

**BILATERAL TRADING RELATIONS  
BELGIUM • UNITED KINGDOM**



2009 figures & Evolution 4 months 2010

**EXCHANGE of GOODS BELGIUM/UNITED KINGDOM**

<b>4<sup>th</sup> client of Belgium</b>	
<b>Belgian exports</b>	
<b>2009</b>	<b>EUR 19.06 billion</b>
2008	EUR 23.16 billion
2009/'08	- 17.7 %
<b>6<sup>th</sup> supplier</b>	
<b>Belgian imports</b>	
<b>2009</b>	<b>EUR 12.81 billion</b>
2008	EUR 17.96 billion
2009/'08	- 28.7 %
<b>Commercial balance Belgium/UK</b>	
<b>2009</b>	<b>EUR 6.25 billion</b>
2008	EUR 5.20 billion

(March 2010)

**MAIN EXPORT SECTIONS (2009)**

	<b>Value</b> (EUR billion)	<b>%</b> of the <b>total</b>	<b>Variation</b> 2009/'08
Transport equipment	4.45	23.3	- 24.8 %
Products of the chemical industries	3.67	19.3	+ 1.0 %
Machinery & mechanical appliances	2.09	11.0	- 19.3 %
Plastics & articles thereof	1.70	8.9	- 16.2 %
Prepared foodstuffs & beverages	1.27	6.7	- 3.6 %
Textiles & textile articles	1.15	6.0	- 19.3 %
Base metals & articles thereof	0.93	4.9	- 34.1 %
<b>Total</b>		<b>80.1 %</b>	

**MAIN EXPORT SECTIONS (4 months 2010) / Top 10**

	<b>Value</b> (EUR million)	<b>% of the</b> <b>total</b>	<b>Variation</b> (2010/'09)
Transport equipment	1,786.2	25.5	+ 58.1 %
Products of the chemical industries	1,427.6	20.4	+ 26.4 %
Machinery & mechanical appliances	693.6	9.9	+ 1.0 %
Plastics & articles thereof	632.4	9.0	+ 19.7 %
Prepared foodstuffs & beverages	387.9	5.5	+ 0.4 %
Base metals & articles thereof	385.9	5.5	+ 37.2 %
Mineral products	376.7	5.4	+ 67.6 %
Textiles & textile articles	346.0	4.9	- 9.3 %
Optical & precision instruments	171.5	2.5	+ 1.0 %
Vegetable products	132.5	1.9	- 14.8 %

<b>Total (22 sections)</b>	<b>7,005.0</b>	100.0	<b>+ 21.3 %</b>
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#### MAIN IMPORT SECTIONS (2009)

	<b>Value</b> (EUR billion)	<b>%</b> of the <b>total</b>	<b>Variation</b> 2009/'08
Products of the chemical industries	2.73	21.3	- 21.1 %
Transport equipment	1.98	15.4	- 36.2 %
Mineral products	1.95	15.2	- 35.8 %
Machinery & mechanical appliances	1.53	12.0	- 29.1 %
Pearls, precious stones & -metals	1.46	11.4	- 32.5 %
Plastics & articles thereof	0.80	6.2	- 10.4 %
<b>Total</b>		<b>81.5 %</b>	

#### MAIN IMPORT SECTIONS (4 months 2010) / Top 10

	<b>Value</b> (EUR million)	<b>% of the</b> <b>total</b>	<b>Variation</b> (2010/'09)
Products of the chemical industries	1,132.6	23.0	+ 36.1 %
Pearls, precious stones & -metals	701.1	14.2	+ 47.6 %
Transport equipment	685.1	13.9	+ 13.8 %
Mineral products	649.9	13.2	- 19.2 %
Machinery & mechanical appliances	556.8	11.3	+ 3.3 %
Plastics & articles thereof	316.7	6.4	+ 32.0 %
Base metals & articles thereof	200.8	4.1	- 21.2 %
Optical & precision instruments	163.5	3.3	+ 10.6 %
Prepared foodstuffs & beverages	98.2	2.0	+ 4.0 %
Live animals & animal products	81.4	1.7	+ 31.4 %
<b>Total (22 sections)</b>	<b>4,924.1</b>	100.0	<b>+ 13.7 %</b>