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# Non-oil Merchandise Trade

Through the Ports of Abu Dhabi Emirate

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## Introduction

This publication presents statistics on the value of non-oil foreign 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 2014. It should be noted that foreign trade data presented in this publication 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 publication 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), the Harmonised System (HS) 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 publication defines the key terms and technical concepts used in the compilation of non-oil foreign merchandise trade statistics.

Readers are encouraged to refer to that section while reading the statistics and information outlined in the publication.

## Key Points

### Monthly non-oil foreign merchandise trade, July 2014

The total value of non-oil foreign merchandise trade in July 2014 was AED 10.2 billion, with imports of AED 7.7 billion (75.6% of total), non-oil exports of AED 1.2 billion (11.3% of total) and re-exports at AED 1.3 billion (13.1% of total).

The July 2014 total decreased by AED 1.2 billion (-10.6%) compared with June 2014, with imports decreasing by AED 798 million (-9.4%), non-oil exports by AED 341 million (-22.9%) and re-exports by AED 72 million (-5.1%) over the period.

A year on year comparison (July 2013 to July 2014) shows a decrease of AED 223 million (-2.1%) in total trade, with non-oil exports decreasing by AED 202 million (-14.9%) and re-exports by AED 178 million (-11.8%), while the value of imports increased by AED 158 million (2.1%) over the period.

### Non-oil foreign merchandise trade through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, July 2014

Value in million AED

	July 2013	June 2014	July 2014	Change (%)	
				July 2013 to July 2014	June 2014 to July 2014
Imports	7,546	8,501	7,704	2.1	-9.4
Non-oil exports	1,353	1,493	1,151	-14.9	-22.9
Re-exports	1,509	1,402	1,331	-11.8	-5.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,408</b>	<b>11,396</b>	<b>10,186</b>	<b>-2.1</b>	<b>-10.6</b>

Source: Abu Dhabi Department of Finance – Customs Administration  
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### Non-oil foreign merchandise trade from June 2014 to July 2014

An analysis of non-oil foreign merchandise trade data by Standard International Trade Classification (SITC4), shown in the attached Statistical Table 1 for June 2014 to July 2014, reveals the following:

- The value of total imports decreased by 9.4%, with decreases of AED 485 million (-13.2%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” and AED 111 million (-12.0%) in “Chemicals and related products”.
- The value of non-oil exports decreased by 22.9%, mainly due to a decrease of AED 209 million (-25.8%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material” and AED 68 million (-50.5%) and “Machinery and transport equipment”.
- The value of re-exports decreased by 5.1%, with decreases of AED 91 million (-9.6%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” partially offset by increases AED 43 million (95.6%) in “Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere”.

## Non-oil foreign merchandise trade from July 2013 to July 2014

An analysis of the SITC4 data from July 2013 to July 2014 highlights that during the period:

- The value of imports increased by 2.1%, with increased of AED 169 million (9.4%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material” partially offset by decreases of AED 57 million (-9.0%) in “Food and live animals” and AED 47 million (-1.5%) in “Machinery and transport equipment”.
- The value of non-oil exports decreased by 14.9%, with decreases of AED 166 million (-21.7%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material” and AED 38 million (-8.1%) “Chemicals and related products”.
- The value of re-exports decreased by 11.8%, with a decrease of AED 237 million (-21.7%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” partially offset by increases of AED 51 million (137.4%) in “Miscellaneous manufactured articles”.

## Non-oil foreign merchandise trade by country, July 2014

An analysis of non-oil foreign merchandise trade data by the top 5 countries for July 2014, shown in Statistical Table 4, reveals the following:

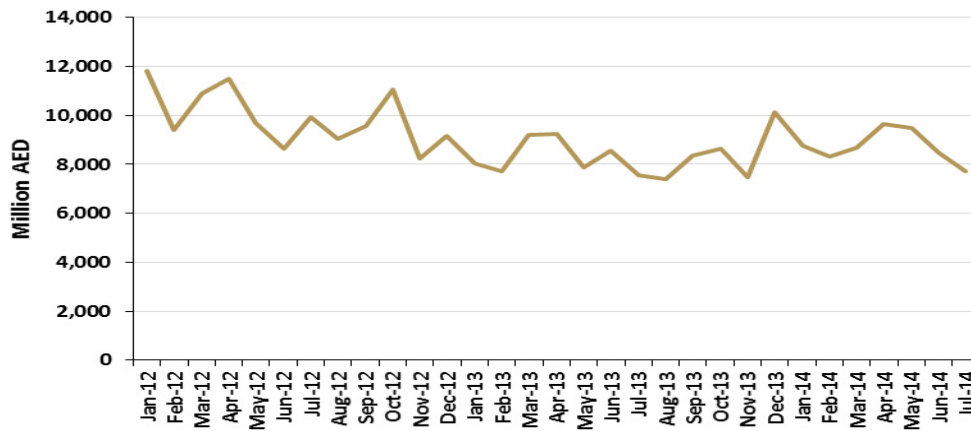
- The three main countries of origin for imports were United States of America (AED 939 million), Saudi Arabia (AED 928 million) and Japan (AED 750 million). These three countries represented 34.0% of total imports.
- For non-oil exports, the top three countries of destination were Saudi Arabia (AED 349 million), China (AED 216 million) and Qatar (AED 101 million). These three countries represented 57.8% of total non-oil exports.
- The three main countries of destination for re-exports were Kingdom of Bahrain (AED 275 million), Saudi Arabia (AED 224 million) and Qatar (AED 197 million). These three countries represented 52.3% of total re-exports.

## Monthly non-oil foreign merchandise trade historical series, January 2012 to July 2014

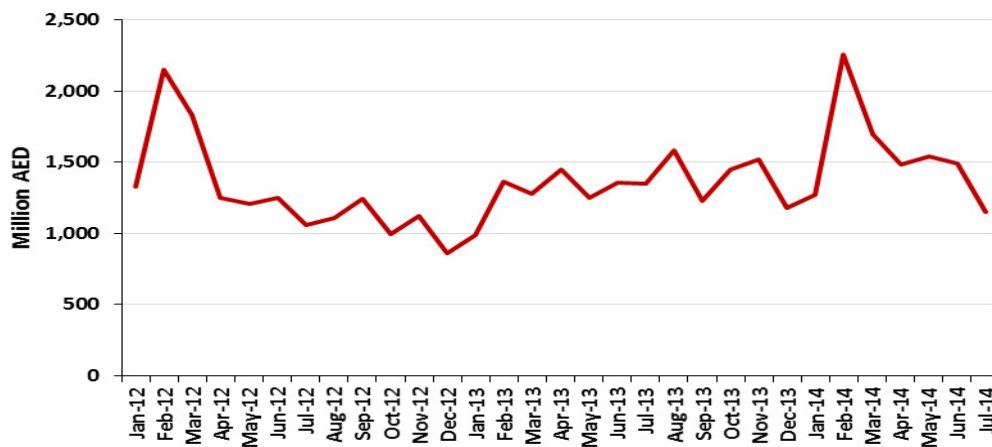
The following figures show the monthly historical series for imports, non-oil exports and re-exports from January 2012 to July 2014. The detailed data are shown in the attached Statistical Table 5.

The largest imports total was recorded in January 2012 (AED 11.8 billion), the largest non-oil exports (AED 2.3 billion) was recorded in February 2014 and the largest value of re-exports was recorded in May 2013 (AED 1.6 billion).

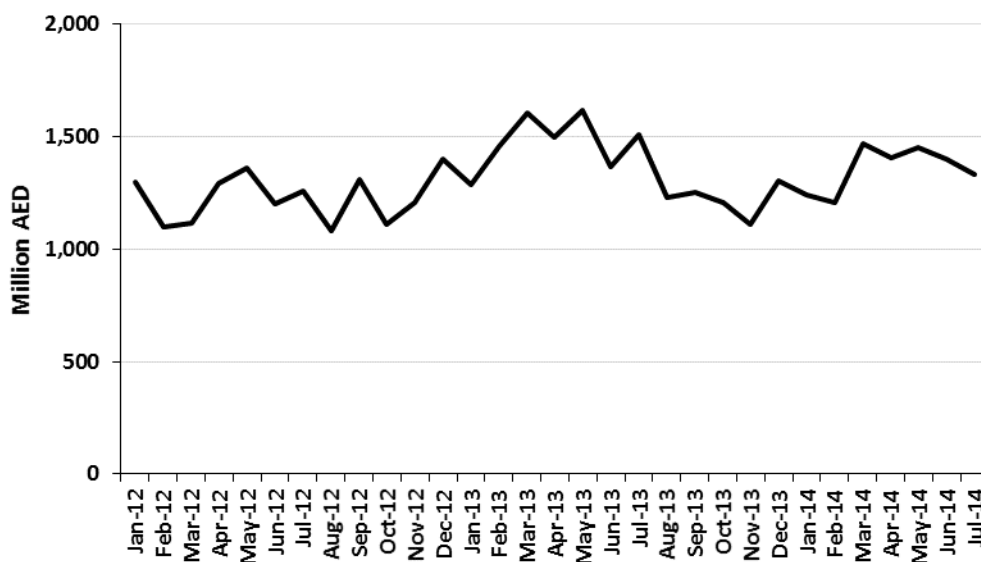
**Figure 1: Monthly imports foreign merchandise trade, January 2012 to July 2014**



**Figure 2: Monthly non-oil exports foreign merchandise trade, January 2012 to July 2014**



**Figure 3: Monthly re-exports foreign merchandise trade, January 2012 to July 2014**



## Statistical Tables

**Table 1: Non-oil foreign merchandise trade through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi by Standard International Trade Classification (SITC4), July 2014**

Value in million AED

Commodities	July 2013	June 2014	July 2014	Change (%) *	
				July 2013 to July 2014	June 2014 to July 2014
<b>Imports</b>					
Machinery and transport equipment	3,232	3,670	3,185	-1.5	-13.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1,795	1,968	1,964	9.4	-0.2
Chemicals and related products	810	928	817	0.8	-12.0
Food and live animals	639	638	581	-9.0	-8.8
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	591	615	560	-5.3	-9.0
Other	480	682	597	24.5	-12.4
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>7,546</b>	<b>8,501</b>	<b>7,704</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>-9.4</b>
<b>Non-oil exports</b>					
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	766	809	600	-21.7	-25.8
Chemicals and related products	462	462	424	-8.1	-8.0
Machinery and transport equipment	27	135	67	145.6	-50.5
Food and live animals	17	26	18	5.2	-30.9
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	15	20	15	-3.9	-26.4
Other	65	40	27	-58.7	-33.3
<b>Total non-oil exports</b>	<b>1,353</b>	<b>1,493</b>	<b>1,151</b>	<b>-14.9</b>	<b>-22.9</b>
<b>Re-exports</b>					
Machinery and transport equipment	1,090	944	853	-21.7	-9.6
Miscellaneous manufactured items	267	263	269	0.9	2.5
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	37	45	88	137.4	95.6
Chemicals and related products	69	74	61	-11.7	-18.6
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	42	70	53	26.9	-24.6
Other	5	6	7	38.6	7.9
<b>Total re-exports</b>	<b>1,509</b>	<b>1,402</b>	<b>1,331</b>	<b>-11.8</b>	<b>-5.1</b>

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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**Table 2: Non-oil foreign merchandise trade through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi by Broad Economic Category (BEC), July 2014**

Value in million AED

Commodities	July 2013	June 2014	July 2014	Change (%) *	
				July 2013 to July 2014	June 2014 to July 2014
<b>Imports</b>					
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	3,210	3,431	3,317	3.3	-3.3
Transport equipment and parts	1,828	2,288	1,868	2.2	-18.4
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	1,489	1,599	1,405	-5.6	-12.1
Food and Beverages	496	572	538	8.6	-5.9
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	455	508	507	11.4	-0.2
Other	68	104	68	-0.1	-34.4
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>7,546</b>	<b>8,501</b>	<b>7,704</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>-9.4</b>
<b>Non-oil exports</b>					
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	1,252	1,249	1,003	-19.9	-19.7
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	18	135	68	275.5	-49.6
Food and Beverages	41	54	41	-1.2	-24.2
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	30	45	31	6.0	-30.7
Transport equipment and parts	12	8	6	-52.7	-32.1
Other	1	2	3	165.1	62.1
<b>Total non-oil exports</b>	<b>1,353</b>	<b>1,493</b>	<b>1,151</b>	<b>-14.9</b>	<b>-22.9</b>
<b>Re-exports</b>					
Capital goods (except transport equipment )	691	556	466	-32.5	-16.1
Transport equipment and parts	355	374	385	8.5	2.8
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	406	367	345	-15.0	-6.0
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	53	100	129	142.0	29.1
Other	3	5	5	50.8	2.4
<b>Total re-exports</b>	<b>1,509</b>	<b>1,402</b>	<b>1,331</b>	<b>-11.8</b>	<b>-5.1</b>

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**Table 3: Non-oil foreign merchandise trade through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi by Harmonised System Classification, July 2014**

Value in million AED

Commodities (HS Chapter)	July 2013	May 2013	July 2014	Change (%) *	
				July 2013 to July 2014	June 2014 to July 2014
<b>Imports</b>					
84: Boilers, machinery, mechanical appliances and parts	1,179	1,157	1,205	2.2	4.1
87: Transport vehicles, other than railway, and parts	929	1,440	1,020	9.7	-29.2
74: Copper and articles thereof	702	532	736	4.8	38.2
88: Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof	576	620	514	-10.8	-17.1
73: Articles of iron and steel	546	572	503	-7.9	-12.2
Other	3,614	4,181	3,727	3.1	-10.8
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>7,546</b>	<b>8,501</b>	<b>7,704</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>-9.4</b>
<b>Non-oil exports</b>					
39: Plastics and articles thereof	447	438	403	-9.9	-8.1
74: Copper and articles thereof	397	334	213	-46.3	-36.4
72: Iron and steel	253	178	165	-34.8	-7.4
76: Aluminium and articles thereof	8	180	116	1,373.2	-35.2
73: Articles of iron and steel	63	45	50	-20.9	11.8
Other	185	317	204	10.1	-35.7
<b>Total non-oil exports</b>	<b>1,353</b>	<b>1,493</b>	<b>1,151</b>	<b>-14.9</b>	<b>-22.9</b>
<b>Re-exports</b>					
84: Boilers, machinery, mechanical appliances and parts	644	464	364	-43.5	-21.4
87: Transport vehicles, other than railway, and parts	139	211	188	35.6	-11.0
85: Electrical machinery, sound recorders and parts	155	183	173	11.7	-5.5
88: Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof	152	90	132	-13.1	46.8
61: Knitted or crocheted articles of apparel	144	111	120	-16.8	7.9
Other	274	343	353	28.7	2.8
<b>Total re-exports</b>	<b>1,509</b>	<b>1,402</b>	<b>1,331</b>	<b>-11.8</b>	<b>-5.1</b>

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**Table 4: Non-oil foreign merchandise trade through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi by country, July 2014**

Value in million AED

Country	July 2013	June 2014	July 2014	Change (%) *	
				July 2013 to July 2014	June 2014 to July 2014
<b>Imports</b>					
United States of America	1,014	961	939	-7.4	-2.3
United States of America	861	1,007	928	7.7	-7.9
Japan	499	805	750	50.1	-6.9
Germany	498	623	504	1.2	-19.2
Republic of the Congo	298	244	357	19.6	45.9
Other	4,375	4,860	4,227	-3.4	-13.0
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>7,546</b>	<b>8,501</b>	<b>7,704</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>-9.4</b>
<b>Non-oil exports</b>					
Saudi Arabia	587	481	349	-40.6	-27.5
China	220	155	216	-1.7	39.1
Qatar	76	102	101	32.7	-1.3
Oman	66	64	72	9.7	13.8
Singapore	70	30	56	-19.7	87.5
Other	335	661	357	6.6	-45.9
<b>Total non-oil exports</b>	<b>1,353</b>	<b>1,493</b>	<b>1,151</b>	<b>-14.9</b>	<b>-22.9</b>
<b>Re-exports</b>					
Kingdom of Bahrain	246	273	275	11.8	0.5
Saudi Arabia	257	254	224	-12.8	-11.9
Qatar	203	243	197	-2.8	-19.0
Kuwait	218	186	142	-34.6	-23.7
Switzerland	27	24	79	187.8	231.4
Other	559	422	414	-25.9	-1.8
<b>Total re-exports</b>	<b>1,509</b>	<b>1,402</b>	<b>1,331</b>	<b>-11.8</b>	<b>-5.1</b>

Source: Abu Dhabi Department of Finance – Customs Administration

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**Table 5: Non-oil foreign 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>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	8,056	987	1,288	10,331
February	7,710	1,362	1,461	10,533
March	9,218	1,276	1,607	12,101
April	9,262	1,448	1,496	12,207
May	7,878	1,251	1,618	10,747
June	8,570	1,355	1,369	11,293
July	7,546	1,353	1,509	10,408
August	7,391	1,583	1,231	10,205
September	8,361	1,230	1,254	10,845
October	8,656	1,451	1,205	11,312
November	7,464	1,517	1,110	10,091
December	10,142	1,182	1,302	12,627
<b>2014</b>				
January	8,751	1,271	1,244	11,267
February	8,309	2,258	1,208	11,775
March	8,687	1,698	1,471	11,856
April	9,661	1,483	1,406	12,550
May	9,469	1,543	1,455	12,467
June	8,501	1,493	1,402	11,396

Source: Abu Dhabi Department of Finance – Customs Administration  
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## Explanatory Notes

### Glossary

This publication contains certain terms specific to foreign merchandise trade and necessary when analyzing the trade statistics of Abu Dhabi Emirate. They include the following terms:

#### **Merchandise Trade**

Foreign 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 publication, 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 foreign 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).

If users require statistics by the detailed 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 Customs Organization (WCO) 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.
- The data for 2014 are preliminary, and may be revised.

## Symbols used

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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>

