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Non-oil Merchandise Trade

Through the Ports of Abu Dhabi Emirate

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Introduction

This report presents statistics on the value of non-oil merchandise trade which entered or exited the territory of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi through the ports of Abu Dhabi (comprising air, sea and road ports) in October 2012. It should be noted that the goods captured in the report do not belong entirely to the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and do not fully represent Abu Dhabi non-oil merchandise trade as some of these goods might belong to other Emirates. This report does not record Abu Dhabi trade through ports of the other Emirates.

The data have been sourced from the Abu Dhabi Department of Finance – Customs Administration, and the scope of the statistics therefore is restricted to the trade flows recorded at ports under the jurisdiction of the Customs Administration. The report highlights the relative importance of each individual component of imports, non-oil exports and re-exports.

The data are presented according to the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), Revision 4, the Broad Economic Categories (BEC), and by country. In addition, a monthly time series of historical data for total imports, non-oil exports and re-exports is presented.

The Explanatory Notes section at the end of this report defines the key terms and technical concepts used in the compilation of non-oil merchandise trade statistics.

Readers are encouraged to refer to that section while reading the statistics and information outlined in the report.

Key Points

Monthly non-oil merchandise trade, October 2012

The total value of non-oil merchandise trade in October 2012 was AED 13,161 million, with imports of AED 11,051 million (84.0% of total), non-oil exports of AED 999 million (7.6% of total) and re-exports at AED 1,112 million (8.4% of total).

The October 2012 total increased by AED 1,369 million (11.6%) compared with September 2012, with imports increasing by AED 1,809 million (19.6%), while the value of non-oil exports decreased by AED 243 million (-19.6%) and re-exports by AED 197 million (-15.1%) over the period.

A year on year comparison (October 2011 to October 2012) shows a decrease of AED 1,455 million (-10.0%) in total trade, with imports decreasing by AED 1,724 million (-13.5%), while the value of non-oil exports increased by AED 137 million (15.9%) and re-exports by AED 132 million (13.5%), over the same period.

Non-oil merchandise trade through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, October 2012

Value in million AED

	October 2011	September 2012	October 2012	Change (%)	
				October 2011 to October 2012	September 2012 to October 2012
Imports	12,775	9,242	11,051	-13.5	19.6
Non-oil exports	861	1,242	999	15.9	-19.6
Re-exports	980	1,309	1,112	13.5	-15.1
Total	14,617	11,793	13,161	-10.0	11.6

Source: Abu Dhabi Department of Finance – Customs Administration
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Non-oil merchandise trade from September 2012 to October 2012

An analysis of non-oil merchandise trade data by Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), shown in the attached Statistical Table 1 for September 2012 to October 2012, reveals the following:

- The value of total imports increased by 19.6%, with increases of AED 1,718 million (36.0%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” and AED 388 million (263.8%) in “Crude materials, inedible, except fuels”.
- The value of non-oil exports decreased by 19.6%, with decreases of AED 262 million (-94.6%) in “Miscellaneous manufactured items” and AED 119 million (-75.7%) in Machinery and transport equipment”, partially offset by an increase of AED 145 million (40.4%) in “Chemicals and related products”.
- The value of re-exports decreased by 15.1%, with decreases of AED 127 million (-14.0%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” and AED 35 million (-39.0%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material”.

Non-oil merchandise trade from October 2011 to October 2012

An analysis of the SITC data from October 2011 to October 2012 highlights that during the period:

- The value of imports decreased by 13.5%, with decreases of AED 1,537 million (-19.2%) in “Machinery and transport equipment”, AED 259 million (-11.7%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material” and AED 151 million (-18.1%) in “Chemicals and related products”.
- The value of non-oil exports increased by 15.9%, with increases of AED 141 million (39.0%) in “Chemicals and related products” and AED 64 million (20.4%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material”, partially offset by a decrease of AED 96 million (-71.7%) in “Machinery and transport equipment”.
- The value of re-exports increased by 13.5%, with increases of AED 82 million (11.7%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” and AED 42 million (30.0%) in “Miscellaneous manufactured items”.

Non-oil merchandise trade by country, October 2012

An analysis of non-oil merchandise trade data by the top 5 countries for October 2012, shown in Statistical Table 3, reveals the following:

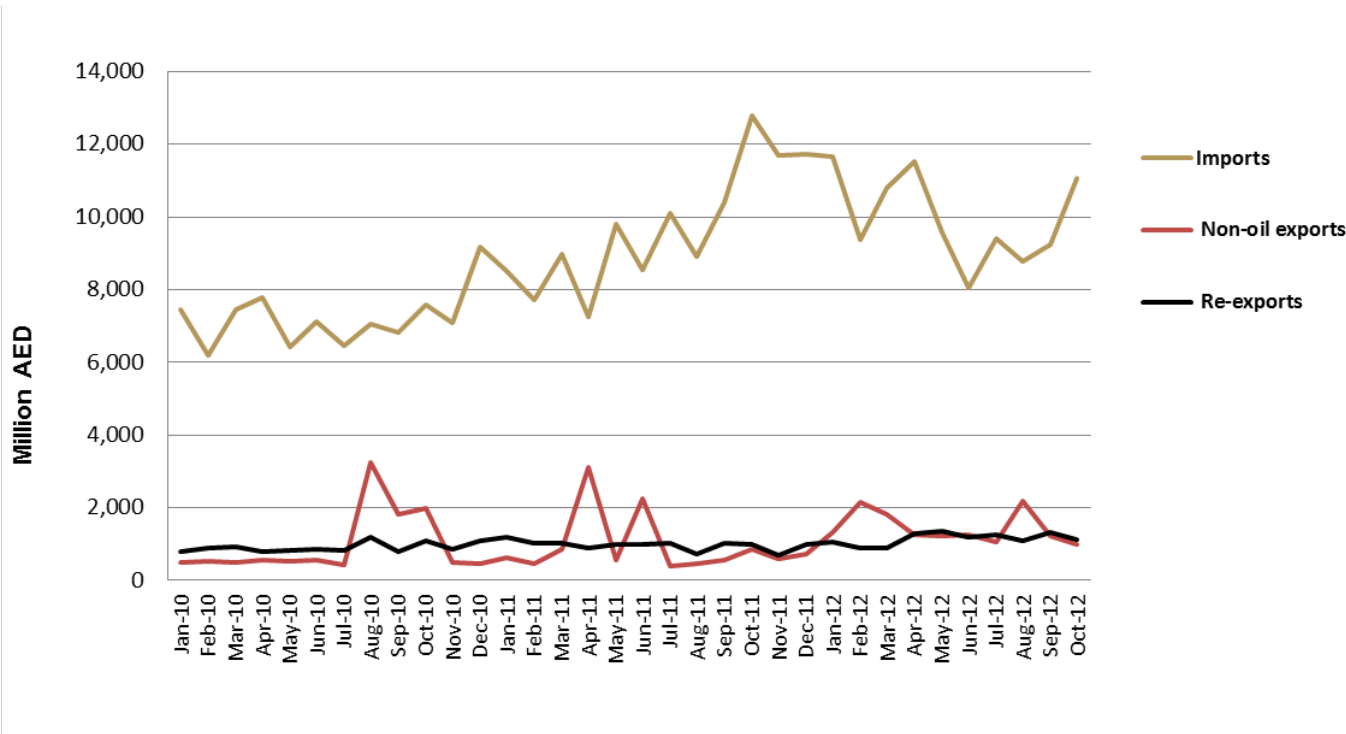
- The three main countries of origin for imports were Italy (AED 1,720 million), USA (AED 1,133 million) and Germany (AED 1,077 million). These three countries represented 35.6% of total imports.
- For non-oil exports, the top three countries of destination were Saudi Arabia (AED 287 million), China (AED 221 million) and Singapore (AED 105 million). These three countries represented 61.4% of total non-oil exports.
- The three main countries of destination for re-exports were Bahrain (AED 284 million), Qatar (AED 182 million) and Saudi Arabia (AED 175 million). These three countries represented 57.7% of total re-exports.

Monthly non-oil merchandise trade historical series, January 2010 to October 2012

Figure 1 shows the monthly historical series for imports, non-oil exports and re-exports from January 2010 to October 2012. The detailed data is shown in the attached Statistical Table 4.

The largest totals recorded were AED 12,775 million for imports (October 2011), AED 3,261 million for non-oil exports (August 2010) and AED 1,360 million for re-exports (May 2012).

Figure 1: Monthly non-oil merchandise trade, January 2010 to October 2012



Source: Abu Dhabi Department of Finance – Customs Administration
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Statistical Tables

Table 1: Non-oil merchandise trade through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi by Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), October 2012

Value in million AED

Commodities	October 2011	September 2012	October 2012	Change (%) *	
				October 2011 to October 2012	September 2012 to October 2012
Imports					
Machinery and transport equipment	8,023	4,768	6,485	-19.2	36.0
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,212	1,961	1,953	-11.7	-0.4
Food and live animals	707	667	702	-0.7	5.3
Chemicals and related products	837	1,082	686	-18.1	-36.6
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	291	147	536	83.9	263.8
Other	705	618	689	-2.2	11.6
Total imports	12,775	9,242	11,051	-13.5	19.6
Re-exports					
Chemicals and related products	362	359	504	39.0	40.4
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	314	355	378	20.4	6.4
Machinery and transport equipment	134	157	38	-71.7	-75.7
Food and live animals	20	58	23	14.8	-59.7
Miscellaneous manufactured items	16	277	15	-9.1	-94.6
Other	14	36	41	185.3	12.9
Total non-oil exports	861	1,242	999	15.9	-19.6
Total re-exports					
Machinery and transport equipment	700	909	782	11.7	-14.0
Miscellaneous manufactured items	139	189	181	30.0	-4.3
Chemicals and related products	53	77	57	6.5	-26.8
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	39	90	55	42.5	-39.0
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	35	34	29	-18.9	-17.0
Other	14	9	8	-38.1	-3.6
Total re-exports	980	1,309	1,112	13.5	-15.1

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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* Changes in % are based on unrounded numbers

Table 2: Non-oil merchandise trade through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi by Broad Economic Category (BEC), October 2012

Value in million AED

Commodities	October 2011	September 2012	October 2012	Change (%) *	
				October 2011 to October 2012	September 2012 to October 2012
Imports					
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	3,896	2,199	3,641	-6.6	65.5
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	3,566	3,370	3,353	-6.0	-0.5
Transport equipment and parts	3,024	2,512	2,740	-9.4	9.1
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	851	604	601	-29.3	-0.4
Food and Beverages	514	457	553	7.5	21.0
Other	924	100	163	-82.4	63.3
Total imports	12,775	9,242	11,051	-13.5	19.6
Non-oil exports					
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	602	650	882	46.5	35.8
Food and Beverages	32	77	47	49.5	-39.0
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	91	341	28	-68.7	-91.7
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	63	147	24	-62.1	-83.6
Transport equipment and parts	72	10	15	-78.6	51.9
Other	2	17	2	-15.5	-90.7
Total non-oil exports	861	1,242	999	15.9	-19.6
Re-exports					
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	533	572	477	-10.5	-16.6
Transport equipment and parts	121	325	302	150.2	-7.2
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	259	296	243	-6.2	-18.1
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	59	110	85	43.2	-22.7
Other	8	7	6	-29.7	-11.0
Total re-exports	980	1,309	1,112	13.5	-15.1

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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Table 3: Non-oil merchandise trade through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi by country, October 2012

Value in million AED

Country	October 2011	September 2012	October 2012	Change (%) *	
				October 2011 to October 2012	September 2012 to October 2012
Imports					
Italy	917	685	1,720	87.5	151.0
USA	1,919	1,119	1,133	-41.0	1.2
Germany	578	1,117	1,077	86.4	-3.6
Saudi Arabia	1,152	915	961	-16.6	5.0
Japan	2,108	718	865	-59.0	20.5
Other	6,101	4,687	5,295	-13.2	13.0
Total imports	12,775	9,242	11,051	-13.5	19.6
Exports					
Saudi Arabia	172	363	287	66.6	-20.9
China	75	372	221	196.3	-40.5
Singapore	1	106	105	8,650.4	-1.4
Oman	68	53	93	37.0	76.1
Kuwait	16	42	52	230.0	22.9
Other	530	306	241	-54.5	-21.2
Total non-oil exports	861	1,242	999	15.9	-19.6
Re-exports					
Bahrain	370	271	284	-23.0	4.8
Qatar	131	200	182	39.5	-8.9
Saudi Arabia	120	178	175	46.0	-2.0
Kuwait	106	149	124	17.0	-17.0
Singapore	28	3	38	34.0	1,351.0
Other	226	508	308	36.7	-39.2
Total re-exports	980	1,309	1,112	13.5	-15.1

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Table 4: Non-oil merchandise trade through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi historical series

Value in million AED

Month	Imports	Non-oil Exports	Re-exports	Total Non-oil Trade
2010				
January	7,438	492	787	8,717
February	6,187	521	910	7,617
March	7,439	507	932	8,879
April	7,777	547	802	9,127
May	6,437	538	829	7,803
June	7,107	558	877	8,543
July	6,461	420	831	7,712
August	7,057	3,261	1,185	11,504
September	6,830	1,838	806	9,473
October	7,584	1,976	1,085	10,644
November	7,085	493	861	8,440
December	9,171	460	1,080	10,711
2011				
January	8,508	642	1,183	10,333
February	7,718	472	1,019	9,210
March	8,975	872	1,040	10,886
April	7,268	3,109	906	11,282
May	9,786	578	992	11,356
June	8,540	2,262	997	11,798
July	10,094	408	1,037	11,538
August	8,889	409	727	10,024
September	10,382	558	1,012	11,953
October	12,775	861	980	14,617
November	11,706	582	690	12,978
December	11,733	726	985	13,444
2012				
January	11,613	1,323	1,071	14,006
February	9,383	2,146	900	12,428
March	10,794	1,832	898	13,524
April	11,538	1,253	1,293	14,083
May	9,582	1,210	1,360	12,152
June	8,035	1,253	1,199	10,486
July	9,420	1,059	1,262	11,741
August	8,764	2,189	1,082	12,035
September	9,242	1,242	1,309	11,793
October	11,051	999	1,112	13,161

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Explanatory Notes

Glossary

This report contains certain terms specific to merchandise trade and necessary when analyzing the trade statistics of Abu Dhabi Emirate. They include the following terms:

Merchandise Trade

Merchandise Trade statistics record goods which add to or subtract from the stock of material resources of Abu Dhabi by entering or leaving its territory. Throughout this report, the term merchandise trade statistics refers to trade which moves through the ports of Abu Dhabi only, and do not capture inter-emirate trade activity.

Imports

Imports are goods that enter Abu Dhabi's customs and economic district from various parts of the world, excluding other emirates in the United Arab Emirates, and receive customs clearance. Goods are considered imports regardless of whether they enter the Emirate directly or are retrieved from customs warehouses, temporary entry areas or free zones inside the country. These goods receive customs clearance in order to become part of Abu Dhabi's merchandise balance.

Re-exports

Re-exports represent goods that are imported from abroad, enter Abu Dhabi's customs and economic district and become part of the Emirate's merchandise balance. These goods are then re-exported as they are, without any modification, outside the country.

Non-oil Exports

Non-oil exports include goods that are entirely produced locally or in whose production process local resources are used. Non-oil exports through the ports of Abu Dhabi may include goods that were produced in other Emirates in the United Arab Emirates. Oil is excluded from these goods. These goods leave Abu Dhabi's customs and economic district to the outside world, reducing the Emirate's non-oil merchandise trade deficit.

Classifications

The non-oil merchandise trade statistics are presented in accordance with the two main internationally recommended output classifications: Standard International Trade Classification, Revision 4 (SITC) and Broad Economic Categories (BEC).

- SITC groups goods according to their level of manufacturing or processing
- BEC groups goods according to their main end use, namely capital, intermediate consumption and consumption goods

If users require statistics by the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS), these are available from SCAD on request. The HS is primarily an input classification, and is the basis on which goods are recorded with Customs by traders.

Data source

Data are obtained from Department of Finance – Customs Administration. The data are processed and passed to Statistic Centre – Abu Dhabi for further editing, compilation and reclassified according to statistical classifications for foreign trade.

Valuation

In line with the World Trade Organization (WTO) agreement on valuation:

- Exports (including re-exports) are valued free on board (fob), which represents the value at the export border, and includes inland freight costs and packaging
- Imports are valued on the cost insurance and freight (cif) basis, which represents the value at the import border, and includes the additional cost of freight and insurance in transporting the goods internationally

Notes on Tables

Changes (levels and %) in all tables are based on unrounded numbers.

Relative importance is calculated as the ratio between the value of the sub-group and the total value for all groups, expressed as a percentage.

Totals in some tables may not add up due to rounding.

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More information

For more information about foreign trade and other official statistics for Abu Dhabi Emirate, please visit the statistics link on the SCAD website at <http://www.scad.ae>

