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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 October 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, October 2013

The total value of non-oil merchandise trade in October 2013 was AED 10,960 million, with imports of AED 8,382 million (76.5% of total), non-oil exports of AED 1,384 million (12.6% of total) and re-exports at AED 1,195 million (10.9% of total).

The October 2013 total increased by AED 423 million (4.0%) compared with September 2013, with imports increasing by AED 176 million (2.1%) and non-oil exports by AED 295 million (27.0%), while the value of re-exports decreased by AED 46 million (-3.7%) over the same period.

A year on year comparison (October 2012 to October 2013) shows a decrease of AED 2,201 million (-16.7%) in total trade, with imports decreasing by AED 2,669 million (-24.2%), while the value of non-oil exports increased by AED 385 million (38.5%) and re-exports by AED 83 million (7.5%) over the period.

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

Value in million AED

	October 2012	September 2013	October 2013	Change (%)	
				October 2012 to October 2013	September 2013 to October 2013
Imports	11,051	8,206	8,382	-24.2	2.1
Non-oil exports	999	1,089	1,384	38.5	27.0
Re-exports	1,112	1,241	1,195	7.5	-3.7
Total	13,161	10,537	10,960	-16.7	4.0

Source: Abu Dhabi Department of Finance – Customs Administration
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Non-oil merchandise trade from September 2013 to October 2013

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

- The value of total imports increased by 2.1%, with increases of AED 446 million (12.0%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” being partially offset by a decrease of AED 174 million (-8.9%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material” and AED 126 million (-17.3%) in “Food and live animals”.
- The value of non-oil exports increased by 27.0%, with increases of AED 163 million (40.7%) in “Chemicals and related products” and AED 126 million (22.6%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material”.
- The value of re-exports decreased by 3.7%, with a decrease of AED 105 million (-38.1%) in “Miscellaneous manufactured items” being partially offset by an increase of AED 69 million (8.2%) in “Machinery and transport equipment”.

Non-oil merchandise trade from October 2012 to October 2013

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

- The value of imports decreased by 24.2%, with decreases of AED 2,305 million (-35.6%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” and AED 180 million (-9.2%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material”.
- The value of non-oil exports increased by 38.5%, with increases of AED 306 million (80.9%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material”, AED 59 million (11.7%) in “Chemicals and related products” and AED 40 million (104.5%) in “Machinery and transport equipment”.
- The value of re-exports increased by 7.5%, mainly due to an increases of AED 114 million (14.6%) in “Machinery and transport equipment”.

Non-oil merchandise trade by country, October 2013

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

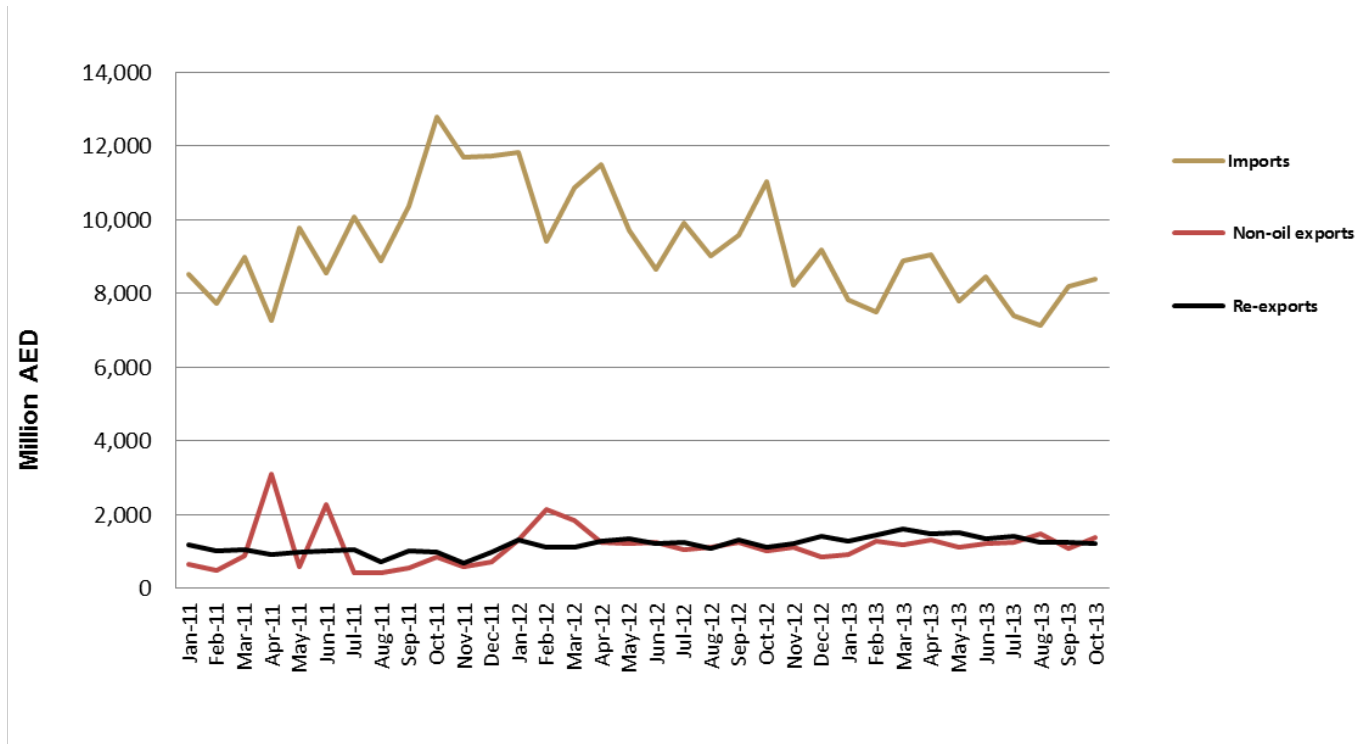
- The three main countries of origin for imports were United States of America (AED 1,155 million), Saudi Arabia (AED 900 million) and Germany (AED 768 million). These three countries represented 33.7% of total imports.
- For non-oil exports, the top three countries of destination were Saudi Arabia (AED 380 million), China (AED 174 million) and Brazil (AED 131 million). These three countries represented 49.5% of total non-oil exports.
- The three main countries of destination for re-exports were Saudi Arabia (AED 218 million), Kingdom of Bahrain (AED 199 million), and Qatar (AED 162 million). These three countries represented 48.5% of total re-exports.

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

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

Value in million AED

Commodities	October 2012	September 2013	October 2013	Change (%) *	
				October 2012 to October 2013	September 2013 to October 2013
Imports					
Machinery and transport equipment	6,478	3,727	4,173	-35.6	12.0
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1,956	1,950	1,776	-9.2	-8.9
Chemicals and related products	686	762	829	20.8	8.7
Food and live animals	702	727	601	-14.4	-17.3
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	536	527	489	-8.7	-7.2
Other	694	513	514	-25.9	0.1
Total imports	11,051	8,206	8,382	-24.2	2.1
Non-oil exports					
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	378	558	684	80.9	22.6
Chemicals and related products	504	400	563	11.7	40.7
Machinery and transport equipment	38	45	78	104.5	71.6
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	15	12	15	5.3	24.8
Miscellaneous manufactured items	15	14	14	-5.0	2.4
Other	49	60	30	-39.9	-50.6
Total non-oil exports	999	1,089	1,384	38.5	27.0
Re-exports					
Machinery and transport equipment	782	828	897	14.6	8.2
Miscellaneous manufactured items	181	277	172	-5.0	-38.1
Chemicals and related products	57	59	59	3.3	-1.0
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	55	46	41	-25.2	-10.0
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	29	24	23	-20.9	-4.3
Other	8	7	5	-46.8	-34.6
Total re-exports	1,112	1,241	1,195	7.5	-3.7

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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* Changes in % are based on unrounded numbers

Table 2: Non-oil merchandise trade through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi by Broad Economic Category (BEC), October 2013

Value in million AED

Commodities	October 2012	September 2013	October 2013	Change (%) *	
				October 2012 to October 2013	September 2013 to October 2013
Imports					
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	3,354	3,493	3,156	-5.9	-9.6
Transport equipment and parts	2,740	2,040	2,586	-5.6	26.8
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	3,645	1,718	1,661	-54.4	-3.4
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	597	474	486	-18.5	2.6
Food and Beverages	553	401	402	-27.3	0.3
Other	163	82	91	-44.2	11.6
Total imports	11,051	8,206	8,382	-24.2	2.1
Non-oil exports					
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	882	970	1,104	25.1	13.7
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	24	36	197	719.9	454.4
Food and Beverages	47	37	34	-27.4	-7.9
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	28	28	34	18.8	20.1
Transport equipment and parts	15	14	12	-24.0	-16.9
Other	2	4	3	120.4	-16.5
Total non-oil exports	999	1,089	1,384	38.5	27.0
Re-exports					
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	477	501	473	-0.7	-5.7
Transport equipment and parts	302	293	400	32.6	36.4
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	243	386	259	6.6	-33.0
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	85	56	60	-29.8	6.4
Other	6	5	4	-36.3	-16.5
Total re-exports	1,112	1,241	1,195	7.5	-3.7

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, October 2013

Value in million AED

Country	October 2012	September 2013	October 2013	Change (%) *	
				October 2012 to October 2013	September 2013 to October 2013
Imports					
United States of America	1,133	1,012	1,155	1.9	14.1
Saudi Arabia	961	882	900	-6.3	2.0
Germany	1,077	764	768	-28.7	0.5
Japan	865	539	754	-12.8	40.1
United Kingdom	447	336	404	-9.7	20.1
Other	6,568	4,672	4,400	-33.0	-5.8
Total imports	11,051	8,206	8,382	-24.2	2.1
Non-oil exports					
Saudi Arabia	287	465	380	32.1	-18.3
China	221	223	174	-21.3	-22.0
Brazil	2	0	131	7,715.5	..
India	33	24	95	190.9	292.5
Oman	93	58	86	-8.1	46.5
Other	363	319	519	42.9	62.8
Total non-oil exports	999	1,089	1,384	38.5	27.0
Re-exports					
Saudi Arabia	175	208	218	24.7	4.7
Kingdom of Bahrain	284	261	199	-30.0	-23.6
Qatar	182	178	162	-11.0	-8.8
Kuwait	124	194	159	28.0	-18.4
Singapore	38	21	76	100.4	262.1
Other	308	379	381	23.5	0.5
Total re-exports	1,112	1,241	1,195	7.5	-3.7

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
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
June	8,448	1,222	1,351	11,021
July	7,404	1,242	1,425	10,072
August	7,135	1,461	1,229	9,825
September	8,206	1,089	1,241	10,537
October	8,382	1,384	1,195	10,960

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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>

