

**BILATERAL TRADING RELATIONS
BELGIUM • FRANCE**



2009 figures & Evolution 4 months 2010

EXCHANGE of GOODS BELGIUM/FRANCE

2nd client of Belgium	
Belgian exports	
2009	EUR 47.03 billion
2008	EUR 56.01 billion
2009/'08	- 16.0 %
3rd supplier	
Belgian imports	
2009	EUR 29.45 billion
2008	EUR 34.69 billion
2009/'08	- 15.1 %
Commercial balance Belgium/France	
2009	EUR 17.58 billion
2008	EUR 21.32 billion

(March 2010)

MAIN EXPORT SECTIONS (2009)

	Value (EUR billion)	% of the total	Variation 2009/'08
Products of the chemical industries	9.47	20.1	+ 5.8 %
Machinery & mechanical appliances	5.79	12.3	- 19.0 %
Base metals & articles thereof	4.33	9.2	- 41.1 %
Mineral products	4.27	9.1	- 36.5 %
Textiles & textile articles	3.28	7.0	- 11.8 %
Plastics & articles thereof	3.21	6.8	- 17.0 %
Prepared foodstuffs & beverages	3.11	6.6	+ 0.3 %
Transport equipment	3.10	6.6	- 16.9 %
Pulp of wood – Paper & paperboard	1.58	3.4	- 13.4 %
Total		81.1 %	

MAIN EXPORT SECTIONS (4 months 2010) / Top 10

	Value (EUR million)	% of the total	Variation (2010/'09)
Products of the chemical industries	3,606,5	21.5	+ 23.1 %
Machinery & mechanical appliances	2,064,5	12.3	+ 1.9 %
Base metals & articles thereof	1,791,6	10.7	+ 20.3 %
Mineral products	1,541,1	9.2	- 12.3 %
Plastics & articles thereof	1,259,5	7.5	+ 14.3 %
Textiles & textile articles	1,014,6	6.1	- 12.5 %
Transport equipment	1,020,5	6.1	- 15.3 %
Prepared foodstuffs & beverages	1,000,1	6.0	- 4.0 %
Vegetable products	518.8	3.1	- 8.2 %

Pulp of wood – Paper & paperboard	506.9	3.0	- 4.3 %
Total (22 sections)	16,761.6	100.0	+ 3.0 %

MAIN IMPORT SECTIONS (2009)

	Value (EUR billion)	% of the total	Variation 2009/'08
Products of the chemical industries	5.60	19.0	+ 6.3 %
Transport equipment	4.89	16.6	- 3.5 %
Machinery & mechanical appliances	3.50	11.9	- 20.0 %
Base metals & articles thereof	2.91	9.9	- 34.1 %
Prepared foodstuffs & beverages	2.81	9.6	- 12.6 %
Vegetable products	1.59	5.4	- 13.9 %
Plastics & articles thereof	1.43	4.9	- 21.2 %
Textiles & textile articles	1.22	4.2	- 8.7 %
Total		81.4 %	

MAIN IMPORT SECTIONS (4 months 2010) / Top 10

	Value (EUR million)	% of the total	Variation (2010/'09)
Products of the chemical industries	2,685.2	23.0	+ 66.2 %
Transport equipment	2,151.8	18.4	+ 39.2 %
Base metals & articles thereof	1,289.4	11.1	+ 54.0 %
Machinery & mechanical appliances	1,233.9	10.6	+ 2.7 %
Prepared foodstuffs & beverages	875.2	7.5	- 3.8 %
Plastics & articles thereof	557.3	4.8	+ 13.8 %
Vegetable products	562.9	4.8	+ 4.3 %
Live animals & animal products	434.5	3.7	+ 13.8 %
Textiles & textile articles	388.5	3.3	- 16.6 %
Pulp of wood – Paper & paperboard	342.9	2.9	- 1.2 %
Total (22 sections)	11,670.5	100.0	+ 24.7 %