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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 July 2013. It should be noted that foreign trade data presented in this report do not cover non-oil exports and imports through ports of the other Emirates in the UAE.

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, July 2013

The total value of non-oil merchandise trade in July 2013 was AED 10,072 million, with imports of AED 7,404 million (73.5% of total), non-oil exports of AED 1,242 million (12.3% of total) and re-exports at AED 1,425 million (14.2% of total).

The July 2013 total decreased by AED 949 million (-8.6%) compared with June 2013, with imports decreasing by AED 1,044 million (-12.4%), while the value of re-exports increased by AED 74 million (5.5%) and non-oil exports increased by AED 20 million (1.7%) over the same period.

A year on year comparison (July 2012 to July 2013) shows a decrease of AED 2,169 million (-17.7%) in total trade, with imports decreasing by AED 2,520 million (-25.4%), while the value of non-oil exports increased by AED 185 million (17.5%) and re-exports by AED 165 million (13.1%) over the period.

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

Value in million AED

	July 2012	June 2013	July 2013	Change (%)	
				July 2012 to July 2013	June 2013 to July 2013
Imports	9,924	8,448	7,404	-25.4	-12.4
Non-oil exports	1,057	1,222	1,242	17.5	1.7
Re-exports	1,260	1,351	1,425	13.1	5.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,241</b>	<b>11,021</b>	<b>10,072</b>	<b>-17.7</b>	<b>-8.6</b>

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

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

- The value of total imports decreased by 12.4%, due to decreases of AED 804 million (-31.3%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material”, AED 158 million (-21.0%) in “Crude materials, inedible, except fuels” and AED 130 million (-3.9%) in “Machinery and transport equipment”.
- The value of non-oil exports increased by 1.7%, with increases of AED 54 million (8.8%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material”, AED 38 million (1,861%) in “Crude materials, inedible, except fuels” and AED 32 million (7.6%) in “Chemicals and related products” being partially offset by a decrease of AED 96 million (-77.8%) in “Machinery and transport equipment”.
- The value of re-exports increased by 5.5%, with an increase of AED 165 million (19.6%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” being partially offset by a decrease of AED 42 million (-55.4%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material”.

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

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

- The value of imports decreased by 25.4%, with decreases of AED 1,781 million (-35.7%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” and AED 670 million (-27.6%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material”.
- The value of non-oil exports increased by 17.5%, with increases of AED 177 million (36.5%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material” and AED 79 million (20.9%) in “Chemicals and related products” being partially offset by a decrease of AED 87 million (-76.2%) in “Machinery and transport equipment”.
- The value of re-exports increased by 13.1%, with increases of AED 123 million (13.9%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” and AED 81 million (43.5%) in “Miscellaneous manufactured items”.

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

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

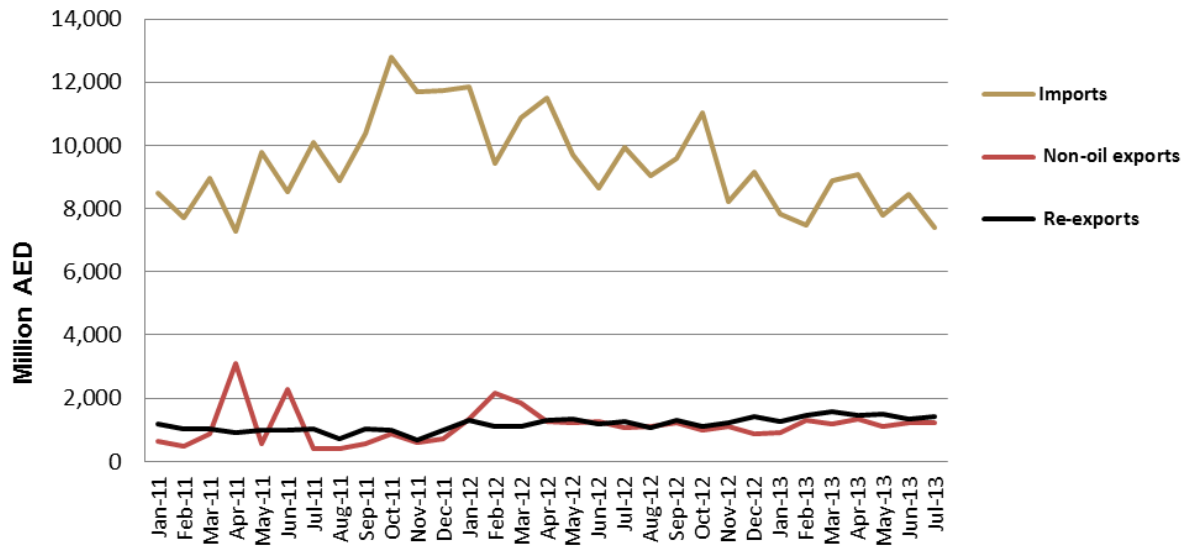
- The three main countries of origin for imports were United States of America (AED 1,006 million), Saudi Arabia (AED 830 million) and Japan (AED 499 million). These three countries represented 31.5% of total imports.
- For non-oil exports, the top three countries of destination were Saudi Arabia (AED 522 million), China (AED 220 million) and Singapore (AED 70 million). These three countries represented 65.3% of total non-oil exports.
- The three main countries of destination for re-exports were the Saudi Arabia (AED 257 million), Kingdom of Bahrain (AED 244 million) and Kuwait (AED 218 million). These three countries represented 50.4% of total re-exports.

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

Figure 1 shows the monthly historical series for imports, non-oil exports and re-exports from January 2011 to July 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 July 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), July 2013**

Value in million AED

Commodities	July 2012	June 2013	July 2013	Change (%) *	
				July 2012 to July 2013	June 2013 to July 2013
<b>Imports</b>					
Machinery and transport equipment	4,994	3,343	3,213	-35.7	-3.9
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,433	2,567	1,763	-27.6	-31.3
Chemicals and related products	804	734	808	0.6	10.1
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	216	748	590	173.7	-21.0
Food and live animals	646	598	582	-9.9	-2.6
Other	831	459	447	-46.1	-2.5
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>9,924</b>	<b>8,448</b>	<b>7,404</b>	<b>-25.4</b>	<b>-12.4</b>
<b>Non-oil exports</b>					
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	483	606	660	36.5	8.8
Chemicals and related products	382	429	461	20.9	7.6
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	6	2	40	618.4	1,861
Machinery and transport equipment	114	123	27	-76.2	-77.8
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	13	18	15	17.4	-14.9
Other	59	44	38	-34.9	-12.6
<b>Total non-oil exports</b>	<b>1,057</b>	<b>1,222</b>	<b>1,242</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>1.7</b>
<b>Re-exports</b>					
Machinery and transport equipment	883	841	1,006	13.9	19.6
Miscellaneous manufactured items	186	298	267	43.5	-10.3
Chemicals and related products	63	81	69	8.9	-15.8
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	59	93	41	-29.9	-55.4
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	57	31	37	-35.7	17.4
Other	12	7	6	-48.9	-10.9
<b>Total re-exports</b>	<b>1,260</b>	<b>1,351</b>	<b>1,425</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>5.5</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), July 2013**

Value in million AED

Commodities	July 2012	June 2013	July 2013	Change (%) *	
				July 2012 to July 2013	June 2013 to July 2013
<b>Imports</b>					
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	3,632	4,167	3,186	-12.3	-23.5
Transport equipment and parts	1,949	1,903	1,828	-6.2	-3.9
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	2,950	1,445	1,472	-50.1	1.8
Food and Beverages	561	416	440	-21.7	5.6
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	641	466	439	-31.5	-5.9
Other	191	51	40	-78.9	-21.0
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>9,924</b>	<b>8,448</b>	<b>7,404</b>	<b>-25.4</b>	<b>-12.4</b>
<b>Non-oil exports</b>					
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	848	1,026	1,145	34.9	11.6
Food and Beverages	49	44	39	-20.2	-12.8
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	40	26	28	-28.9	10.4
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	28	105	18	-35.7	-83.0
Transport equipment and parts	90	21	12	-86.9	-43.8
Other	3	0	1	-62.7	202.4
<b>Total non-oil exports</b>	<b>1,057</b>	<b>1,222</b>	<b>1,242</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>1.7</b>
<b>Re-exports</b>					
Capital goods (except transport equipment )	561	571	690	22.8	20.9
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	311	401	404	29.8	0.6
Transport equipment and parts	302	266	274	-9.5	2.8
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	77	108	54	-30.0	-50.3
Other	9	5	5	-48.7	0.3
<b>Total re-exports</b>	<b>1,260</b>	<b>1,351</b>	<b>1,425</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>5.5</b>

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

Value in million AED

Country	July 2012	June 2013	July 2013	Change (%) *	
				July 2012 to July 2013	June 2013 to July 2013
<b>Imports</b>					
United States of America	1,250	997	1,006	-19.5	0.8
Saudi Arabia	1,053	871	830	-21.2	-4.7
Japan	837	601	499	-40.4	-16.9
Germany	584	511	496	-15.0	-3.0
Italy	1,056	394	434	-58.9	10.3
Other	5,144	5,074	4,139	-19.5	-18.4
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>9,924</b>	<b>8,448</b>	<b>7,404</b>	<b>-25.4</b>	<b>-12.4</b>
<b>Non-oil exports</b>					
Saudi Arabia	390	501	522	33.7	4.1
China	105	166	220	110.4	32.8
Singapore	31	66	70	127.7	6.2
Qatar	77	58	70	-9.3	21.0
Oman	61	68	66	6.7	-3.2
Other	393	364	295	-24.9	-18.8
<b>Total non-oil exports</b>	<b>1,057</b>	<b>1,222</b>	<b>1,242</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>1.7</b>
<b>Re-exports</b>					
Saudi Arabia	278	391	257	-7.7	-34.4
Kingdom of Bahrain	343	254	244	-29.0	-4.3
Kuwait	152	181	218	43.2	20.2
Qatar	160	212	202	26.8	-4.5
Germany	4	5	75	2,023.0	1,375.9
Other	324	307	430	32.6	40.1
<b>Total re-exports</b>	<b>1,260</b>	<b>1,351</b>	<b>1,425</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>5.5</b>

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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
<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
March	8,874	1,167	1,592	11,633
April	9,067	1,327	1,472	11,866
May	7,788	1,120	1,511	10,419
June	8,448	1,222	1,351	11,021
July	7,404	1,242	1,425	10,072

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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>

