

**BILATERAL TRADING RELATIONS
BELGIUM • THE NETHERLANDS**



2009 figures & Evolution 4 months 2010

EXCHANGE of GOODS BELGIUM/THE NETHERLANDS

3rd client of Belgium	
Belgian exports	
2009	EUR 31.39 billion
2008	EUR 39.22 billion
2009/'08	- 20.0 %
1st supplier	
Belgian imports	
2009	EUR 45.16 billion
2008	EUR 61.19 billion
2009/'08	- 26.2 %
Commercial balance Belgium/The Netherlands	
2009	- EUR 13.77 billion
2008	- EUR 21.97 billion

(March 2010)

MAIN EXPORT SECTIONS (2009)

	Value (EUR billion)	% of the total	Variation 2009/'08
Mineral products	5.12	16.3	- 33.6 %
Products of the chemical industries	4.71	15.0	- 13.7 %
Machinery & mechanical appliances	2.95	9.4	- 22.2 %
Transport equipment	2.72	8.7	- 35.4 %
Base metals & articles thereof	2.59	8.3	- 30.5 %
Prepared foodstuffs & beverages	2.51	8.0	+ 5.8 %
Plastics & articles thereof	1.78	5.7	- 18.0 %
Vegetable products	1.52	4.8	- 10.1 %
Live animals & animal products	1.36	4.3	- 4.5 %
Total		80.5 %	

MAIN EXPORT SECTIONS (4 months 2010) / Top 10

	Value (EUR million)	% of the total	Variation (2010/'09)
Mineral products	2,534.5	21.6	+ 86.6 %
Products of the chemical industries	1,749.5	14.9	+ 18.1 %
Base metals & articles thereof	1,043.1	8.9	+ 18.7 %
Transport equipment	1,006.9	8.6	+ 3.7 %
Machinery & mechanical appliances	984.0	8.4	- 4.4 %
Prepared foodstuffs & beverages	827.0	4.8	+ 2.9 %
Plastics & articles thereof	637.2	5.4	+ 7.3 %
Vegetable products	532.0	4.5	+ 3.1 %
Live animals & animal products	474.5	4.0	+ 7.5 %

Pulp of wood – Paper & paperboard	2.534.5	21.6	+ 86.6 %
Total (22 sections)	11,734.6	100.0	+ 14.7 %

MAIN IMPORT SECTIONS (2009)

	Value (EUR billion)	% of the total	Variation 2009/'08
Mineral products	16.99	37.6	- 37.7 %
Machinery & mechanical appliances	5.90	13.1	- 8.5 %
Products of the chemical industries	5.27	11.7	- 18.8 %
Base metals & articles thereof	2.99	6.6	- 35.0 %
Prepared foodstuffs & beverages	2.35	5.2	- 4.1 %
Plastics & articles thereof	2.23	4.9	- 18.3 %
Live animals & animal products	1.55	3.4	- 3.4 %
Total		82.6 %	

MAIN IMPORT SECTIONS (4 months 2010) / Top 10

	Value (EUR million)	% of the total	Variation (2010/'09)
Mineral products	7,737.4	42.4	+ 46.1 %
Products of the chemical industries	2,246.0	12.3	+ 47.3 %
Machinery & mechanical appliances	2,087.5	11.5	+ 13.4 %
Base metals & articles thereof	1,187.0	6.5	+ 24.7 %
Plastics & articles thereof	883.3	4.9	+ 24.4 %
Prepared foodstuffs & beverages	847.3	4.7	+ 13.4 %
Live animals & animal products	521.3	2.9	+ 4.9 %
Vegetable products	476.9	2.6	+ 1.7 %
Transport equipment	457.6	2.5	- 4.5 %
Pulp of wood – Paper & paperboard	354.6	2.0	+ 23.9 %
Total (22 sections)	18,229.9	100.0	+ 27.9 %