

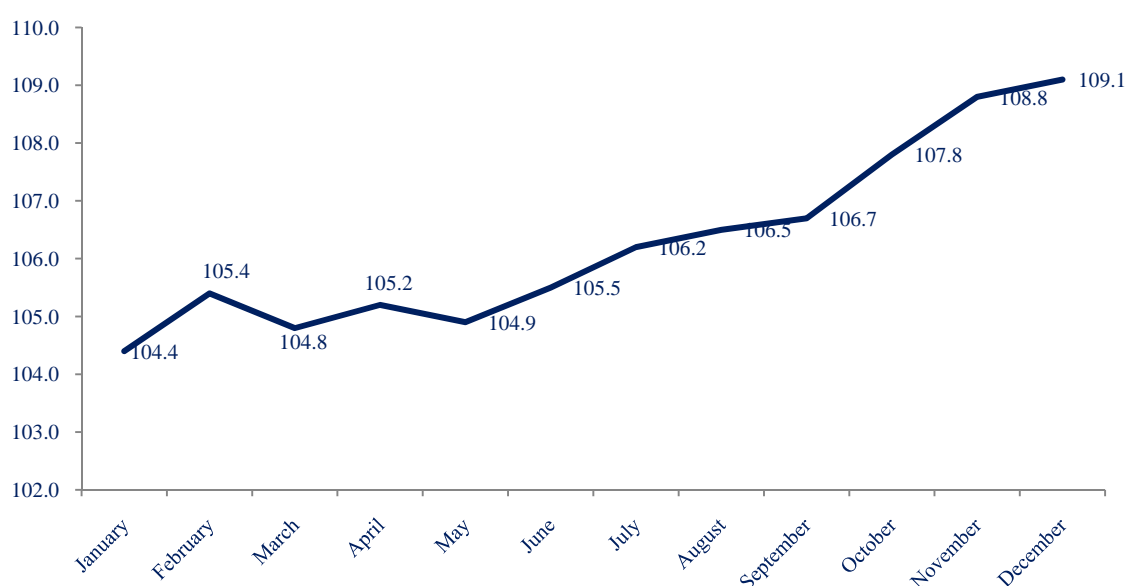
## 8. TRADE

*Trade deals with Consumer Price Index and with foreign trade.*

### Consumer Price Index (CPI)

CAS publishes a monthly CPI covering the totality of the Lebanese Territory since January 2008 with the reference month December 2007 and weights extracted of the Household Budget Survey 2004-2005. The CPI benefited of a technical assistance from Middle East Technical Assistance Center (METAC)-IMF during the period 2006-2008 to ensure the use of the international standard and the best practices in this field.

**Graph 8.1 – CPI. % in 2009**



*Graph made by CAS data (2009)*

### *Foreign trade*

*Foreign trade covers monthly and quarterly special and general imports and exports in value, in gross and net quantities. It also deals with re-exports and transit in value and in gross and net quantities. It also displays data for customs revenues and VAT revenues by office.*

*Quantities and values are obtained from traders' manifestos after controlling their reliability by the customs services. The imports value is Cost Insurance Fret, meaning the merchandise value at the expedition place plus the transport, insurance, and all other fees to arrive to the office where all customs fees are paid. Exports value is Free on Board meaning the value of the merchandise including all the fees paid in order to arrive to the exit office.*

The following table displays the holistic picture of Lebanon foreign trade in 2009.

**Table 8.1 –Foreign trade. Billion LBP in 2009**

Type of foreign trade	Billion LBP	Peak month. Billion LBP	Peak month. %
Special imports by section	24,492	April (2,710)	April (11.1)
Special exports by section	5,254	February (567)	February (10.8)
<b>Special trade deficit</b>	<b>19,238</b>	<b>April (2,362)</b>	<b>April (12.3)</b>
General imports by section	24,994	April (2,729)	April (10.9)
General exports by section	6,314	February (664)	February (10.5)
<b>General trade deficit</b>	<b>18,680</b>	<b>April (2,299)</b>	<b>April (12.3)</b>
Re-exportation by section	217	April (24)	April (11.0)
Transit by section	647	April (83)	April (12.9)
Customs revenues	2,765	July (257)	July (9.3)
VAT revenues	2,061	July (187)	July (9.1)

Table made by CAS based on Customs General Directorate data (2009)

### ***Some general foreign trade ratios***

***General foreign trade coverage ratio = (general exports / general imports) \* 100 = 25.3%***

***Total general trade for Lebanon = general exports + general imports = 31,308 billion LBP***

***General trade per capita = (general exports + general imports) / population = 8,328,507 LBP***

*Formulas computed by CAS based on UN ESCWA (2009), External Trade Bulletin of the ESCWA Region, 18<sup>th</sup> Issue,*

### ***Some special foreign trade ratios***

***Special foreign trade coverage ratio = (special exports / special imports) \* 100 = 21.5%***

***Total special trade for Lebanon = special exports + special imports = 29,746 billion LBP***

***Special trade per capita = (special exports + special imports) / population = 7,912,986 LBP***

*Formulas computed by CAS based on UN ESCWA (2009), External Trade Bulletin of the ESCWA Region, 18<sup>th</sup> Issue,*

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## *Foreign trade glossary*

### *Special imports*

*This trade consists of consumable merchandise, their arrival to foreign countries after exiting the free trade zone or the warehouse, or after placing them under temporary importation regime. This trade consists also of merchandise placed under the temporary normal admission regime and of re-imported merchandise after a temporary exploitation for a transformation purpose. The statistics of imports special trade display imports by section and by country (Customs General Directorate 1997).*

### *Special exports*

*This trade consists of exported national merchandise and of foreign merchandise exported after being consumed. It also consists of temporary exported merchandise in a transformation purpose. It also consists of merchandises re-exported abroad after being put in Lebanon under temporary normal admission regime (Customs General Directorate 1997).*

### *General imports*

*This trade consists of all merchandise of imports special trade minus all the consumable merchandise leaving the warehouse. It is also made of merchandise put in warehouse when they arrive from abroad (Customs General Directorate 1997).*

### *General exports*

*This trade consists of all the merchandise of exports special trade, of the re-exported merchandise incoming from shops and customs warehouses (Customs General Directorate 1997).*

### *Re-exportation*

*This trade consists of foreign merchandises which remained under customs control and which are re-exported abroad without going through the Lebanese territory, which means the foreign merchandises directly exported abroad from the ports and the customs offices (Customs General Directorate 1997).*

### *Transit*

*The transit consists of the merchandises that cross the Lebanese territory without being consumed or without being exposed to the warehouse regime or admission or temporary importation (Customs General Directorate 1997).*

## *Foreign trade by section*

### *The 21 foreign trade sections*

*Live animals & animal products, Vegetable products, Fats and edible fats & oils, Prepared foodstuffs, Mineral products, Products of the chemical industry, Plastics & articles thereof, Raw hides and skins, leathers & fur skins, Wood and wooden articles, Paper & paperboard & article thereof, Textiles & textiles articles, Footwear, headgear & prepared feathers, Articles of stone, plaster and cement, Pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, Base metals & articles of base metal, Machinery & mechanical appliances, Transport equipment, Precision and optical instruments, Arms & ammunition, Miscellaneous manufactured articles, and Art works.*

**Table 8.2 – Foreign trade by section. Million LBP. Top 3 sections in 2009**

Type of foreign trade	Million LBP	%	Peak month. Million LBP	Peak month. %
<b>Special imports by section</b>	<b>24,492,409</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>April (2,710,078)</b>	<b>April (11.1)</b>
Mineral products	5,015,323	20.5	April (875,004)	April (17.4)
Transport equipment	3,632,180	14.8	June (658,476)	June (18.1)
Machinery and mechanical appliances	2,913,264	11.9	May (311,302)	May (10.7)
<b>General imports by section</b>	<b>24,994,178</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>April (2,729,327)</b>	<b>April (10.9)</b>
Mineral products	5,218,710	20.9	November (901,383)	November (17.3)
Transport equipment	3,622,790	14.5	June (632,289)	June (17.5)
Machinery and mechanical appliances	3,158,583	12.6	May (326,617)	May (10.3)
<b>Special exports by section</b>	<b>5,254,437</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>November (497,120)</b>	<b>November (9.5)</b>
Pearls, precious or semi precious stones	1,657,758	31.0	February (282,777)	February (17.1)
Machinery and mechanical appliances	768,088	14.6	September (80,492)	September (10.5)
Base metals and articles of base metal	473,043	9.0	December (51,825)	December (11.0)
<b>General exports by section</b>	<b>6,314,157</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>June (622,776)</b>	<b>June (9.3)</b>
Machinery and mechanical appliances	1,661,847	26.3	February (282,842)	February (17.0)
Pearls, precious or semi precious stones	1,244,982	19.7	December (126,779)	December (10.2)
Base metals and articles of base metal	493,460	7.8	December (52,143)	December (10.6)
<b>Re-exports by section</b>	<b>217,055</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>April (23,803)</b>	<b>April (11.0)</b>
Transport equipment	68,088	31.4	April (17,160)	April (25.2)
Machinery & mechanical appliances	53,337	24.6	August (7,159)	August (13.4)
Precision and optical instruments	25,320	11.7	August (3,403)	August (13.4)
<b>Transit by section</b>	<b>646,622</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>April (83,220 )</b>	<b>April (12.9)</b>
Machinery & mechanical appliances	206,680	32.0	April (39,792)	April (19.3)
Prepared foodstuffs	114,575	17.7	June (13,555)	June (11.8)
Transport equipment	93,528	14.5	July (11,575)	July (12.4)

*Table made by CAS based on Customs General Directorate data (2009)*

**Table 8.3 – Customs and VAT revenues by office. Million LBP in 2009**

Revenues	Million LBP	Peak month. %	Peak office. %
Yearly customs revenues by office	2,764,780	July (9.3)	Port of Beirut (88.5)
Yearly VAT revenues by office	2,061,445	July (9.1)	Port of Beirut (76.1)
Yearly customs and VAT revenues by office	4,826,225	July (9.2)	Port of Beirut (83.2)

*Table made by CAS based on Customs General Directorate data (2009)*

**Table 8.4 – Foreign trade by section. Gross quantities. Top 3 sections in 2009**

Type of foreign trade	1,000 tonnes	%	Peak month. 1,000 tonnes	Peak month. %
<b>Special imports by section</b>	<b>14,916,299</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>March (1,756,519)</b>	<b>March (11.8)</b>
Mineral products	7,841,803	52.6	April (1,254,131)	April (16.0)
Vegetable products	1,432,836	9.6	March (170,533)	March (11.9)
Base metals & articles of base metal	1,302,302	8.7	June (131,884)	June (10.1)
<b>General imports by section</b>	<b>14,951,542</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>November (1,804,604)</b>	<b>November (12.1)</b>
Mineral products	8,187,144	54.8	November (1,281,343)	November (15.7)
Vegetable products	1,436,710	9.6	March (171,443)	March (11.9)
Base metals & articles of base metal	1,304,438	8.7	December (133,483)	December (10.2)
<b>Special exports by section</b>	<b>5,204,471</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>September (2,421,780)</b>	<b>September (46.5)</b>
Vegetable products	2,730,634	52.5	September (2,214,242)	September (81.1)
Mineral products	940,985	18.1	January (127,793)	January (13.6)
Base metals & articles of base metal	456,933	8.8	December (53,526)	December (11.7)
<b>General exports by section</b>	<b>5,636,958</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>September (2,459,005)</b>	<b>September (43.6)</b>
Mineral products	2,734,073	48.5	September (2,214,392)	September (81.0)
Base metals & articles of base metal	1,264,798	22.4	January (157,343)	January (12.4)
Mineral products	481,133	8.5	December (53,654)	December (11.2)
<b>Re-exports by section</b>	<b>46,768</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>March (13,589)</b>	<b>March (29.1)</b>
Base metals & articles of base metal	23,801	50.9	March (13,036)	March (54.8)
Products of the chemical industry	6,634	14.2	August (6,144)	August (92.6)
Vegetable products	3,439	7.4	August (1,305)	August (38.0)
<b>Transit by section</b>	<b>237,470</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>January (40,213)</b>	<b>January (16.9)</b>
Base metals & articles of base metal	97,644	41.1	January (27,039)	January (27.7)
Wood and wooden articles	33,074	13.9	May (5,890)	May (17.8)
Vegetable products	28,412	12.0	October (6,032)	October (21.2)

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**Table 8.5 – Foreign trade by section. Net quantities. Top 3 sections in 2009**

Type of foreign trade	1,000 tonnes	%	Peak month. 1,000 tonnes	Peak month. %
<b>Special imports by section</b>	<b>14,631,809</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>April (1,740,338)</b>	<b>April (11.9)</b>
Mineral products	7,836,940	53.6	April (1,253,884)	April (16.0)
Vegetable products	1,420,223	9.7	March (169,004)	March (11.9)
Base metals & articles of base metal	1,293,530	8.8	January (103,253)	January (8.0)
<b>General imports by section</b>	<b>14,756,556</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>November (1,789,778)</b>	<b>November (12.1)</b>
Mineral products	8,182,285	55.4	November (1,280,833)	November (15.7)
Vegetable products	1,424,075	9.7	March (169,913)	March (11.9)
Base metals & articles of base metal	1,294,501	8.8	December (132,571)	December (10.2)
<b>Special exports by section</b>	<b>2,961,585</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>December (282,187)</b>	<b>December (9.5)</b>
Mineral products	940,844	31.8	January (127,783)	January (13.6)
Vegetable products	546,092	18.4	October (63,225)	October (11.6)
Base metals & articles of base metal	456,185	15.4	December (53,482)	December (11.7)
<b>General exports by section</b>	<b>3,389,906</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>December (318,263)</b>	<b>December (9.4)</b>
Mineral products	1,264,060	37.3	January (157,330)	January (12.4)
Vegetable products	549,500	16.2	October (63,225)	October (11.5)
Base metals & articles of base metal	480,354	14.2	December (53,609)	December (11.2)
<b>Re-exports by section</b>	<b>46,310</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>March (13,542 )</b>	<b>March (29.2)</b>
Products of the chemical industry	23,777	51.3	March (13,019)	March (54.8)
Base metals and articles of base metal	6,564	14.2	August (6,123)	August (93.3)
Vegetable products	3,407	7.4	August (1,303)	August (38.2)
<b>Transit by section</b>	<b>236,467</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>January (40,164 )</b>	<b>January (17.0)</b>
Base metals and articles of base metal	97,467	41.2	January (27,039)	January (27.7)
Wood and wooden articles	33,074	14.0	May (5,890)	May (17.8)
Paper and paperboard and article thereof	28,411	12.0	October (6,032)	October (21.2)

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## *Foreign trade by chapter*

*The 21 foreign trade sections are divided into 98 chapters.*

**Table 8.6 – Foreign trade by chapter. Million LBP. Top 3 chapters in 2009**

Type of foreign trade	Million LBP	%
<b>Special imports by chapter</b>	<b>24,492,409</b>	<b>100.0</b>
27 - Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes	4,873,409	19.9
87 - Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling-stock, and parts and accessories thereof	2,896,179	11.8
84 - Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	1,637,853	6.7
<b>General imports by chapter</b>	<b>24,994,178</b>	<b>100.0</b>
27 - Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes	5,076,411	20.3
87 - Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling-stock, and parts and accessories thereof	2,886,753	11.5
84 - Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	1,817,946	7.3
<b>Special exports by chapter</b>	<b>5,254,437</b>	<b>100.0</b>
71 - Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelers; coin	1,657,758	31.5
84 - Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	401,661	7.6
85 - Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles	366,427	7.0
<b>General exports by chapter</b>	<b>6,314,157</b>	<b>100.0</b>
71 - Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelers; coin	1,661,847	26.3
85 - Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles	804,184	12.7
84 - Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	440,798	7.0

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**Table 8.7 – Foreign trade by chapter. Gross quantities. Top 3 chapters in 2009**

Type of foreign trade	1,000 tonnes	%
<b>Special imports by chapter</b>	<b>14,916,299</b>	<b>100.0</b>
27 - Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes	6,485,319	43.5
25 - Salt; sulfur earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	1,258,934	8.4
72 - Iron and steel	1,136,608	7.6
<b>General imports by chapter</b>	<b>14,951,542</b>	<b>100.0</b>
27 - Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes	6,830,631	45.7
25 - Salt; sulfur earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	1,258,962	8.4
72 - Iron and steel	1,133,815	7.6
<b>Special exports by chapter</b>	<b>5,204,471</b>	<b>100.0</b>
8 - Edible fruits and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons	2,514,758	48.3
25 - Salt; sulfur earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	920,666	17.7
72 - Iron and steel	374,845	7.2
<b>General exports by chapter</b>	<b>5,636,958</b>	<b>100.0</b>
8 - Edible fruits and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons	2,514,975	44.6
25 - Salt; sulfur earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	920,743	16.3
72 - Iron and steel	398,098	7.1

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**Table 8.8 – Foreign trade by chapter. Net quantities. Top 3 chapters in 2009**

Type of foreign trade	1,000 tonnes	%
<b>Special imports by chapter</b>	<b>14,631,809</b>	<b>100.0</b>
27 - Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes	6,481,351	44.3
25 - Salt; sulfur earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	1,258,044	8.6
72 - Iron and steel	1,134,673	7.8
<b>General imports by chapter</b>	<b>14,756,556</b>	<b>100.0</b>
27 - Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes	6,826,674	46.3
25 - Salt; sulfur earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	1,258,067	8.5
72 - Iron and steel	1,131,671	7.7
<b>Special exports by chapter</b>	<b>2,961,585</b>	<b>100.0</b>
25 - Salt; sulfur earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	920,633	31.1
72 - Iron and steel	374,770	12.7
8 - Edible fruits and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons	335,628	11.3
<b>General exports by chapter</b>	<b>3,389,906</b>	<b>100.0</b>
25 - Salt; sulfur earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	920,703	27.2
72 - Iron and steel	398,004	11.7
27 - Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes	342,882	10.1

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## *Foreign trade by continent*

*Lebanon imports and exports goods from and to all destinations of the world.*

**Table 8.9 – Foreign trade by continent. Million LBP in 2009**

Type of foreign trade	Million LBP	%	Country. Million LBP	Country. %
<b>Special imports by continent</b>	<b>24,492,409</b>	<b>100.0</b>		
Europe	12,320,782	50.3	France (2,368,378)	France (19.2)
Asia excluding Arab countries	5,193,878	21.2	China (2,171,046)	China (41.8)
America	3,582,089	14.6	United States (2,660,558)	United States (74.3)
Arab countries	2,861,800	11.7	Egypt (634,324)	Egypt (22.2)
Africa	220,529	0.9	Togo (79,352)	Togo (37.7)
Other	203,592	0.8	Warehouses (187,043)	Warehouses (91.9)
Oceania	109,740	0.4	Australia (77,806)	Australia (70.9)
<b>General imports by continent</b>	<b>24,994,178</b>	<b>100.0</b>		
Europe	12,733,922	50.9	France (2,424,135)	France (19.0)
Asia excluding Arab countries	5,259,310	21.0	China (2,193,896)	China (41.7)
America	3,635,232	14.5	United States (2,703,452)	United States (74.4)
Arab countries	3,020,828	12.1	Egypt (663,378)	Egypt (22.0)
Africa	219,491	0.9	Togo (79,352)	Togo (36.2)
Oceania	108,812	0.4	Australia (76,879)	Australia (70.7)
Others	16,582	0.1	Other countries (8,131)	Other countries (49.0)
<b>Special exports by continent</b>	<b>5,254,436</b>	<b>100.0</b>		
Arab countries	2,333,022	44.4	United Arab Emirates (501,887)	United Arab Emirates (21.5)
Europe	2,024,708	38.5	Switzerland (1,172,392)	Switzerland (57.9)
Africa	510,194	9.7	South Africa (108,920)	South Africa (21.3)
Asia excluding Arab countries	202,570	3.9	Iran (73,682)	Iran (36.4)
America	104,787	2.0	United States (74,676)	United States (71.3)
Others	59,759	1.1	Free Trade Zone (18,368)	Free Trade Zone (30.7)
Oceania	19,397	0.4	Australia (18,145)	Australia (93.5)
<b>General exports by continent</b>	<b>6,314,157</b>	<b>100.0</b>		
Arab countries	2,885,407	45.7	United Arab Emirates (610,362)	United Arab Emirates (21.2)
Europe	2,097,411	33.2	Switzerland (1,173,207)	Switzerland (55.9)
Africa	569,753	9.0	South Africa (109,552)	South Africa (19.2)
Others	404,039	6.4	Warehouses (148,131)	Warehouses (36.7)
Asia excluding Arab countries	228,799	3.6	Iran (84,241)	Iran (36.8)
America	108,744	1.7	United States (77,315)	United States (71.1)
Oceania	20,004	0.3	Australia (18,752)	Australia (93.7)

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### *Just for information – Top countries in special and general trade in million LBP in 2009*

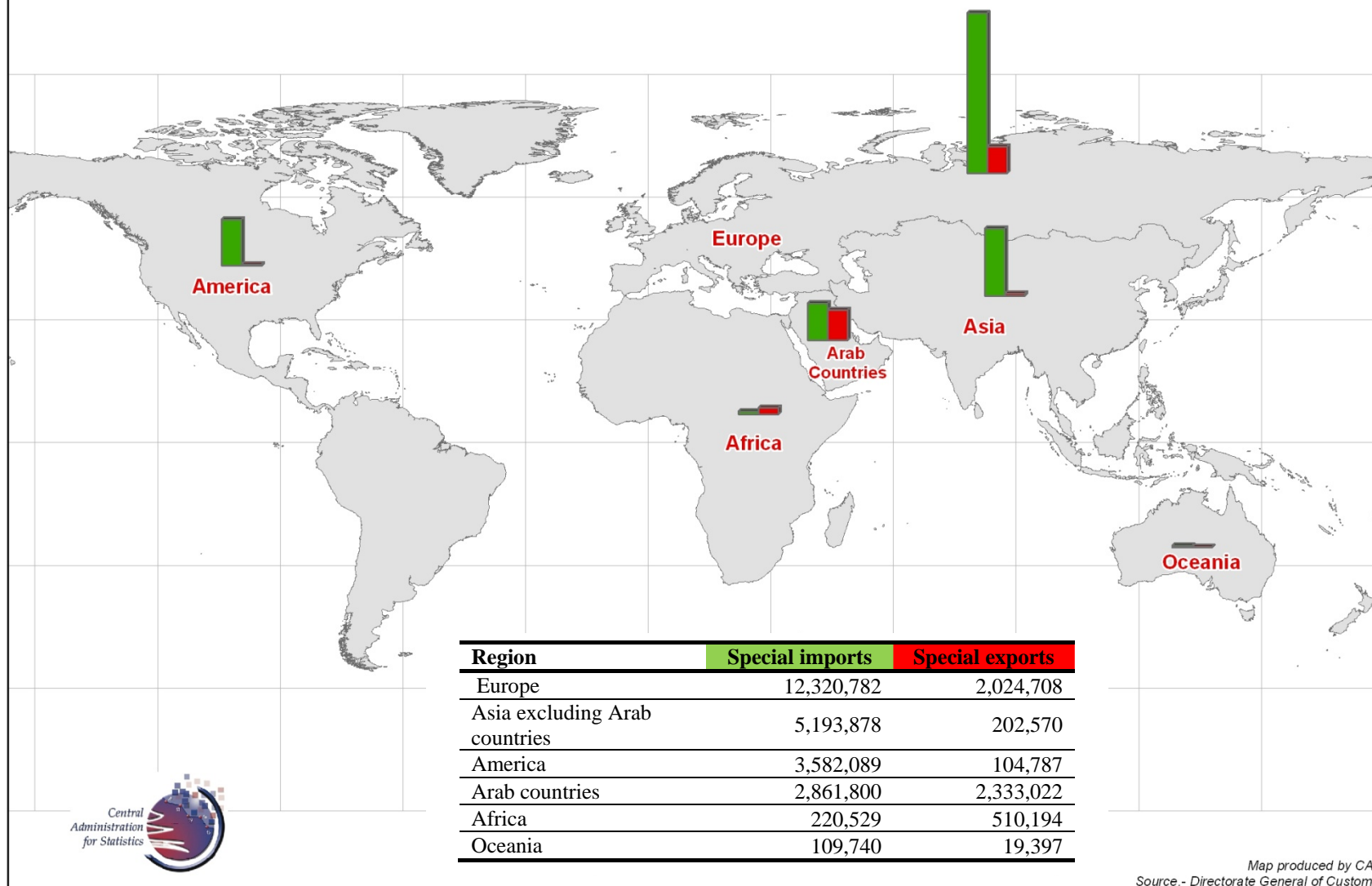
*Special imports: United States of America: 2,660,558 million LBP (10.9%)*

*General imports: United States of America: 2,703,452 million LBP (10.8%)*

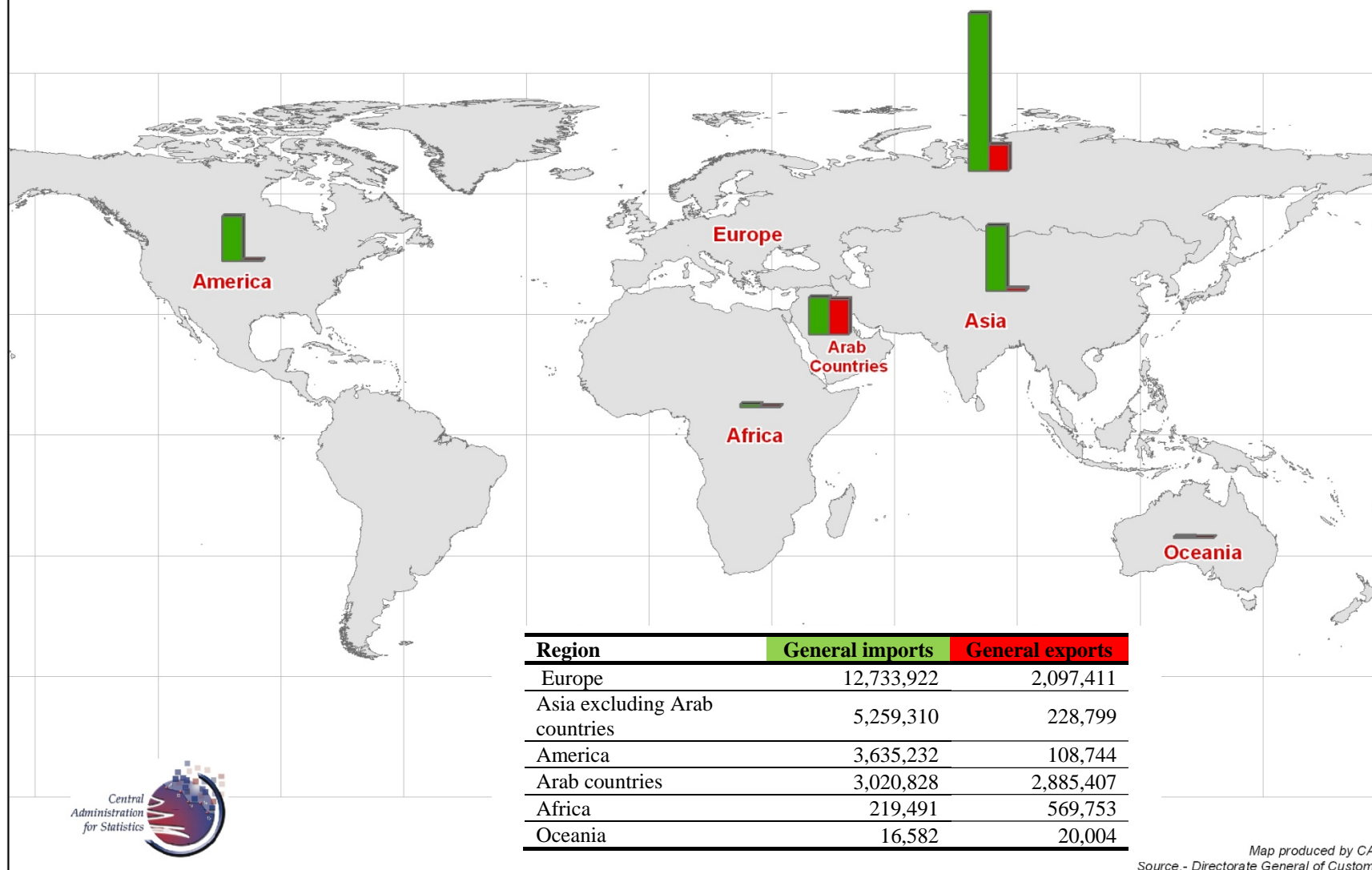
*Special exports: Switzerland: 1,172,392 million LBP (22.3%)*

*General exports: Switzerland: 1,173,207 million LBP (22.3%)*

## Foreign Trade: Special Import/Export by Geographic Region in Monetary terms



## Foreign Trade: General Import/Export by Geographic Region in Monetary Terms

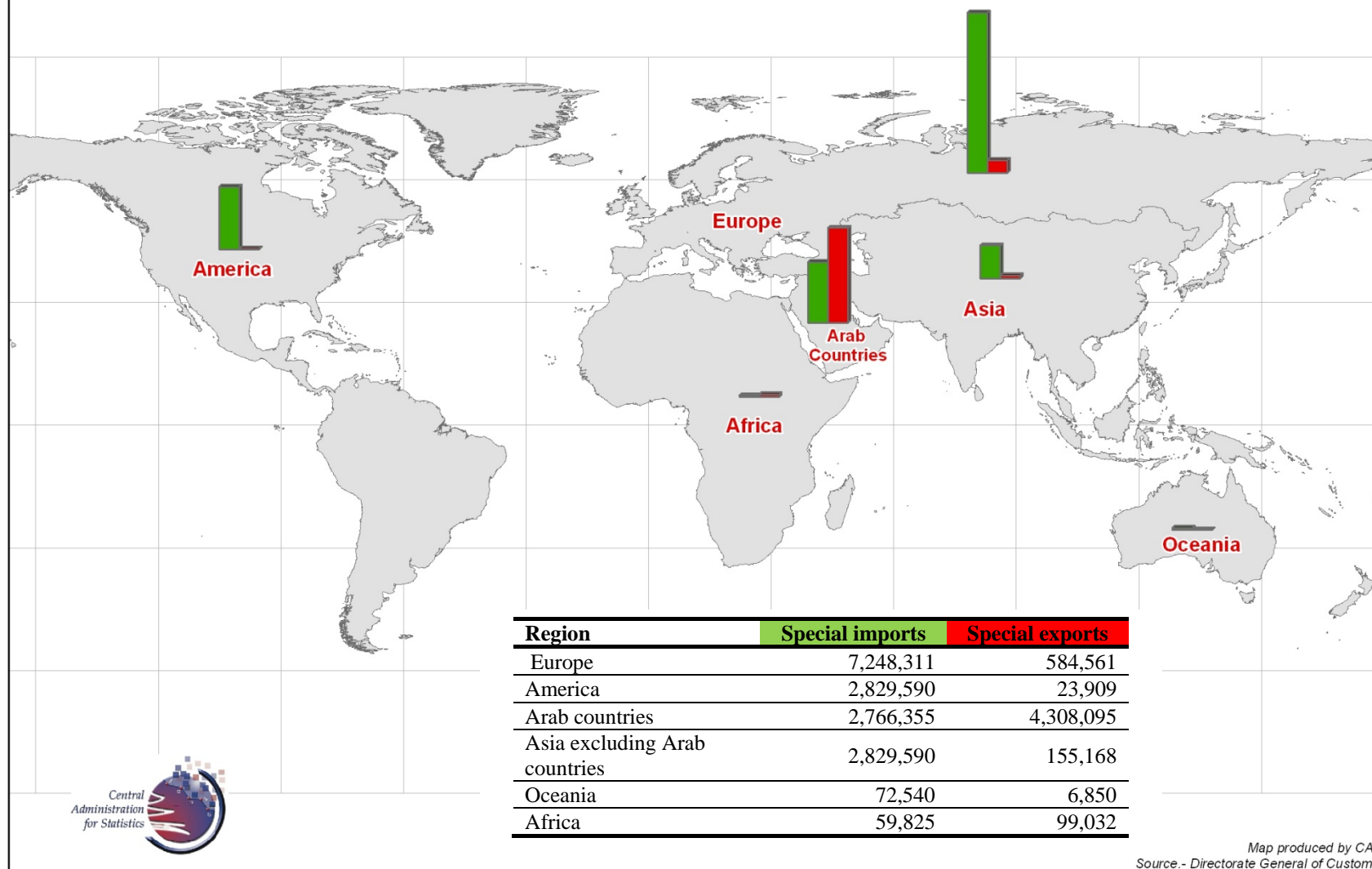


**Table 8.10 – Foreign trade by continent. Gross quantities in 2009**

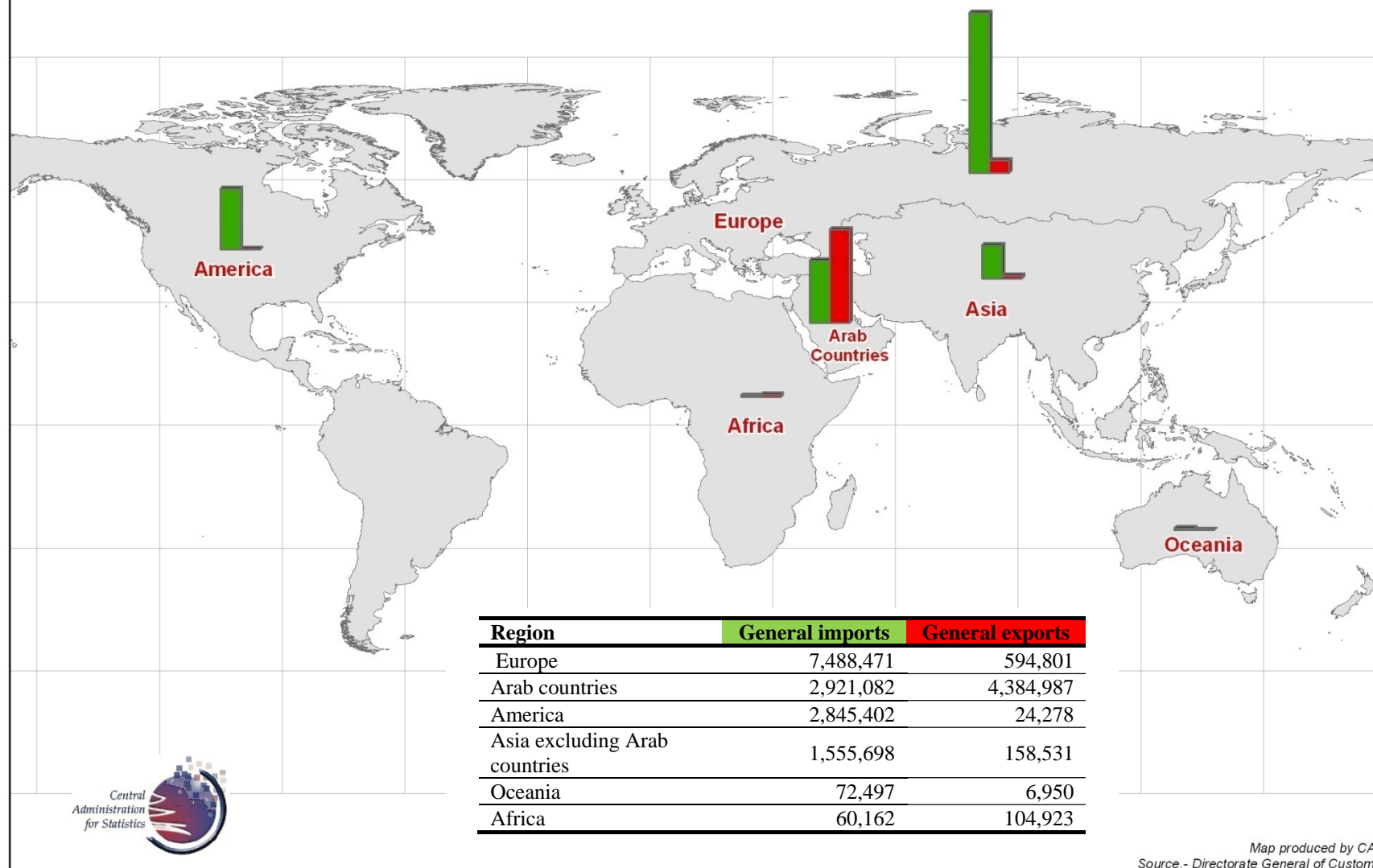
Type of foreign trade	1,000 tonnes	%	Country. 1,000 tonnes	Country. %
<b>Special imports by continent</b>	<b>14,916,299</b>	<b>100.0</b>		
Europe	7,248,311	48.6	Russian Federation (1,131,432)	Russian Federation (15.6)
America	2,829,590	19.0	United States (2,470,657)	United States (85.1)
Arab countries	2,766,355	18.5	Syria (845,054)	Syria (30.5)
Asia excluding Arab countries	1,502,727	10.1	China (622,818)	China (41.4)
Others	436,952	2.9	Warehouses (428,762)	Warehouses (98.1)
Oceania	72,540	0.5	Australia (37,623)	Australia (51.9)
Africa	59,825	0.4	South Africa (31,901)	South Africa (53.3)
<b>General imports by continent</b>	<b>14,951,541</b>	<b>100.0</b>		
Europe	7,488,471	50.1	Russian Federation (1,148,976)	Russian Federation (15.3)
Arab countries	2,921,082	19.5	Syria (845,856)	Syria (29.0)
America	2,845,402	19.0	United States (2,421,260)	United States (85.1)
Asia excluding Arab countries	1,555,698	10.4	China (626,755)	China (40.3)
Oceania	72,497	0.5	Australia (37,581)	Australia (51.8)
Africa	60,162	0.4	Congo (3,092)	Congo (5.1)
Others	8,229	0.1	Lebanon return (7,104)	Lebanon return (86.3)
<b>Special exports by continent</b>	<b>5,204,471</b>	<b>100.0</b>		
Arab countries	4,308,095	82.8	Jordan (2,301,745)	Jordan (53.4)
Europe	584,561	11.2	Turkey (362,764)	Turkey (62.1)
Asia excluding Arab countries	155,168	3.0	Iran (99,004)	Iran (63.8)
Africa	99,032	1.9	Angola (16,849)	Angola (17.0)
Others	26,857	0.5	Ships (20,888)	Ships (77.8)
America	23,909	0.4	United States (14,456)	United States (60.5)
Oceania	6,850	0.1	Australia (6,593)	Australia (96.3)
<b>General exports by continent</b>	<b>5,636,958</b>	<b>100.0</b>		
Arab countries	4,384,987	77.8	Jordan (2,306,521)	Jordan (52.6)
Europe	594,801	10.6	Turkey (366,878)	Turkey (61.7)
Others	362,489	6.4	Warehouses (163,281)	Warehouses (45.0)
Asia excluding Arab countries	158,531	2.8	Iran (99,676)	Iran (62.9)
Africa	104,923	1.9	Angola (18,073)	Angola (17.2)
America	24,278	0.4	United States (14,612)	United States (60.2)
Oceania	6,950	0.1	Australia (6,694)	Australia (96.3)

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## Foreign Trade: Special Import/Export by Geographic Region in Gross Quantities



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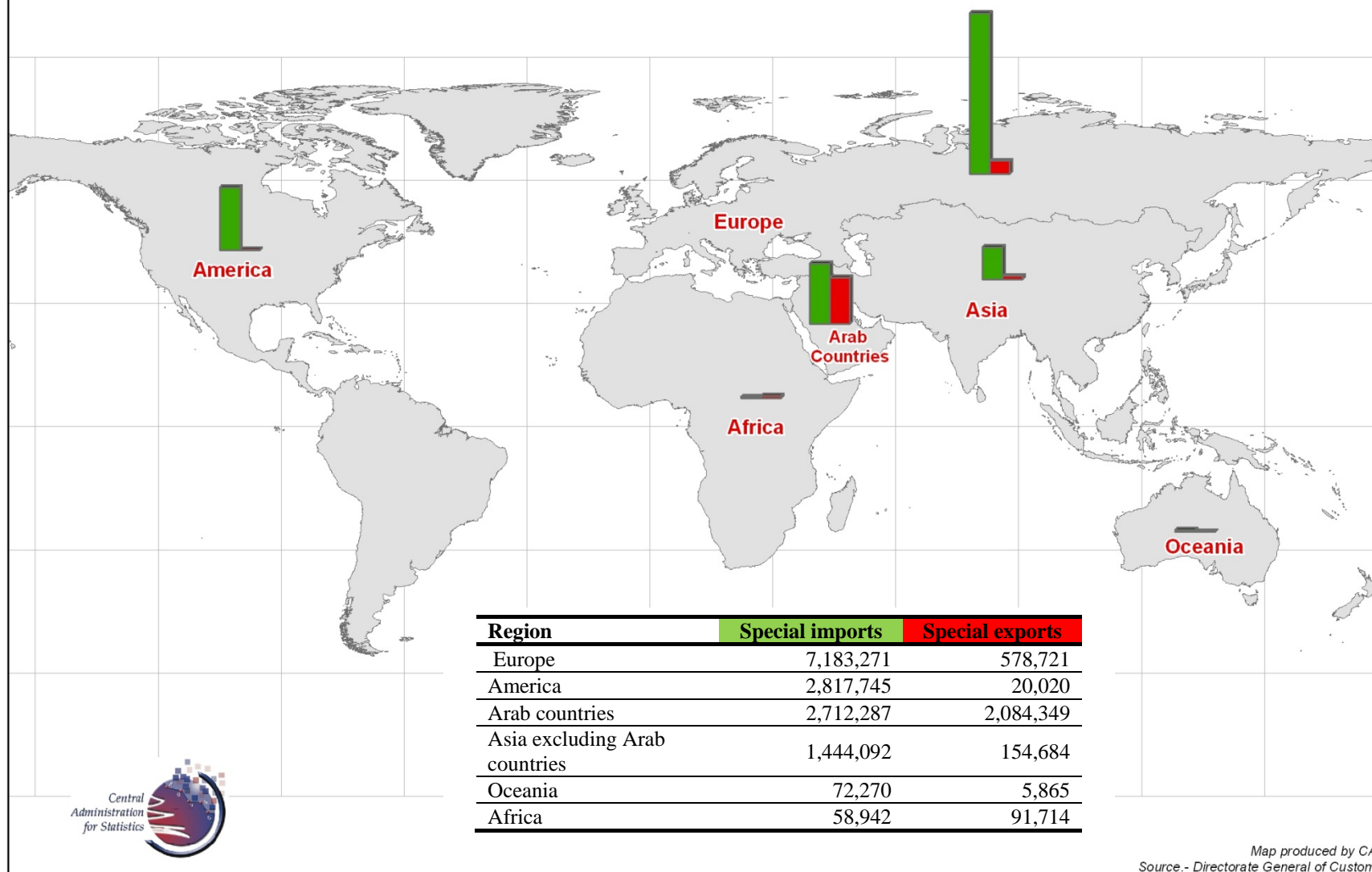
**Table 8.11 – Foreign trade by continent. Net quantities in 2009**

Type of foreign trade	1,000 tonnes	%	Country. 1,000 tonnes	Country. %
<b>Special imports by continent</b>	<b>14,631,809</b>	<b>100.0</b>		
Europe	7,183,271	49.1	Russian Federation (1,130,485)	Russian Federation (15.7)
America	2,817,745	19.3	United States (2,402,065)	United States (85.2)
Arab countries	2,712,287	18.5	Syria (830,645)	Syria (30.6)
Asia excluding Arab countries	1,444,092	9.9	China (585,456)	China (40.5)
Others	343,202	2.3	Warehouses (335,171)	Warehouses (97.7)
Oceania	72,270	0.5	Australia (37,428)	Australia (51.8)
Africa	58,942	0.4	South Africa (31,558)	South Africa (53.5)
<b>General imports by continent</b>	<b>14,756,556</b>	<b>100.0</b>		
Europe	7,421,759	50.3	Russian Federation (1,148,003)	Russian Federation (15.5)
Arab countries	2,865,747	19.4	Syria (831,413)	Syria (29.0)
America	2,833,197	19.2	United States (2,415,385)	United States (85.3)
Asia excluding Arab countries	1,496,276	10.1	China (589,172)	China (39.4)
Oceania	72,228	0.5	Australia (37,386)	Australia (51.8)
Africa	59,278	0.4	South Africa (31,891)	South Africa (53.8)
Other	8,070	0.1	Lebanon Return	Lebanon Return (86.5)
<b>Special exports by continent</b>	<b>2,961,585</b>	<b>100.0</b>		
Arab countries	2,084,349	70.4	Syria (850,874)	Syria (40.8)
Europe	578,721	19.5	Turkey (362,481)	Turkey (62.6)
Asia excluding Arab countries	154,684	5.2	Iran (98,840)	Iran (63.9)
Africa	91,714	3.1	Angola (14,055)	Angola (15.3)
Other	26,230	0.9	Ships (20,824)	Ships (79.4)
America	20,020	0.7	United States (12,067)	United States (60.3)
Oceania	5,865	0.2	Australia (5,661)	Australia (96.5)
<b>General exports by continent</b>	<b>3,389,906</b>	<b>100.0</b>		
Arab countries	2,158,900	63.7	Syria (874,728)	Syria (40.5)
Europe	588,564	17.4	Turkey (366,320)	Turkey (62.2)
Other	360,645	10.6	Warehouses (162,691)	Warehouses (45.1)
Asia excluding Arab countries	157,964	4.7	Iran (99,472)	Iran (63.0)
Africa	97,512	2.9	Angola (15,278)	Angola (15.7)
America	20,359	0.6	United States (12,204)	United States (59.9)
Oceania	5,962	0.2	Australia (5,757)	Australia (96.6)

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## Foreign Trade: Special Import/Export by Geographic Region in Net Quantities



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