiled pursuant to Regulations 638/2004 and 471/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council.</p>
<b>Reference period</b>	<p>The year 2014.</p>
<b>Frequency</b>	<p>Annual.</p>
<b>Definitions</b>	<p><b>International Trade in Goods Statistics:</b> it refers to the compilation of statistics on trade with EU countries (Intra Union Trade) and with Third countries (Extra Union Trade), on a monthly basis.</p> <p>The transactions with EU countries are compiled on the basis of the data submitted to the Intrastat system of ELSTAT by the enterprises which have <u>intra EU trade transactions</u> the value of which is above 100,000 euro for imports and 90,000 euro for exports (statistical threshold for 2014), on a yearly basis. The trade transactions <u>with Third countries</u> are compiled on the basis of data transmitted by the Customs Authorities of the country.</p> <p><b>Type of trader:</b> refers to the type of trade transactions of the enterprise, namely if the enterprise is only an importer, only an exporter or a two-way trader (importer and exporter).</p> <p><b>Classification by section of economic activity:</b> The classification of the enterprises by sector of economic activity is in compliance with the European standard statistical classification of economic activities, NACE Rev.2, as laid down in Annex I of Regulation (EC) 1893/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council. Economic activities are classified into four distinct breakdown levels, namely: 21 Sections (one-digit level, A-U), 88 Divisions (two-digit level), 272 Groups (three-digit level) and 615 Classes (four-digit level).</p> <p><b>Size class of the enterprise</b> (employment size class): the classification of the enterprises by size class is based on the number of employees of the enterprise, in accordance with the definitions laid down in Regulation (EC) 250/2009 on Structural Business Statistics.</p>
<b>Methodology</b>	<p>Statistics on International Trade in Goods by Enterprise Characteristics are compiled on the basis of data on imports and exports of international trade in goods and data on the characteristics of these enterprises deriving from the Statistical Business Register and the Structural Business Statistics.</p> <p>In this framework, Statistics on International Trade in Goods by Enterprise Characteristics are compiled, on a yearly basis, by combining information from the aforementioned sources at the level of the enterprise. Subsequently, tables are compiled with aggregate data pertaining to the number of enterprises and the value of international trade transactions by section of economic activity and employment size class of the enterprise.</p> <p>For the purposes of this statistical work, the data are broken down at one-digit level of NACE Rev. 2, namely at the level of the Section. The data of the Sections have been grouped and presented as follows:</p> <p>A) "Manufacturing, Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply, Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities, Mining and quarrying",</p> <p>B) "Agriculture, forestry and fishing, Construction and Other services (excluding wholesale and retail trade, etc.)"</p> <p>It should be noted that "<u>Other services</u>" include: Transportation and storage, Accommodation and food service activities, Information and communication, Financial and insurance activities, Real estate activities, Professional, scientific and technical activities, Public administration and defence, Compulsory social security, Education, Human health and social work activities, Arts, entertainment and recreation, Other service activities, Activities of households as employers, undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use, Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies.</p> <p>C) "Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles".</p> <p>More information concerning Statistics on International Trade in Goods by Enterprise Characteristics can be found on the portal of ELSTAT at: <a href="http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/itr">http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/itr</a>.</p>
<b>References</b>	<p><a href="http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/itr">http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/itr</a>.</p>