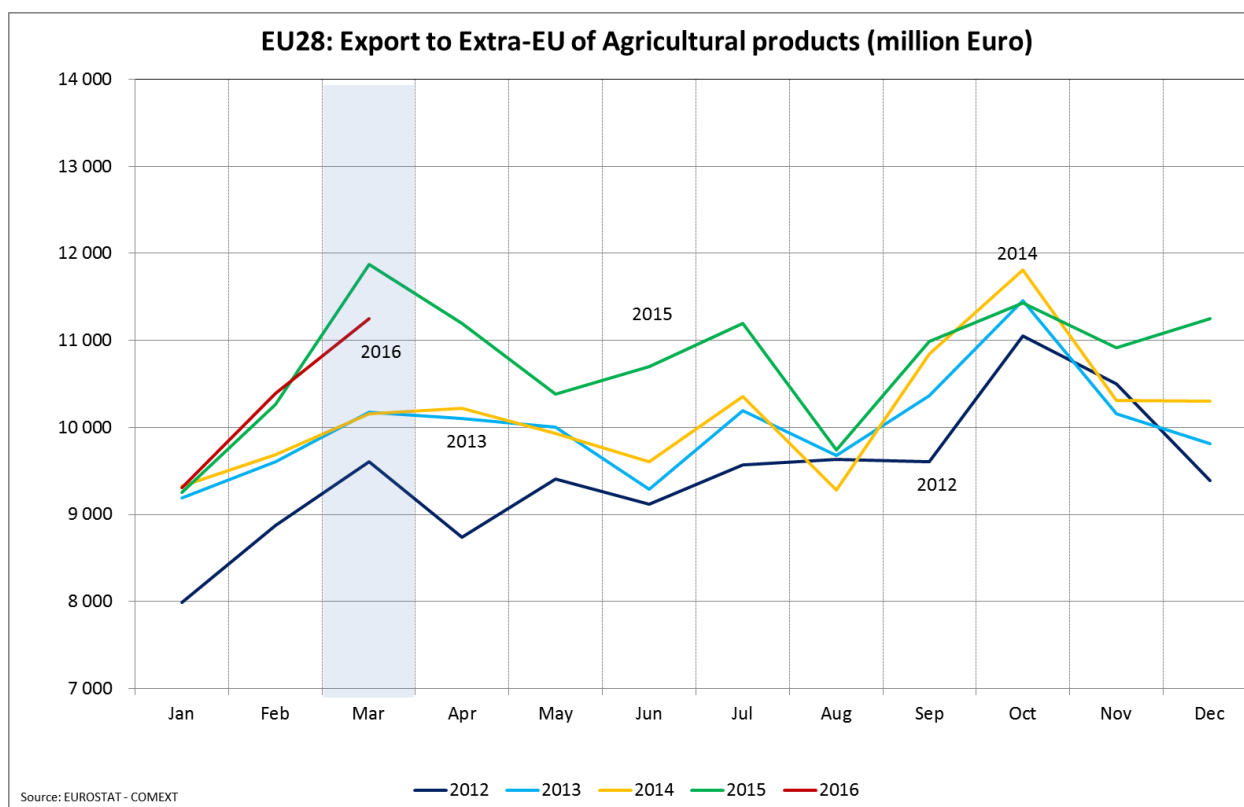


## Monitoring EU Agri-Food Trade: Development until March 2016



### March 2015 – new dynamic in agri-food exports to China

EU agri-food exports in March 2016 increased to **EUR 11.3 billion**, about EUR 1 billion higher than in February 2016. However, the March 2015 record result in export values was not attained this year again.

Highest increases in monthly export values (March 2016 compared to March 2015) were recorded for **China** (+11.8%). Also agri-food exports to Ukraine, Jordan and Cambodia increased. Finally, also the value of exports to Russia recovered in March 2016 compared to March 2015 by 5.6%.

Most important reductions were in export values to Hong Kong, Thailand and some Middle East and North African countries (Egypt, Algeria, Saudi Arabia and Libya).

The highest increases in monthly export values were achieved for **pork**, followed by oilseeds (other than soya beans), some food preparations and wine.

On the other hand, monthly export values in March 2016 compared to March 2015 went down in particular for wheat and other cereals, for hides and skins, milk powders and for spirits.

In March 2016 agri-food **imports** to the EU decreased to a value of EUR 9.8 billion from EUR 10.3 billion in March 2015. The highest decrease in monthly imports was from Brazil and the USA.

The monthly **trade balance** for all EU agri-food products in March 2016 stood at EUR 1.4 billion compared to EUR 1.6 billion in March 2015.

## 12-month period: Most dynamic development in exports to China

For the 12-months period April 2015 to March 2016, EU agri-food exports reached a value of almost EUR 129 billion, meaning an increase by 4% in value compared to the same period one year ago.

Major gains were achieved in values of agri-food exports to **China** (EUR +2.6 billion; +33%), now just before the **USA** (EUR + 2.6 billion; +15%) and followed by increases in exports to **Saudi Arabia** (EUR +0.9 billion). Agri-food exports to Switzerland, the United Arab Emirates, Australia, and Israel also increased by more than EUR 250 million each in the twelve-months period. Exports to **Russia** further went down from EUR 7.7 billion (April 2014 to March 2015) to EUR 5.5 billion (April 2015 to March 2016), i.e. a reduction in values by 29%.

Analysing the performance over the last twelve months per product category, export values increased in particular for **wine** (EUR +783 million; +8% compared to export values in the 12-months period one year ago), **cereals** other than wheat (EUR +560 million; +26%, although going down in March 2016), **spirits and liqueurs** (EUR +530 million; +5%), **live animals** (EUR +486 million; +25%) as well as for **beer** (EUR +439 million; +15%). In relative terms, high increases in 2015 export values were also seen for soya beans, eggs and honey.

**Milk powders** (EUR -747 million; -16%) and **fresh fruit** (EUR -219 million; -8%) lost most in export values over the last 12 months, both of them concerned by the Russian embargo. However, pork exports managed to recover from EUR 3.8 billion in April 2014-March 2015) to EUR 4.2 billion in the current 12-month period (+10%). Other products, such as wheat (EUR -714 million; -11%) and sugar (EUR -132 million; -22%) experienced losses in export values over the previous 12 months.

## Major increases in agri-food imports from USA and Argentina

Agri-food imports from third countries in the period April 2015 to March 2016 came into the EU at a value of EUR 113 billion, i.e. an increase by 6.4% compared to the same period one year ago. The export surplus for the 12-months period stands at about EUR 16 billion.

Imports from the **USA** showed the highest increase in values (EUR +1.3 billion; +13%, ) in the 12-months period until March 2016, although going down in the last month. Import values for agri-food products from **Argentina** also went up by EUR 763 million (+15%) over the last 12 months. Remarkable increases were recorded also for agri-food imports from **Turkey** (EUR +567 million; +13%) and **Ukraine** (EUR +475 million; +13%). Apart from China (EUR +249 million; +5%) also some Latin American countries improved in agri-food exports to the EU, such as Peru, Chile and Colombia.

On the other hand, imports from **Brazil** decreased by EUR 950 million (-7%) and imports from other important suppliers, Indonesia and Canada went down as well compared to the previous 12 months period.

Looking at imports per product category, the highest increase in values over the last 12 months was for **tropical fruit, nuts and spices** (EUR +2.4 billion; +22%). Imports also increased for fruit and vegetable preparations (EUR +537 million; 17%), oilseeds other than soya beans (EUR +443 million; +16%) and fresh, chilled or dried vegetables (EUR +407 million; +10%), fresh fruit and olive oil.

On the other hand, import values decreased in particular for **oilcakes** (EUR -557 million; -7%), palm, palm kernel and coconut oil (EUR -388 million; -7%), soya beans (EUR -380 million; -7%), sugar (EUR - 156 million), fatty acids and waxes (EUR -152 million), cocoa paste and powder (EUR -132 million) and for raw hides and skins (EUR -114 million).

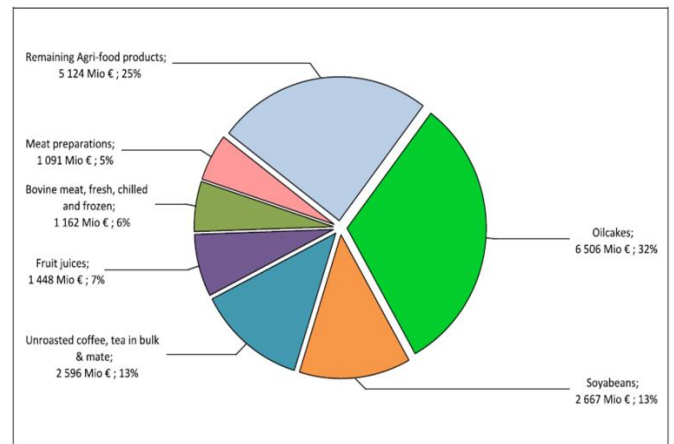
## Focus on: EU trade with Mercosur

The Mercosur block (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay) is a key exporter of agri-food products at global level, including to the EU. The annual value of EU agri-food imports from Mercosur stands at around EUR 20 billion, representing almost one fifth of all agri-food products imported to the EU. In reverse, EU agri-food exports to Mercosur countries are worth about EUR 2 billion, leaving an impressive trade balance deficit of EUR 18 billion for agri-food products.

The EU is mainly importing commodities, i.e. oilcakes and soya beans for animal feed purposes from Mercosur. Other important import products are unroasted coffee, fruit juices as well as bovine meat and meat preparations, raw tobacco and all kind of fruit.

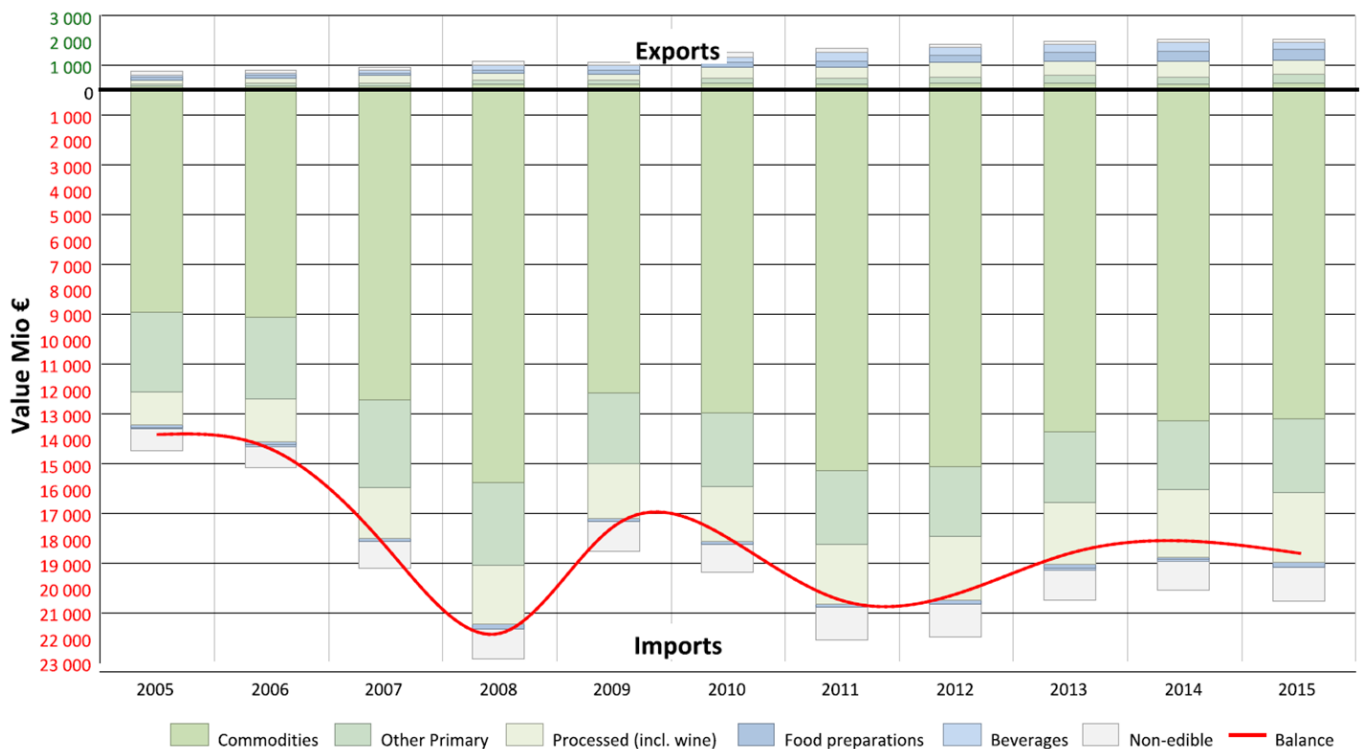
Over recent years EU agri-food exporters managed to slowly, but nevertheless, increase their sales to Mercosur countries (from EUR 1.6 billion in 2011 to EUR 2 billion in 2015).

### Top EU-28 imports of agri-food products from Mercosur, value and share in 2015



Most important EU export product categories are olive oil, spirits, fruit and vegetables preparations, other food preparations, wine and fresh fruit. Some interesting increases in export sales were achieved in recent years for vegetables, chocolate and confectionary, and pasta and pastry.

### Structure of EU agri-food trade with Mercosur countries (EU exports and imports in million €)



For more detailed data see

[http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/trade-analysis/statistics/outside-eu/regions/agrifood-mercousur-4\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/trade-analysis/statistics/outside-eu/regions/agrifood-mercousur-4_en.pdf)

**Table 1: EU28 agri-food exports – top 20 destinations**

| EU28 agri-food exports to .... | cumulative data: 12 month period                   |                 |                 |                 |   | monthly data |               |               |                                |             |
|--------------------------------|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
|                                | PARTNER/PERIOD<br>(million Euro)<br>source: COMEXT | Rank<br>2015/16 | Apr14-<br>Mar15 | Apr15-<br>Mar16 | Difference<br>Apr15 - Mar16 to<br>Apr14 - Mar15 |              | Mar. 2015     | Mar. 2016     | Difference<br>Mar 16 to Mar 15 |             |
|                                |  |                 |                 |                 | mio €   | %            |               |               | mio €                          | %           |
| <b>Extra-EU28</b>              |  |                 | <b>124 064</b>  | <b>128 810</b>  | <b>4 746</b>                                    | <b>3,8</b>   | <b>11 871</b> | <b>11 300</b> | <b>-571</b>                    | <b>-4,8</b> |
| United States of America       | 1  | 17 118          | 19 735          | 2 617           | 15,3  | 1 687        | 1 657         | -30           | -1,8                           |             |
| China                          | 2  | 8 024           | 10 673          | 2 649           | 33,0  | 851          | 952           | 100           | 11,8                           |             |
| Switzerland                    | 3  | 7 303           | 7 654           | 351             | 4,8   | 731          | 703           | -28           | -3,9                           |             |
| Russia                         | 4  | 7 748           | 5 536           | -2 212          | -28,5   | 466          | 492           | 26            | 5,6                            |             |
| Japan                          | 5  | 5 296           | 5 370           | 74              | 1,4   | 441          | 445           | 4             | 0,9                            |             |
| Saudi Arabia                   | 6  | 3 963           | 4 829           | 866             | 21,8  | 509          | 442           | -67           | -13,1                          |             |
| Norway                         | 7  | 4 030           | 4 146           | 116             | 2,9   | 361          | 357           | -3            | -1,0                           |             |
| Hong Kong                      | 8  | 4 861           | 4 046           | -815            | -16,8   | 535          | 296           | -239          | -44,7                          |             |
| Canada                         | 9  | 3 228           | 3 407           | 179             | 5,5   | 323          | 295           | -28           | -8,6                           |             |
| Turkey                         | 10   | 3 107           | 3 326           | 219             | 7,1   | 307          | 299           | -8            | -2,7                           |             |
| United Arab Emirates           | 11   | 2 766           | 3 083           | 317             | 11,5  | 240          | 257           | 17            | 6,9                            |             |
| Algeria                        | 12   | 3 570           | 2 987           | -583            | -16,3   | 318          | 240           | -78           | -24,5                          |             |
| Australia                      | 13   | 2 564           | 2 860           | 296             | 11,6  | 212          | 232           | 20            | 9,3                            |             |
| Korea (Republic of)            | 14   | 2 370           | 2 389           | 18              | 0,8   | 231          | 209           | -22           | -9,7                           |             |
| Singapore                      | 15   | 1 958           | 2 055           | 97              | 4,9   | 182          | 156           | -26           | -14,2                          |             |
| Egypt                          | 16   | 2 176           | 2 037           | -139            | -6,4  | 313          | 195           | -117          | -37,6                          |             |
| South Africa                   | 17   | 1 590           | 1 692           | 102             | 6,4   | 149          | 135           | -14           | -9,6                           |             |
| Israel                         | 18   | 1 286           | 1 536           | 250             | 19,5  | 123          | 136           | 13            | 10,8                           |             |
| Brazil                         | 19   | 1 651           | 1 530           | -121            | -7,3  | 133          | 114           | -18           | -13,8                          |             |
| Morocco                        | 20   | 1 479           | 1 524           | 44              | 3,0   | 173          | 173           | 0             | 0,0                            |             |
| <i>other countries</i>         |  |                 | <b>37 975</b>   | <b>38 396</b>   | <b>422</b>                                      | <b>1,1</b>   | <b>3 587</b>  | <b>3 517</b>  | <b>-70</b>                     | <b>-2,0</b> |

**Table 2: EU28 agri-food exports – most important changes in March 2016**

| EU28 agri-food exports to .... | cumulative data: 12 month period                   |                 |                 |                 |   | monthly data |               |               |                                |             |
|--------------------------------|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
|                                | PARTNER/PERIOD<br>(million Euro)<br>source: COMEXT | Rank<br>2015/16 | Apr14-<br>Mar15 | Apr15-<br>Mar16 | Difference<br>Apr15 - Mar16 to<br>Apr14 - Mar15 |              | Mar. 2015     | Mar. 2016     | Difference<br>Mar 16 to Mar 15 |             |
|                                |  |                 |                 |                 | mio €   | %            |               |               | mio €                          | %           |
| <b>Extra-EU28</b>              |  |                 | <b>124 064</b>  | <b>128 810</b>  | <b>4 746</b>                                    | <b>3,8</b>   | <b>11 871</b> | <b>11 300</b> | <b>-571</b>                    | <b>-4,8</b> |
| China                          | 2  | 8 024           | 10 673          | 2 649           | 33,0  | 851          | 952           | 100           | 11,8                           |             |
| Ukraine                        | 22   | 1 540           | 1 406           | -135            | -8,7  | 123          | 162           | 39            | 31,5                           |             |
| Jordan                         | 33   | 693             | 813             | 120             | 17,3  | 51           | 79            | 28            | 56,0                           |             |
| Cambodia                       | 91   | 60              | 129             | 68              | 113,1   | 8            | 36            | 28            | 357,2                          |             |
| Russia                         | 4  | 7 748           | 5 536           | -2 212          | -28,5   | 466          | 492           | 26            | 5,6                            |             |
| Mexico                         | 21   | 1 167           | 1 412           | 245             | 21,0  | 101          | 122           | 21            | 21,1                           |             |
| Australia                      | 13   | 2 564           | 2 860           | 296             | 11,6  | 212          | 232           | 20            | 9,3                            |             |
| United Arab Emirates           | 11   | 2 766           | 3 083           | 317             | 11,5  | 240          | 257           | 17            | 6,9                            |             |
| Israel                         | 18   | 1 286           | 1 536           | 250             | 19,5  | 123          | 136           | 13            | 10,8                           |             |
| Sri Lanka                      | 98   | 71              | 103             | 31              | 44,0  | 8            | 17            | 9             | 120,4                          |             |
| Switzerland                    | 3  | 7 303           | 7 654           | 351             | 4,8   | 731          | 703           | -28           | -3,9                           |             |
| United States of America       | 1  | 17 118          | 19 735          | 2 617           | 15,3  | 1 687        | 1 657         | -30           | -1,8                           |             |
| Bangladesh                     | 65   | 265             | 247             | -18             | -6,7  | 49           | 18            | -31           | -63,9                          |             |
| Angola                         | 36   | 1 153           | 763             | -390            | -33,8   | 79           | 35            | -44           | -55,2                          |             |
| Libya                          | 26   | 1 125           | 1 031           | -94             | -8,4  | 117          | 52            | -65           | -55,6                          |             |
| Saudi Arabia                   | 6  | 3 963           | 4 829           | 866             | 21,8  | 509          | 442           | -67           | -13,1                          |             |
| Algeria                        | 12   | 3 570           | 2 987           | -583            | -16,3   | 318          | 240           | -78           | -24,5                          |             |
| Thailand                       | 25   | 1 157           | 1 090           | -67             | -5,8  | 207          | 91            | -115          | -55,7                          |             |
| Egypt                          | 16   | 2 176           | 2 037           | -139            | -6,4  | 313          | 195           | -117          | -37,6                          |             |
| Hong Kong                      | 8  | 4 861           | 4 046           | -815            | -16,8   | 535          | 296           | -239          | -44,7                          |             |
| <i>other countries</i>         |  |                 | <b>55 453</b>   | <b>56 840</b>   | <b>1 387</b>                                    | <b>2,5</b>   | <b>5 144</b>  | <b>5 086</b>  | <b>-58</b>                     | <b>-1,1</b> |

**Table 3: EU28 agri-food exports by product category**

| PRODUCT/PERIOD   | EU28 EXPORT       |                   |   |       |           |           |                                |       |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|---|-------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|  | April14-<br>Mar15 | April15-<br>Mar16 | Difference<br>Apr15 - Mar16 to<br>Apr14 - Mar15 |       | Mar. 2015 | Mar. 2016 | Difference<br>Mar 16 to Mar 15 |       |
|  | mio €             |                   | %   |       | mio €     |           | %                              |       |
| <b>All agri-food products</b>                              | 124 064           | 128 810           | 4 746   | 3,8   | 11 871    | 11 300    | -571                           | -4,8  |
| <b>Commodities</b>   | 24 852            | 24 752            | -99   | -0,4  | 2 687     | 2 286     | -401                           | -14,9 |
| <b>Other primary</b>                                       | 19 996            | 21 540            | 1 544   | 7,7   | 1 759     | 1 952     | 192                            | 10,9  |
| <b>Processed</b>   | 22 291            | 23 553            | 1 262   | 5,7   | 1 994     | 2 026     | 32                             | 1,6   |
| <b>Food preparations</b>                                   | 25 914            | 26 790            | 876   | 3,4   | 2 358     | 2 328     | -30                            | -1,3  |
| <b>Beverages</b>   | 16 023            | 17 371            | 1 348   | 8,4   | 1 508     | 1 450     | -58                            | -3,8  |
| <b>Non-edible</b>  | 14 988            | 15 076            | 88  | 0,6   | 1 565     | 1 356     | -209                           | -13,3 |
| Wheat  | 6 479             | 5 765             | -714  | -11,0 | 880       | 601       | -280                           | -31,8 |
| Cereals, other than wheat and rice                         | 2 194             | 2 754             | 560   | 25,5  | 335       | 249       | -86                            | -25,8 |
| Rice   | 216               | 189               | -27   | -12,7 | 23        | 17        | -5                             | -24,0 |
| Flours and other products of the milling industry          | 697               | 766               | 69  | 9,9   | 72        | 73        | 0                              | 0,3   |
| Malt   | 1 055             | 1 096             | 41  | 3,9   | 101       | 92        | -9                             | -8,9  |
| Starches, inulin & gluten                                  | 792               | 844               | 52  | 6,5   | 66        | 76        | 10                             | 14,5  |
| Soyabeans  | 42                | 66                | 24  | 58,7  | 5         | 3         | -2                             | -34,8 |
| Oilseeds, other than soyabeans                             | 730               | 721               | -9  | -1,2  | 78        | 117       | 39                             | 49,5  |
| Palm & palm kernel oil                                     | 146               | 118               | -27   | -18,8 | 9         | 9         | 0                              | 4,8   |
| Vegetable oils other than palm & olive oil                 | 2 002             | 2 257             | 255   | 12,7  | 187       | 189       | 2                              | 1,1   |
| Oilcakes   | 312               | 313               | 0   | 0,2   | 25        | 20        | -4                             | -17,9 |
| Other feed and feed ingredients                            | 1 086             | 1 131             | 45  | 4,1   | 95        | 96        | 1                              | 1,0   |
| Beet and cane sugar  | 603               | 471               | -132  | -21,8 | 52        | 34        | -18                            | -35,4 |
| Sugar, other than beet & cane                              | 456               | 502               | 46  | 10,1  | 42        | 45        | 4                              | 8,6   |
| Milk powders and whey                                      | 4 787             | 4 040             | -747  | -15,6 | 402       | 327       | -75                            | -18,7 |
| Butter   | 638               | 760               | 122   | 19,1  | 71        | 78        | 7                              | 10,2  |
| Gums, resins and plant extracts                            | 974               | 1 140             | 166   | 17,1  | 105       | 107       | 2                              | 2,0   |
| Unroasted coffee, tea in bulk & mate                       | 526               | 491               | -35   | -6,6  | 49        | 45        | -5                             | -9,4  |
| Cocoa beans  | 15                | 15                | 0   | 3,0   | 1         | 2         | 1                              | 177,1 |
| Cocoa paste and powder                                     | 1 046             | 1 254             | 207   | 19,8  | 86        | 104       | 19                             | 21,7  |
| Agricultural commodities, not specified                    | 55                | 59                | 4   | 7,5   | 5         | 4         | -1                             | -12,0 |
| <b>Live animals</b>  | 1 980             | 2 465             | 486   | 24,5  | 162       | 181       | 20                             | 12,2  |
| Bovine meat, fresh, chilled and frozen                     | 576               | 629               | 53  | 9,1   | 54        | 55        | 1                              | 1,5   |
| Pork meat, fresh, chilled and frozen                       | 3 793             | 4 178             | 385   | 10,2  | 318       | 422       | 103                            | 32,5  |
| Poultry meat, fresh, chilled and frozen                    | 1 594             | 1 554             | -40   | -2,5  | 138       | 127       | -11                            | -7,7  |
| Sheep and goat meat, fresh, chilled and frozen             | 97                | 94                | -3  | -3,3  | 8         | 7         | -1                             | -14,5 |
| Offal, animal fat & other meats, fresh, chilled & frozen   | 2 342             | 2 426             | 84  | 3,6   | 206       | 221       | 15                             | 7,3   |
| Fresh milk and cream, buttermilk and yoghurt               | 954               | 1 026             | 72  | 7,5   | 83        | 102       | 19                             | 22,8  |
| Eggs and honey   | 615               | 784               | 169   | 27,4  | 60        | 64        | 4                              | 7,5   |
| Vegetables, fresh, chilled and dried                       | 2 729             | 3 009             | 279   | 10,2  | 239       | 265       | 26                             | 10,8  |
| Fruit, fresh or dried, excl. citrus & tropical fruit       | 2 713             | 2 494             | -219  | -8,1  | 219       | 207       | -12                            | -5,4  |
| Citrus fruit   | 523               | 521               | -3  | -0,5  | 56        | 62        | 7                              | 12,0  |
| Tropical fruit, fresh or dried, nuts and spices            | 823               | 946               | 123   | 15,0  | 78        | 83        | 5                              | 6,3   |
| Miscellaneous seeds and hop cones                          | 1 256             | 1 415             | 159   | 12,7  | 138       | 154       | 16                             | 11,6  |
| Agricultural primary products, not specified               | 0                 | 0                 | 0   |       |           | 0         |                                |       |
| <b>Meat preparations</b>                                   | 1 241             | 1 251             | 9   | 0,8   | 103       | 102       | -1                             | -1,0  |
| Cheese   | 3 477             | 3 528             | 51  | 1,5   | 297       | 309       | 13                             | 4,2   |
| Olive oil  | 2 154             | 2 327             | 173   | 8,0   | 214       | 217       | 3                              | 1,3   |
| Preparations of vegetables, fruit or nuts                  | 3 960             | 4 135             | 175   | 4,4   | 373       | 365       | -8                             | -2,1  |
| Fruit juices   | 772               | 753               | -19   | -2,4  | 76        | 69        | -7                             | -9,4  |
| Wine, vermouth, cider and vinegar                          | 9 710             | 10 493            | 783   | 8,1   | 841       | 876       | 36                             | 4,3   |
| Roasted coffee and tea                                     | 977               | 1 066             | 90  | 9,2   | 92        | 89        | -3                             | -3,6  |
| <b>Chocolate, confectionery and ice cream</b>              | 4 950             | 5 166             | 216   | 4,4   | 378       | 391       | 13                             | 3,4   |
| Infant food & other prep of cereals, flour, starch or milk | 6 316             | 6 229             | -87   | -1,4  | 607       | 578       | -30                            | -4,9  |
| Pasta, pastry, biscuits and bread                          | 4 352             | 4 618             | 266   | 6,1   | 386       | 377       | -9                             | -2,2  |
| Soups and sauces   | 1 160             | 1 178             | 18  | 1,5   | 105       | 101       | -4                             | -3,4  |
| Coffee and tea extracts                                    | 740               | 802               | 62  | 8,4   | 67        | 71        | 4                              | 6,2   |
| Food preparations, not specified                           | 5 181             | 5 391             | 211   | 4,1   | 474       | 513       | 38                             | 8,1   |
| Pet food   | 3 214             | 3 405             | 191   | 5,9   | 342       | 298       | -44                            | -12,8 |
| <b>Waters and soft drinks</b>                              | 3 019             | 3 377             | 358   | 11,8  | 289       | 307       | 18                             | 6,3   |
| Beer   | 2 971             | 3 410             | 439   | 14,8  | 294       | 296       | 2                              | 0,8   |
| Spirits and liqueurs                                       | 9 795             | 10 324            | 530   | 5,4   | 902       | 827       | -75                            | -8,3  |
| Odoriferous substances                                     | 239               | 260               | 21  | 8,8   | 23        | 20        | -3                             | -11,9 |
| <b>Raw hides, skins and furskins</b>                       | 2 609             | 2 403             | -206  | -7,9  | 445       | 263       | -182                           | -40,9 |
| Non edible animal products                                 | 416               | 434               | 17  | 4,2   | 43        | 34        | -9                             | -20,0 |
| Wool and silk  | 175               | 181               | 6   | 3,7   | 12        | 16        | 4                              | 30,0  |
| Cotton, flax and hemp, and plaiting materials              | 787               | 787               | -1  | -0,1  | 59        | 75        | 16                             | 27,2  |
| Cut flowers and plants                                     | 659               | 686               | 26  | 4,0   | 60        | 63        | 3                              | 4,7   |
| Bulbs, roots and live plants                               | 1 503             | 1 574             | 70  | 4,7   | 172       | 176       | 4                              | 2,3   |
| Raw tobacco  | 839               | 941               | 101   | 12,1  | 78        | 72        | -6                             | -7,1  |
| Cigars and cigarettes                                      | 3 214             | 3 211             | -3  | -0,1  | 294       | 269       | -25                            | -8,4  |
| Fatty acids and waxes                                      | 493               | 542               | 49  | 9,9   | 48        | 48        | 0                              | -0,2  |
| Sugar alcohols   | 150               | 140               | -10   | -6,7  | 11        | 10        | -1                             | -11,3 |
| Essential oils   | 520               | 588               | 68  | 13,1  | 50        | 53        | 3                              | 6,4   |
| Ethanol  | 174               | 142               | -32   | -18,5 | 15        | 11        | -4                             | -28,4 |
| Casein, other albuminoidal sub. & mod. starches            | 1 961             | 1 937             | -24   | -1,2  | 172       | 162       | -10                            | -5,8  |
| Non-edible, not specified                                  | 1 333             | 1 339             | 6   | 0,4   | 91        | 90        | 0                              | -0,5  |
| Products non-attributable                                  | 153               | 171               | 18  | 11,9  | 16        | 14        | -2                             | -9,8  |

**Table 4: EU28 agri-food imports – top 20 origins**

| EU28 agri-food imports from .... | cumulative data: 12 month period                   |                 |                 |                 |   | monthly data |               |              |                                |             |
|----------------------------------|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
|                                  | PARTNER/PERIOD<br>(million Euro)<br>source: COMEXT | Rank<br>2015/16 | Apr14-<br>Mar15 | Apr15-<br>Mar16 | Difference<br>Apr15 - Mar16 to<br>Apr14 - Mar15 |              | Mar. 2015     | Mar. 2016    | Difference<br>Mar 16 to Mar 15 |             |
|                                  |  |                 | mio €           | mio €           | mio €   | %            | mio €         | mio €        | mio €                          | %           |
| <b>Extra-EU28</b>                |  |                 | <b>106 277</b>  | <b>113 091</b>  | <b>6 814</b>                                    | <b>6,4</b>   | <b>10 260</b> | <b>9 836</b> | <b>-424</b>                    | <b>-4,1</b> |
| Brazil                           | 1  | 13 618          | 12 668          | -950            | -7,0  | 1 212        | 904           | -308         | -25,4                          |             |
| United States of America         | 2  | 10 581          | 11 906          | 1 325           | 12,5  | 1 077        | 918           | -159         | -14,8                          |             |
| Argentina                        | 3  | 5 256           | 6 019           | 763             | 14,5  | 385          | 497           | 112          | 29,1                           |             |
| China                            | 4  | 4 858           | 5 107           | 249             | 5,1   | 488          | 420           | -68          | -13,9                          |             |
| Turkey                           | 5  | 4 378           | 4 945           | 567             | 12,9  | 417          | 374           | -43          | -10,4                          |             |
| Switzerland                      | 6  | 4 496           | 4 601           | 105             | 2,3   | 400          | 396           | -4           | -0,9                           |             |
| Indonesia                        | 7  | 4 475           | 4 266           | -209            | -4,7  | 389          | 313           | -77          | -19,7                          |             |
| Ukraine                          | 8  | 3 745           | 4 220           | 475             | 12,7  | 400          | 459           | 59           | 14,8                           |             |
| India                            | 9  | 2 857           | 2 933           | 76              | 2,7   | 291          | 259           | -32          | -11,1                          |             |
| Ivory Coast                      | 10   | 2 525           | 2 764           | 239             | 9,5   | 276          | 294           | 19           | 6,8                            |             |
| Thailand                         | 11   | 2 270           | 2 471           | 201             | 8,9   | 208          | 201           | -7           | -3,4                           |             |
| New Zealand                      | 12   | 2 408           | 2 464           | 56              | 2,3   | 261          | 222           | -39          | -14,9                          |             |
| South Africa                     | 13   | 2 207           | 2 438           | 231             | 10,5  | 218          | 227           | 9            | 4,1                            |             |
| Chile                            | 14   | 2 189           | 2 427           | 238             | 10,9  | 234          | 236           | 1            | 0,6                            |             |
| Vietnam                          | 15   | 2 029           | 2 231           | 202             | 9,9   | 198          | 172           | -26          | -13,0                          |             |
| Malaysia                         | 16   | 2 163           | 2 199           | 36              | 1,7   | 179          | 177           | -2           | -1,1                           |             |
| Canada                           | 17   | 2 338           | 2 198           | -140            | -6,0  | 117          | 204           | 87           | 74,5                           |             |
| Australia                        | 18   | 1 870           | 2 118           | 248             | 13,3  | 152          | 191           | 39           | 25,9                           |             |
| Colombia                         | 19   | 1 842           | 2 062           | 220             | 11,9  | 191          | 192           | 0            | 0,2                            |             |
| Peru                             | 20   | 1 675           | 1 953           | 277             | 16,6  | 138          | 151           | 13           | 9,7                            |             |
| <i>other countries</i>           |  | 28 497          | 31 101          | 2 605           | 9,1   | 3 030        | 3 029         | 0            | 0,0                            |             |

**Table 5: EU28 agri-food imports – most important changes in March 2016**

| EU28 agri-food imports from .... | cumulative data: 12 month period                   |                 |                 |                 |   | monthly data |               |              |                                |             |
|----------------------------------|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
|                                  | PARTNER/PERIOD<br>(million Euro)<br>source: COMEXT | Rank<br>2015/16 | Apr14-<br>Mar15 | Apr15-<br>Mar16 | Difference<br>Apr15 - Mar16 to<br>Apr14 - Mar15 |              | Mar. 2015     | Mar. 2016    | Difference<br>Mar 16 to Mar 15 |             |
|                                  |  |                 | mio €           | mio €           | mio €   | %            | mio €         | mio €        | mio €                          | %           |
| <b>Extra-EU28</b>                |  |                 | <b>106 277</b>  | <b>113 091</b>  | <b>6 814</b>                                    | <b>6,4</b>   | <b>10 260</b> | <b>9 836</b> | <b>-424</b>                    | <b>-4,1</b> |
| Argentina                        | 3  | 5 256           | 6 019           | 763             | 14,5  | 385          | 497           | 112          | 29,1                           |             |
| Canada                           | 17   | 2 338           | 2 198           | -140            | -6,0  | 117          | 204           | 87           | 74,5                           |             |
| Ukraine                          | 8  | 3 745           | 4 220           | 475             | 12,7  | 400          | 459           | 59           | 14,8                           |             |
| Morocco                          | 21   | 1 597           | 1 886           | 289             | 18,1  | 212          | 252           | 40           | 19,0                           |             |
| Australia                        | 18   | 1 870           | 2 118           | 248             | 13,3  | 152          | 191           | 39           | 25,9                           |             |
| Mexico                           | 26   | 1 013           | 1 170           | 157             | 15,5  | 85           | 114           | 29           | 34,7                           |             |
| Madagascar                       | 53   | 180             | 251             | 70              | 38,8  | 21           | 40            | 20           | 93,4                           |             |
| Ivory Coast                      | 10   | 2 525           | 2 764           | 239             | 9,5   | 276          | 294           | 19           | 6,8                            |             |
| Egypt                            | 30   | 787             | 908             | 121             | 15,3  | 92           | 110           | 18           | 19,8                           |             |
| Russia                           | 24   | 1 424           | 1 434           | 10              | 0,7   | 118          | 135           | 16           | 13,7                           |             |
| India                            | 9  | 2 857           | 2 933           | 76              | 2,7   | 291          | 259           | -32          | -11,1                          |             |
| New Zealand                      | 12   | 2 408           | 2 464           | 56              | 2,3   | 261          | 222           | -39          | -14,9                          |             |
| Cameroon                         | 41   | 705             | 472             | -233            | -33,0   | 85           | 46            | -39          | -46,3                          |             |
| Turkey                           | 5  | 4 378           | 4 945           | 567             | 12,9  | 417          | 374           | -43          | -10,4                          |             |
| Tunisia                          | 34   | 447             | 732             | 286             | 64,0  | 95           | 49            | -46          | -48,4                          |             |
| Ghana                            | 25   | 1 348           | 1 179           | -169            | -12,5   | 150          | 88            | -62          | -41,4                          |             |
| China                            | 4  | 4 858           | 5 107           | 249             | 5,1   | 488          | 420           | -68          | -13,9                          |             |
| Indonesia                        | 7  | 4 475           | 4 266           | -209            | -4,7  | 389          | 313           | -77          | -19,7                          |             |
| United States of America         | 2  | 10 581          | 11 906          | 1 325           | 12,5  | 1 077        | 918           | -159         | -14,8                          |             |
| Brazil                           | 1  | 13 618          | 12 668          | -950            | -7,0  | 1 212        | 904           | -308         | -25,4                          |             |
| <i>other countries</i>           |  | 39 867          | 43 450          | 3 582           | 9,0   | 3 938        | 3 947         | 9            | 0,2                            |             |

**Table 6: EU28 agri-food imports by product category**

| PRODUCT/PERIOD   | EU 28 IMPORT      |                   |   |       |           |           |                                |         |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|---|-------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------|---------|
|  | April14-<br>Mar15 | April15-<br>Mar16 | Difference<br>Apr15 - Mar16 to<br>Apr14 - Mar15 |       | Mar. 2015 | Mar. 2016 | Difference<br>Mar 16 to Mar 15 |         |
|  | mio €             |                   | %   |       | mio €     |           | %                              |         |
|  |                   |                   |   |       |           |           |                                |         |
| <b>All agri-food products</b>                              | 106 277           | 113 091           | 10 260  | 6,4   | 10 260    | 9 836     | -424                           | -4,1    |
| <b>Commodities</b>   | 45 787            | 45 075            | -712  | -1,6  | 4 230     | 3 877     | -354                           | -8,4    |
| <b>Other primary</b>                                       | 27 591            | 31 391            | 3 800   | 13,8  | 2 898     | 2 898     | 0                              | 0,0     |
| <b>Processed</b>   | 12 545            | 13 941            | 1 396   | 11,1  | 1 200     | 1 093     | -108                           | -9,0    |
| <b>Food preparations</b>                                   | 6 077             | 6 691             | 613   | 10,1  | 575       | 572       | -3                             | -0,5    |
| <b>Beverages</b>   | 2 546             | 2 789             | 243   | 9,5   | 242       | 226       | -16                            | -6,7    |
| <b>Non-edible</b>  | 7 452             | 8 648             | 1 197   | 16,1  | 876       | 1 002     | 125                            | 14,3    |
| Wheat  | 1 448             | 1 610             | 162   | 11,2  | 88        | 159       | 71                             | 80,6    |
| Cereals, other than wheat and rice                         | 2 448             | 2 492             | 44  | 1,8   | 252       | 262       | 10                             | 3,8     |
| Rice   | 1 089             | 1 140             | 51  | 4,7   | 117       | 92        | -25                            | -21,6   |
| Flours and other products of the milling industry          | 141               | 168               | 27  | 18,8  | 14        | 17        | 3                              | 17,7    |
| Malt   | 2                 | 1                 | 0   | -23,1 | 0         | 0         | 0                              | 1 517,5 |
| Starches, inulin & gluten                                  | 54                | 56                | 2   | 4,0   | 5         | 5         | 0                              | -1,7    |
| Soyabeans  | 5 144             | 4 764             | -380  | -7,4  | 508       | 385       | -123                           | -24,2   |
| Oilseeds, other than soyabeans                             | 2 831             | 3 274             | 443   | 15,6  | 246       | 305       | 59                             | 23,9    |
| Palm & palm kernel oil                                     | 5 708             | 5 320             | -388  | -6,8  | 495       | 391       | -103                           | -20,9   |
| Vegetable oils other than palm & olive oil                 | 1 888             | 2 057             | 169   | 9,0   | 161       | 217       | 56                             | 34,8    |
| Oilcakes   | 8 634             | 8 077             | -557  | -6,5  | 698       | 611       | -88                            | -12,6   |
| Other feed and feed ingredients                            | 837               | 898               | 61  | 7,3   | 79        | 73        | -6                             | -7,4    |
| Beet and cane sugar  | 1 431             | 1 275             | -156  | -10,9 | 95        | 108       | 12                             | 12,7    |
| Sugar, other than beet & cane                              | 447               | 438               | -9  | -2,0  | 41        | 39        | -2                             | -4,2    |
| Milk powders and whey                                      | 49                | 43                | -6  | -12,2 | 5         | 3         | -2                             | -33,5   |
| Butter   | 95                | 67                | -28   | -29,8 | 9         | 5         | -4                             | -43,8   |
| Gums, resins and plant extracts                            | 879               | 944               | 65  | 7,3   | 88        | 90        | 2                              | 2,7     |
| Unroasted coffee, tea in bulk & mate                       | 7 657             | 7 599             | -58   | -0,8  | 780       | 617       | -163                           | -20,9   |
| Cocoa beans  | 3 210             | 3 143             | -67   | -2,1  | 381       | 371       | -10                            | -2,5    |
| Cocoa paste and powder                                     | 1 795             | 1 663             | -132  | -7,4  | 168       | 126       | -42                            | -24,8   |
| Agricultural commodities, not specified                    | 0                 | 46                | 46  |       | 0         | 0         | 0                              |         |
| Live animals   | 227               | 269               | 42  | 18,3  | 19        | 12        | -6                             | -33,6   |
| Bovine meat, fresh, chilled and frozen                     | 1 705             | 1 793             | 88  | 5,2   | 152       | 138       | -14                            | -9,4    |
| Pork meat, fresh, chilled and frozen                       | 39                | 36                | -3  | -7,2  | 3         | 3         | 0                              | 6,2     |
| Poultry meat, fresh, chilled and frozen                    | 310               | 338               | 28  | 9,1   | 24        | 26        | 1                              | 5,6     |
| Sheep and goat meat, fresh, chilled and frozen             | 1 067             | 1 056             | -11   | -1,1  | 192       | 148       | -44                            | -23,1   |
| Offal, animal fat & other meats, fresh, chilled & frozen   | 1 139             | 1 112             | -27   | -2,4  | 104       | 79        | -25                            | -24,1   |
| Fresh milk and cream, buttermilk and yoghurt               | 29                | 28                | 0   | -0,4  | 2         | 3         | 1                              | 32,8    |
| Eggs and honey   | 456               | 561               | 105   | 23,0  | 42        | 37        | -5                             | -11,4   |
| Vegetables, fresh, chilled and dried                       | 4 009             | 4 416             | 407   | 10,2  | 488       | 552       | 65                             | 13,2    |
| Fruit, fresh or dried, excl. citrus & tropical fruit       | 5 539             | 5 930             | 392   | 7,1   | 595       | 607       | 12                             | 2,1     |
| Citrus fruit   | 1 508             | 1 764             | 256   | 17,0  | 100       | 106       | 5                              | 5,4     |
| Tropical fruit, fresh or dried, nuts and spices            | 10 993            | 13 381            | 2 388   | 21,7  | 1 118     | 1 120     | 2                              | 0,1     |
| Miscellaneous seeds and hop cones                          | 558               | 702               | 144   | 25,8  | 59        | 67        | 8                              | 13,4    |
| Agricultural primary products, not specified               | 12                | 3                 | -9  | -74,9 | 0         | 0         | 0                              |         |
| Meat preparations  | 2 165             | 2 237             | 72  | 3,3   | 190       | 175       | -15                            | -8,1    |
| Cheese   | 443               | 439               | -4  | -0,9  | 37        | 42        | 5                              | 13,6    |
| Olive oil  | 297               | 640               | 343   | 115,2 | 77        | 34        | -43                            | -55,7   |
| Preparations of vegetables, fruit or nuts                  | 3 255             | 3 792             | 537   | 16,5  | 321       | 280       | -42                            | -13,0   |
| Fruit juices   | 2 279             | 2 364             | 86  | 3,8   | 206       | 197       | -10                            | -4,7    |
| Wine, vermouth, cider and vinegar                          | 2 541             | 2 842             | 302   | 11,9  | 222       | 218       | -4                             | -1,7    |
| Roasted coffee and tea                                     | 1 566             | 1 626             | 60  | 3,8   | 146       | 147       | 1                              | 0,7     |
| Chocolate, confectionery and ice cream                     | 1 023             | 1 176             | 153   | 14,9  | 95        | 90        | -5                             | -5,4    |
| Infant food & other prep of cereals, flour, starch or milk | 338               | 400               | 62  | 18,3  | 32        | 36        | 4                              | 11,9    |
| Pasta, pastry, biscuits and bread                          | 1 097             | 1 224             | 127   | 11,5  | 108       | 103       | -4                             | -4,0    |
| Soups and sauces   | 623               | 666               | 43  | 6,9   | 56        | 59        | 4                              | 7,0     |
| Coffee and tea extracts                                    | 467               | 530               | 62  | 13,3  | 46        | 43        | -3                             | -6,9    |
| Food preparations, not specified                           | 1 611             | 1 643             | 32  | 2,0   | 150       | 145       | -5                             | -3,6    |
| Pet food   | 917               | 1 053             | 135   | 14,7  | 89        | 97        | 7                              | 8,2     |
| Waters and soft drinks                                     | 892               | 946               | 53  | 6,0   | 78        | 88        | 9                              | 12,0    |
| Beer   | 253               | 300               | 47  | 18,4  | 23        | 29        | 7                              | 30,0    |
| Spirits and liqueurs                                       | 1 392             | 1 530             | 138   | 9,9   | 140       | 107       | -34                            | -24,0   |
| Odoriferous substances                                     | 8                 | 13                | 5   | 61,3  | 1         | 2         | 1                              | 103,1   |
| Raw hides, skins and furskins                              | 826               | 712               | -114  | -13,8 | 68        | 57        | -12                            | -17,1   |
| Non edible animal products                                 | 373               | 345               | -28   | -7,5  | 33        | 30        | -3                             | -9,7    |
| Wool and silk  | 809               | 829               | 20  | 2,4   | 87        | 88        | 1                              | 1,6     |
| Cotton, flax and hemp, and plaiting materials              | 566               | 585               | 19  | 3,3   | 54        | 50        | -5                             | -8,7    |
| Cut flowers and plants                                     | 1 290             | 1 309             | 19  | 1,5   | 131       | 113       | -18                            | -13,9   |
| Bulbs, roots and live plants                               | 785               | 825               | 40  | 5,2   | 92        | 79        | -12                            | -13,4   |
| Raw tobacco  | 2 582             | 2 652             | 70  | 2,7   | 266       | 243       | -23                            | -8,7    |
| Cigars and cigarettes                                      | 218               | 262               | 45  | 20,6  | 20        | 26        | 6                              | 27,9    |
| Fatty acids and waxes                                      | 1 625             | 1 473             | -152  | -9,4  | 110       | 114       | 4                              | 3,3     |
| Sugar alcohols   | 10                | 21                | 11  | 104,3 | 1         | 2         | 1                              | 63,1    |
| Essential oils   | 721               | 921               | 200   | 27,8  | 78        | 83        | 5                              | 6,9     |
| Ethanol  | 275               | 354               | 78  | 28,4  | 17        | 36        | 19                             | 109,6   |
| Casein, other albuminoidal sub. & mod. starches            | 822               | 749               | -74   | -9,0  | 76        | 56        | -20                            | -26,5   |
| Non-edible, not specified                                  | 34                | 6                 | -28   | -82,5 | 0         | 0         | 0                              | -19,3   |
| Products non-attributable                                  | 794               | 2 256             | 1 462   | 184,1 | 80        | 229       | 149                            | 185,5   |