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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 April 2013. 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, April 2013

The total value of non-oil merchandise trade in April 2013 was AED 11,866 million, with imports of AED 9,067 million (76.4% of total), non-oil exports of AED 1,327 million (11.2% of total) and re-exports at AED 1,472 million (12.4% of total).

The April 2013 total increased by AED 233 million (2.0%) compared with March 2013, with imports increasing by AED 194 million (2.2%) and non-oil exports by AED 159 million (13.7%), while the value of re-exports decreased by AED 120 million (-7.6%) over the period.

A year on year comparison (April 2012 to April 2013) shows a decrease of AED 2,163 million (-15.4%) in total trade, with imports decreasing by AED 2,417 million (-21.0%), while the value of non-oil exports increased by AED 75 million (6.0%) and re-exports by AED 179 million (13.8%) over the period.

Non-oil merchandise trade through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, April 2013

Value in million AED

	April 2012	March 2013	April 2013	Change (%)	
				April 2012 to April 2013	March 2013 to April 2013
Imports	11,485	8,874	9,067	-21.0	2.2
Non-oil exports	1,251	1,167	1,327	6.0	13.7
Re-exports	1,293	1,592	1,472	13.8	-7.6
Total	14,029	11,633	11,866	-15.4	2.0

Source: Abu Dhabi Department of Finance – Customs Administration
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Non-oil merchandise trade from March 2013 to April 2013

An analysis of non-oil merchandise trade data by Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), shown in the attached Statistical Table 1 for March 2013 to April 2013, reveals the following:

- The value of total imports increased by 2.2%, due to increases of AED 191 million (5.1%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” and AED 101 million (11.3%) in “Crude materials, inedible, except fuels”.
- The value of non-oil exports increased by 13.7%, with an increase of AED 126 million (43.3%) in “Chemicals and related products”. This was partially offset by a decrease of AED 40 million (-39.7%) in “Machinery and transport equipment”
- The value of re-exports decreased by 7.6%, with a decrease of AED 96 million (-8.7%) in “Machinery and transport equipment”.

Non-oil merchandise trade from April 2012 to April 2013

An analysis of the SITC data from April 2012 to April 2013 highlights that during the period:

- The value of imports decreased by 21.0%, mainly due to decreases of AED 1,414 million (-26.3%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” and AED 245 million (-9.4%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material”. These were partially offset by an increase of AED 472 million (90.4%) in “Crude materials, inedible, except fuels” in particular gravel and crushed stone.
- The value of non-oil exports increased by 6.0%, mainly due to an increase of AED 380 million (104.7%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material”. This was partially offset by a decrease of AED 283 million (-40.5%) in “Chemicals and related products”.
- The value of re-exports increased by 13.8%, with increases of AED 215 million (26.9%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” and AED 48 million (20.2%) in “Miscellaneous manufactured items”.

Non-oil merchandise trade by country, April 2013

An analysis of non-oil merchandise trade data by the top 5 countries for April 2013, shown in Statistical Table 3, reveals the following:

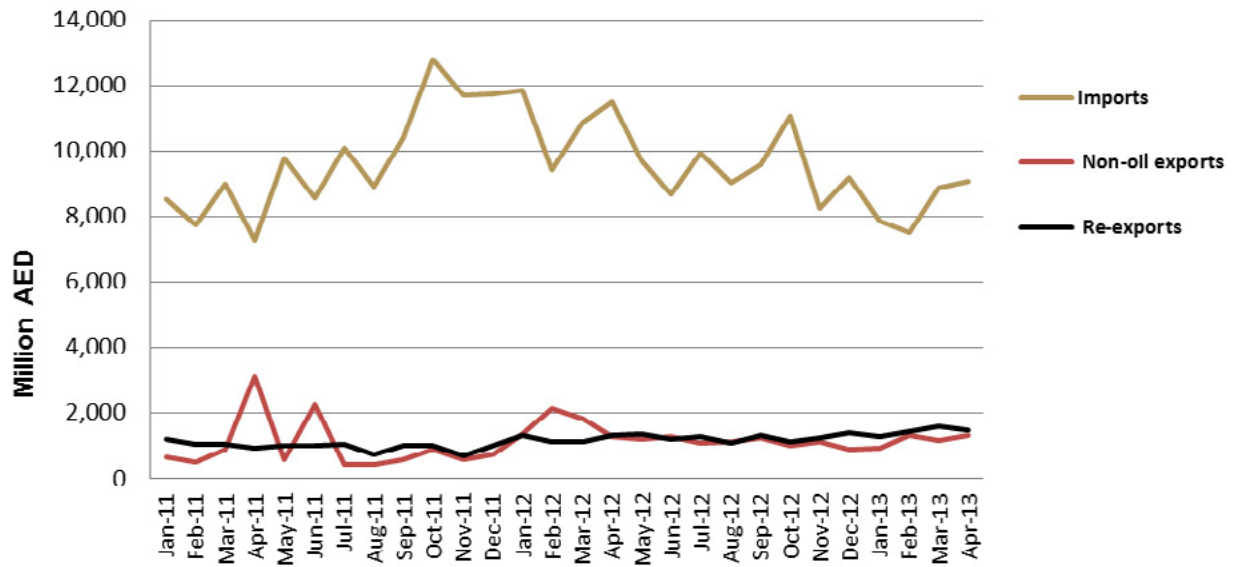
- The three main countries of origin for imports were Japan (AED 1,105 million), United States of America (AED 1,016 million) and Saudi Arabia (AED 959 million). These three countries represented 34.0% of total imports.
- For non-oil exports, the top three countries of destination were Saudi Arabia (AED 529 million), China (AED 205 million) and Qatar (AED 97 million). These three countries represented 62.6% of total non-oil exports.
- The three main countries of destination for re-exports were the Kingdom of Bahrain (AED 365 million), Saudi Arabia (AED 313 million) and Qatar (AED 206 million). These three countries represented 60.1% of total re-exports.

Monthly non-oil merchandise trade historical series, January 2011 to April 2013

Figure 1 shows the monthly historical series for imports, non-oil exports and re-exports from January 2011 to April 2013. The detailed data is shown in the attached Statistical Table 4.

The largest imports total was recorded in October 2011 (AED 12,775 million), the largest non-oil exports (AED 3,109 million) was recorded in April 2011 and the largest value of re-exports was recorded in March 2013 (AED 1,592 million).

Figure 1: Monthly non-oil merchandise trade, January 2011 to April 2013



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), April 2013

Value in million AED

Commodities	April 2012	March 2013	April 2013	Change (%) *	
				April 2012 to April 2013	March 2013 to April 2013
Imports					
Machinery and transport equipment	5,381	3,776	3,968	-26.3	5.1
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,600	2,357	2,355	-9.4	-0.1
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	522	894	995	90.4	11.3
Chemicals and related products	870	752	764	-12.2	1.5
Food and live animals	565	510	482	-14.6	-5.4
Other	1,547	585	504	-67.4	-13.8
Total imports	11,485	8,874	9,067	-21.0	2.2
Exports					
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	363	720	743	104.7	3.2
Chemicals and related products	699	290	416	-40.5	43.3
Machinery and transport equipment	86	101	61	-29.0	-39.7
Miscellaneous manufactured items	14	15	49	248.1	219.4
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	18	16	17	-8.4	3.4
Other	71	25	42	-41.2	69.0
Total non-oil exports	1,251	1,167	1,327	6.0	13.7
Re-exports					
Machinery and transport equipment	797	1,107	1,011	26.9	-8.7
Miscellaneous manufactured items	237	279	285	20.2	2.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	129	50	73	-43.4	46.7
Chemicals and related products	66	114	71	7.7	-37.5
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	44	26	26	-41.2	-0.1
Other	21	17	6	-71.1	-65.1
Total re-exports	1,293	1,592	1,472	13.8	-7.6

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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Table 2: Non-oil merchandise trade through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi by Broad Economic Category (BEC), April 2013

Value in million AED

Commodities	April 2012	March 2013	April 2013	Change (%) *	
				April 2012 to April 2013	March 2013 to April 2013
Imports					
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	4,023	4,065	4,030	0.2	-0.9
Transport equipment and parts	1,964	2,077	2,161	10.0	4.0
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	3,081	1,721	1,820	-40.9	5.8
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	1,796	478	538	-70.0	12.7
Food and Beverages	516	430	420	-18.6	-2.4
Other	105	103	98	-6.4	-4.9
Total imports	11,485	8,874	9,067	-21.0	2.2
Non-oil exports					
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	1,070	986	1,164	8.7	18.0
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	34	44	61	77.6	38.7
Food and Beverages	55	35	38	-30.8	7.3
Transport equipment and parts	7	30	34	415.5	16.6
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	82	72	27	-66.9	-62.0
Other	3	1	2	-18.0	215.6
Total non-oil exports	1,251	1,167	1,327	6.0	13.7
Re-exports					
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	540	695	595	10.3	-14.4
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	337	426	401	18.9	-5.9
Transport equipment and parts	234	356	380	62.5	6.8
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	165	102	92	-44.5	-9.9
Other	17	13	4	-78.7	-72.1
Total re-exports	1,293	1,592	1,472	13.8	-7.6

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, April 2013

Value in million AED

Country	April 2012	March 2013	April 2013	Change (%) *	
				April 2012 to April 2013	March 2013 to April 2013
Imports					
Japan	942	864	1,105	17.4	27.9
United States of America	1,182	1,063	1,016	-14.0	-4.4
Saudi Arabia	1,061	1,126	959	-9.6	-14.8
Oman	120	521	637	429.2	22.3
Germany	905	553	489	-46.0	-11.6
Other	7,275	4,747	4,862	-33.2	2.4
Total imports	11,485	8,874	9,067	-21.0	2.2
Non-oil exports					
Saudi Arabia	321	558	529	64.5	-5.2
China	305	74	205	-32.7	175.9
Qatar	52	71	97	85.4	36.3
Oman	108	64	75	-31.0	17.3
Singapore	157	64	64	-59.3	0.0
Other	307	336	357	16.2	6.2
Total non-oil exports	1,251	1,167	1,327	6.0	13.7
Re-exports					
Kingdom of Bahrain	430	465	365	-15.0	-21.5
Saudi Arabia	226	312	313	38.4	0.4
Qatar	176	264	206	17.0	-21.8
Kuwait	170	158	173	2.2	9.7
Turkmenistan	43	58	40	-6.1	-31.0
Other	248	335	374	50.5	11.6
Total re-exports	1,293	1,592	1,472	13.8	-7.6

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
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	11,837	1,327	1,301	14,465
February	9,426	2,149	1,101	12,676
March	10,878	1,834	1,115	13,827
April	11,485	1,251	1,293	14,029
May	9,705	1,209	1,360	12,274
June	8,657	1,253	1,199	11,108
July	9,924	1,057	1,260	12,241
August	9,026	1,107	1,082	11,215
September	9,586	1,242	1,309	12,137
October	11,051	999	1,112	13,161
November	8,223	1,124	1,209	10,557
December	9,173	861	1,404	11,438
2013				
January	7,836	898	1,279	10,013
February	7,490	1,291	1,444	10,225
March	8,874	1,167	1,592	11,633
April	9,067	1,327	1,472	11,866

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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>

