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Imports, Total Exports, and Trade Balance, All Countries, Seasonally Adjusted Balance of Payments Basis

(1) The short-term trend gives a clearer picture of the direction and rate of change of trade by averaging the substantial monthly fluctuations which frequently occur in trade. The trend for the last month is not shown in the charts above since it frequently changes significantly with the addition of succeeding months of data.

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Imports, Total Exports, and Trade Balance, 1975 to 1985
Balance of Payments Basis


Imports and Total Exports by Country Groupings, 1985

Exports


Imports

-1- United States
-2- Japan
-3- United Kingdom
-4. Other E.E.C.
-5- Other O.E.C.D.
-6- Other Countries

## Imports and Total Exports by Major Commodity Groupings, 1983 to 1985



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- Seasonally Adjusted, Balance of Payments Basis
December 1985


## Overview, Month-to-Month

Preliminary estimates for December indicate that Canada's exports advanced $2.3 \%$ or $\$ 229$ million following a decline of $8.8 \%$ in November. Exports had previously posted three consecutive monthly increases.

In contrast, December imports declined $5.2 \%$ or $\$ 495$ million following an increase of $8.3 \%$ in November when a record level of $\$ 9.4$ billion was registered. The net effect of the December movements was an increase of $\$ 724$ million in the merchandise trade surplus to a level of $\$ 1.3$ billion.

## Overview, Quarter-to-Quarter

Total exports rose $4.8 \%$ or $\$ 1.4$ billion to $\$ 31.0$ billion in the fourth quarter of 1985; after increasing $1.9 \%$ in the first quarter, exports had remained virtually flat for the following two quarters. Imports slowed to an increase of $1.6 \%$ or $\$ 439$ million in the fourth quarter following increases averaging $4.6 \%$ in the previous three quarters. As a result, the merchandise trade surplus increased $\$ 995$ million in the fourth quarter after registering three consecutive quarterly declines.

## 1985 Merchandise Trade Surplus

The merchandise trade surplus in 1985, at $\$ 16.8$ billion, was down $\$ 3.9$ billion from the record 1984 level.

The major commodity groupings contributing to the 1985 surplus were:

- Forest products with a $\$ 15.1$ billion balance, an increase of $\$ 425$ million over 1984;
- Energy-related products with a positive balance of $\$ 10.3$ billion, $\$ 1.7$ billion higher than the preceding year;
- Agricultural products with a surplus of $\$ 4.3$ billion, a decline of $\$ 1.0$ billion from 1984;
- Industrial goods and materials with a surplus of $\$ 3.5$ billion, a decrease of $\$ 1.1$ billion from 1984;
- Automotive products which contributed $\$ 1.6$ billion to the surplus, $\$ 2.1$ billion less than in 1984.

The major commodity groupings that registered deficits in 1985 were:

- Machinery and equipment, with a deficit of $\$ 11.1$ billion, an increase in the deficit of $\$ 160$ million;
- Consumer goods, which registered an $\$ 8.4$ billion deficit, an increase of $\$ 97$ million over 1984.


## Short-term Trend

In contrast to the steadily increasing movement noted throughout 1983 and most of 1984, the short-term trend for exports in 1985 showed pronounced cyclical movement and this was reflected in most major commodity groupings. In the third quarter, the automotive sector provided most of the export strength.

The short-term trend for imports has steadily risen since mid- 83 except for the SeptemberOctober 1984 period. The short- term trend for imports of machinery also shows this consistent
growth. The automotive sector registered strong gains in the summer months of 1985 but has slowed substantially since. The trend for imports of industrial goods and materials posted gains of $2 \%$ through most of 1985 but is currently declining. The energy sector registered strong growth in the second quarter, displayed weakness in the third quarter and has recovered in the current period. The shortterm trend for agriculture and fishing products has been virtually flat in 1985 along with the trend for consumer goods.

## Commodity Analysis - Total Exports

Renewed strength in the energy sector fueled the turnaround in exports in December. Following a $21 \%$ decline in November, energy products, led by coal, rose more than $16 \%$. Aluminum, aircraft and precious metals also registered significant increases. Partially offsetting these gains were declines in nearly all wood and wood product categories. Exports of (continued on page 9)
automotive products declined a further $1.2 \%$ in December following a drop of $4.7 \%$ in November.

## Imports

Almost all of the $\$ 495$ million December drop in imports was due to the automotive sector: motor vehicles declined $23.2 \%$ following a similar increase in November, trucks increased slightly by $0.2 \%$ and motor vehicle parts fell $6.6 \%$ after an increase of $\mathbf{1 8 . 9 \%}$. Crude petroleum imports registered a decline of $18.4 \%$ in contrast to an increase of $19.3 \%$ in the preceding month. Other commodities posted only marginal changes.

## Trading Partner Analysis - Total Exports

The cyclical movement in total exports in 1985 primarily reflects the pattern of trade with the United States (Canada's exports to the United States represented $78.8 \%$ of total exports in 1985). The drop in July was due in part to continued slow growth in the U.S. but also reflectd a slowdown in shipments of automotive
products associated with a U.S. car haulers' strike. Record U.S. motor vehicle sales in the fall (sales have since declined), led the recovery in exports.

In December, increased exports to Japan (up $29.8 \%$ after a decline of $\mathbf{4 2 . 3 \%}$ in November), to "Other Countries" (up 12.4\% following a decline of $16.4 \%$ ), and to the United States (up $1.0 \%$ after a drop of $5.7 \%$ in November) were only partly offset by a decline of $40.2 \%$ in Canada's exports to "Other OECD" Countries.

## Imports

December imports from the United States fell $7.7 \%$ following an increase of $11.4 \%$ in November. The decline was concentrated in the automotive sector. Imports from the United Kingdom dropped $24.3 \%$ after a rise of $12.7 \%$ in November. Imports from "Other Countries" rose $16.9 \%$ or $\$ 132$ million.

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(see tables on pages 10 to 13)

[^0]Table 1
Merchandise Trade of Canada
December 1985
Balance of Payments Basis

|  | Total exports ${ }^{1}$ raw | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Imports } \\ \text { raw } \end{array}$ | Total exports ${ }^{1}$ S.A. ${ }^{3}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Imports } \\ \text { S.A. }{ }^{3} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Balance } \\ \text { S.A. }{ }^{3} \end{array}$ | Period-to-period change ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Total exports ${ }^{1}$ S.A. ${ }^{9}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Imports } \\ \text { S.A. }{ }^{3} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Balance } \\ \text { S.A. }{ }^{3} \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
|  |  |  | \$ millions |  |  | \% | \% | \$ millions |
| 1979 | 65,582 | 61,156 | 65,582 | 61,156 | 4,425 | 22.9 | 24.7 | 108 |
| 1980 | 76,680 | 67,901 | 76,680 | 67,901 | 8,779 | 16.9 | 11.0 | 4,354 |
| 1981 | 84,468 | 77,140 | 84,468 | 77,140 | 7,328 | 10.2 | 13.6 | -1,451 |
| 1982 | 84,540 | 66,726 | 84,540 | 66,726 | 17,814 | 0.1 | -13.5 | 10,486 |
| 1983 | 90,825 | 73,120 | 90,825 | 73,120 | 17,705 | 7.4 | 9.6 | -109 |
| 1984 | 112,118 | 91,450 | 112,118 | 91,450 | 20,667 | 23.4 | 25.1 | 2,963 |
| 1983 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First Quarter | 20,531 | 16,593 | 21,133 | 16,872 | 4,261 | 4.6 | 8.3 | -370 |
| Second Quarter | 23,506 | 18,414 | 22,242 | 16,963 | 5,279 | 5.2 | 0.5 | 1,018 |
| Third Quarter | 21,533 | 17,867 | 22,655 | 18,772 | 3,883 | 1.9 | 10.7 | -1,396 |
| Fourth Quarter | 25,253 | 20,246 | 24,795 | 20,514 | 4,281 | 9.4 | 9.3 | 398 |
| 1984 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First Quarter | 25,776 | 21,818 | 26,298 | 21,832 | 4,465 | 6.1 | 6.4 | 184 |
| Second Quarter | 29,341 | 24,161 | 27,642 | 22,479 | 5,163 | 5.1 | 3.0 | 698 |
| Third Quarter | 27,663 | 22,696 | 29,108 | 23,898 | 5,210 | 5.3 | 6.3 | 47 |
| Fourth Quarter | 29,338 | 22,775 | 29,070 | 23,241 | 5,829 | -0.1 | -2.8 | 619 |
| 1985 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First Quarter | 28,912 | 23,800 | 29,623 | 24,211 | 5,413 | 1.9 | 4.2 | . 416 |
| Second Quarter | 31,689 | 27,390 | 29,820 | 25,408 | 4,412 | 0.7 | 4.9 | -1,001 |
| Third Quarter | 28,077 | 25,602 | 29,609 | 26,610 | 2,999 | -0.7 | 4.7 | -1,413 |
| Fourth Quarter | 31,416 | 26,486 | 31,042 | 27,049 | 3,993 | 4.8 | 1.6 | 995 |
| 1984 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 8,244 | 6,530 | 8,806 | 7,090 | 1,716 | 2.8 | 0.4 | 207 |
| February | 8,353 | 7,226 | 8,548 | 7,205 | 1,343 | -2.9 | 1.6 | -373 |
| March | 9,178 | 8,062 | 8,944 | 7,537 | 1,407 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 65 |
| April | 9,107 | 7,820 | 8,978 | 7,228 | 1,750 | 0.4 | -4.1 | 343 |
| May | 10,258 | 8,509 | 9,409 | 7,736 | 1,673 | 4.8 | 7.0 | -77 |
| June | 9,976 | 7,832 | 9,256 | 7,516 | 1,740 | -1.6 | $-2.8$ | 68 |
| July | 9,207 | 7,515 | 9,661 | 7,747 | 1,914 | 4.4 | 3.1 | 174 |
| August | 8,924 | 8,026 | 9,763 | 8,453 | 1,310 | 1.1 | 9.1 | -604 |
| September | 9,533 | 7,154 | 9,683 | 7,699 | 1,984 | -0.8 | -8.9 | 674 |
| October | 10,250 | 8,150 | 9,950 | 7,643 | 2,307 | 2.8 | -0.7 | 322 |
| November | 10,114 | 7,725 | 9,644 | 7,670 | 1,974 | -3.1 | 0.4 | -333 |
| December | 8,974 | 6,900 | 9,475 | 7,928 | 1,547 | -1.8 | 3.4 | -427 |
| 1985 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 9,138 | 7,707 | 9,599 | 8,176 | 1,423 | 1.3 | 3.1 | -125 |
| February | 9,164 | 7,631 | 9,611 | 7,927 | 1,684 | 0.1 | -3.0 | 262 |
| March | 10,610 | 8,462 | 10,413 | 8,108 | 2,305 | 8.3 | 2.3 | 620 |
| April | 10,465 | 9,118 | 10,142 | 8,092 | 2,050 | -2.6 | -0.2 | -255 |
| May | 10,895 | 9,227 | 10,053 | 8,492 | 1,561 | -0.9 | 4.9 | -489 |
| June | 10,329 | 9,044 | 9,626 | 8,825 | 801 | -4.2 | 3.9 | . 760 |
| July | 8,555 | 8,718 | 8,912 | 8,654 | 258 | -7.4 | -1.9 | -543 |
| August | 8,956 | 8,252 | 10,013 | 8,958 | 1,055 | 12.4 | 3.5 | 798 |
| September | 10,566 | 8,633 | 10,683 | 8,998 | 1,685 | 6.7 | 0.5 | 630 |
| Octaber | 11,234 | 9,207 | 10,914 | 8,697 | 2,217 | 2.2 | -3.3 | 531 |
| November | 10,347 | 9,237 | 9,950 | 9,423 | 527 | -8.8 | 8.3 | -1,690 |
| December | 9,835 | 8,042 | 10,179 | 8,928 | 1,251 | 2.3 | -5.2 | 724 |
| Year-to-date |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1984 | 112,118 | 91,450 | 112,118 | 91,450 | 20,667 | 23.4 | 25.1 | 2,962 |
| 1985 | 120,095 | 103,278 | 120,095 | 103,278 | 16,817 | 7.1 | 12.9 | $-3,851$ |

[^1]Note: Due to rounding monthly data may not add up to quarterly data and quarterly data may not add up to annual data.

Table 2
Merchandise Trade by Principal Trading Areas
December 1985
Seasonally Adjusted, Balance of Payments Basis


Table 3
Total Exports by Commodity
December 1985
Seasonally Adjusted, Balance of Payments Basis

|  | Nov. | Dec. | Period-to-period change |  |  |  | Year-todate | Change over previous year |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Nov. | Dec. | Nov. | Dec. |  |  |  |
|  | \$ millions |  | \% | \% | \$ millions |  | \$ millions | \% | \$ millions |
| Live animals | 25.5 | 33.2 | -15.0 | 30.2 | -4.5 | 7.7 | 468.0 | -10.3 | -53.5 |
| Food, feed, beverages and tobacco | 892.4 | 873.4 | -2.1 | -2.1 | -19.1 | -19.0 | 9,263.6 | -9.7 | -993.8 |
| Fish and fish preparations | 172.3 | 158.9 | 15.6 | -7.8 | 23.2 | -13.4 | 1,846.3 | 16.0 | 255.2 |
| Barley | 14.8 | 21.9 | -39.3 | 48.0 | -9.6 | 7.1 | , 300.2 | -52.3 | -328.9 |
| Wheat | 399.0 | 411.9 | -11.7 | -312 | -52.8 | 12.9 | 3,833.8 | -16.8 | -776.8 |
| Other cereals unmilled | 13.2 | 16.4 | 214.3 | -94.2 | ${ }^{-3.1}$ | 11.0 3.2 | 84.8 94.8 | -49.1 | -30.0 |
| Other cereal preparations | 16.6 | 23.2 | -32.2 | 39.8 | -7.9 | 6.6 | 237.7 | -4.8 | -11.9 |
| Meat and meat preparations | 89.6 | 99.0 | 13.6 | 10.5 | 10.7 | 9.4 | 835.0 | 9.8 | 74.5 |
| Alcoholic beverages | 36.5 | 39.1 | 2.0 | 7.1 | 0.7 | 2.6 | 540.5 | -3.2 | -18.0 |
| Other food, feed, beverages and tobacco | 138.6 | 102.1 | 8.6 | -26.3 | 11.0 | -36.5 | 1,490.4 | -4.3 | -66.6 |
| Crude materials, inedible | 1,372.7 | 1,522.5 | -21.3 | 10.9 | -371.2 | 149.8 | 19,337.3 | 11.0 | 1,918.8 |
| Rapeseed | 36.6 | 23.0 | -20.4 | -37.2 | -9.4 | -13.6 | 530.5 | -21.6 | -146.0 |
| Other crude vegetable products | 24.7 | 41.9 | -45.1 | 69.6 | $-20.3$ | 17.2 | 475.3 | 14.9 | 61.8 |
| Iron ores, concentrates and scrap | 83.7 | 66.7 | 9.6 | -20.3 | 7.3 | -17.0 | 1,284.8 | 6.4 | 77.7 |
| Copper ores, concentrates and scrap | 24.3 | 41.5 | -58.2 | 70.8 | -33.9 | 17.2 | 519.2 | 1.9 | 9.6 |
| Nickel ores, concentrates and scrap | 29.9 | 39.3 | -53.1 | 31.4 | -33.8 | 9.4 | 561.3 | -3.3 | -19.2 |
| Zinc ores, concentrates and scrap | 11.6 | 22.5 | -57.0 | 94.0 | -15.4 | 10.9 | 228.3 | -20.1 | -57.3 |
| Other ores, concentrates and scrap | 66.5 | 55.2 | -17.4 | -17.0 | -14.0 | -11.3 | 882.9 | -19.5 | -213.4 |
| Crude petroleum | 490.0 | 537.9 | -12.7 | 9.8 | -71.0 | 47.9 | 5,969.8 | 35.8 | 1,574.1 |
| Natural gas | 290.2 | 317.0 | -5.1 | 9.2 | -15.5 | 26.8 | 4,010.4 | 2.4 | 92.2 |
| Coal and other bituminous substances | 82.7 | 185.4 | -67.8 | 124.2 | -174.1 | 102.7 | 2,010.3 | 8.9 | 163.7 |
| Asbestos unmanufactured | 24.7 | 29.2 | -37.0 | 18.2 | -14.5 | 4.5 | 446.3 | -10.2 | -50.9 |
| Other crude animal products Other crude wood products | 32.0 | 23.7 | 0.9 | -25.9 | 0.3 | -8.3 | 326.1 | -6.1 | -21.3 |
| Other crude non-metallic minerals | 138.3 | 95.1 | -31.3 | -31.2 | -11.2 | -43.2 | 1,578.6 | -17.6 45.2 | -62.9 491.5 |
| Other crude materials, inedible | 17.3 | 17.0 | 7.5 | -1.7 | 1.2 | -0.3 | 1,518.9 | 9.6 | 19.2 |
| Fabricated materials, inedible | 2,903.1 | 2,988.9 | -7.6 | 3.0 | -238.5 | 85.8 | 36,522.5 | 3.7 | 1,299.8 |
| Lumber | 399.3 | 382.2 | -4.1 | -4.3 | -17.1 | -17.1 | 4,620.5 | 7.8 | 1,236.2 |
| Other wood fabricated materials | 87.9 | 78.4 | 1.4 | -10.8 | 1.2 | -9.5 | +989.8 | 5.0 | 47.3 |
| Woodpulp and similar pulp | 265.4 | 284.3 | -3.4 | 7.1 | -9.2 | 18.9 | 3,389.0 | -13.0 | -507.2 |
| Newsprint paper | 487.8 | 430.4 | 13.9 | -11.8 | 59.5 | -57.4 | 5,397.8 | 13.1 | 626.1 |
| Other paper and paperboard | 112.5 | 90.7 | -7.8 | -19.4 | -9.5 | -21.8 | 1,295.6 | 1.4 | 18.1 |
| Inorganic chemicals | 91.4 | 80.8 | -19.5 | -11.6 | -22.2 | -10.6 | 1,349.6 | 5.9 | 75.1 |
| Organic chemicals | 100.2 | 105.8 | -16.6 | 5.6 | -20.0 | 5.6 | 1,385.2 | 2.9 | 38.7 |
| Fertilizers and fertilizer materials | 75.8 | 84.6 | -26.3 | 11.6 | -27.0 | 8.8 | 1,289.5 | -15.7 | -240.9 |
| Synthetic rubber and plastics | 91.0 | 95.9 | -2.0 | 5.4 | -1.9 | 4.9 | 1,142.9 | 24.5 | 224.8 |
| Other chemical products Petroleum and coal products | 24.6 | 34.7 | -7.9 | 41.1 | -2.1 | 10.1 | 343.1 | 4.8 | 15.8 |
| Petroleum and coal products Primary iron and steel | 299.7 | 337.5 | -15.1 | 12.6 | -53.5 | 37.8 | 3,307.0 | 3.4 | 107.5 |
| Steel bars, rods, plates, sheets | 82.1 | 17.9 | -8.1 | 20.5 | 3.9 -7.2 | -0.4 16.8 | 196.7 $1,200.1$ | -5.3 | -104.9 |
| Other iron and steel \& alloys | 84.6 | 80.7 | 6.3 | -4.6 | 5.0 | -3.9 | ,994.3 | 2.5 | 23.8 |
| Aluminum including alloys | 117.8 | 179.8 | -35.0 | 52.6 | -63.4 | 62.0 | 1,909.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Copper and alloys | 52.2 | 47.0 | -6.8 | -10.0 | -3.8 | -5.2 | +661.9 | -17.3 | -138.6 |
| Nickel and alloys | 55.7 | 61.5 | 24.3 | 10.4 | 10.9 | 5.8 | 595.3 | 5.4 | 30.3 |
| Precious metals and alloys | 90.9 | 131.0 | -28.3 | 44.1 | -35.9 | 40.1 | 1,516.5 | 24.6 | 299.3 |
| Zinc and alloys | 55.2 | 42.9 | 23.2 | -22.3 | 10.4 | -12.3 | 649.9 | -4.1 | -27.6 |
| Other non-ferrous metals and alloys | 13.4 | 16.5 | -6.3 | 23.1 | -0.9 | 3.1 | 178.0 | -6.0 | -11.3 |
| Metal fabricated basic products | 77.7 | 78.2 | -2.1 | 0.6 | -1.7 | 0.5 | 929.7 | 9.0 | 76.6 |
| Electricity ${ }_{\text {Textile fabricated materials }}$ | 95.3 | 86.9 | -16.9 | -8.8 | -19.4 | -8.4 | 1,397.5 | 1.4 | 19.8 |
| Textile fabricated materials | 27.1 | 28.5 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 315.9 | 4.2 | 12.6 |
| Non-metallic mineral basic products | 57.9 | 63.5 | -21.7 | 9.7 | -16.0 | 5.6 | 745.8 | 5.4 | 38.5 ' |
| Other fabricated materials | 40.0 | 51.1 | -33.0 | 27.7 | -19.7 | 11.1 | 721.9 | 20.2 | 121.2 |
| End products, inedible | 4,548.0 | 4,566.5 | -6.8 | 0.4 | -332.7 | 18.5 | 52,223.7 | 11.6 | 5,423.2 |
| Industrial machinery | 259.0 | 315.3 | -20.0 | 21.7 | -64.9 | 56.3 | 3,502.3 | 7.8 | +252.3 |
| Agricultural machinery including tractors | 49.8 | 47.5 | -11.1 | -4.6 | -6.2 | -2.3 | 626.4 | -17.8 | -135.9 |
| Passenger autos and chassis | 1,420.2 | 1,471.9 | -13.1 | 3.6 | -213.3 | 51.7 | 15,743.0 | 16.3 | 2,204.1 |
| Trucks and other motor vehicles Motor vehicle pts., incl. eng \& eng, pts. | 570.0 | 505.4 | 8.9 | -11.3 | 46.4 | -64.6 | 6,237.8 | 7.7 | 447.2 |
| Motor vehicle pts., incl. eng. \& eng. pts. | 988.3 | 966.0 | 2.0 | -2.3 | 19.4 | -22.3 | 11,203.1 | 10.8 | 1,096.3 |
| Television, telecommunication equip. | 226.2 | 202.0 | -7.0 | -10.7 | -16.9 | -24.2 | 2,872.7 | 7.4 | 196.9 |
| Aircrat, engines, parts | 187.1 | 243.8 73.8 | -13.6 23.5 | 30.3 -35.8 | -29.4 | 56.7 .41 .2 | $2,385.6$ $1,140.7$ | 20.2 -4.4 | 400.4 -52.7 |
| Office machines and equipment | 138.1 | 155.0 | -13.4 | 12.2 | -21.4 | 16.9 | 1,883.1 | 4.3 | 77.9 |
| Other equipment and tools | 199.8 | 264.5 | -14.5 | 32.4 | -33.9 | 64.7 | 2,626.9 | 15.6 | 353.7 |
| Other consumer goods | 175.6 | 190.3 | -2.0 | 8.4 | -3.6 | 14.7 | 1,999.1 | 6.9 | 129.0 |
| Other end products, inedible | 218.9 | 131.0 | -12.4 | -40.2 | -30.9 | -87.9 | 2,003.5 | 29.3 | 453.9 |
| Special transactions trade | 34.1 | 27.5 | 8.6 | -19.4 | 2.7 | -6.8 | 395.0 | -8.3 | -35.7 |
| Unallocated BOP adjustments | 173.9 | 166.9 | -0.6 | -4.0 | -1.0 | -7.0 | 1,885.0 | 28.6 | 418.7 |
| Total exports | 9,949.5 | 10,179.0 | -8.8 | 2.3 | -964.4 | 229.5 | 120,094.8 | 7.1 | 7,977.5 |

Table 4
Imports by Commodity
December 1985
Seasonally Adjusted, Balance of Payments Basis

|  | Nov. |  | Period-to-period change |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Year-to- } \\ \text { date } \end{array}$ | Change over previous year |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Dec. | Nov. | Dec. | Nov. | Dec. |  |  |  |
|  | \$ mil | lions | \% | \% | \$ mi | ilions | \$ millions | \% | \$ millions |
| Live animals | 4.6 | 4.7 | -35.2 | 2.2 | -2.5 | 0.1 | 109.3 | 15.9 | 15.0 |
| Food, feed, beverages and tobacco | 486.3 | 480.6 | 3.7 | -1.2 | 17.4 | -5.7 | 5,800.2 | -0.2 | -11.0 |
| Meat and meat preparations | 33.6 | 39.2 | -7.4 | 16.7 | -2.7 | 5.6 | 427.4 | -2.3 | -9.9 |
| Fish and marine animals | 38.3 | 39.5 | 7.6 | 3.1 | 2.7 | 1.2 | 493.3 | 1.2 | 5.7 |
| Fresh fruits and berries | 80.6 | 68.6 | 35.5 | . 14.9 | 21.1 | -12.0 | 852.1 | 7.0 | 55.9 |
| Dried fruits, fruits and fruit prep. | 34.4 | 44.5 | 1.5 | 29.4 | 0.5 | 10.1 | 491.6 | -2.3 | -11.6 |
| Fresh vegetables | 50.1 | 57.4 | 30.5 | 14.6 | 11.7 | 7.3 | 548.8 | 0.6 | 3.3 |
| Other vegetables and vegetable prep. | 25.3 | 27.8 | 4.1 | 9.9 | 1.0 | 2.5 | 316.0 | -2.3 | -7.4 |
| Cocoa, coffee, tea and other food prep. | 89.3 | 85.2 | 11.2 | -4.6 | 9.0 | -4.1 | 1,038.6 | -2.4 | -25.2 |
| Dairy products, eggs and honey | 11.1 | 10.4 | 2.8 | -6.3 | 0.3 | -0.7 | 135.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Corn (maize) shelled | 8.4 | 4.1 | 16.7 | -51.2 | 1.2 | -4.3 | 94.4 | -4.9 | -4.9 |
| Other cereals and cereal preparations | 22.6 | 18.8 | 12.4 | . 16.8 | 2.5 | -3.8 | 255.7 | -9.0 | -25.2 |
| Sugar and sugar preparations | 36.9 | 29.7 | -28.5 | -19.5 | -14.7 | -7.2 | 432.9 | 4.8 | 19.8 |
| Fodder, feed, excluding unmilled cereal | 21.8 | 23.1 | -7.6 | 6.0 | -1.8 | 1.3 | 241.3 | -4.6 | -11.7 |
| Beverages | 31.7 | 30.4 | -28.6 | -4.1 | -12.7 | -1.3 | 440.6 | 2.5 | 10.7 |
| Tobacco | 2.3 | 1.9 | -17.9 | -17.4 | -0.5 | -0.4 | 32.5 | -23.0 | -9.7 |
| Crude materials, inedible | 681.7 | 646.2 | 11.2 | -5.2 | 68.8 | -35.5 | 7,422.1 | -0.5 | -34.2 |
| Metals in ores, concentrates and scrap | 70.1 | 89.8 | -22.1 | 28.1 | -19.9 | 19.7 | 1,129.9 | -13.8 | -180.3 |
| Coal and other related products | 83.8 | 91.6 | 98.6 | 9.3 | 41.6 | 7.8 | 889.0 | -18.8 | -206.2 |
| Crude petroleum | 398.7 | 325.3 | 19.3 | -18.4 | 64.5 | -73.4 | 3,791.3 | 12.1 | 408.2 |
| Crude animal products | 23.4 | 18.6 | 9.3 | -20.5 | 2.0 | -4.8 | 269.4 | 8.2 | 20.4 |
| Crude vegetable products | 30.9 | 38.6 | -39.6 | 24.9 | -20.3 | 7.7 | 451.9 | -9.2 | -46.0 |
| Crude wood products | 16.7 | 17.5 | 13.6 | 4.8 | 2.0 | 0.8 | 182.1 | 12.1 | 19.6 |
| Cotton | 12.4 | 8.2 | 59.0 | -33.9 | 4.6 | -4.2 | 88.5 | -31.7 | -41.0 |
| Wool and man-made fibres | 13.5 | 15.9 | -4.9 | 17.8 | -0.7 | 2.4 | 163.7 | -4.8 | -8.3 |
| Crude non-metallic minerals | 32.2 | 40.7 | -13.7 | 26.4 | -5.1 | 8.5 | 456.2 | -0.2 | -0.7 |
| Fabricated materials, inedible | 1,672.3 | 1,612.6 | 2.6 | -3.6 | 42.3 | -59.7 | 19,054.2 | 12.9 | 2,177.5 |
| Wood fabricated materials | 56.9 | 64.7 | -10.7 | 13.7 | -6.8 | 7.8 | 673.5 | 2.1 | 13.7 |
| Textile fabricated materials | 176.6 | 168.4 | 0.8 | -4.6 | 1.4 | -8.2 | 1,885.5 | 8.7 | 151.3 |
| Organic chemicals | 122.9 | 130.4 | 3.2 | 6.1 | 3.8 | 7.5 | 1,508.6 | 3.0 | 44.3 |
| Plastic materials | 143.8 | 133.8 | 5.1 | -7.0 | 7.0 | -10.0 | 1,557.2 | 8.3 | 119.5 |
| Other chemicals and related prod. | 195.1 | 199.3 | -6.1 | 2.2 | -12.7 | 4.2 | 2,379.0 | 3.0 | 68.6 |
| Petroleum and coal products | 126.0 | 116.1 | -13.1 | -7.9 | -19.0 | -9.9 | 1,704.6 | 3.1 | 52.0 |
| Steel bars, rods, plates, sheets | 89.4 | 99.3 | 19.0 | 11.1 | 14.3 | 9.9 | 1,126.5 | 25.9 | 231.9 |
| Other iron and steel products | 80.7 | 89.0 | -13.5 | 10.3 | -12.6 | 8.3 | 882.5 | 18.1 | 135.4 |
| Precious metals including alloys | 161.8 | 141.0 | 8.4 | -12.9 | 12.5 | -20.8 | 1,758.8 | 126.7 | 982.9 |
| Other non-ferrous metals and alloys | 114.6 | 86.8 | 21.5 | -24.3 | 20.3 | -27.8 | 1,136.8 | -0.9 | -10.0 |
| Metal fabricated basic products | 149.6 | 147.0 | 15.8 | -1.7 | 20.4 | -2.6 | 1,591.1 | 10.7 | 153.7 |
| Rubber fabricated materials | 19.9 | 20.1 | 14.4 | 1.0 | 2.5 | 0.2 | 233.2 | 2.3 | 5.2 |
| Oils, fats, animal and vegetable | 18.5 | 18.6 | 20.1 | 0.5 | 3.1 | 0.1 | 229.8 | -9.4 | -23.9 |
| Non-metallic minerals | 99.1 | 86.3 | 6.0 | -12.9 | 5.6 | -12.8 | 1,035.0 | 18.6 | 162.2 |
| Other fabricated materials | 117.3 | 111.9 | 2.2 | -4.6 | 2.5 | -5.4 | 1,351.4 | 7.1 | 90.0 |
| End products, inedible | 6,498.5 | 6,102.4 | 9.6 | -6.1 | 571.7 | -396.1 | 70,117.8 | 12.6 | 7,827.3 |
| Engines, turbines and elec. motors | 57.9 | 61.4 | -30.8 | 6.0 | -25.8 | 3.5 | 809.8 | 15.5 | 108.4 |
| Drilling mining machinery | 69.0 | 68.3 | 9.9 | -1.0 | 6.2 | -0.7 | 791.1 | 31.5 | 189.5 |
| Excavating machinery | 75.2 | 82.3 | -18.5 | 9.4 | -17.1 | 7.1 | 863.3 | 31.8 | 208.1 |
| Metal working machinery | 100.7 | 90.0 | 3.0 | -10.6 | 2.9 | -10.7 | 1,031.6 | 26.7 | 217.6 |
| Other industrial machinery | 419.4 | 409.9 | 3.2 | -2.3 | 12.9 | -9.5 | 4,451.9 | 15.9 | 610.7 |
| Agricultural machinery incl. tractors | 151.9 | 151.6 | -4.9 | -0.2 | -7.9 | -0.3 | 1,738.6 | -1.7 | -30.1 |
| Passenger autos and chassis | 1,187.9 | 912.8 | 21.2 | -23.2 | 207.7 | -275.1 | 11,295.3 | 43.2 | 3,406.2 |
| Trucks and other motor vehicles | 317.9 | 318.5 | 7.7 | 0.2 | 22.8 | 0.6 | 3,176.2 | 19.1 | 509.7 |
| Motor vehicle pts., incl. eng. \& eng. pts. | 1,650.5 | 1,541.3 | 18.9 | -6.6 | 262.8 | -109.2 | 17,143.1 | 13.1 | 1,979.8 |
| Television, radios, phonographs | 79.0 | 83.5 | 8.1 | 5.7 | 5.9 | 4.5 | 830.1 | -0.5 | -3.9 |
| Other commun. and related equipment | 295.7 | 310.2 | -0.2 | 4.9 | -0.5 | 14.5 | 3,727.9 | -2.9 | -111.4 |
| Office machines and equipment | 328.4 | 367.7 | -3.2 | 12.0 | -10.9 | 39.3 | 4,194.8 | -4.7 | -207.2 |
| Other equipment and tools | 612.0 | 572.5 | 9.7 | -6.5 | 54.1 | -39.5 | 6,676.5 | 9.5 | 579.3 |
| Aircraft, engines, parts | 220.4 | 198.7 | 27.0 | -9.8 | 46.8 | -21.7 | 2,538.7 | 11.5 | 261.0 |
| Other transportation equipment \& parts | 90.5 | 108.1 | -26.8 | 19.4 | -33.1 | 17.6 | 1,268.5 | -8.6 | -118.9 |
| Apparel and apparel accessories | 168.3 | 163.1 | 6.4 | -3.1 | 10.1 | -5.2 | 1,804.4 | 4.4 | 75.5 |
| Footwear | 35.9 | 43.0 | -23.0 | 19.8 | -10.7 | 7.1 | 499.0 | 4.0 | 19.2 |
| Printed matter | 126.5 | 119.0 | 10.1 | -5.9 | 11.6 | -7.5 | 1,386.3 | 0.7 | 9.1 |
| Watches, sporting goods and toys | 79.3 | 74.7 | 3.7 | -5.8 | 2.8 | -4.6 | 955.7 | 6.1 | 54.7 |
| House furnishings | 104.1 | 107.4 | 4.4 | 3.2 | 4.4 | 3.3 | 1,146.1 | 5.8 | 62.5 |
| Photographic goods | 92.1 | 83.2 | 5.6 | -9.7 | 4.9 | -8.9 | 1,016.8 | -10.4 | -118.0 |
| Miscellaneous end products | 236.1 | 235.1 | 10.2 | -0.4 | 21.8 | -1.0 | 2,772.4 | 4.8 | 126.9 |
| Special transactions trade | 137.9 | 163.6 | 10.1 | 18.6 | 12.7 | 25.7 | 1,647.0 | 7.3 | 112.5 |
| Unallocated BOP adjustments | -58.2 | -81.6 | . 20.9 | 40.2 | 15.4 | -23.4 | -872.2 | -68.6 | 1,741.0 |
| Total imports | 9,423.1 | 8,928.5 | 8.3 | . 5.2 | 725.8 | -494.6 | 103,278.2 | 12.9 | 11,828.1 |


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[^1]:    1 Total Exports = Domestic Exports + Re-exports.
    2 Year to year, quarter to quarter, month to month.
    3 Seasonally Adjusted.

