



UK Regional Trade in Goods Statistics

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Notes to Tables

General

- (a) In addition to the 9 English Government Office Regions, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, tables show an 'Unknown Region'. Trade carried out by persons or entities which cannot be matched to a region is included in 'Unknown Region'.
- (b) There may be rounding differences in the totals presented in the Summary Tables 1 & 2 (pages 2-3) and the Regional Tables 5 (pages 6-20).
- (c) The figures contained in subsequent Press Releases may be revised from those presented here. Revisions to the data arise as a result of including trade amendments and late submissions received by HM Revenue and Customs. Figures are therefore provisional for up to 18 months.
- (d) With effect from 2007 Q1, data refer to EU27; for the period 2005 Q1 to 2006 Q4, data refer to EU25. Quarter 1 2007 is the first quarter to include the 27 Member States. Bulgaria and Romania joined the EU on 1 January 2007, bringing the EU to 27 countries (i.e.EU27). For the previous quarters, i.e.from 2005 Q1to 2006 Q4, data refer to EU25. The UK had limited trade with the two Member States joining the EU on Q1 2007, so the discontinuity is small.
- (e) The methodology used to collect EU (Intrastat) data pertaining to Natural Gas and Electricity was amended by the Commission of the European Communities (EC regulation no 1982/2004). As a result HMRC changed to collecting information relating to the trade in Natural Gas and Electricity direct from the pipeline and grid operators. This has removed the need for individual companies to make Intrastat declarations for these goods. This means that there is no satisfactory way to allocate these goods to a region. As a result all this trade has been allocated to the 'Unknown' Region. All figures back to 2005 Qtr 1 have been adjusted.
- (f) A recent change has taken place to the Customs administrative data source used in the compilation of the RTS. More detail on this can be found https://www.uktradeinfo.com/pagecontent/downloads/RTS_EORI_web.pdf The Quarter 3, 2009 RTS - to be published on 10 December 2009 - will be the first data to be affected. The impact of the change will be monitored and reviewed by the Trade Statistics Unit.

Tables 1 and 2

- (g) Where quarterly trade is indicated, the annual figures are the sum of trade for the corresponding quarters.

Tables 3 and 4

- (h) Where quarterly trader counts are indicated, the figures reflect the number of traders active in that quarter. The annual trader counts do not correspond to the sum of the quarterly trader counts but to the count of unique traders active in any time of the year.
- (i) The counts for traders dealing with the EU and counts for traders dealing with the non-EU do not sum to the total trader counts. Traders that are active in both EU and non-EU markets are counted once only in the total trader counts.
- (j) It is possible to arrive at total trader counts for England (and the United Kingdom) since the trader counts are computed with reference to traders' VAT registration number, for which a unique regional
- (k) It is not possible to produce trader counts for the elements of trade included within the 'Unknown Region' trade values.

Tables 5

- (l) Figures for imports and exports against SITC Division and Country Group reflect total imports and total exports. These figures cross-reference the totals provided on Tables 1-2.
- (m) Trade assigned as 'Low Value Trade' cannot be assigned a region, hence the total appears as an element of the 'Unknown Region' trade shown on page 20.

