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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 May 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, May 2013

The total value of non-oil merchandise trade in May 2013 was AED 10,419 million, with imports of AED 7,788 million (74.7% of total), non-oil exports of AED 1,120 million (10.8% of total) and re-exports at AED 1,511 million (14.5% of total).

The May 2013 total decreased by AED 1,447 million (-12.2%) compared with April 2013, with imports decreasing by AED 1,279 million (-14.1%) and non-oil exports by AED 207 million (-15.5%), while the value of re-exports increased by AED 39 million (2.7%) over the period.

A year on year comparison (May 2012 to May 2013) shows a decrease of AED 1,855 million (-15.1%) in total trade, with imports decreasing by AED 1,917 million (-19.8%) and non-oil exports by AED 89 million (-7.3%), while the value of re-exports increased by AED 151 million (11.1%) over the period.

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

Value in million AED

| | May 2012 | April 2013 | May 2013 | Change (%) | |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| | | | | May 2012 to May 2013 | April 2013 to May 2013 |
| Imports | 9,705 | 9,067 | 7,788 | -19.8 | -14.1 |
| Non-oil exports | 1,209 | 1,327 | 1,120 | -7.3 | -15.5 |
| Re-exports | 1,360 | 1,472 | 1,511 | 11.1 | 2.7 |
| Total | 12,274 | 11,866 | 10,419 | -15.1 | -12.2 |

Source: Abu Dhabi Department of Finance – Customs Administration

The data for 2013 are preliminary data, and may be revised

Non-oil merchandise trade from April 2013 to May 2013

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

- The value of total imports decreased by 14.1%, due to decreases of AED 592 million (-14.9%) in “Machinery and transport equipment”, AED 347 million (-14.7%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material” and AED 335 million (-33.7%) in “Crude materials, inedible, except fuels”.
- The value of non-oil exports decreased by 15.5%, with decreases of AED 181 million (-24.3%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material” and AED 44 million (-10.4%) in “Chemicals and related products”.
- The value of re-exports increased by 2.7%, with increases of AED 18 million (1.8%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” and AED 14 million (5.1%) in “Miscellaneous manufactured items”.

Non-oil merchandise trade from May 2012 to May 2013

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

- The value of imports decreased by 19.8%, with decreases of AED 1,389 million (-29.1%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” and AED 326 million (-14.0%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material”.
- The value of non-oil exports decreased by 7.3%, with a decrease of AED 305 million (-45.0%) in “Chemicals and related products” being partially offset by an increase of AED 180 million (47.1%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material”.
- The value of re-exports increased by 11.1%, with increases of AED 109 million (11.8%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” and AED 108 million (56.9%) in “Miscellaneous manufactured items”.

Non-oil merchandise trade by country, May 2013

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

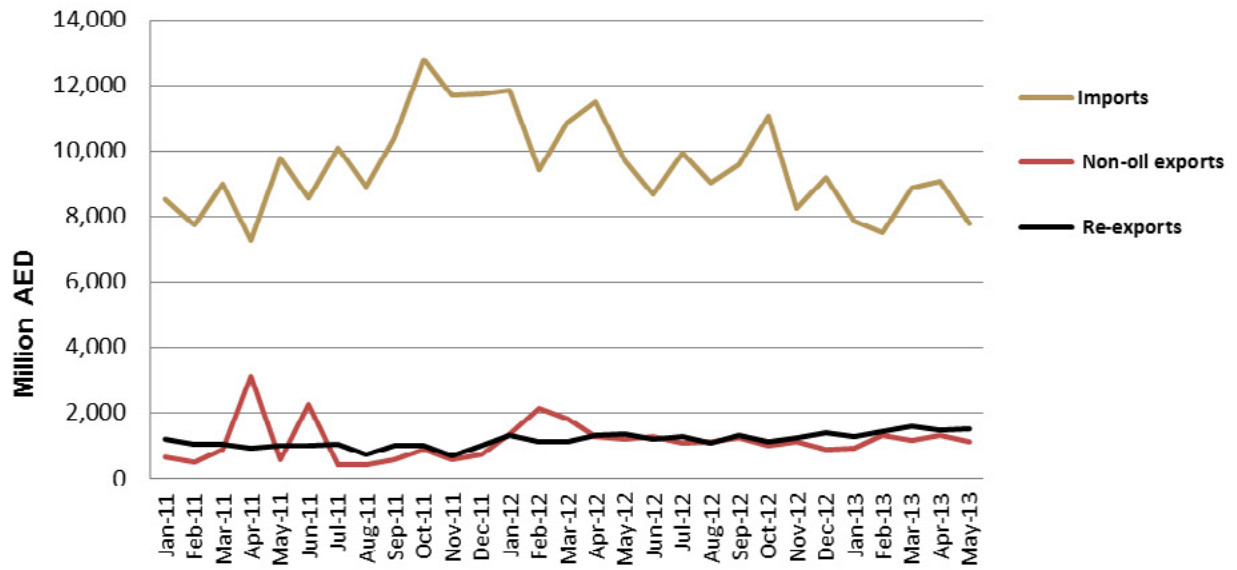
- The three main countries of origin for imports were United States of America (AED 1,047 million), Saudi Arabia (AED 954 million) and Germany (AED 672 million). These three countries represented 34.3% of total imports.
- For non-oil exports, the top three countries of destination were Saudi Arabia (AED 482 million), China (AED 140 million) and Oman (AED 84 million). These three countries represented 63.0% of total non-oil exports.
- The three main countries of destination for re-exports were the Saudi Arabia (AED 383 million), Kingdom of Bahrain (AED 292 million) and Qatar (AED 212 million). These three countries represented 58.7% of total re-exports.

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

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

Value in million AED

| Commodities | May 2012 | April 2013 | May 2013 | Change (%) * | |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| | | | | May 2012 to May 2013 | April 2013 to May 2013 |
| Imports | | | | | |
| Machinery and transport equipment | 4,765 | 3,968 | 3,376 | -29.1 | -14.9 |
| Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material | 2,334 | 2,355 | 2,008 | -14.0 | -14.7 |
| Chemicals and related products | 751 | 764 | 808 | 7.5 | 5.8 |
| Crude materials, inedible, except fuels | 600 | 995 | 660 | 10.0 | -33.7 |
| Food and live animals | 577 | 482 | 484 | -16.0 | 0.4 |
| Other | 679 | 504 | 452 | -33.4 | -10.3 |
| Total imports | 9,705 | 9,067 | 7,788 | -19.8 | -14.1 |
| Non-oil exports | | | | | |
| Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material | 382 | 743 | 562 | 47.1 | -24.3 |
| Chemicals and related products | 677 | 416 | 372 | -45.0 | -10.4 |
| Machinery and transport equipment | 59 | 61 | 121 | 104.2 | 98.3 |
| Miscellaneous manufactured items | 16 | 49 | 19 | 19.8 | -61.8 |
| Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes | 20 | 17 | 17 | -15.1 | 0.3 |
| Other | 56 | 42 | 30 | -46.0 | -28.3 |
| Total non-oil exports | 1,209 | 1,327 | 1,120 | -7.3 | -15.5 |
| Re-exports | | | | | |
| Machinery and transport equipment | 921 | 1,011 | 1,029 | 11.8 | 1.8 |
| Miscellaneous manufactured items | 191 | 285 | 299 | 56.9 | 5.1 |
| Chemicals and related products | 66 | 71 | 77 | 17.3 | 8.8 |
| Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material | 132 | 73 | 68 | -48.4 | -7.2 |
| Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere | 43 | 26 | 30 | -31.0 | 15.7 |
| Other | 8 | 6 | 7 | -5.8 | 25.5 |
| Total re-exports | 1,360 | 1,472 | 1,511 | 11.1 | 2.7 |

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), May 2013

Value in million AED

| Commodities | May 2012 | April 2013 | May 2013 | Change (%) * | |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| | | | | May 2012 to May 2013 | April 2013 to May 2013 |
| Imports | | | | | |
| Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified | 3,715 | 4,030 | 3,369 | -9.3 | -16.4 |
| Transport equipment and parts | 2,141 | 2,161 | 2,128 | -0.6 | -1.5 |
| Capital goods (except transport equipment) | 2,511 | 1,820 | 1,292 | -48.5 | -29.0 |
| Consumer goods not elsewhere specified | 673 | 538 | 491 | -27.1 | -8.8 |
| Food and Beverages | 526 | 420 | 469 | -10.7 | 11.7 |
| Other | 139 | 98 | 39 | -72.2 | -60.6 |
| Total imports | 9,705 | 9,067 | 7,788 | -19.8 | -14.1 |
| Non-oil exports | | | | | |
| Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified | 1,056 | 1,164 | 924 | -12.6 | -20.6 |
| Capital goods (except transport equipment) | 35 | 27 | 87 | 150.6 | 219.4 |
| Food and Beverages | 64 | 38 | 42 | -34.5 | 10.6 |
| Transport equipment and parts | 26 | 34 | 36 | 38.4 | 4.1 |
| Consumer goods not elsewhere specified | 26 | 61 | 31 | 19.2 | -49.4 |
| Other | 2 | 2 | 1 | -37.9 | -53.6 |
| Total non-oil exports | 1,209 | 1,327 | 1,120 | -7.3 | -15.5 |
| Re-exports | | | | | |
| Capital goods (except transport equipment) | 586 | 595 | 660 | 12.7 | 10.9 |
| Consumer goods not elsewhere specified | 308 | 401 | 418 | 35.7 | 4.3 |
| Transport equipment and parts | 322 | 380 | 341 | 5.9 | -10.3 |
| Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified | 137 | 92 | 85 | -38.2 | -7.5 |
| Other | 7 | 4 | 7 | 2.4 | 91.9 |
| Total re-exports | 1,360 | 1,472 | 1,511 | 11.1 | 2.7 |

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, May 2013

Value in million AED

| Country | May 2012 | April 2013 | May 2013 | Change (%) * | |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| | | | | May 2012 to May 2013 | April 2013 to May 2013 |
| Imports | | | | | |
| United States of America | 1,126 | 1,016 | 1,047 | -7.0 | 3.0 |
| Saudi Arabia | 1,092 | 959 | 954 | -12.6 | -0.5 |
| Germany | 937 | 489 | 672 | -28.3 | 37.5 |
| United Kingdom | 381 | 416 | 539 | 41.5 | 29.6 |
| Japan | 793 | 1,105 | 496 | -37.5 | -55.1 |
| Other | 5,376 | 5,083 | 4,080 | -24.1 | -19.7 |
| Total imports | 9,705 | 9,067 | 7,788 | -19.8 | -14.1 |
| Non-oil exports | | | | | |
| Saudi Arabia | 278 | 529 | 482 | 73.5 | -8.8 |
| China | 307 | 205 | 140 | -54.5 | -31.9 |
| Oman | 99 | 75 | 84 | -15.6 | 12.1 |
| Qatar | 75 | 97 | 81 | 7.7 | -16.9 |
| India | 57 | 57 | 77 | 36.1 | 34.8 |
| Other | 393 | 363 | 257 | -34.6 | -29.3 |
| Total non-oil exports | 1,209 | 1,327 | 1,120 | -7.3 | -15.5 |
| Re-exports | | | | | |
| Saudi Arabia | 227 | 313 | 383 | 68.7 | 22.4 |
| Kingdom of Bahrain | 326 | 365 | 292 | -10.5 | -20.1 |
| Qatar | 174 | 206 | 212 | 21.6 | 2.6 |
| Kuwait | 191 | 173 | 193 | 1.0 | 11.4 |
| Switzerland | 16 | 36 | 64 | 303.0 | 76.2 |
| Other | 426 | 378 | 368 | -13.7 | -2.7 |
| Total re-exports | 1,360 | 1,472 | 1,511 | 11.1 | 2.7 |

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 |
| May | 7,788 | 1,120 | 1,511 | 10,419 |

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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>

