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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 November 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, November 2012

The total value of non-oil merchandise trade in November 2012 was AED 10,557 million, with imports of AED 8,223 million (77.9% of total), non-oil exports of AED 1,124 million (10.6% of total) and re-exports at AED 1,209 million (11.5% of total).

The November 2012 total decreased by AED 2,605 million (-19.8%) compared with October 2012, with imports decreasing by AED 2,828 million (-25.6%), while the value of non-oil exports increased by AED 125 million (12.6%) and re-exports by AED 98 million (8.8%) over the period.

A year on year comparison (November 2011 to November 2012) shows a decrease of AED 2,421 million (-18.7%) in total trade, with imports decreasing by AED 3,483 million (-29.8%), while the value of non-oil exports increased by AED 543 million (93.3%) and re-exports by AED 519 million (75.2%), over the same period.

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

Value in million AED

	November 2011	October 2012	November 2012	Change (%)	
				November 2011 to November 2012	October 2012 to November 2012
Imports	11,706	11,051	8,223	-29.8	-25.6
Non-oil exports	582	999	1,124	93.3	12.6
Re-exports	690	1,112	1,209	75.2	8.8
Total	12,978	13,161	10,557	-18.7	-19.8

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

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

- The value of total imports decreased by 25.6%, mainly due to a decrease of AED 2,374 million (36.6%) in “Machinery and transport equipment”. There was also a decrease of AED 306 million (-36.0%) in “Other” commodities.
- The value of non-oil exports increased by 12.6%, with increases of AED 77 million (20.3%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material” and AED 72 million (188.5%) in Machinery and transport equipment”.
- The value of re-exports increased by 8.8%, with increases of AED 90 million (11.6%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” and AED 23 million (41.1%) in “Chemicals and related products”.

Non-oil merchandise trade from November 2011 to November 2012

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

- The value of imports decreased by 29.8%, with decreases of AED 2,438 million (-37.2%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” and AED 817 million (-31.2%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material”.
- The value of non-oil exports increased by 93.3%, with increases of AED 238 million (92.1%) in “Chemicals and related products” and AED 223 million (96.3%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material”.
- The value of re-exports increased by 75.2%, with increases of AED 433 million (98.5%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” and AED 39 million (34.4%) in “Miscellaneous manufactured items”.

Non-oil merchandise trade by country, November 2012

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

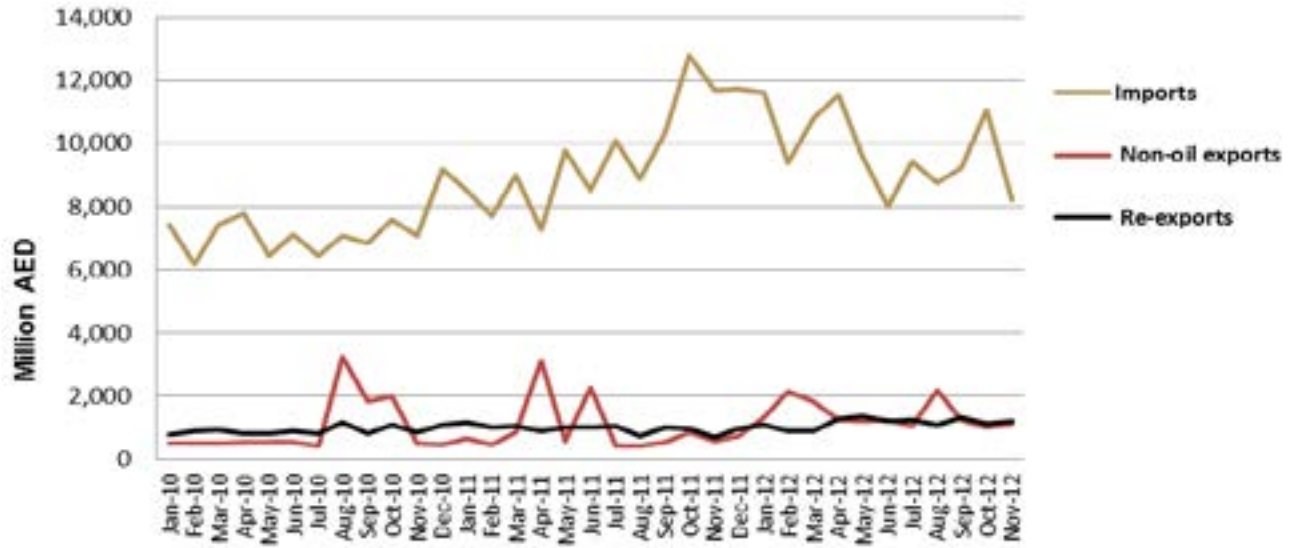
- The three main countries of origin for imports were Saudi Arabia (AED 922 million), Japan (AED 878 million) and USA (AED 804 million). These three countries represented 31.7% of total imports.
- For non-oil exports, the top three countries of destination were Saudi Arabia (AED 337 million), China (AED 226 million) and Singapore (AED 106 million). These three countries represented 59.5% of total non-oil exports.
- The three main countries of destination for re-exports were Bahrain (AED 311 million), Qatar (AED 204 million) and Saudi Arabia (AED 184 million). These three countries represented 57.8% of total re-exports.

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

Figure 1 shows the monthly historical series for imports, non-oil exports and re-exports from January 2010 to November 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 November 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), November 2012

Value in million AED

Commodities	November 2011	October 2012	November 2012	Change (%) *	
				November 2011 to November 2012	October 2012 to November 2012
Imports					
Machinery and transport equipment	6,549	6,485	4,111	-37.2	-36.6
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,617	1,953	1,800	-31.2	-7.8
Chemicals and related products	755	686	754	-0.1	10.0
Food and live animals	593	702	605	2.2	-13.8
Miscellaneous manufactured items	531	376	409	-23.0	8.7
Other	661	849	543	-17.8	-36.0
Total imports	11,706	11,051	8,223	-29.8	-25.6
Exports					
Chemicals and related products	258	504	496	92.1	-1.5
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	232	378	455	96.3	20.3
Machinery and transport equipment	43	38	110	153.9	188.5
Food and live animals	17	23	18	0.1	-24.9
Miscellaneous manufactured items	11	15	17	55.0	10.9
Other	21	41	30	45.4	-26.7
Total non-oil exports	582	999	1,124	93.3	12.6
Re-exports					
Machinery and transport equipment	440	782	873	98.5	11.6
Miscellaneous manufactured items	116	181	155	34.4	-14.0
Chemicals and related products	53	57	80	51.7	41.1
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	40	55	71	75.3	28.2
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	31	29	23	-27.3	-20.5
Other	11	8	8	-26.5	-6.4
Total re-exports	690	1,112	1,209	75.2	8.8

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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* Difference 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), November 2012

Value in million AED

Commodities	November 2011	October 2012	November 2012	Change (%) *	
				November 2011 to November 2012	October 2012 to November 2012
Imports					
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	4,010	3,353	2,965	-26.1	-11.6
Transport equipment and parts	2,579	2,740	2,187	-15.2	-20.2
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	3,890	3,641	1,992	-48.8	-45.3
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	691	601	535	-22.6	-11.0
Food and Beverages	436	553	453	4.0	-18.0
Other	100	163	91	-8.8	-43.9
Total imports	11,706	11,051	8,223	-29.8	-25.6
Non-oil exports					
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	484	882	943	95.1	6.9
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	25	24	108	329.7	351.7
Food and Beverages	29	47	40	41.5	-14.2
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	24	28	27	13.8	-4.1
Transport equipment and parts	20	15	3	-82.8	-78.1
Other	1	2	2	80.9	-1.3
Total non-oil exports	582	999	1,124	93.3	12.6
Re-exports					
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	335	477	557	66.6	17.0
Transport equipment and parts	94	302	272	189.6	-9.8
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	207	243	260	25.6	7.1
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	51	85	77	52.0	-8.8
Other	4	6	43	997.0	614.0
Total re-exports	690	1,112	1,209	75.2	8.8

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, November 2012

Value in million AED

Country	November 2011	October 2012	November 2012	Change (%) *	
				November 2011 to November 2012	October 2012 to November 2012
Imports					
Saudi Arabia	967	961	922	-4.6	-4.0
Japan	1,653	865	878	-46.9	1.5
USA	2,018	1,133	804	-60.2	-29.1
Germany	711	1,077	659	-7.3	-38.9
South Korea	1,099	761	583	-47.0	-23.4
Other	5,258	6,254	4,378	-16.7	-30.0
Total imports	11,706	11,051	8,223	-29.8	-25.6
Exports					
Saudi Arabia	110	287	337	205.1	17.3
China	34	221	226	555.4	2.1
Singapore	-	105	106	39,070.7	1.6
Azerbaijan	1	-	83	8,071.1	1,887,243.8
Oman	59	93	74	24.9	-20.5
Other	376	292	298	-20.9	1.8
Total non-oil exports	582	999	1,124	93.3	12.6
Re-exports					
Bahrain	202	284	311	53.8	9.3
Qatar	95	182	204	114.5	12.0
Saudi Arabia	125	175	184	47.5	5.5
Kuwait	64	124	138	116.7	11.7
United Kingdom	12	10	52	336.9	417.2
Other	192	337	320	66.2	-4.9
Total re-exports	690	1,112	1,209	75.2	8.8

Source: Abu Dhabi Department of Finance – Customs Administration

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“-“ this number has been rounded to zero

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
November	8,223	1,124	1,209	10,557

Source: Abu Dhabi Department of Finance – Customs Administration

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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>

