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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Following large variations in January and February, total exports fell by $\$ 91$ million to $\$ 10.4$ billion.
- Imports continued to increase and rose to $\$ 9.4$ billion.
- Despite a decrease, the merchandise trade surplus remained above the $\$ 1.0$ billion mark for the second consecutive month.
- The short-term trend for exports, which had been down since November 1986, was up in February.
- Imports of "other consumer goods" (excluding automotive products) continued to fluctuate around the $\$ 1.0$ billion mark.

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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Seasonally Adjusted, Balance of Payments Basis
March 1987

## Month-to-month Overview

In March 1987, the seasonally adjusted value of total exports decreased by $\$ 91$ million from the level a month before, falling to $\$ 10.4$ billion. This slight decrease of $0.9 \%$ in March contrasts with the rise of more than $6 \%$ reported in February following sharp increases in exports of automotive products. Imports continued to increase for a second straight month, rising $\$ 243$ million from the level a month before to $\$ 9.4$ billion. These opposing movements in exports and imports resulted in a drop of $\$ 335$ million in the merchandise trade surplus, which fell to $\$ 1.0$ billion.

## Quarter-to-quarter overview

The value of exports dropped by $\$ 316$ million from the level in the fourth quarter of 1986, falling to $\$ 30.8$ billion, following large decreases in exports of passenger autos and precious metals. Imports posted a decline of $\$ 700$ million during the same period, falling to $\$ 27.6$ billion. Marked decreases in imports of aircraft, automotive products and precious metals contributed to this decline in imports in the first quarter of 1987. Consequently, the merchandise trade surplus increased by $\$ 383$ million, rising to $\$ 3.1$ billion.

Short-Term Trend (excludes the latest month)

## Total Exports

Following three months of decreases (November 1986 to January 1987), the trend turned upward in February. Trucks, lumber and motor vehicle parts were among the main commodity groups that contributed to this change in direction for exports. In the case of motor vehicle parts, there has been an upward trend since July 1986 - that is, for eight consecutive
months. The trend was also up for exports of wood pulp and electricity. Unlike the trend for exports of motor vehicles, the trend for exports of passenger autos remained down. The trend for aircraft exports was also down.

## Imports

The short-term trend for total imports continued down for the third straight month, although at a slower rate than in February. This downward movement was primarily the result of decreases in imports of industrial goods and materials, machinery and equipment, and agricultural and fishing products. However, the trend for imports of automotive products changed direction from the month before, posting a strong rise.

## Commodity Highlights

## Total Exports

The decrease in total exports in March from the level in February was mainly attributable to the decline of $\$ 351$ million in exports of passenger autos, which totalled $\$ 1.2$ billion. During the past three months, the elimination of certain tax shelters in force in the United States and the temporary closing of some Canadian plants caused large fluctuations in exports of passenger autos. Other notable decreases were recorded for exports of motor vehicle parts ( $-\$ 60$ million), wood pulp ( $-\$ 58$ million) and lumber ( $\$ 33$ million). However, there were sizable increases in exports of wheat ( $+\$ 91$ million) and crude materials ( $+\$ 90$ million). Wheat exports were at their highest level in fourteen months - namely, $\$ 358$ million.

## Imports

The rise of $2.7 \%$ in imports in March from the level in February was primarily the result of an increase of $\$ 182$ million for motor vehicle parts, which rose to $\$ 1.6$ billion in March 1987. Imports of fabricated materials and crude petroleum posted increases of $\$ 85$ million and $\$ 34$ million respectively. Unlike imports of motor vehicle parts, imports of passenger autos declined by $\$ 133$ million, falling to $\$ 976$ million
in March 1987. Imports of "other consumer goods" (excluding automotive products) continued to waver around the $\$ 1.0$ billion mark.

## Trading Partner Highlights

## Total Exports

The only decrease recorded in March from a February figure was that of $\$ 289$ million for exports to the United States, which totalled $\$ 7.8$ billion. Increases were posted for exports to the United Kingdom ( $+\$ 72$ million), "Other EEC Countries" ( $+\$ 24$ million), Japan ( $+\$ 46$ million) and all "Other Countries", including "Other OECD Countries" ( $+\$ 56$ million).

## Imports

Imports from the United States dropped by $\$ 59$ million from the February level, falling to $\$ 6.4$ billion. In the case of the other country groupings, imports from "Other EEC Countries" and "Other OECD Countries" declined by $\$ 11$ million and $\$ 2$ million respectively. However, there were increases in imports from Japan ( $+\$ 165$ million), "Other Countries" ( $+\$ 96$ million) and the United Kingdom ( $+\$ 53$ million).

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Table 1
Merchandise Trade of Canada
March 1987
Balance of Payments Basis

|  | Total exports ${ }^{1}$ <br> raw | $\begin{gathered} \text { Imports } \\ \text { raw } \end{gathered}$ | Total exports ${ }^{1}$ S.A. ${ }^{3}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Imports } \\ \text { S.A. }{ }^{3} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Balance } \\ \text { S.A. }{ }^{3} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Period-to-period change ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Total exports ${ }^{1}$ S.A. ${ }^{3}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Imports } \\ \text { S.A. }{ }^{3} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Balance } \\ \text { S.A. }{ }^{3} \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
|  |  |  | \$ millions |  |  | \% | \% | \$ millions |
| 1981 | 84,432 | 77,140 | 84,432 | 77,140 | 7,292 | 10.1 | 13.6 | -1,486 |
| 1982 | 84,560 | 66,739 | 84,560 | 66,739 | 17,822 | 0.2 | -13.5 | 10,529 |
| 1983 | 90,702 | 73,054 | 90,702 | 73,054 | 17,648 | 7.3 | 9.5 | -174 |
| 1984 | 112,218 | 91,492 | 112,218 | 91,492 | 20.726 | 23.7 | 25.2 | 3,078 |
| 1985 | 120,258 | 102,783 | 120,258 | 102,783 | 17,475 | 7.2 | 12.3 | $-3,251$ |
| 1986 | 120,631 | 110,498 | 120,631 | 110,498 | 10,133 | 0.3 | 7.5 | -7,342 |
| 1985 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First quarter | 28,926 | 23,668 | 29,662 | 24,175 | 5,487 | 2.2 | 3.9 | . 260 |
| Second quarter | 31,652 | 27,169 | 29,759 | 25,280 | 4,479 | 0.3 | 4.6 | -1,008 |
| Third quarter | 28,133 | 25,392 | 29,678 | 26,184 | 3,494 | -0.3 | 3.6 | -985 |
| Fourth quarter | 31,547 | 26,554 | 31,158 | 27,143 | 4,014 | 5.0 | 3.7 | 520 |
| 1986 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First quarter | 29,515 | 27,109 | 30,566 | 28,103 | 2,463 | -1.9 | 3.5 | -1,552 |
| Second quarter | 31,351 | 29,036 | 29,127 | 26,424 | 2,703 | -4.7 | -6.0 | 241 |
| Third quarter | 28,386 | 26,782 | 29,829 | 27,628 | 2,201 | 2.4 | 4.6 | -502 |
| Fourth quarter | 31,379 | 27,572 | 31,109 | 28,343 | 2,765 | 4.3 | 2.6 | 565 |
| 1987 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First Quarter | 30,003 | 27,455 | 30,792 | 27,643 | 3,149 | -1.0 | -2.5 | 383 |
| 1986 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 10,177 | 9,093 | 10,894 | 9,708 | 1,186 | 5.7 | 6.9 | . 34 |
| February | 9,488 | 9,418 | 10,049 | 9,860 | 189 | -7.8 | 1.6 | -997 |
| March | 9,850 | 8,598 | 9,623 | 8,536 | 1,087 | -4.2 | -13.4 | 898 |
| April | 10,742 | 10,132 | 10,116 | 8.711 | 1,405 | 5.1 | 2.1 | 318 |
| May | 10,307 | 9,404 | 9,608 | 8,787 | 821 | -5.0 | 0.9 | -584 |
| June | 10,301 | 9,500 | 9,403 | 8,926 | 477 | -2.1 | 1.6 | -344 |
| July | 9,228 | 9,685 | 9.716 | 9,785 | -69 | 3.3 | 9.6 | - 546 |
| August | 8,581 | 8,220 | 9,700 | 8,957 | 743 | -0.2 | -8.5 | 812 |
| September | 10,577 | 8,876 | 10,413 | 8,887 | 1,526 | 7.4 | -0.8 | 783 |
| October | 10,855 | 9,764 | 10,455 | 9,528 | 927 | 0.4 | 7.2 | -599 |
| November | 10,494 | 9,135 | 10,260 | 9,387 | 873 | -1.9 | -1.5 | . 55 |
| December | 10,030 | 8,672 | 10,393 | 9,428 | 965 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 92 |
| 1987 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 9,297 | 8,491 | 9,876 | 9,062 | 814 | -5.0 | -3.9 | -151 |
| February | 9,978 | 9,021 | 10,504 | 9,169 | 1,335 | 6.4 | 1.2 | 521 |
| March | 10,729 | 9,943 | 10,413 | 9,413 | 1,000 | -0.9 | 2.7 | -335 |
| Year-to-date |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1986 | 29,515 | 27,109 | 30,566 | 28,103 | 2,463 | 3.0 | 16.2 | -3,025 |
| 1987 | 30,003 | 27,455 | 30,792 | 27,643 | 3,149 | 0.7 | -1.6 | 686 |

[^0]3 Seasonally Adjusted.
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
March 1987
Seasonally Adjusted, Balance of Payments Basis

|  | Feb. | Mar. | Period-to-period change |  |  |  | Year-todate | Change over previous year |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Feb. | Mar. | Feb. | Mar. |  |  |  |
|  | \$ millions |  | \% | \% | \$ millions |  | \$ millions |  | \$ millions |
| Total exports to: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United States | 8,127.8 | 7,838.6 | 8.4 | -3.6 | 633.1 | . 289.2 | 23,461.1 | -1.0 | -247.1 |
| Japan | 491.1 | 536.8 | -12.1 | 9.3 | -67.3 | 45.7 | 1,586.3 | 14.2 | 197.1 |
| United Kingdom | 263.9 | 335.6 | 6.8 | 27.2 | 16.7 | 71.7 | 846.8 | 34.8 | 218.5 |
| Other EEC Countries | 504.3 | 528.5 | -6.1 | 4.8 | -32.5 | 24.2 | 1,569.6 | 20.6 | 268.3 |
| Other OECD Countries | 167.3 | 201.1 | -3.1 | 20.2 | -5.4 | 33.8 | 541.1 | .7.4 | -43.1 |
| Other Countries | 949.5 | 972.1 | 9.7 | 2.4 | 83.7 | 22.6 | 2,787.4 | -5.7 | -167.5 |
| Total | 10,504.0 | 10,412.7 | 6.4 | -0.9 | 628.3 | -91.3 | 30,792.4 | 0.7 | 226.2 |
| Imports from: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United States | 6,461.9 | 6,403.1 | 5.1 | -0.9 | 311.4 | -58.8 | 19,015.5 | -4.7 | -938.3 |
| Japan | 590.1 | 755.3 | -8.0 | 28.0 | -51.2 | 165.2 | 1,986.7 | 17.2 | 291.9 |
| United Kingdom | 284.4 | 337.6 | -20.7 | 18.7 | -74.4 | 53.2 | 980.8 | -3.9 | -40.0 |
| Other EEC Countries | 748.4 | 737.7 | -2.3 | -1.4 | -17.9 | -10.7 | 2,252.5 | 4.2 | 91.5 |
| Other OECD Countries | 240.4 | 238.6 | -1.8 | -0.7 | -4.4 | -1.8 | 723.7 | 12.9 | 82.5 |
| Other Countries | 844.1 | 940.3 | -6.2 | 11.4 | -55.7 | 96.2 | 2,684.3 | 2.0 | 52.6 |
| Total | 9,169.3 | 9,412.6 | 1.2 | 2.7 | 107.6 | 243.3 | 27,643.5 | -1.6 | -459.9 |
| Balance with: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United States | 1,665.9 | 1,435.5 |  |  | 321.7 | . 230.4 | 4,445.5 |  | 691.3 |
| Japan | . 99.0 | -218.5 |  |  | -16.1 | -119.5 | -400.3 |  | -94.8 |
| United Kingdom | -20.5 | -2.0 |  |  | 91.1 | 18.5 | -134.0 |  | 258.4 |
| Other EEC Countries | -244.1 | -209.2 |  |  | -14.5 | 34.9 | -682.9 |  | 176.9 |
| Other OECD Countries | -73.1 | -37.4 |  |  | -1.0 | 35.6 | -182.6 |  | -125.6 |
| Other Countries | 105.4 | 31.8 |  |  | 139.5 | -73.7 | 103.1 |  | -220.1 |
| Total | 1,334.7 | 1,000.1 |  |  | 520.6 | -334.6 | 3,148.9 |  | 686.1 |

Note: Prior to 1986 Portugal and Spain were not included in the EEC.

Table 3
Total Exports by Commodity Groupings
March 1987
Balance of Payments Basis

|  | Seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |  | Raw values Percentage changes |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Year-to-date |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar. '87/ } \\ \text { Mar. '86 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar. }{ }^{\prime 86 /} \text { ' } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Mar. ${ }^{85}$ / <br> Mar. '84 |
|  |  |  |  | Value | \% change |  |  |  |
| \$ millions |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agricultural and fishing products | 979.4 | 979.1 | 1,050.2 | 3,008.6 | 6.8 | 23.0 | -5.3 | -4.0 |
| Wheat | 315.2 | 267.1 | 358.1 | 940.4 | 0.6 | 64.4 | -23.9 | -11.7 |
| Other agricultural and fishing products | 664.1 | 711.9 | 692.1 | 2,068.2 | 9.9 | 12.9 | 0.7 | -1.3 |
| Energy products | 949.9 | 912.0 | 945.1 | 2,807.1 | -16.8 | 0.9 | -42.0 | 36.7 |
| Crude petroleum* | 321.5 | 302.6 | 332.9 | 957.0 | -16.0 | 20.6 | -50.4 | 55.1 |
| Naturalgas | 192.1 | 182.7 | 205.0 | 579.8 | -23.0 | -7.6 | -40.5 | 14.4 |
| Other energy products | 436.3 | 426.6 | 407.2 | 1,270.2 | -14.2 | -7.0 | -36.1 | 38.7 |
| Forestry products | 1,630.4 | 1,710.3 | 1,598.2 | 4,938.9 | 15.0 | 12.6 | 7.7 | 22.7 |
| Lumber and sawmill products | 540.7 | 590.9 | 558.9 | 1,690.5 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 13.2 | 1.4 |
| Wood pulp and other wood products | 448.7 | 469.0 | 411.4 | 1,329.1 | 43.0 | 26.2 | 10.4 | 51.6 |
| Newsprint and other paper and paperboard | 641.0 | 650.4 | 627.9 | 1,919.3 | 9.6 | 11.4 | 1.4 | 32.8 |
| Industrial goods and materials | 1,946.1 | 1,831.3 | 2,005.8 | 5,783.1 | - 0.1 | 17.8 | -15.0 | 13.3 |
| Metal ores | 408.7 | 317.7 | 361.3 | 1,087.7 | 7.0 | 38.1 | -16.4 | -0.8 |
| Chemicals, plastics and fertilizers | 397.8 | 424.7 | 457.5 | 1,280.0 | -2.3 | 4.9 | -10.4 | 15.3 |
| Metals and alloys | 724.9 | 666.3 | 758.3 | 2,149.4 | 1.1 | 22.4 | $-17.7$ | 8.0 |
| Other industrial goods and materials | 414.7 | 422.6 | 428.7 | 1,266.0 | -5.5 | 12.4 | -14.7 | 33.5 |
| Machinery and equipment | 1,427.5 | 1,508.7 | 1,679.6 | 4,615.8 | 2.6 | 12.4 | 6.7 | 8.2 |
| Industrial and agricultural machinery | 297.0 | 376.4 | 368.4 | 1,041.8 | $-2.3$ | 8.0 | -8.8 | 8.4 |
| Aircraft and other transportation equip. | 338.8 | 350.0 | 425.9 | 1,114.6 | 6.0 | 15.8 | 41.8 | 11.2 |
| Other machinery and equipment | 791.8 | 782.3 | 885.3 | 2,459.4 | 3.3 | 12.5 | 1.7 | 7.0 |
| Automotive products | 2,578.9 | 3,161.9 | $2,735.1$ | $8,476.0$ | -2.3 | -1.1 | 3.6 | 12.7 |
| Passenger autos and chassis | 1,224.8 | 1,522.3 | 1,171.4 | 3,918.5 | -1.3 | -13.5 | 12.6 | 7.2 |
| Trucks and other motor vehicles | 353.8 | 545.7 | 529.5 | 1,429.0 | -16.8 | 5.5 | -11.3 | 27.8 |
| Motor vehicle parts | 1,000.3 | 1,093.9 | 1,034.2 | 3,128.5 | 4.7 | 13.9 | 0.6 | 12.2 |
| Other consumer goods | 203.3 | 217.7 | 206.5 | 627.5 | 13.4 | 24.2 | 3.6 | 1.4 |
| Special transactions trade* | 24.2 | 25.9 | 34.1 | 84.2 | -1.0 | 15.0 | -34.3 | 25.2 |
| Unallocated BOP adjustments | 135.9 | 157.1 | 158.1 | 451.1 | -5.6 | -0.1 | -7.4 | 40.3 |
| Total exports | 9,875.7 | 10,504.0 | 10,412.7 | 30,792.4 | 0.7 | 8.9 | -7.1 | 15.4 |

[^1]Total Exports by Major Country Groupings, 1984 to 1987


Table 4
Imports by Commodity Groupings
March 1987
Balance of Payments Basis

|  | Seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |  | Raw values Percentage changes |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Year-to-date |  | Mar. ${ }^{\text {8 }} 87$ <br> Mar. '86 | Mar. '86/ Mar. '85 | Mar. '85/ Mar. '84 |
|  |  |  |  | Value | \% change |  |  |  |
| \$ millions |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agricultural and fishing products | 632.8 | 579.5 | 619.8 | 1,832.1 | 7.0 | 23.0 | -7.8 | -1.2 |
| Fruits and vegetables <br> Other agricultural and fishing products | $\begin{aligned} & 218.8 \\ & 414.0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 190.4 \\ & 389.1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 205.5 \\ & 414.3 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 614.6 \\ 1,217.5 \end{array}$ | 7.4 6.8 | 33.8 17.8 | -17.9 -2.1 | -3.0 -0.2 |
| Energy products Crude petroleum Other energy products | $\begin{aligned} & 497.8 \\ & 293.9 \\ & 203.9 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 414.8 \\ & 248.5 \\ & 166.3 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 461.4 \\ & 28.2 \\ & 179.2 \end{aligned}$ | $1,374.0$ 824.6 549.4 | -18.5 -16.2 -21.8 | 26.5 51.0 -9.0 | -8.2 -10.0 -5.5 | $\begin{array}{r} -38.9 \\ -50.2 \\ -6.7 \end{array}$ |
| Forestry products | 103.9 | 81.8 | 87.0 | 272.8 | 12.1 | 34.5 | -4.6 | 1.3 |
| Industrial goods and materials | 1,635.0 | 1,507.0 | 1,540.9 | 4,682.8 | .7.3 | 10.8 | -7.2 | 14.3 |
| Metals and metal ores | 469.9 | 357.1 | 399.5 | 1,226.4 | -25.3 | -8.8 | -9.0 | 45.5 |
| Chemicals and plastics | 499.3 | 479.5 | 500.5 | 1,479.2 | 1.6 | 24.0 | -7.8 | 1.7 |
| Other industrial goods and materials | 665.8 | 670.4 | 640.9 | 1,977.2 | 1.3 | 15.1 | -5.5 | 7.2 |
| Machinery and equipment | 2,678.8 | 2,598.9 | 2,699.4 | 7,977.1 | 5.4 | 26.2 | -3.5 | 3.0 |
| Industrial and agricultural machinery | 958.7 | 929.5 | 931.2 | 2,819.4 | 3.3 | 18.8 | 3.5 | 7.2 |
| Aircraft and other transportation equip. | 381.0 | 326.4 | 331.6 | 1,038.9 | 7.4 | 36.7 | -1.6 | -21.6 |
| Office machines and equipment | 393.0 | 394.4 | 423.5 | 1,210.9 | 8.9 | 34.2 | -13.3 | 10.9 |
| Other machinery and equipment | 946.1 | 948.7 | 1,013.1 | 2,907.9 | 5.5 | 26.5 | -5.7 | 6.2 |
| Automotive products | 2,370.8 | 2,884.6 | 2,876.8 | 8,132.2 | -6.2 | 4.9 | 13.4 | 11.3 |
| Passenger autos and chassis | 789.0 | 1,108.7 | 976.0 | 2,873.8 | -14.4 | -1.6 | 11.6 | 37.5 |
| Trucks and other motor vehicles | 338.2 | 341.9 | 285.2 | 965.2 | 18.3 | 12.0 | 6.4 | 5.9 |
| Motor vehicle parts | 1,243.6 | 1,434.0 | 1,615.6 | 4,293.2 | -4.6 | 8.5 | 16.4 | -2.5 |
| Other consumer goods | 1,054.7 | 1,036.3 | 1,022.5 | 3,113.4 | 5.7 | 18.5 | 3.5 | -2.8 |
| Apparel and footwear | 260.0 | 259.4 | 248.5 | 767.9 | 8.2 | 16.3 | 17.5 | 4.8 |
| Miscellaneous consumer goods | 794.7 | 776.9 | 774.0 | 2,345.6 | 4.9 | 19.3 | -0.8 | -2.2 |
| Special transactions trade | 150.4 | 128.8 | 172.6 | 451.8 | 3.5 | 43.5 | 0.6 | -5.6 |
| Unallocated BOP adjustments | -62.5 | -62.4 | 67.7 | -192.6 | -6.7 | 11.9 | -59.7 | -30.7 |
| Total imports | 9,061.7 | 9,169.3 | 9,412.6 | 27,643.5 | -1.6 | 15.6 | 2.3 | 4.3 |

Imports by Major Country Groupings, 1984 to 1987


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Table 5
Merchandise Trade of Canada
Constant Dollars and Laspeyres Price Indexes
March 1987
Seasonally adjusted, Balance of Payment basis


1 The Paasche current weighted price index used to calculate constant dollars can be derived by dividing current values by the constant dollars aboue.
2 The Laspeyres price index uses fixed weights based on 1981 trade and therefore reflects changes in price only.
3 Total exports $=$ domestic exports + re-exports.
$\downarrow$ Year-to-year, quarter-to-quarter, month-to-month.
Note: Due to rounding monthly data may not add up to quarterly data and quarterly data may not add up to annual data.


[^0]:    1 Total Exports = Domestic Exports + Re-exports.
    2 Year-to-year, quarter-to-quarter, month-to-month.

[^1]:    * Series has no seasonality. Figures are unadjusted.

