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EXPORTS AND IMPORTS INCREASED BY 40.6% AND 46.4% IN NOMINAL TERMS

In **May 2022**, exports and imports of goods recorded nominal year-on-year growth rates of +40.6% and +46.4%, respectively (+16.8% and +29.1%, in the same order, in April 2022). About half of these variations reflect increases in prices: the unit value indices (prices) recorded year-on-year variations of +17.2% in exports and +24.3% in imports.

Also in nominal terms, the emphasis was on the increases in exports and imports of *Industrial supplies* (+60.3% and +38.6%, respectively), generalized to several groups of products, but with special emphasis on exports of pharmaceutical products, and in imports of *Fuels and lubricants* (+147.8%), in the latter case explained in part by the transactions of natural gas.

Excluding *Fuels and lubricants*, exports and imports grew by 35.3% and 34.4%, respectively (+12.6% and +18.5%, in the same order, in April 2022). The unit value indices (prices) excluding petroleum products recorded year-on-year variations of +12.9% in exports and +15.2% in imports.

The deficit of trade balance in goods increased by EUR 976 million when compared with May 2021, amounting to EUR 2,421 million. Excluding *Fuels and lubricants*, the trade deficit totalled EUR 1,300 million, increasing by EUR 296 million when compared with May 2021.

In the quarter ended in May of 2022, exports and imports increased by 23.3% and 35.3%, respectively, when compared with the same period of 2021 (+16.5% and +33.8%, in the same order, in the quarter ended in April 2022).



Global Results

In May 2022, exports and imports of goods registered nominal year-on-year growth rates of +40.6% and +46.4%, respectively (+16.8% and +29.1%, in the same order, in April 2022). About half of these variations shall be related to price changes: the unit value indices (prices) recorded year-on-year variations of +17.2% in exports and +24.3% in imports.

Also in nominal terms, the emphasis was on the increases in exports and imports of *Industrial supplies* (+60.3% and +38.6%, respectively), generalized to several groups of products, but with special emphasis on exports of pharmaceutical products. Imports of *Fuels and lubricants* also recorded a significant increase (+147.8%), reflecting the increase in the price of these products in the international market, as well as the result of the introduction in the market of the natural gas previously subjected to the customs warehousing procedure, with a view to the closure of the warehouse in Sines.

In May 2022, in year-on-year terms and excluding *Fuels and lubricants*, there were increases of 35.3% in exports and 34.4% in imports (+12.6% and +18.5% in April 2022, respectively). The unit value indices (prices) excluding petroleum products recorded year-on-year variations of +12.9% in exports and +15.2% in imports.

In May 2022, when compared with the previous month, exports and imports increased by 19.9% and 13.7% respectively (-5.6% and -4.1% in April 2022, in the same order).

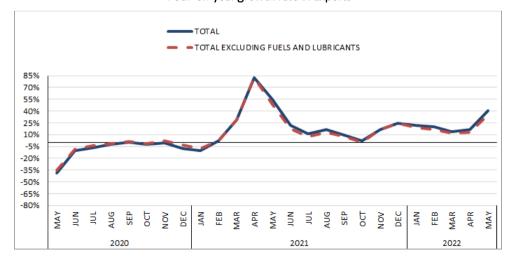
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Figure 1. International Trade Monthly Data Exports

			TOTAL	TOTAL EXC	UDING FUELS AN	TOTAL QUARTER ENDED IN:		
YEAR	MONTH		GROWTH	RATE (%)		GROWTH	RATE (%)	GROWTH RATE (%)
		€ Million	Year-on-year	Month-to- month	€ Million	Year-on-year	Month-to- month	Year-on-year
2020	MAY JUNE JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER	3,427 4,240 5,033 3,742 5,011 5,449 5,195 4,255	-38.7 -10.6 -6.8 -2.2 0.4 -2.2 -0.5 -7.2	17.4 23.7 18.7 -25.6 33.9 8.7 -4.7	3,379 4,128 4,908 3,565 4,822 5,256 4,995 4,010	-34.8 -8.1 -3.6 -1.2 1.1 -1.3 2.6 -3.2	21.8 22.2 18.9 -27.4 35.3 9.0 -5.0	-31.2 -30.9 -19.3 -6.8 -3.0 -1.3 -0.8
2021	TOTAL JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH APRIL MAY JUNE JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER	63,580 4,605 4,979 5,814 5,323 5,301 5,148 5,584 4,360 5,497 5,588 6,071 5,311	18.3 -10.3 2.4 29.4 82.3 54.7 21.4 11.0 16.5 9.7 2.5 16.9 24.8	8.2 8.1 16.8 -8.4 -0.4 -2.9 8.5 -21.9 26.1 1.6 8.6 -12.5	60,036 4,356 4,652 5,486 5,050 5,028 4,859 5,295 4,018 5,169 5,285 5,831 5,006	16.9 -7.7 1.9 28.8 82.1 48.8 17.7 7.9 12.7 7.2 0.5 16.7 24.8	8.6 6.8 17.9 -8.0 -0.4 -3.4 9.0 -24.1 28.6 2.3 10.3 -14.2	-5.9 -5.1 6.3 31.3 51.7 49.0 26.3 16.0 12.0 8.7 9.6
2022	JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH APRIL MAY	5,612 5,958 6,591 6,219 7,455	21.9 19.7 13.4 16.8 40.6	5.7 6.2 10.6 -5.6 19.9	5,189 5,433 6,140 5,686 6,805	19.1 16.8 11.9 12.6 35.3	3.6 4.7 13.0 -7.4 19.7	20.9 22.0 18.0 16.5 23.3

Figure 2. International Trade Monthly Data Year-on-year growth rate in Exports



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Figure 3. International Trade Monthly Data Growth of monthly value in Exports

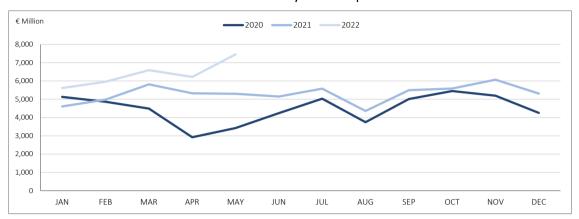


Figure 4. International Trade Monthly Data Imports

			TOTAL			LUDING FUELS AN	TOTAL QUARTER ENDED IN:	
YEAR	MONTH		GROWTH	RATE (%)		GROWTH	RATE (%)	GROWTH RATE (%)
		€ Million	Year-on-year	Month-to- month	€ Million	Year-on-year	Month-to- month	Year-on-year
20.20	MAY JUNE JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER	4,333 5,157 5,864 5,018 6,170 6,463 6,130 5,704	-39.9 -22.0 -19.3 -7.9 -8.2 -11.1 -11.5 -5.2	7.3 19.0 13.7 -14.4 23.0 4.7 -5.2 -7.0	4,151 4,863 5,449 4,540 5,681 5,974 5,765 5,259	-34.8 -16.3 -15.0 -7.2 -3.8 -8.4 -7.8 -1.6	14.0 17.2 12.0 -16.7 25.1 5.2 -3.5 -8.8	-30.2 -34.3 -27.2 -17.0 -12.3 -9.2 -10.3 -9.5
2021	TOTAL JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH APRIL MAY JUNE JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER	82,740 5,503 5,721 6,939 6,747 6,742 7,150 6,115 7,345 7,611 8,318 7,820	21.4 -17.6 -11.3 13.0 66.6 55.7 30.7 21.9 21.9 19.0 17.8 35.7 37.1	-3.5 4.0 21.3 -3.0 0.3 -0.1 6.1 -14.5 20.1 3.6 9.3 -6.0	73,422 5,015 5,120 6,334 6,078 6,032 6,119 6,307 5,272 6,342 6,589 7,325 6,889	17.8 -13.2 -10.8 15.7 66.9 45.3 25.8 15.7 16.1 11.6 10.3 27.1 31.0	-4.7 2.1 23.7 -4.0 -0.8 1.4 3.1 -16.4 20.3 3.9 11.2 -6.0	-11.7 -11.6 -5.7 16.6 40.7 49.4 34.4 24.7 20.9 19.4 24.0 29.8
2022	JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH APRIL MAY	7,599 8,187 9,059 8,687 9,877	38.1 43.1 30.6 29.1 46.4	-2.8 7.7 10.7 -4.1 13.7	6,545 6,780 7,649 7,202 8,105	30.5 32.4 20.8 18.5 34.4	-5.0 3.6 12.8 -5.8 12.5	36.9 39.5 36.8 33.8 35.3



Figure 5. International Trade Monthly Data Year-on-year growth rate in Imports

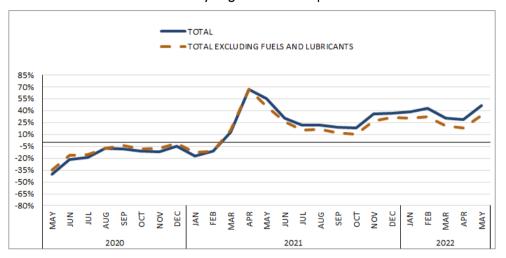
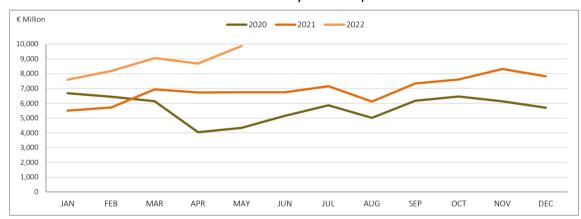


Figure 6. International Trade Monthly Data Growth of monthly value in Imports



In May 2022, the deficit of the trade balance amounted to EUR 2,421 million, which stands for an increase of EUR 976 million in comparison with the same month of 2021 and a decrease of EUR 47 million in comparison with the previous month.

Excluding *Fuels and lubricants,* in May 2022, the trade balance totalled EUR -1,300 million, corresponding to an increase of EUR 296 million in the trade deficit vis-à-vis May 2021.



Figure 7. Trade Balance

		TOTAL		TOTAL EXCL	UDING FUELS AN	TOTAL QUARTER ENDED IN:		
YEAR	MONTH		GROWTH	(10 ⁶ Eur)		GROWTH	(10 ⁶ Eur)	GROWTH (10 ⁶ Eur)
		€ Million	Year-on-year	Month-to- month	€ Million	Year-on-year	Month-to- month	Year-on-year
20.20	MAY JUNE JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER NOVEMBER	-906 -917 -831 -1,275 -1,159 -1,014 -935	714 954 1,033 347 572 685 773	213 -10 86 -444 116 145 79	-772 -736 -542 -975 -860 -718	413 582 782 311 278 480 616	97 37 194 -433 115 142 -53	1,352 2,328 2,700 2,333 1,952 1,604
	DECEMBER	-1,449	-20	-513	-1,250	-46	-53 -479	2,030 1,438
2021	JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH APRIL MAY JUNE JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER	-19,160 -898 -742 -1,125 -1,406 -1,594 -1,566 -1,755 -1,848 -2,024 -2,247 -2,509	-4,772 652 843 521 -286 -540 -677 -735 -479 -689 -1,010 -1,312 -1,060	550 157 -384 -280 -40 -148 28 -189 -93 -176 -224	-13,386 -659 -468 -848 -1,028 -1,004 -1,260 -1,012 -1,254 -1,173 -1,304 -1,494 -1,883	-2,449 398 706 367 -158 -232 -524 -470 -279 -313 -586 -724 -633	591 190 -380 -180 24 -256 248 -242 81 -131 -190	1,405 1,475 2,016 1,078 -305 -1,502 -1,952 -1,891 -1,903 -2,178 -3,011 -3,382
2022	JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH APRIL MAY	-1,986 -2,229 -2,468 -2,468 -2,421	-1,088 -1,487 -1,343 -1,062 -976	523 -242 -240 Ə 47	-1,357 -1,347 -1,509 -1,516 -1,300	-698 -879 -661 -488 -296	526 9 -161 -7 216	-3,460 -3,635 -3,917 -3,892 -3,381

Figure 8. Trade Balance

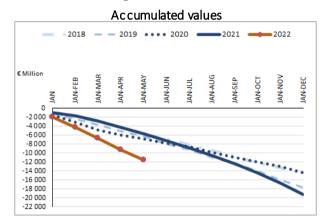
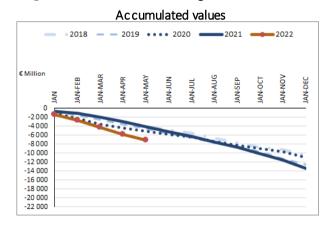


Figure 9. Trade Balance excluding Fuels and Lubricants



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Broad Economic Categories

In May 2022, in comparison with the same month in 2021, concerning exports, stood out the increase in *Industrial supplies* (+60.3%), particularly *Processed goods*, mostly to the United States, with special emphasis on pharmaceutical products, and Spain.

Figure 10. Monthly Data by BEC - Exports

		REFERE	NCE MONTH		QUARTER ENDED IN:			
BROAD ECONOMIC CATEGORIES		€ Million		GROWTH RATE	€ Million			GROWTH RATE
	MAY 2022	MAY 2021	GROWTH	%	MAY 2022	MAY 2021	GROWTH	%
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	740	584	156	26.8	2.084	1.727	357	20.7
PRIMARY	225	183	42	23.1	625	516	109	21.2
PROCESSED	515	401	114	28.5	1,459	1,212	248	20.5
INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED PRIMARY PROCESSED	2,916	1,819	1,097	60.3	7,536	5,516	2,020	36.6
	253	175	78	44.8	703	516	187	36.2
	2,663	1,644	1,019	62.0	6,833	5,000	1,833	36.7
FUELS AND LUBRICANTS PRIMARY PROCESSED	650	273	377	138.2	1,635	873	761	87.2
	68	1	67	6022.2	183	12	171	1406.0
	583	272	311	114.3	1,452	861	590	68.6
CAPITAL GOODS, AND PARTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF (1) CAPITAL GOODS (1) PARTS AND ACCESSORIES	877	749	128	17.1	2,530	2,327	203	8.7
	546	469	77	16.5	1,586	1,484	102	6.9
	331	280	51	18.1	944	844	100	11.9
TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT AND PARTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF PASSENGER MOTOR CARS OTHER PARTS AND ACCESSORIES	1,109	927	182	19.6	3,090	3,077	13	0.4
	357	303	53	17.5	992	1,032	-40	-3.9
	176	167	9	5.6	537	494	44	8.8
	576	457	119	26.1	1,561	1,551	10	0.6
CONSUMER GOODS NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED DURABLE SEMI-DURABLE NON-DURABLE	1,159	946	213	22.6	3,372	2,907	465	16.0
	180	138	42	30.2	505	423	82	19.3
	598	472	126	26.7	1,760	1,463	297	20.3
	382	336	46	13.6	1,107	1,021	86	8.4
GOODS NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED (1)-EXCEPT TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	3	4	ə	-12.6	18	9	8	88.0

In May 2022, when compared with the same month in 2021, concerning imports, the emphasis is on the increase in Fuels and lubricants (+147.8%), reflecting the increase in the price of these products in the international market, as well as the result of the introduction in the market of the natural gas previously subjected to the customs warehousing procedure, with a view to the closure of the warehouse in Sines. Industrial supplies recorded a significant increase as well (+38.6%), generalized to several groups of products but with greater emphasis in imports from Spain.

Figure 11. Monthly Data by BEC - Imports

		REFERE	NCE MONTH		QUARTER ENDED IN:			
BROAD ECONOMIC CATEGORIES	€ Million GROW				€ Million			GROWTH RATE
	MAY 2022	MAY 2021	GROWTH	%	MAY 2022	MAY 2021	GROWTH	%
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	1.148	866	283	32.7	3.204	2.553	652	25.5
PRIMARY	496	380	115	30.3	1,377	1,124	253	22.5
PROCESSED	653	485	168	34.5	1,827	1,428	399	27.9
INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED PRIMARY PROCESSED	3,145	2,269	875	38.6	8,858	6,705	2,153	32.1
	296	198	98	49.2	773	606	166	27.4
	2,849	2,071	778	37.6	8,086	6,099	1,987	32.6
FUELS AND LUBRICANTS PRIMARY PROCESSED	1,772	715	1,057	147.8	4,668	1,971	2,697	136.9
	604	369	235	63.6	1,866	1,110	756	68.1
	1,168	346	822	237.6	2,802	861	1,941	225.5
CAPITAL GOODS, AND PARTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF (1) CAPITAL GOODS (1) PARTS AND ACCESSORIES	1,408	1,141	267	23.4	4,110	3,586	524	14.6
	761	655	106	16.1	2,287	2,044	243	11.9
	648	486	161	33.2	1,823	1,542	281	18.2
TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT AND PARTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF PASSENGER MOTOR CARS OTHER PARTS AND ACCESSORIES	1,182	835	347	41.5	3,330	2,810	521	18.5
	376	273	103	37.8	1,069	891	179	20.1
	240	125	116	92.9	672	546	127	23.3
	565	438	127	29.1	1,588	1,373	215	15.7
CONSUMER GOODS NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED DURABLE SEMI-DURABLE NON-DURABLE	1,221	915	307	33.5	3,451	2,771	680	24.5
	221	187	34	18.1	614	540	74	13.7
	465	336	129	38.5	1,334	996	338	33.9
	535	392	143	36.6	1,503	1,234	268	21.7
GOODS NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED (1)-EXCEPT TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	ə	6	-5	-93.2	1	20	-19	-94.1



Main Partner Countries/Suppliers

In May 2022, when considering the main partner countries in 2021, the increase in transactions with Spain should be noted (+32.3% in exports and +39.0% in imports), mostly *Industrial supplies* in both flows and also in imports of *Fuels and lubricants*. The increase in exports to the United States (+180.0%) should be noted as well, mainly *Industrial supplies*, with special emphasis in pharmaceutical products.

Figure 12. Monthly Data by Countries and Economic Zones
Exports

		REFERE	NCE MONTH		QUARTER ENDED IN:			
COUNTRIES AND ECONOMIC ZONES		€ Million		GROWTH RATE	€ Million			GROWTH RATE
	MAY 2022	MAY 2021	GROWTH	%	MAY 2022	MAY 2021	GROWTH	%
MAIN PARTNER COUNTRIES IN 2021:								
ES SPAIN	1,844	1,394	450	32.3	5,198	4,218	980	23.2
FR FRANCE	835	707	128	18.1	2,436	2,212	224	10.1
DE GERMANY	763	577	186	32.3	2,225	1,802	423	23.5
US UNITED STATES	839	300	539	180.0	1,655	916	739	80.6
GB UNITED KINGDOM	355	256	98	38.4	896	864	32	3.8
IT ITALY	337	233	104	44.3	973	738	235	31.8
NL NETHERLANDS	298	229	70	30.4	815	659	155	23.6
BE BELGIUM	137	147	-10	-6.8	448	429	18	4.3
AO ANGOLA	119	69	50	72.8	316	226	89	39.4
PL POLAND	97	76	21	27.5	285	242	43	17.9
TOTAL EURO ZONE	4,546	3,468	1078	31.1	13,080	10,673	2,407	22.6
TOTAL EUROPEAN UNION (27 MEMBERS STATES)	4,988	3,786	1,203	31.8	14,262	11,643	2,619	22.5
TOTAL EUROPEAN UNION (28 MEMBERS STATES)	5,343	4,042	1301	32.2	15,158	12,506	2,652	21.2
TOTAL EXTRA-EU (27 MEMBERS STATES)	2,467	1,515	951	62.8	6,004	4,795	1,209	25.2
TOTAL EXTRA-EU (28 MEMBERS STATES)	2,112	1,259	853	67.7	5,107	3,931	1,176	29.9

Figure 13. Monthly Data by Countries and Economic Zones Imports

		REFERE	NCE MONTH		QUARTER ENDED IN:			
COUNTRIES AND ECONOMIC ZONES		€ Million		GROWTH RATE	€ Million			GROWTH RATE
	MAY 2022	MAY 2021	GROWTH	%	MAY 2022	MAY 2021	GROWTH	%
MANIN PARTNER COUNTRIES IN 2024								
MAIN PARTNER COUNTRIES IN 2021: ES SPAIN	3.134	2.254	880	39.0	8.957	6,604	2.353	35.6
DE GERMANY	1,076	2,254 845	231	27.4	3,157	2,699	2,555 458	17.0
FR FRANCE	525	435	89	20.4	1,573	1,467	106	7.2
NL NETHERLANDS	474	370	104	28.0	1,375	1,116	269	24.1
IT ITALY	474	359	111	31.1	1,301	1,116	231	21.6
CN CHINA	439	279	160	57.5	1,301	877	350	39.9
BE BELGIUM	293	275	68	30.0	871	639	232	36.2
BR BRAZIL	449	241	207	85.9	1,222	668	554	82.9
US UNITED STATES	447	109	338	309.1	987	362	625	172.7
PL POLAND	156	127	29	23.1	443	399	44	11.0
FL FOLAND	130	127	23	23.1	443	333		11.0
TOTAL EURO ZONE	6,236	4,648	1588	34.2	17,957	14,082	3,876	27.5
TOTAL EUROPEAN UNION (27 MEMBERS STATES)	6,702	5,038	1,665	33.0	19,327	15,233	4,094	26.9
TOTAL EUROPEAN UNION (28 MEMBERS STATES)	6,807	5,108	1698	33.2	19,639	15,486	4,153	26.8
TOTAL EXTRA-EU (27 MEMBERS STATES)	3,174	1,709	1,465	85.7	8,296	5,182	3,114	60.1
TOTAL EXTRA-EU (28 MEMBERS STATES)	3,070	1,639	1431	87.4	7,985	4,929	3,056	62.0

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METHODOLOGICAL NOTE

- 1. International Trade compiles the statistical information about the commercial trade of goods with the European Union (Intra-EU trade) and Third Countries (Extra-EU trade). In terms of Intra-EU trade statistics, it includes adjustments for non-responses as well as for enterprises with transactions below the defined exemption thresholds (which exempts from providing statistical data to a significant number of enterprises). Since February 2020, the United Kingdom is already considered a Third Country. In this press release, for comparison purposes, in the analyses vis-à-vis the same month of the previous year or with the previous month the United Kingdom is considered as a Third Country in these periods.
- 2. For simplification purposes, the terms associated with International Trade Statistics are narrowed to "imports" and "exports", however stating which market is being referred to (Intra-EU, Extra-EU, and International Trade which includes the former two).

In this press release the following statistical data are used:

- 2018: Intra-EU trade January to December definitive results;
 - Extra-EU trade January to December definitive results.
- 2019: Intra-EU trade January to December definitive results;
 - Extra-EU trade January to December definitive results.
- 2020: Intra-EU trade January to December definitive results;
 - Extra-EU trade January to December definitive results.
- 2021: Intra-EU trade January to December preliminary results;
 - Extra-EU trade January to December preliminary results.
- 2022: Intra-EU trade January to May monthly preliminary results;
 - Extra-EU trade January to May monthly preliminary results.
- 3. Due to rounding of numbers, totals might not correspond to the sum of the indicated parcels.
- 4. Month-to-month growth rate it compares the level of each variable between two consecutive months. Although it allows an up-to-date follow-up of the evolution of each variable, the value of this variation is particularly influenced by seasonal fluctuations effects and from other specific effects in one or both compared months.
- 5. Year-on-year growth rate it compares the level of each variable between the current period and the same period of the previous year. Its evolution is less biased by seasonal fluctuations; however, it might be influenced by this type of effect located in a specific period compared.
- 6. Revisions: the revisions policy applied to International Trade statistics has been changed since the May 2019 edition of this press release to anticipate the dissemination of definitive results (8 months earlier than in the previous revisions policy). Therefore, each month the information regarding month m (on a 40-day basis) is published and the previous four months

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are revised. The annual preliminary results concerning the year N are released in June of N+1, that is, at the last (fourth) revision of December. The release of definitive results takes place in September of N+1. The information released monthly contains routine revisions due to the replacement of estimations with new data received in the meantime, and, to a lesser extent, the replacement of values previously reported by corrections reported by the enterprises. The following table shows the impact of those revisions on the year-on-year rate of change (three months) disseminated in the previous press release:

YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATE - FEBRUARY TO APRIL 2022									
	PREVIOUS PUBLICATION	CURRENT PUBLICATION							
EXPORTS	16.9	16.5							
IMPORTS	33.9	33.8							

- 7. The BEC nomenclature Classification by Broad Economic Categories doesn't include *Goldfor monetary use* (CN 71082000) and *Coins, including coins with legal tender (except medals, coins mounted in objects of personal adornment coins with character collectibles with numismatic value, waste, and scrap)* (CN 71189000). The sum of the various BEC categories may not match with total trade, due to these exclusions and for confidentiality reasons.
- 8. Intra-EU trade concerning the Euro Zone includes, since 2017, stores and provisions within the framework of Intra-EU trade, which in the previous years are included in the non-Euro Zone. However, given the slight weight (lower than 0.1%) in total trade, data are comparable for all series available.
- 9. Unit Value Indices for International Trade in Goods

The monthly unit value indices for May 2022 will be released up to two working days after the publication of this press release on the Statistics Portugal Portal (see the links below).

- Monthly unit value indices of exports (Month-on-month growth rate, price %)
- Monthly unit value indices of exports (Month-on-month growth rate, value %)
- Monthly unit value indices of exports (Month-on-month growth rate, volume %)
- Monthly unit value indices of imports (Month-on-month growth rate, price %)
- Monthly unit value indices of imports (Month-on-month growth rate, value %)
- Monthly unit value indices of imports (Month-on-month growth rate, volume %)

The starting Universe corresponds to International Trade in Goods, set on a 40-day basis for the reference month, with the most up-to-date results at that moment for both periods (month and month-on-month). Definitive results for 2012 to 2019 and preliminary results for 2020 to 2022 are used for the calculation of Quarterly Indices. The monthly indices are consistent with the quarterly indices (40 days), by applying the Chow-Lin method.

To calculate the Unit Value Indices, there are some exclusions in International Trade to be considered, with a low significance in total values, namely transactions with a statistical value lesser than EUR 1,000 and according to the number of observations

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by enterprise/Economic Area/CN8, Chapters 98 and 99 of the CN and records with a net mass of less than 0.5 kg. However, the representativeness of the sample in each product group is guaranteed, reaching a total coverage of more than 80%.

The unit value indices are calculated at the most detailed level of information (CN8, around 9,500 codes), and aggregated as *Paasche* indices (price) by CPA (Statistical Classification of Products by Activity) for the quarterly indices. Monthly indices are disseminated only for total and total excluding petroleum products. They indicate the change over the same period of the previous year. It is also important to mention that these indices correspond to unit value indices rather than real effective price indices, thus reflecting apart from the changes in prices, also the changes in the composition and the quality of the goods considered at the most detailed level of information.

The dissemination of the quarterly indices is ensured in the usual International Trade Statistics press release, according to the following calendar:

REFERENCE	DISSEMINATION DATE	MONTHLY INDICES	QUARTERI	LY INDICES
PERIOD	INTERNATIONAL TRADE (40 DAYS)	INDICATORS (until +2 WORK DAYS)	INDICATORS	REFERENCE QUARTER
JANUARY	11-03-2022	15-03-2022	11-03-2022	4 th QUARTER/21
FEBRUARY	08-04-2022	12-04-2022		
MARCH	10-05-2022	12-05-2022		
APRIL	09-06-2022	15-06-2022	09-06-2022	1 st QUARTER/22
MAY	11-07-2022	13-07-2022		
JUNE	09-08-2022	11-08-2022		
JULY	09-09-2022	13-09-2022	09-09-2022	2 nd QUARTER/22
AUGUST	10-10-2022	12-10-2022		
SEPTEMBER	09-11-2022	11-11-2022		
OCTOBER	09-12-2022	13-12-2022	09-12-2022	3 rd QUARTER/22
NOVEMBER	09-01-2023	11-01-2023		
DECEMBER	09-02-2023	13-02-2023		

The quarterly indices related to the period 2012-2022 are available as statistical indicators on the Statistics Portugal Portal, with data broken down by Statistical Classification of Products by Activity (CPA), including the corresponding value and volume indices.

The monthly indices concerning the period 2012-2022 are available as statistical indicators on the Statistics Portugal Portal, with data available for the total and total excluding petroleum products, including the corresponding value and volume indices.



ACRONYMS AND DESIGNATIONS

- EU European Union
- CN Combined Nomenclature
- BEC Classification by Broad Economic Categories, third revision
- CPA Statistical classification of products by activity, version 2.1
- IT International Trade
- CONVENTIONAL SIGNS
- ə Value less than half the module of the unit used

Further statistical information on International Trade can be found on the Statistics Portugal website.

Date of next Flash estimate (2nd quarter of 2022) release – 28 July 2022

Date of next monthly press release – 9 August 2022