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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 December 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, December 2012

The total value of non-oil merchandise trade in December 2012 was AED 11,438 million, with imports of AED 9,173 million (80.2% of total), non-oil exports of AED 861 million (7.5% of total) and re-exports at AED 1,404 million (12.3% of total).

The December 2012 total increased by AED 881 million (8.3%) compared with November 2012, with imports increasing by AED 950 million (11.6%) and re-exports by AED 195 million (16.1%), while the value of non-oil exports decreased by AED 263 million (-23.4%) over the period.

A year on year comparison (December 2011 to December 2012) shows a decrease of AED 2,006 million (-14.9%) in total trade, with imports decreasing by AED 2,560 million (-21.8%), while the value of re-exports increased by AED 419 million (42.5%) and non-oil exports by AED 135 million (18.6%), over the same period.

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

Value in million AED

	December 2011	November 2012	December 2012	Change (%)	
				December 2011 to December 2012	November 2012 to December 2012
Imports	11,733	8,223	9,173	-21.8	11.6
Non-oil exports	726	1,124	861	18.6	-23.4
Re-exports	985	1,209	1,404	42.5	16.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,444</b>	<b>10,557</b>	<b>11,438</b>	<b>-14.9</b>	<b>8.3</b>

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

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

- The value of total imports increased by 11.6%, mainly due to an increase of AED 877 million (21.3%) in “Machinery and transport equipment”, in particular a significant increase in the commodities “motor vehicles” and “parts of aircraft”.
- The value of non-oil exports decreased by 23.4%, due to a decrease of AED 196 million (-39.5%) in “Chemicals and related products”, AED 32 million (-7.1%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material” and AED 30 million (-27.2%) in Machinery and transport equipment”.
- The value of re-exports increased by 16.1%, with increases of AED 112 million (14.0%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” and AED 87 million (55.9%) in “Miscellaneous manufactured items”.

## Non-oil merchandise trade from December 2011 to December 2012

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

- The value of imports decreased by 21.8%, mainly due to a decrease of AED 2,537 million (-58.3%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material”, in particular a significant decrease in the commodity “tube or pipe fittings of iron and steel”.
- The value of non-oil exports increased by 18.6%, with increases of AED 117 million (38.2%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material” and AED 33 million (12.6%) in “Chemicals and related products”.
- The value of re-exports increased by 42.5%, with increases of AED 329 million (49.4%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” and AED 55 million (29.6%) in “Miscellaneous manufactured items”.

## Non-oil merchandise trade by country, December 2012

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

- The three main countries of origin for imports were USA (AED 1,175 million), Germany (AED 1,046 million) and Saudi Arabia (AED 934 million). These three countries represented 34.4% of total imports.
- For non-oil exports, the top three countries of destination were Saudi Arabia (AED 330 million), China (AED 130 million) and India (AED 76 million). These three countries represented 62.2% of total non-oil exports.
- The three main countries of destination for re-exports were Bahrain (AED 413 million), Saudi Arabia (AED 243 million) and Qatar (AED 173 million). These three countries represented 59.1% of total re-exports.

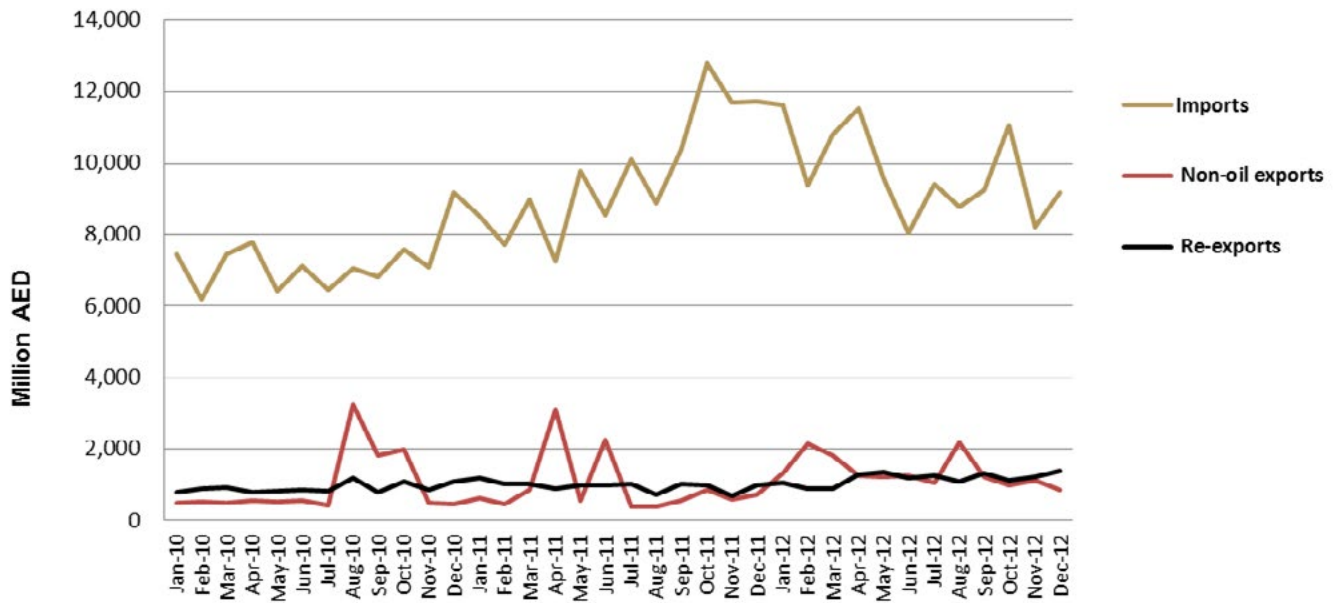
## Monthly non-oil merchandise trade historical series, January 2010 to December 2012

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

The value of re-exports for December 2012 (AED 1,404 million) sets a new record, exceeding the previous high recorded in May 2012 (AED 1,360 million).

The largest imports total was recorded in October 2011 (AED 12,775 million), and the largest non-oil exports (AED 3,261 million) was recorded in August 2010.

Figure 1: Monthly non-oil merchandise trade, January 2010 to December 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), December 2012**

Value in million AED

Commodities	December 2011	November 2012	December 2012	Change (%) *	
				December 2011 to December 2012	November 2012 to December 2012
<b>Imports</b>					
Machinery and transport equipment	4,694	4,111	4,989	6.3	21.3
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4,355	1,800	1,818	-58.3	1.0
Chemicals and related products	645	754	706	9.4	-6.4
Food and live animals	762	605	591	-22.5	-2.4
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	595	352	472	-20.7	34.1
Other	682	600	598	-12.2	-0.3
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>11,733</b>	<b>8,223</b>	<b>9,173</b>	<b>-21.8</b>	<b>11.6</b>
<b>Non-oil exports</b>					
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	306	455	422	38.2	-7.1
Chemicals and related products	267	496	300	12.6	-39.5
Machinery and transport equipment	71	110	80	13.0	-27.2
Food and live animals	45	18	16	-65.3	-10.7
Miscellaneous manufactured items	17	17	14	-15.8	-15.7
Other	21	30	29	35.2	-3.6
<b>Total non-oil exports</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>1,124</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>-23.4</b>
<b>Re-exports</b>					
Machinery and transport equipment	666	873	994	49.4	14.0
Miscellaneous manufactured items	187	155	242	29.6	55.9
Chemicals and related products	55	80	73	33.2	-9.0
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	34	71	68	98.3	-3.8
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	36	23	20	-44.7	-11.7
Other	7	8	6	-10.5	-20.6
<b>Total re-exports</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>1,209</b>	<b>1,404</b>	<b>42.5</b>	<b>16.1</b>

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), December 2012**

Value in million AED

Commodities	December 2011	November 2012	December 2012	Change (%) *	
				December 2011 to December 2012	November 2012 to December 2012
<b>Imports</b>					
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	5,951	2,965	3,033	-49.0	2.3
Transport equipment and parts	1,884	2,187	2,960	57.1	35.4
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	2,511	1,992	2,119	-15.6	6.4
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	671	535	525	-21.8	-1.9
Food and Beverages	550	453	449	-18.5	-1.1
Other	166	91	88	-47.0	-3.7
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>11,733</b>	<b>8,223</b>	<b>9,173</b>	<b>-21.8</b>	<b>11.6</b>
<b>Non-oil exports</b>					
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	550	943	719	30.6	-23.8
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	66	108	73	10.0	-32.6
Food and Beverages	63	40	33	-48.4	-19.3
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	39	27	28	-27.0	3.6
Transport equipment and parts	5	3	7	37.3	117.5
Other	2	2	1	-53.8	-43.2
<b>Total non-oil exports</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>1,124</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>-23.4</b>
<b>Re-exports</b>					
Capital goods (except transport equipment )	382	557	627	63.9	12.4
Transport equipment and parts	238	272	358	50.5	31.7
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	318	260	317	-0.3	21.8
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	42	77	98	132.0	26.5
Other	5	43	5	-6.5	-89.2
<b>Total re-exports</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>1,209</b>	<b>1,404</b>	<b>42.5</b>	<b>16.1</b>

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

Value in million AED

Country	December 2011	November 2012	December 2012	Change (%) *	
				December 2011 to December 2012	November 2012 to December 2012
<b>Imports</b>					
USA	1,115	804	1,175	5.4	46.1
Germany	741	659	1,046	41.2	58.9
Saudi Arabia	1,114	922	934	-16.2	1.2
Japan	635	878	791	24.7	-9.9
Italy	593	527	667	12.6	26.5
Other	7,536	4,433	4,560	-39.5	2.9
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>11,733</b>	<b>8,223</b>	<b>9,173</b>	<b>-21.8</b>	<b>11.6</b>
<b>Non-oil exports</b>					
Saudi Arabia	166	337	330	98.6	-2.2
China	49	226	130	165.2	-42.5
India	110	34	76	-31.3	119.7
Oman	82	74	55	-32.8	-25.2
Qatar	91	54	47	-48.0	-12.5
Other	228	399	223	-2.1	-44.1
<b>Total non-oil exports</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>1,124</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>-23.4</b>
<b>Re-exports</b>					
Bahrain	224	311	413	84.4	33.0
Saudi Arabia	185	184	243	31.2	32.0
Qatar	131	204	173	32.3	-15.0
Kuwait	78	138	153	97.2	10.5
India	36	22	48	33.8	119.3
Other	331	350	373	12.7	6.6
<b>Total re-exports</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>1,209</b>	<b>1,404</b>	<b>42.5</b>	<b>16.1</b>

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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
<b>2010</b>				
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
<b>2011</b>				
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
<b>2012</b>				
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
December	9,173	861	1,404	11,438

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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>

