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Provisional figures for registered trade in goods in Malta recorded a trade deficit of €58.7 million during December 2019.

## International Trade in Goods: December 2019

Cut-off date:  
3 February 2020

Data in this news release presents all international trade in goods registered up to the indicated cut-off date (refer to methodological notes). Provisional data for registered international trade recorded a trade deficit of €58.7 million during December 2019, compared to a deficit of €95.0 million in the corresponding month of 2018. Both imports and exports experienced increases of €0.9 million and €37.1 million respectively (Table 1). The increase in the value of imports was primarily due to mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (€29.3 million) and semi-manufactured goods (€8.3 million), partly outweighed by a decrease of €30.0 million in machinery and transport equipment. On the exports side, chemicals (€18.7 million), machinery and transport equipment (€15.7 million) and mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (€14.8 million) accounted for the main increase, partly outweighed by a decrease of €11.4 million in food (Table 2).

### January-December 2019

During 2019, the trade deficit widened by €868.2 million when compared to 2018, reaching €3,706.7 million. Both imports and exports increased by €1,039.2 million and €171.0 million respectively (Table 1). Higher imports were recorded mainly in machinery and transport equipment (€1,001.5 million) and chemicals (€71.0 million), partly outweighed by a decrease of €79.3 million in mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials. The main increases in exports were registered in chemicals (€135.2 million), miscellaneous manufactured articles (€100.0 million) and machinery and transport equipment (€67.7 million), partly outweighed by decreases of €68.0 million and €43.9 million in food and mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials respectively (Table 2).

For 2019, imports from the European Union reached €4,821.5 million, or 65.9 per cent of total imports. There was a decrease of €312.8 million in imports from euro area countries when compared to 2018. Main increases and decreases in imports were registered from the United Kingdom (€840.2 million) and Italy (€207.9 million) respectively. With respect to exports, the main increase was directed to Germany (€69.0 million), whereas Japan (€83.8 million) registered the highest decrease (Table 3) ■

Chart 1. International Trade in Goods - quarterly



**Table 1. Trade in goods by period and broad economic category**

€ million

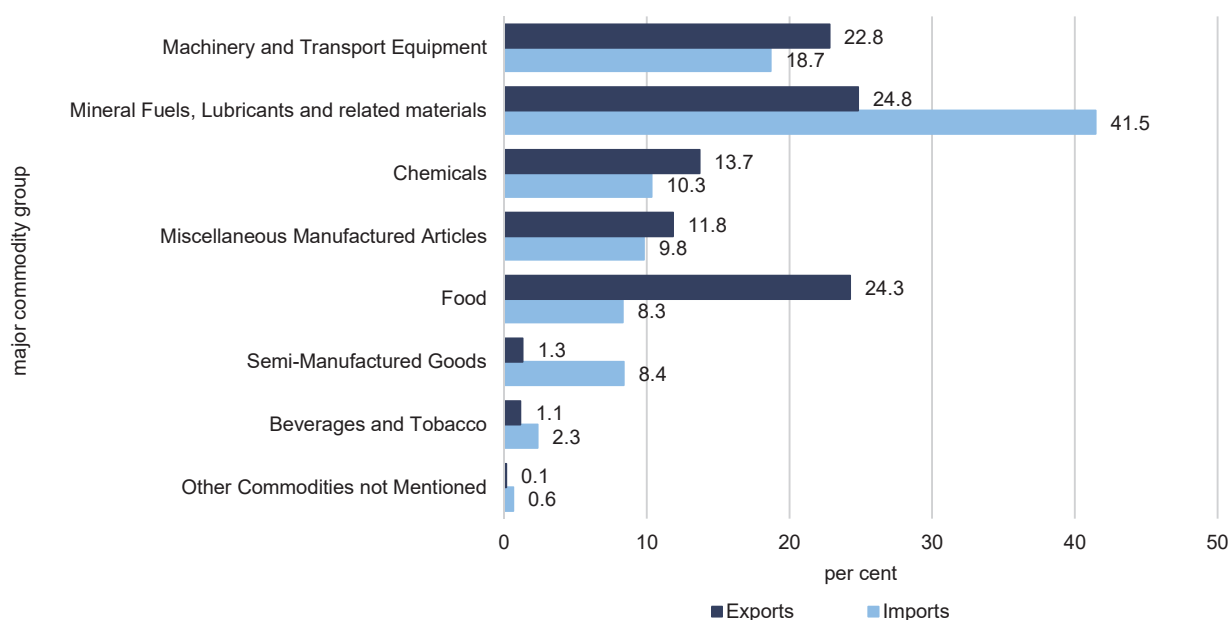
Broad economic category	2016 <sup>P</sup>	2017 <sup>P</sup>	2018 <sup>P</sup>	2019 <sup>P</sup>	December	
					2018 <sup>P</sup>	2019 <sup>P</sup>
<b>Imports</b>	<b>6,451.8</b>	<b>6,125.4</b>	<b>6,278.9</b>	<b>7,318.1</b>	<b>432.4</b>	<b>433.3</b>
<b>Industrial Supplies</b>	<b>1,335.0</b>	<b>1,322.9</b>	<b>1,470.3</b>	<b>1,639.2</b>	<b>103.1</b>	<b>108.2</b>
Primary	112.7	126.3	125.7	115.7	6.2	2.8
Semi-Finished	1,028.8	1,011.1	1,139.2	1,329.5	84.0	98.6
Finished	193.5	185.5	205.4	193.9	12.9	6.8
<b>Capital Goods and Others</b>	<b>2,282.2</b>	<b>1,680.4</b>	<b>1,401.5</b>	<b>2,338.2</b>	<b>66.3</b>	<b>40.4</b>
<b>Consumer Goods</b>	<b>1,241.6</b>	<b>1,350.4</b>	<b>1,472.7</b>	<b>1,512.3</b>	<b>115.3</b>	<b>110.5</b>
Food and Beverages	499.5	530.8	548.6	545.0	40.0	37.9
Durable Goods	432.3	469.4	496.3	536.2	39.9	38.5
Others	309.8	350.1	427.8	431.1	35.3	34.2
<b>Fuels and Lubricants</b>	<b>1,593.0</b>	<b>1,771.7</b>	<b>1,934.5</b>	<b>1,828.4</b>	<b>147.8</b>	<b>174.2</b>
<b>Exports</b>	<b>3,927.6</b>	<b>3,707.7</b>	<b>3,440.4</b>	<b>3,611.4</b>	<b>337.5</b>	<b>374.6</b>
<i>of which:</i>						
Exports of Fuels and Lubricants	1,130.1	1,419.9	986.6	975.0	70.1	93.0
<b>Balance of Trade</b>	<b>-2,524.2</b>	<b>-2,417.7</b>	<b>-2,838.5</b>	<b>-3,706.7</b>	<b>-95.0</b>	<b>-58.7</b>

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Notes:

1. Table 1 is based on the United Nations Statistical Division BEC codes (Broad Economic Categories). Figures for 'Fuels and Lubricants' refer to BEC 0031 and BEC 0032; 'Fuels and lubricants, primary' and 'Fuels and lubricants, processed' respectively.
2. Totals may not add up due to rounding.
3. A disaggregation by quarter is available on the excel version of this news release:  
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**Chart 2. Percentage distribution of trade in goods in December 2019 by major commodity group**



Notes:

1. The commodity breakdown is in accordance with the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) Rev. 3.
2. "Other Commodities not Mentioned" includes the commodity groups "Miscellaneous Transactions and Commodities", "Animal and Vegetable Oils and Fats" and "Crude Materials".
3. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 2. Balance of trade in goods by period and major commodity groups

€ million

Major commodity group	2016 <sup>P</sup>	2017 <sup>P</sup>	2018 <sup>P</sup>	2019 <sup>P</sup>	December	
					2018 <sup>P</sup>	2019 <sup>P</sup>
<b>Imports</b>	<b>6,451.8</b>	<b>6,125.4</b>	<b>6,278.9</b>	<b>7,318.1</b>	<b>432.4</b>	<b>433.3</b>
Food	571.9	625.1	628.7	594.0	39.2	36.1
Beverages and Tobacco	98.0	95.9	112.3	129.7	11.4	10.2
Crude Materials	26.4	26.2	27.4	35.9	2.0	1.8
Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and related materials	1,600.3	1,775.0	1,947.0	1,867.7	150.4	179.7
Animal and Vegetable Oils and Fats	9.4	9.3	9.6	9.5	0.6	0.6
Chemicals	466.4	521.5	603.0	674.0	46.6	44.8
Semi-Manufactured Goods	376.0	361.3	413.1	434.3	28.0	36.3
Machinery and Transport Equipment	2,852.8	2,236.2	2,005.0	3,006.5	111.0	81.0
Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	439.0	469.7	527.7	562.0	42.8	42.5
Miscellaneous Transactions and Commodities	11.7	5.3	5.2	4.5	0.4	0.3
<b>Exports</b>	<b>3,927.6</b>	<b>3,707.7</b>	<b>3,440.4</b>	<b>3,611.4</b>	<b>337.5</b>	<b>374.6</b>
Food	257.1	283.4	345.3	277.3	102.3	90.9
Beverages and Tobacco	41.1	38.6	44.6	46.9	4.6	4.3
Crude Materials	12.6	13.4	13.3	10.0	1.1	0.4
Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and related materials	1,162.6	1,469.1	1,048.6	1,004.7	78.2	93.0
Animal and Vegetable Oils and Fats	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Chemicals	965.0	383.1	387.0	522.2	32.6	51.3
Semi-Manufactured Goods	120.9	150.7	153.7	134.4	6.6	4.9
Machinery and Transport Equipment	961.7	987.8	956.8	1,024.5	69.7	85.4
Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	405.8	380.7	488.8	588.8	41.4	44.3
Miscellaneous Transactions and Commodities	0.7	0.8	2.5	2.6	0.9	0.1
<b>Balance of Trade</b>	<b>-2,524.2</b>	<b>-2,417.7</b>	<b>-2,838.5</b>	<b>-3,706.7</b>	<b>-95.0</b>	<b>-58.7</b>
Food	-314.7	-341.6	-283.3	-316.7	63.0	54.8
Beverages and Tobacco	-56.9	-57.3	-67.7	-82.8	-6.8	-5.9
Crude Materials	-13.8	-12.9	-14.1	-25.9	-0.9	-1.4
Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and related materials	-437.7	-305.9	-898.4	-863.0	-72.2	-86.7
Animal and Vegetable Oils and Fats	-9.4	-9.3	-9.6	-9.5	-0.6	-0.6
Chemicals	498.6	-138.4	-216.1	-151.8	-14.0	6.5
Semi-Manufactured Goods	-255.1	-210.6	-259.4	-299.9	-21.4	-31.4
Machinery and Transport Equipment	-1,891.0	-1,248.3	-1,048.2	-1,981.9	-41.3	4.5
Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	-33.2	-89.0	-39.0	26.8	-1.3	1.8
Miscellaneous Transactions and Commodities	-10.9	-4.5	-2.7	-1.9	0.5	-0.2

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Notes:

1. The commodity breakdown is in accordance with the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) Rev. 3.
2. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 3. Direction of trade in goods by period and country/region

€ million

Country/Region	December						January-December					
	2018 <sup>P</sup>			2019 <sup>P</sup>			2018 <sup>P</sup>			2019 <sup>P</sup>		
	Arrivals/ Imports	Dispatches/ Exports	Balance of Trade	Arrivals/ Imports	Dispatches/ Exports	Balance of Trade	Arrivals/ Imports	Dispatches/ Exports	Balance of Trade	Arrivals/ Imports	Dispatches/ Exports	Balance of Trade
<b>Europe</b>	<b>306.7</b>	<b>120.8</b>	<b>-185.9</b>	<b>317.1</b>	<b>99.7</b>	<b>-217.4</b>	<b>4,552.6</b>	<b>1,604.4</b>	<b>-2,948.2</b>	<b>5,496.2</b>	<b>1,670.3</b>	<b>-3,825.9</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
<b>European Union</b>	<b>267.4</b>	<b>101.8</b>	<b>-165.6</b>	<b>280.5</b>	<b>93.5</b>	<b>-187.0</b>	<b>4,132.7</b>	<b>1,499.9</b>	<b>-2,632.8</b>	<b>4,821.5</b>	<b>1,601.6</b>	<b>-3,219.8</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
United Kingdom	37.5	5.7	-31.8	25.9	1.7	-24.2	512.7	61.7	-451.0	1,352.9	54.9	-1,297.9
<b>euro area</b>	<b>202.7</b>	<b>78.8</b>	<b>-123.9</b>	<b>234.9</b>	<b>78.1</b>	<b>-156.8</b>	<b>3,393.1</b>	<b>1,215.1</b>	<b>-2,178.0</b>	<b>3,080.3</b>	<b>1,278.2</b>	<b>-1,802.0</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
Italy	85.0	17.3	-67.7	95.9	7.8	-88.2	1,437.3	331.8	-1,105.5	1,229.4	269.1	-960.2
France	19.7	23.2	3.5	43.7	12.4	-31.3	297.6	271.3	-26.3	440.8	268.9	-171.9
Belgium	5.7	0.3	-5.5	25.7	0.8	-24.9	154.7	8.0	-146.7	115.7	5.5	-110.2
Germany	36.2	26.4	-9.8	22.1	46.0	23.9	449.2	425.8	-23.4	482.8	494.8	12.0
Spain	21.7	5.7	-16.0	12.4	2.5	-10.0	311.3	52.9	-258.4	253.5	86.7	-166.8
Ireland	1.6	0.5	-1.0	9.9	0.1	-9.9	42.5	3.4	-39.1	90.9	4.6	-86.3
<b>EFTA Countries</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>-3.6</b>	<b>50.2</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>-27.4</b>	<b>58.7</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>-31.3</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
Switzerland	1.9	1.2	-0.7	5.0	1.3	-3.7	36.7	17.6	-19.2	41.2	23.6	-17.6
<b>Other European Countries</b>	<b>37.4</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>-19.7</b>	<b>31.5</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>-26.8</b>	<b>369.7</b>	<b>81.7</b>	<b>-288.0</b>	<b>616.0</b>	<b>41.2</b>	<b>-574.8</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
Russian Federation	9.0	0.1	-8.9	18.4	2.9	-15.6	127.4	0.7	-126.7	286.2	5.8	-280.3
<b>Asia</b>	<b>68.3</b>	<b>128.6</b>	<b>60.3</b>	<b>68.9</b>	<b>152.7</b>	<b>83.8</b>	<b>943.8</b>	<b>701.6</b>	<b>-242.2</b>	<b>1,016.5</b>	<b>755.4</b>	<b>-261.1</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
China	19.5	1.7	-17.8	19.7	3.3	-16.4	226.5	33.0	-193.5	270.2	37.0	-233.3
Israel	4.5	0.2	-4.3	12.3	0.2	-12.2	128.3	2.0	-126.3	153.8	2.9	-150.9
India	11.8	1.1	-10.8	11.0	5.6	-5.4	144.9	11.9	-133.0	157.1	21.3	-135.7
Singapore	2.1	13.6	11.5	5.3	12.4	7.1	42.0	152.3	110.4	44.9	146.0	101.1
Japan	3.2	80.7	77.5	4.7	52.5	47.8	67.7	236.8	169.1	56.5	153.0	96.6
<b>North and Central America</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>-7.9</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>-13.2</b>	<b>278.7</b>	<b>176.9</b>	<b>-101.7</b>	<b>261.0</b>	<b>186.2</b>	<b>-74.8</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
United States of America	19.1	9.1	-10.0	30.2	15.7	-14.5	155.2	144.3	-11.0	168.3	159.1	-9.3
Canada	0.7	1.4	0.7	0.7	1.1	0.4	121.1	19.6	-101.5	87.0	15.9	-71.2
<b>Africa</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>57.2</b>	<b>44.6</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>57.4</b>	<b>43.1</b>	<b>260.0</b>	<b>468.3</b>	<b>208.3</b>	<b>165.2</b>	<b>436.6</b>	<b>271.5</b>
<i>of which:</i>												
Cameroon	-	0.1	0.1	11.9	0.3	-11.5	13.5	5.4	-8.1	23.8	2.2	-21.6
<b>Australia and Oceania</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>-10.9</b>	<b>113.8</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>-107.2</b>
<b>South America</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>55.1</b>	<b>50.2</b>	<b>-4.9</b>	<b>24.8</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>2.4</b>
<b>Caribbean and Bahamas Islands</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>-21.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>171.6</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>-167.7</b>	<b>240.3</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>-234.2</b>
<b>Ships and Aircraft Stores</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>42.5</b>	<b>42.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>429.3</b>	<b>429.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>522.9</b>	<b>522.7</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>432.4</b>	<b>337.5</b>	<b>-95.0</b>	<b>433.3</b>	<b>374.6</b>	<b>-58.7</b>	<b>6,278.9</b>	<b>3,440.4</b>	<b>-2,838.5</b>	<b>7,318.1</b>	<b>3,611.4</b>	<b>-3,706.7</b>

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Notes:

1. Ranking is based according to top countries of import for the current month under review.
2. Arrivals/Dispatches relate to registered transactions with EU Member States.
3. Imports/Exports relate to registered transactions with Non-EU Member States (see methodological notes for country groupings).
4. Totals may not add up due to rounding.
5. Data for the full list of countries is available on the excel version of this news release:  
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Table 4. Trade in goods by period and principal traded commodities

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Chapter number	Commodity description	December		January-December	
		2018 <sup>P</sup>	2019 <sup>P</sup>	2018 <sup>P</sup>	2019 <sup>P</sup>
		Main imports			
2	Meat and edible offal	4,439	5,569	61,942	62,779
4	Dairy produce; birds' eggs	4,122	4,137	54,226	52,948
8	Edible fruit and nuts	2,799	2,190	39,429	37,884
16	Preparations of meat/fish	3,295	3,404	52,461	52,613
19	Preparations of cereals	4,683	4,603	65,732	65,345
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit and nuts	2,045	2,344	30,331	31,361
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	3,034	2,394	41,834	41,553
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	7,846	4,677	80,008	82,969
24	Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	3,619	5,570	33,159	47,617
25	Salt/sulphur/earths/plastering materials and cement	2,103	3,266	30,701	39,955
27	Mineral fuels, oils and products	150,413	179,666	1,948,337	1,871,500
29	Organic chemicals	6,170	8,285	86,967	169,804
30	Pharmaceutical products	20,054	17,827	255,162	238,324
32	Tanning/dyeing extracts and paints	3,449	4,656	46,422	52,446
33	Essential oils and toilet preparations	3,498	2,919	41,009	43,093
39	Plastics and articles of plastics	11,387	10,827	168,282	171,494
48	Paper and paperboard articles	6,553	12,266	96,179	109,543
61	Knitted clothing	6,893	7,938	67,990	80,299
62	Woven clothing	3,603	3,793	53,505	54,797
64	Footwear, gaiters etc.and parts	3,289	4,208	50,949	59,520
69	Ceramic products	2,073	2,700	29,324	29,867
71	Pearls, precious stones/metals and imitation jewellery	3,887	3,211	29,141	30,262
72	Iron and steel	1,245	3,121	31,608	32,238
73	Articles of iron or steel	3,801	3,863	70,855	66,200
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances	30,107	22,144	432,102	380,577
85	Electrical machinery etc.	42,951	44,553	524,751	580,557
87	Vehicles (excluding trains) and parts thereof	11,482	11,309	174,037	198,835
88	Aircraft/spacecraft and parts thereof	23,328	3,205	470,077	451,696
90	Optical/photographic/cinematographic instruments	5,562	6,074	91,606	80,423
94	Furniture; bedding, etc.	5,380	5,218	69,892	74,288
		<b>Main exports</b>			
3	Fish and crustaceans, etc.	85,763	67,064	251,033	178,222
19	Preparations of cereals	3,265	6,495	20,764	22,483
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	12,687	16,936	66,784	71,865
24	Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	2,710	2,452	15,860	18,521
27	Mineral fuels, oils and products	78,001	92,850	1,046,745	1,003,738
29	Organic chemicals	4,839	31,085	38,270	154,984
30	Pharmaceutical products	21,930	13,596	291,289	286,224
33	Essential oils and toilet preparations	1,508	1,753	15,363	20,850
39	Plastics and articles of plastics	5,285	5,333	70,421	84,429
40	Rubber and articles of rubber	2,447	1,741	61,338	55,829
49	Printed books, newspapers	9,081	18,979	128,088	198,742
60	Knitted/crocheted fabrics	1,723	1,507	25,787	23,399
71	Pearls, precious stones/metals and imitation jewellery	2,040	1,163	10,012	14,509
84	Machinery and mechanical appliances	8,226	8,500	152,805	186,943
85	Electrical machinery etc.	52,168	47,840	683,470	651,464
88	Aircraft/spacecraft and parts thereof	8,643	28,585	108,143	177,128
90	Optical/photographic/cinematographic instruments	12,225	6,869	95,981	80,909
95	Toys, games and sports requisites	7,476	10,594	140,156	155,545
99	Special classifications	2,119	2,505	31,045	35,076

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Notes:

- Table 4 is based on the World Customs Organisations Harmonised System (HS) codes. Figures for chapter 27 include 'Industrial supplies, primary' and 'Industrial supplies, processed'.
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- Totals may not add up due to rounding.

## Methodological Notes

1. Figures presented in this news release are based on register data available as at the cut-off date printed on the front page of this release. These are provisional figures based on information provided by traders and customs declarations on a monthly basis. Regular revisions to monthly and annual trade data may be carried out for up to two (2) years after the reference period. No estimations are included in these figures to compensate for late or non-response by traders or late documentation of customs declarations.
2. Data in this release are based on:
  - a. The Intrastat Supplementary Declaration that traders in merchandise goods must submit in respect of arrivals (imports) and dispatches (exports) of goods from and to the Member States of the European Union (EU) in compliance with Legal Notice 131 of 2004, and
  - b. The Customs Declarations for imports from and exports to countries that are not Member States of the EU.
3. The Intrastat Supplementary Declaration for the collection of data on trade in goods between the Member States of the EU replaced the Customs Declaration as from 1 May 2004. The requirements of the Supplementary Declaration, which at EU level were introduced as from 1 January 1993, are similar in all the Member States of the EU.
4. As from May 2004, with the introduction of the Intrastat Supplementary Declaration as the source document for trade statistics, it was no longer possible to disaggregate total exports into domestic exports and re-exports.
5. The 'Balance of Trade' is the difference between a country's exports and imports. A country has a trade deficit if it imports more than it exports; the opposite scenario signifies a trade surplus.
6. National concepts differ from the harmonised methodology used by Eurostat, leading to differences between figures in this release and those published by Eurostat. Malta uses the "General Trade" system for dissemination purposes in line with UN recommendations. On the other hand, monthly data sent to Eurostat for both Intra-EU and Extra-EU are compiled according to the "Special Trade" methodology. A more detailed explanation of these two concepts can be found in the "Statistical Concepts" link below.
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  - i. Up to 31 December 2014, the euro area included Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia (from 2014), Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain. From 1 January 2015, the euro area also includes Lithuania. Trade data for Lithuania is included with the euro area data as from reference month January 2015.
  - ii. The European Union includes Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia (from July 2013), Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.
  - iii. EFTA (European Free Trade Association) countries comprise Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.
8. More detailed and disaggregated data not appearing in this release is available in the excel version of this release or upon request from the NSO.
9. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:  
Sources and Methods: [https://nso.gov.mt/en/nso/Sources\\_and\\_Methods/Unit\\_A4/International\\_Trade/Pages/External-Trade-Statistics.aspx](https://nso.gov.mt/en/nso/Sources_and_Methods/Unit_A4/International_Trade/Pages/External-Trade-Statistics.aspx)  
Statistical Concepts: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/concepts.aspx>  
Metadata: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/reports.aspx?id=7>  
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10. References to this news release are to be cited appropriately.
11. A detailed news release calendar is available on: [https://nso.gov.mt/en/News\\_Releases/Release\\_Calendar/Pages/News-Release-Calendar.aspx](https://nso.gov.mt/en/News_Releases/Release_Calendar/Pages/News-Release-Calendar.aspx)