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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 September 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, September 2012

The total value of non-oil merchandise trade in September 2012 was AED 11,793 million, with imports of AED 9,242 million (78.4% of total), non-oil exports of AED 1,242 million (10.5% of total) and re-exports at AED 1,309 million (11.1% of total).

The September 2012 total decreased by AED 242 million (-2.0%) compared with August 2012, with non-oil exports decreasing by AED 948 million (-43.3%), while the value of imports increased by AED 478 million (5.5%) and re-exports by AED 227 million (21.0%) over the period.

A year on year comparison (September 2011 to September 2012) shows a decrease of AED 160 million (-1.3%) in total trade, with imports decreasing by AED 1,140 million (-11.0%), while the value of non-oil exports increased by AED 684 million (122.5%) and re-exports by AED 297 million (29.3%), over the same period.

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

Value in million AED

	September 2011	August 2012	September 2012	Change (%)	
				September 2011 to September 2012	August 2012 to September 2012
Imports	10,382	8,764	9,242	-11.0	5.5
Non-oil exports	558	2,189	1,242	122.5	-43.3
Re-exports	1,012	1,082	1,309	29.3	21.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,953</b>	<b>12,035</b>	<b>11,793</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>-2.0</b>

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

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

- The value of total imports increased by 5.5%, with increases of AED 432 million (10.0%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” and AED 249 million (29.9%) in “Chemicals and related products”.
- The value of non-oil exports decreased by 43.3%, with decreases of AED 600 million (-79.3%) in “Machinery and transport equipment”, AED 289 million (-44.6%) in “Chemicals and related products” and AED 115 million (-24.5%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material”.
- The value of re-exports increased by 21.0%, with increase of AED 192 million (26.7%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” and AED 47 million (110.4%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material”.

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

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

- The value of imports decreased by 11.0%, with decreases of AED 713 million (-13.0%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” and AED 417 million (-55.0%) in “Other” commodities.
- The value of non-oil exports increased by 122.5%, with increases of AED 257 million (1,268.9%) in “Miscellaneous manufactured items”, AED 180 million (100.5%) in “Chemicals and related products” and AED 118 million (49.6%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material”.
- The value of re-exports increased by 29.3%, with increases of AED 288 million (46.4%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” and AED 53 million (143.0%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material”, being partially offset by a decrease of AED 41 million (-17.9%) in “Miscellaneous manufactured items”.

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

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

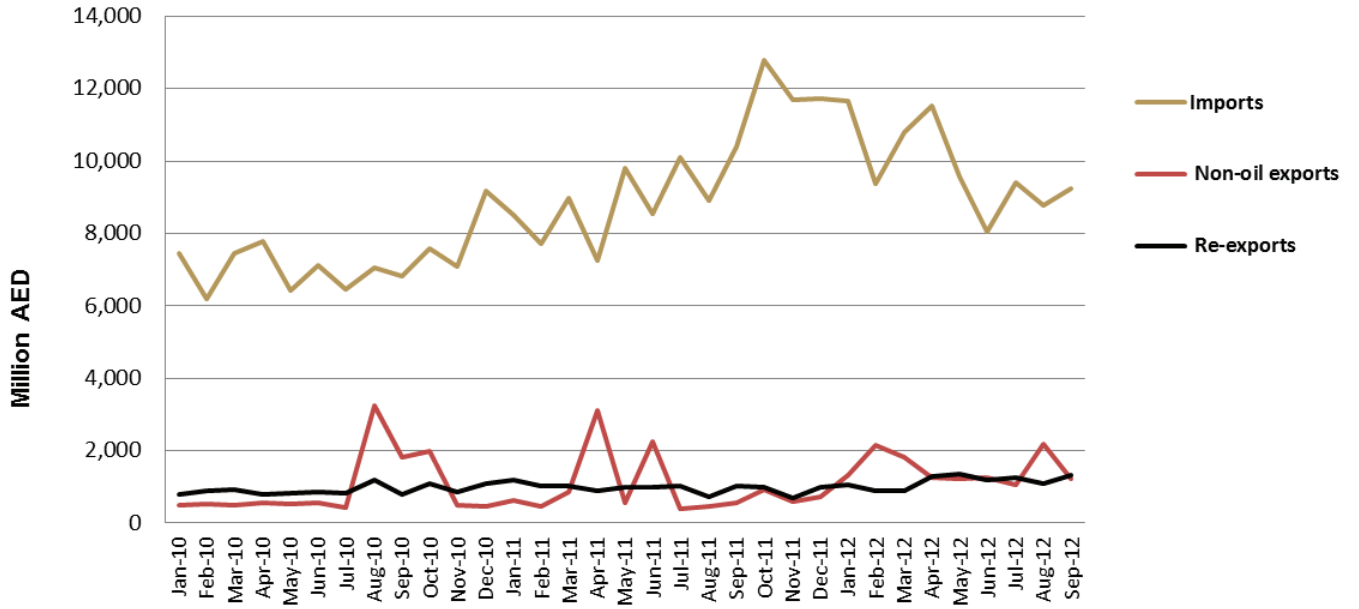
- The three main countries of origin for imports were USA (AED 1,119 million), Germany (AED 1,117 million) and Saudi Arabia (AED 915 million). These three countries represented 34.1% of total imports.
- For non-oil exports, the top three countries of destination were China (AED 372 million), Saudi Arabia (AED 363 million) and Singapore (AED 106 million). These three countries represented 67.7% of total non-oil exports.
- The three main countries of destination for re-exports were Bahrain (AED 271 million), Qatar (AED 200 million) and Saudi Arabia (AED 178 million). These three countries represented 49.6% of total re-exports.

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

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

The largest totals recorded were AED 12,777 million for imports (October 2011), AED 3,261 million for non-oil exports (August 2010) and AED 1,360 million for re-exports (May 2012).

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

Value in million AED

Commodities	Sept 2011	August 2012	Sept 2012	Change (%) *	
				Sept 2011 to Sept 2012	August 2012 to Sept 2012
<b>Imports</b>					
Machinery and transport equipment	5,481	4,336	4,768	-13.0	10.0
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,260	2,090	1,961	-13.2	-6.2
Chemicals and related products	785	832	1,082	37.8	29.9
Food and live animals	680	591	667	-1.9	12.8
Miscellaneous manufactured items	419	397	424	1.3	6.8
Other	757	517	341	-55.0	-34.1
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>10,382</b>	<b>8,764</b>	<b>9,242</b>	<b>-11.0</b>	<b>5.5</b>
<b>Non-oil exports</b>					
Chemicals and related products	179	647	359	100.5	-44.6
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	237	470	355	49.6	-24.5
Miscellaneous manufactured items	20	214	277	1,268.9	29.6
Machinery and transport equipment	87	756	157	79.5	-79.3
Food and live animals	12	21	58	387.9	179.4
Other	22	81	36	62.0	-55.4
<b>Total non-oil exports</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>2,189</b>	<b>1,242</b>	<b>122.5</b>	<b>-43.3</b>
<b>Re-exports</b>					
Machinery and transport equipment	621	718	909	46.4	26.7
Miscellaneous manufactured items	230	200	189	-17.9	-5.7
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	37	43	90	143.0	110.4
Chemicals and related products	84	67	77	-7.9	16.0
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	31	45	34	10.9	-23.8
Other	9	9	9	-3.0	-7.1
<b>Total re-exports</b>	<b>1,012</b>	<b>1,082</b>	<b>1,309</b>	<b>29.3</b>	<b>21.0</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), September 2012**

Value in million AED

Commodities	Sept 2011	August 2012	Sept 2012	Change (%) *	
				Sept 2011 to Sept 2012	August 2012 to Sept 2012
<b>Imports</b>					
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	4,114	2,877	3,370	-18.1	17.1
Transport equipment and parts	2,022	1,749	2,512	24.2	43.6
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	2,923	2,987	2,199	-24.7	-26.4
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	756	612	604	-20.2	-1.4
Food and Beverages	432	430	457	5.9	6.3
Other	136	108	100	-26.8	-7.4
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>10,382</b>	<b>8,764</b>	<b>9,242</b>	<b>-11.0</b>	<b>5.5</b>
<b>Non-oil exports</b>					
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	410	1,047	650	58.4	-38.0
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	31	339	341	1,015.8	0.8
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	49	548	147	200.9	-73.3
Food and Beverages	28	43	77	179.2	79.0
Fuels and lubricants	1	5	17	2,167.5	241.5
Other	40	207	10	-74.9	-95.1
<b>Total non-oil exports</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>2,189</b>	<b>1,242</b>	<b>122.5</b>	<b>-43.3</b>
<b>Re-exports</b>					
Capital goods (except transport equipment )	445	514	572	28.4	11.3
Transport equipment and parts	118	202	325	175.8	61.0
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	371	303	296	-20.1	-2.4
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	71	57	110	53.9	93.1
Other	7	6	7	-6.8	4.2
<b>Total re-exports</b>	<b>1,012</b>	<b>1,082</b>	<b>1,309</b>	<b>29.3</b>	<b>21.0</b>

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

Value in million AED

Country	Sept 2011	August 2012	Sept 2012	Change (%) *	
				Sept 2011 to Sept 2012	August 2012 to Sept 2012
<b>Imports</b>					
USA	916	990	1,119	22.2	13.1
Germany	978	833	1,117	14.3	34.2
Saudi Arabia	945	865	915	-3.2	5.7
Japan	796	665	718	-9.8	7.9
Italy	867	632	685	-20.9	8.4
Other	5,880	4,778	4,687	-20.3	-1.9
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>10,382</b>	<b>8,764</b>	<b>9,242</b>	<b>-11.0</b>	<b>5.5</b>
<b>Exports</b>					
China	35	205	372	954.8	81.2
Saudi Arabia	185	542	363	96.6	-33.0
Singapore	1	133	106	7,608.1	-19.9
India	17	92	54	216.9	-41.3
Oman	55	74	53	-3.2	-28.4
Other	265	1,144	293	10.7	-74.3
<b>Total non-oil exports</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>2,189</b>	<b>1,242</b>	<b>122.5</b>	<b>-43.3</b>
<b>Re-exports</b>					
Bahrain	344	273	271	-21.1	-0.7
Qatar	151	192	200	32.3	4.1
Saudi Arabia	177	178	178	0.8	0.0
Kuwait	109	146	149	37.5	2.2
Other	232	292	510	120.3	74.6
<b>Total re-exports</b>	<b>1,012</b>	<b>1,082</b>	<b>1,309</b>	<b>29.3</b>	<b>21.0</b>

Source: Abu Dhabi Department of Finance – Customs Administration

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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	1,091	10,650
November	7,085	493	861	8,440
December	9,172	460	1,080	10,711
<b>2011</b>				
January	8,506	642	1,183	10,331
February	7,719	473	1,019	9,211
March	8,983	872	1,040	10,895
April	7,271	3,109	906	11,286
May	9,800	578	992	11,371
June	8,540	2,262	997	11,798
July	10,094	408	1,037	11,539
August	8,889	409	727	10,024
September	10,382	558	1,012	11,953
October	12,777	924	980	14,681
November	11,706	582	690	12,978
December	11,734	726	985	13,444
<b>2012</b>				
January	11,674	1,328	1,071	14,073
February	9,382	2,146	903	12,431
March	10,794	1,832	898	13,524
April	11,540	1,250	1,290	14,080
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

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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>

