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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 February 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, February 2013

The total value of non-oil merchandise trade in February 2013 was AED 10,225 million, with imports of AED 7,490 million (73.3% of total), non-oil exports of AED 1,291 million (12.6% of total) and re-exports at AED 1,444 million (14.1% of total).

The February 2013 total increased by AED 212 million (2.1%) compared with January 2013, with non-oil exports increasing by AED 393 million (43.7%) and re-exports by AED 165 million (13.0%), while the value of imports decreased by AED 346 million (-4.4%) over the period.

A year on year comparison (February 2012 to February 2013) shows a decrease of AED 2,451 million (-19.3%) in total trade, with imports decreasing by AED 1,936 million (-20.5%), non-oil exports by AED 858 million (-39.9%) while the value of re-exports increased by AED 343 million (31.1%) over the period.

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

Value in million AED

	February 2012	January 2013	February 2013	Change (%)	
				February 2012 to February 2013	January 2013 to February 2013
Imports	9,426	7,836	7,490	-20.5	-4.4
Non-oil exports	2,149	898	1,291	-39.9	43.7
Re-exports	1,101	1,279	1,444	31.1	13.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,676</b>	<b>10,013</b>	<b>10,225</b>	<b>-19.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>

Source: Abu Dhabi Department of Finance – Customs Administration  
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### Non-oil merchandise trade from January 2013 to February 2013

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

- The value of total imports decreased by 4.4%, due to a decrease of AED 694 million (-17.1%) in “Machinery and transport equipment”, AED 137 million (-25.1%) in “Food and live animals” and AED 128 million (-15.2%) “Chemicals and related products”. These were partially offset by an increase of AED 420 million (27.0%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material”.
- The value of non-oil exports increased by 43.7%, with an increase of AED 251 million (297.7%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” and AED 105 million (36.6%) in “Chemicals and related products”.
- The value of re-exports increased by 13.0%, with an increase of AED 139 million (16.3%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” and AED 37 million (14.1%) in “Miscellaneous manufactured items”.

## Non-oil merchandise trade from February 2012 to February 2013

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

- The value of imports decreased by 20.5%, mainly due to a decrease of AED 1,766 million (-34.4%) in “Machinery and transport equipment”. There were also decreases of AED 186 million (-8.6%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material” and AED 165 million (-28.7%) in “Food and live animals”. These were partially offset by an increase of AED 338 million (234.6%) in “Crude materials, inedible, except fuels”.
- The value of non-oil exports decreased by 39.9%, mainly due to a decrease of AED 1,235 million (-75.9%) in “Chemicals and related products”, in particular the commodities “polyethylene” and “propylene” whose exports were exceptionally significant during the first quarter of 2012.
- The value of re-exports increased by 31.1%, with increases of AED 310 million (45.8%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” and AED 62 million (25.7%) in “Miscellaneous manufactured items”. The total value of re-exports for February 2013 (AED 1,444 million) sets a new record, exceeding the previous high recorded in December 2012 (AED 1,404 million).

## Non-oil merchandise trade by country, February 2013

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

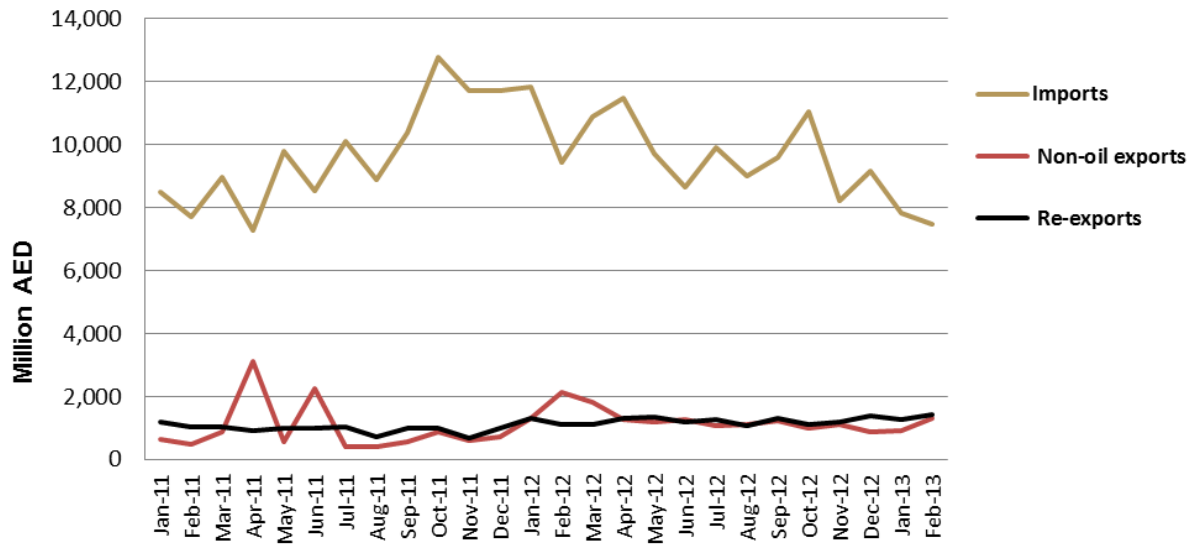
- The three main countries of origin for imports were USA (AED 988 million), Saudi Arabia (AED 934 million) and Japan (AED 561 million). These three countries represented 33.2% of total imports.
- For non-oil exports, the top three countries of destination were Saudi Arabia (AED 525 million), China (AED 230 million) and India (AED 147 million). These three countries represented 69.9% of total non-oil exports.
- The three main countries of destination for re-exports were Bahrain (AED 362 million), Saudi Arabia (AED 296 million) and Qatar (AED 200 million). These three countries represented 59.5% of total re-exports.

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

Figure 1 shows the monthly historical series for imports, non-oil exports and re-exports from January 2011 to February 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 February 2013 (AED 1,444 million).

Figure 1: Monthly non-oil merchandise trade, January 2011 to February 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), February 2013**

Value in million AED

Commodities	February 2012	January 2013	February 2013	Change (%) *	
				February 2012 to February 2013	January 2013 to February 2013
<b>Imports</b>					
Machinery and transport equipment	5,128	4,056	3,362	-34.4	-17.1
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,159	1,553	1,973	-8.6	27.0
Chemicals and related products	660	839	711	7.7	-15.2
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	144	343	483	234.6	40.7
Food and live animals	575	547	410	-28.7	-25.1
Other	760	498	552	-27.4	10.8
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>9,426</b>	<b>7,836</b>	<b>7,490</b>	<b>-20.5</b>	<b>-4.4</b>
<b>Non-oil exports</b>					
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	455	464	508	11.7	9.3
Chemicals and related products	1,626	286	391	-75.9	36.6
Machinery and transport equipment	22	84	335	1,415.2	297.7
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	5	18	15	203.3	-18.0
Miscellaneous manufactured items	13	16	14	10.0	-9.0
Other	28	30	28	1.8	-4.2
<b>Total non-oil exports</b>	<b>2,149</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>1,291</b>	<b>-39.9</b>	<b>43.7</b>
<b>Re-exports</b>					
Machinery and transport equipment	678	850	988	45.8	16.3
Miscellaneous manufactured items	240	264	301	25.7	14.1
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	100	56	64	-36.0	14.5
Chemicals and related products	43	80	62	42.8	-22.2
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	34	22	21	-39.1	-7.3
Other	6	6	7	31.9	15.0
<b>Total re-exports</b>	<b>1,101</b>	<b>1,279</b>	<b>1,444</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>13.0</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), February 2013**

Value in million AED

Commodities	February 2012	January 2013	February 2013	Change (%) *	
				February 2012 to February 2013	January 2013 to February 2013
<b>Imports</b>					
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	3,012	2,857	3,132	4.0	9.6
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	3,155	1,932	1,795	-43.1	-7.1
Transport equipment and parts	2,044	2,059	1,671	-18.3	-18.9
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	561	513	464	-17.3	-9.6
Food and Beverages	544	392	355	-34.7	-9.5
Other	111	82	74	-32.9	-9.6
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>9,426</b>	<b>7,836</b>	<b>7,490</b>	<b>-20.5</b>	<b>-4.4</b>
<b>Non-oil exports</b>					
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	2,073	727	886	-57.3	21.8
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	20	76	191	870.9	149.8
Transport equipment and parts	4	8	145	3,3116.6	1,764.6
Food and Beverages	23	43	34	47.5	-20.6
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	25	42	32	29.0	-24.2
Other	4	1	3	-15.2	110.7
<b>Total non-oil exports</b>	<b>2,149</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>1,291</b>	<b>-39.9</b>	<b>43.7</b>
<b>Re-exports</b>					
Capital goods (except transport equipment )	401	568	571	42.5	0.6
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	334	355	404	21.0	14.0
Transport equipment and parts	244	286	387	58.4	35.3
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	114	64	77	-32.8	19.3
Other	7	5	4	-40.6	-14.5
<b>Total re-exports</b>	<b>1,101</b>	<b>1,279</b>	<b>1,444</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>13.0</b>

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**Table 3: Non-oil merchandise trade through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi by country, February 2013**

Value in million AED

Country	February 2012	January 2013	February 2013	Change (%) *	
				February 2012 to February 2013	January 2013 to February 2013
<b>Imports</b>					
USA	932	1,034	988	6.0	-4.5
Saudi Arabia	1,010	914	934	-7.5	2.2
Japan	764	622	561	-26.5	-9.7
Germany	779	731	516	-33.8	-29.5
China	369	282	432	16.9	52.9
Other	5,572	4,253	4,059	-27.1	-4.6
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>9,426</b>	<b>7,836</b>	<b>7,490</b>	<b>-20.5</b>	<b>-4.4</b>
<b>Non-oil exports</b>					
Saudi Arabia	254	403	525	106.5	30.3
China	930	97	230	-75.2	136.6
India	162	116	147	-8.8	26.8
USA	7	2	131	1,665.5	8,595.4
Qatar	57	56	51	-11.2	-9.2
Other	739	225	207	-72.0	-7.9
<b>Total non-oil exports</b>	<b>2,149</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>1,291</b>	<b>-39.9</b>	<b>43.7</b>
<b>Re-exports</b>					
Bahrain	262	276	362	38.2	31.1
Saudi Arabia	213	341	296	39.2	-13.2
Qatar	176	153	200	13.5	30.7
Kuwait	139	170	143	2.7	-16.0
Singapore	7	76	83	1,134.3	8.6
Other	304	261	360	18.3	37.7
<b>Total re-exports</b>	<b>1,101</b>	<b>1,279</b>	<b>1,444</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>13.0</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>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	11,837	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
<b>2013</b>				
January	7,836	898	1,279	10,013
February	7,490	1,291	1,444	10,225

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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>

