# 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 2010**



*Graph made by CAS data (2010)*

***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.***

***As for the origin and destination countries for imports, merchandise is on the origin country account, otherwise, the country of production account; as for exports, the merchandise is on the declared destination country account. Finally, foreign currencies are converted to LBP (Customs General Directorate, 1997).***

The following table displays the holistic picture of Lebanon foreign trade in 2010.

**Table 8.1 –Foreign trade. Billion LBP in 2010**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Type of foreign trade** | **Billion LBP** | **Peak month. Billion LBP** | **Peak month. %** |
| Special imports by section | 27,080 | March (2,916) | March (10.8) |
| Special exports by section | 6,402 | December (731) | December (11.4) |
| **Special trade deficit** | **20,678** | **March (2,353)** | **March (11.4)** |
| General imports by section | 27,430 | March (2,930) | March (10.7) |
| General exports by section | 7,561 | December (856) | December (11.3) |
| **General trade deficit** | **19,868** | **March (2,275)** | **March (11.5)** |
| Re-exportation by section | 230 | October (28) | October (12.3) |
| Transit by section | 585 | June (62) | June (10.5) |
| Customs revenues | 2,909 | July (273) | July (9.4) |
| VAT revenues | 2,258 | March (213) | March (9.4) |

*Table made by CAS based on Customs General Directorate data (2010)*

***Some general foreign trade ratios***

***General foreign trade coverage ratio = (general exports / general imports) \* 100 = 27.6%***

***Total general trade for Lebanon = general exports + general imports = 34,991 billion LBP***

***General trade per capita = (general exports + general imports) / population = 9,308,188 LBP***

*Formulas computed by CAS based on UN ESCWA (2009), External Trade Bulletin of the ESCWA Region, 18th Issue, New York, pp. 7-8*

***Some special foreign trade ratios***

***Special foreign trade coverage ratio = (special exports / special imports) \* 100 = 23.6%***

***Total special trade for Lebanon = special exports + special imports = 33,482 billion LBP***

***Special trade per capita = (special exports + special imports) / population = 8,906,832 LBP***

*Formulas computed by CAS based on UN ESCWA (2009), External Trade Bulletin of the ESCWA Region, 18th Issue, New York, pp. 7-8*

***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 2010**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Type of foreign trade** | **Million LBP** | **%** | **Peak month. Million LBP** | **Peak month. %** |
| **Special imports by section** | **27,080,005** | **100.0** | **March (**2,916,300**)** | **March (10.8)** |
| Mineral products | **5,716,188** | 21.1 | November (995,491) | November (17.4) |
| Machinery & mechanical appliances | **3,271,277** | 12.1 | July (344,785) | July (10.5) |
| Transport equipment | **2,920,060** | 10.8 | July (307,489) | July (10.5) |
| **General imports by section** | **27,429,590** | **100.0** | **March (**2,929,674) | **March (10.7)** |
| Mineral products | 449,653 | 22.1 | November (1,004,086) | November (16.6) |
| Machinery & mechanical appliances | 245,498 | 12.7 | July (359,501) | July (10.3) |
| Transport equipment | 177,647 | 10.9 | July (317,553) | July (10.6) |
| **Special exports by section** | **6,401,697** | **100.0** | **December (731,143)** | **December (11.4)** |
| Pearls, precious or semi-precious stones | 166,931 | 26.1 | June (191,340) | June (11.4) |
| Machinery & mechanical appliances | 76,798 | 17.5 | October (125,985) | October (11.3) |
| Base metals & articles of base metal | 54,212 | 10.8 | April (82,848) | April (11.9) |
| **General exports by section** | **7,561,163** | **100.0** | **December (856,006)** | **December (11.3)** |
| Pearls, precious or semi-precious stones | **1,674,487** | 22.1 | June (191,574) | June (11.4) |
| Machinery & mechanical appliances | **1,623,662** | 21.5 | October (160,075) | October (9.9) |
| Base metals & articles of base metal | **704,232** | 9.3 | April (83,657) | April (11.9) |
| **Re-exports by section** | **230,055** | **100.0** | **October (28,318)** | **October (12.3)** |
| Transport equipment | **59,562** | 25.9 | October (14,386) | October (24.2) |
| Machinery & mechanical appliances | **49,781** | 21.6 | March (7,646) | March (15.4) |
| Precision and optical instruments | **32,677** | 14.2 | April (4,364) | April (13.4) |
| **Transit by section** | **584,768** | **100.0** | **June (61,611)** | **June (10.5)** |
| Machinery & mechanical appliances | **157,051** | 26.9 | June (28,702) | June (18.3) |
| Prepared foodstuffs | **112,485** | 19.2 | December (12,429) | December (11.0) |
| Transport equipment | **74,484** | 12.7 | July (12,686) | July (17.0) |

*Table made by CAS based on Customs General Directorate data (2010)*

**Table 8.3 – Customs and VAT revenues by office. Million LBP in 2010**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Revenues** | **Million LBP** | **Peak month. %** | **Peak office. %** |
| Yearly customs revenues by office | 2,909,136 | July (9.4) | Port of Beirut (87.8) |
| Yearly VAT revenues by office | 2,257,574 | March (9.4) | Port of Beirut (75.6) |
| Yearly customs and VAT revenues by office | 5,166,710 | March (9.2) | Port of Beirut (82.5) |

*Table made by CAS based on Customs General Directorate data (2010)*

**Table 8.4 – Foreign trade by section. Gross quantities. Top 3 sections in 2010**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Type of foreign trade** | **1,000 tonnes** | **%** | **Peak month. 1,000 tonnes** | **Peak month. %** |
| **Special imports by section** | **16,585,487** | **100.0** | **September (2,362,388)** | **September (14.2)** |
| Mineral products | **7,793,509** | 47.0 | November (1,195,698) | November (15.3) |
| Vegetable products | **1,428,059** | 8.6 | August (157,891) | August (11.1) |
| Textiles & textiles articles | **1,374,115** | 8.3 | September (1,297,164) | September (94.4) |
| **General imports by section** | **16,630,057** | **100.0** | **September (2,350,749)** | **September (14.1)** |
| Mineral products | **8,177,802** | 49.2 | November (1,207,351) | November (14.8) |
| Vegetable products | **1,429,582** | 8.6 | August (157,893) | August (11.0) |
| Base metals & articles of base metal | **1,382,068** | 8.3 | May (172,669) | May (12.5) |
| **Special exports by section** | **3,200,779** | **100.0** | **March (342,340)** | **March (10.7)** |
| Mineral products | **714,389** | 22.3 | November (87,676) | November (12.3) |
| Vegetable products | **630,014** | 19.7 | October (74,346) | October (11.8) |
| Base metals & articles of base metal | **625,840** | 19.6 | April (79,347) | April (12.7) |
| **General exports by section** | **3,672,230** | **100.0** | **March (376,537)** | **March (10.3)** |
| Mineral products | **1,065,475** | 29.0 | November (117,142) | November (11.0) |
| Vegetable products | **645,246** | 17.6 | October (77,221) | October (12.0) |
| Base metals & articles of base metal | **633,897** | 17.3 | April (80,058) | April (12.6) |
| **Re-exports by section** | **1,098** | **100.0** | **June (243)** | **June (22.1)** |
| Live animals & animal products | **1,051** | 95.7 | June (237.8) | June (22.6) |
| **Transit by section** | **219,790** | **100.0** | **December (36,364)** | **December (16.4)** |
| Mineral products | **59,896** | 27.3 | November (18,295) | November (30.5) |
| Base metals & articles of base metal | **57,802** | 26.3 | December (14,333) | December (24.8) |
| Wood and wooden articles | **26,725** | 12.2 | July (5,058) | July (18.9) |

*Table made by CAS based on Customs General Directorate data (2010)*

**Table 8.5 – Foreign trade by section. Net quantities. Top 3 sections in 2010**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Type of foreign trade** | **1,000 tonnes** | **%** | **Peak month. 1,000 tonnes** | **Peak month. %** |
| **Special imports by section** | **14,996,040** | **100.0** | March (1,842,217) | **March (12.3)** |
| Mineral products | **7,787,095** | 51.9 | November (1,195,339) | November (15.4) |
| Vegetable products | **1,415,060** | 9.4 | August (157,280) | August (11.1) |
| Base metals & articles of base metal | **1,355,382** | 9.0 | May (170,719) | May (12.6) |
| **General imports by section** | **15,128,835** | **100.0** | **March (1,824,555)** | **March (12.1)** |
| Mineral products | **8,171,383** | 54.0 | November (1,206,995) | November (14.8) |
| Vegetable products | **1,416,560** | 9.4 | August (157,280) | August (11.1) |
| Base metals & articles of base metal | **1,369,848** | 9.1 | May (171,464) | May (12.5) |
| **Special exports by section** | **3,105,642** | **100.0** | **March (334,500)** | **March (10.8)** |
| Mineral products | **714,058** | 23.0 | November (87,671) | November (12.3) |
| Base metals & articles of base metal | **624,956** | 20.1 | April (79,282) | April (12.7) |
| Vegetable products | **601,287** | 19.4 | October (71,322) | October (11.4) |
| **General exports by section** | **3,574,385** | **100.0** | **March (368,481)** | **March (10.3)** |
| Mineral products | **1,065,137** | 29.8 | November (117,135) | November (11.0) |
| Base metals & articles of base metal | **632,990** | 17.7 | April (79,990) | April (12.6) |
| Vegetable products | **616,479** | 17.2 | October (74,193) | October (12.0) |
| **Re-exports by section** | **1,040** | **100.0** | **June (227)** | **June (21.9)** |
| Live animals & animal products | **982** | 94.5 | June (222) | June (22.6) |
| **Transit by section** | **217,230** | **100.0** | **December (36,269)** | **December (16.7)** |
| Mineral products | **59,896** | 27.6 | November (18,295) | November (30.5) |
| Base metals & articles of base metal | **56,048** | 25.8 | December (14,329) | (25.6) |
| Wood and wooden articles | **26,724** | 12.3 | July (5,058) | July (18.9) |

*Table made by CAS based on Customs General Directorate data (2010)*

***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 2010**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Type of foreign trade** | **Million LBP** | **%** |
| **Special imports by chapter** | **27,080,005** | **100.0** |
| 27: Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes | 5,538,610 | 20.5 |
| 87: Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling-stock, and parts and accessories thereof | **2,828,508** | 10.4 |
| 84: Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof | 2,032,313 | 7.5 |
| **General imports by chapter** | **27,828,501** | **100.0** |
| 27: Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes | 5,884,562 | 21.1 |
| 87: Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling-stock, and parts and accessories thereof | 2,04,433 | 10.4 |
| 84: Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof | **2,218,641** | 8.0 |
| **Special exports by chapter** | **6,403,078** | **100.0** |
| 71: Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal, and articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin | **1,671,880** | 26.1 |
| 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 | 568,257 | 8.9 |
| 84: Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof | **550,382** | 8.6 |
| **General exports by chapter** | **7,561,163** | **100.0** |
| 71: Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal, and articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin | **1,674,487** | 22.1 |
| 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 | **1,023,506** | 13.5 |
| 87: Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling-stock, and parts and accessories thereof | **624,432** | 8.3 |

*Table made by CAS based on Customs General Directorate data (2010)*

**Table 8.7 – Foreign trade by chapter. Gross quantities. Top 3 chapters in 2010**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Type of foreign trade** | **1,000 tonnes** | **%** |
| **Special imports by chapter** | **16,586,846** | **100.0** |
| 27: Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes | 5,962,099 | 35.9 |
| 25: Salt; sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement | 1,776,352 | 10.7 |
| 57: Carpets and other textile floor coverings | 1,295,914 | 7.8 |
| **General imports by chapter** | **16,630,057** | **100.0** |
| 27: Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes | 6,346,352 | 38.2 |
| 25: Salt; sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement | 1,776,393 | 10.7 |
| 57: Carpets and other textile floor coverings | 1,295,914 | 7.8 |
| **Special exports by chapter** | **3,200,779** | **100.0** |
| 25: Salt; sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement | 706,981 | 22.1 |
| 72: Iron and steel | 527,289 | 16.5 |
| 08: Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruits or melons | 391,587 | 12.2 |
| **General exports by chapter** | **3,672,230** | **100.0** |
| 25: Salt; sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement | 707,685 | 19.3 |
| 72: Iron and steel | 534,459 | 14.6 |
| 08: Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruits or melons | 391,875 | 10.7 |

*Table made by CAS based on Customs General Directorate data (2010)*

**Table 8.8 – Foreign trade by chapter. Net quantities. Top 3 chapters in 2010**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Type of foreign trade** | **1,000 tonnes** | **%** |
| **Special imports by chapter** | 14,996,040 | **100.0** |
| 27: Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes | 5,957,128 | 39.7 |
| 25: Salt; sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement | 1,774,912 | 11.8 |
| 72: Iron and steel | 1,162,719 | 7.8 |
| **General imports by chapter** | 15,128,835 | **100.0** |
| 27: Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes | 6,341,383 | 41.9% |
| 25: Salt; sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement | 1,774,945 | 11.7% |
| 72: Iron and steel | 1,173,276 | 7.8% |
| **Special exports by chapter** | 3,105,642 | **100.0** |
| 25: Salt; sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement | 706,751 | 22.8% |
| 72: Iron and steel | 527,238 | 17.0% |
| 08: Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruits or melons | 368,918 | 11.9% |
| **General exports by chapter** | 3,574,385 | **100.0** |
| 25: Salt; sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement | 707,448 | 19.8 |
| 72: Iron and steel | 534,402 | 15.0 |
| 08: Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruits or melons | 369,190 | 10.3 |

*Table made by CAS based on Customs General Directorate data (2010)*

***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 2010**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Type of foreign trade** | **Million LBP** | **%** | **Country. Million LBP** | **Country. %** |
| **Special imports by continent** | **27,412,661** | **100.0** |  |  |
| Europe | 13,525,914 | 49.3 | IT: Italy (2,148,608) | IT: Italy (15.9) |
| Asia | 5,604,618 | 20.4 | CN: China (People's Republic of)  (2,492,537) | CN: China (People's Republic of)  (44.5) |
| Arab countries | 3,841,757 | 14.0 | EG: Egypt (653,140) | EG: Egypt (17.0) |
| America | 3,799,126 | 13.9 | US: United states (2,940,474) | US: United states (77.4) |
| Africa | 548,685 | 2.0 | BJ: Benin (255,233) | BJ: Benin (46.5) |
| Oceania | 92,560 | 0.3 | AU: Australia (78,960) | AU: Australia (85.3) |
| **General imports by continent** | **27,412,661** | **100.0** |  |  |
| Europe | 13,525,914 | 49.3 | IT: Italy (2,148,608) | IT: Italy (15.9) |
| Asia excluding Arab countries | 5,604,618 | 20.4 | CN: China (People's Republic of)  (2,492,537) | CN: China (People's Republic of)  (44.5) |
| Arab countries | 3,841,757 | 14.0 | EG: Egypt (653,140) | EG: Egypt (17.0) |
| America | 3,799,126 | 13.9 | US: United states (2,940,474) | US: United states (77.4) |
| Africa | 548,685 | 2.0 | BJ: Benin (255,233) | BJ: Benin (46.5) |
| Oceania | 92,560 | 0.3 | AU: Australia (78,960) | AU: Australia (85.3) |
| **Special exports by continent** | **6,174,612** | **100.0** |  |  |
| Arab countries | 2,605,734 | 42.2 | AE: United Arab Emirates (630,364) | AE: United Arab Emirates (24.2) |
| Europe | 2,220,360 | 36.0 | CH: Switzerland (757,916) | CH: Switzerland (32.1) |
| Africa | 872,706 | 14.1 | ZA: South Africa (519,223) | ZA: South Africa (59.5) |
| Asia | 319,725 | 5.2 | CN: China (People's Republic of)  (75,330) | CN: China (People's Republic of)  (23.6) |
| America | 132,689 | 2.1 | US: United states (92,409) | US: United states (69.6) |
| Oceania | 23,398 | 0.4 | AU: Australia (22,541) | AU: Australia (96.3) |
| **General exports by continent** | **7,091,339** | **100.0** |  |  |
| Arab countries | 3,278,801 | 46.2 | AE: United Arab Emirates (739,449) | AE: United Arab Emirates (22.6) |
| Europe | 2,363,123 | 33.3 | CH: Switzerland (757,647) | CH: Switzerland (34.1) |
| Africa | 933,972 | 13.2 | ZA: South Africa (519,756) | ZA: South Africa (55.7) |
| Asia excluding Arab countries | 352,799 | 5.0 | IR: Iran, Islamic Republic of (78,745) | IR: Iran, Islamic Republic of (22.3) |
| America | 138,346 | 2.0 | US: United states (95,603) | US: United states (69.1) |
| Oceania | 24,298 | 0.3 | AU: Australia (23,291) | AU: Australia (95.9) |

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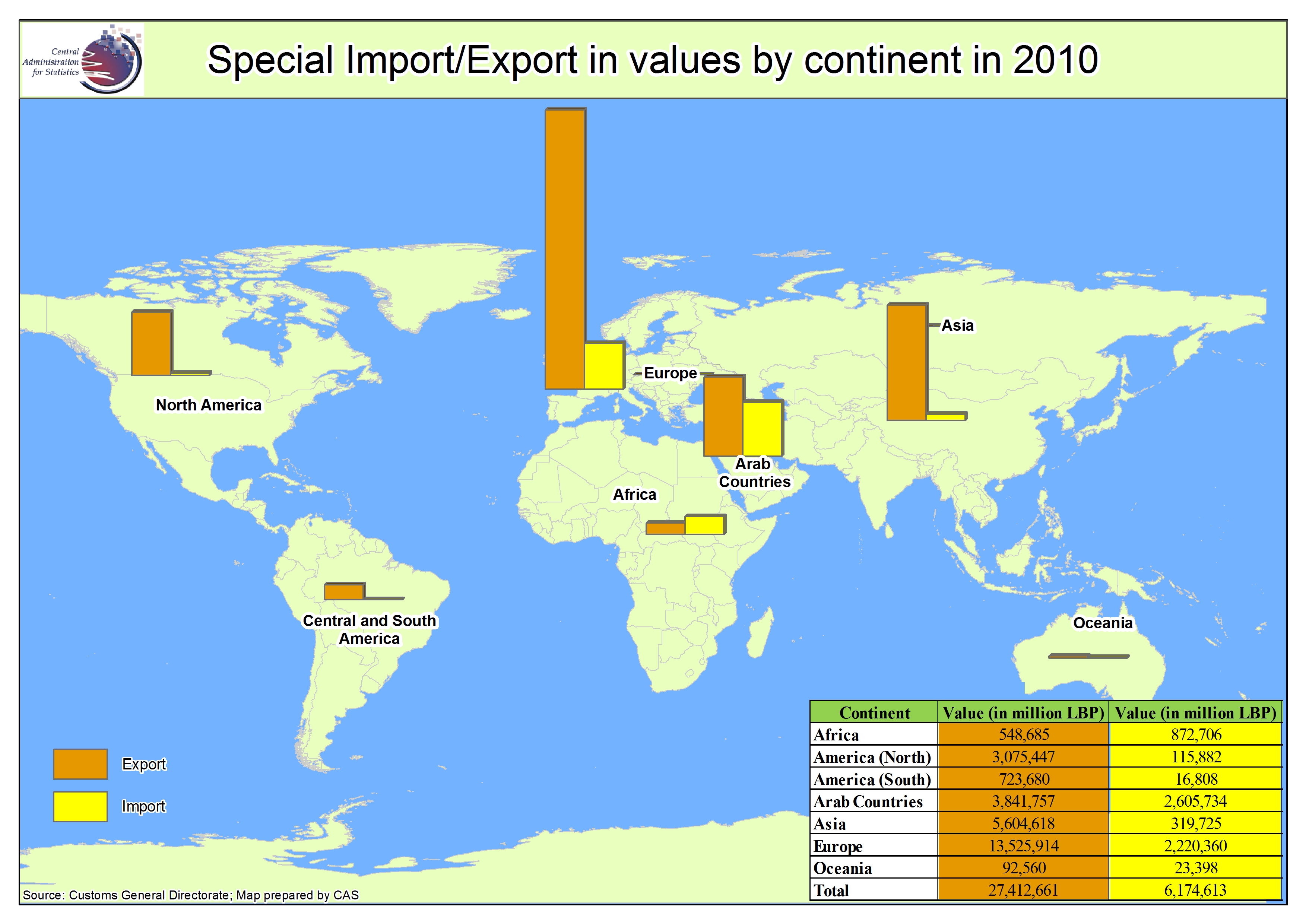
***Just for information – Top countries in special and general trade in million LBP in 2010***

*Special imports: United States of America: 2,940,474 million LBP (10.7%)*

*General imports: United States of America: 2,940,474 million LBP (10.7%)*

*Special exports: Switzerland: 757,916 million LBP (12.3%)*

*General exports: Switzerland: 757,647 million LBP (10.7%)*



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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Region** | **General imports** | **General exports** |
| Europe | 12,733,922 | 2,097,411 |
| Asia excluding Arab countries | 5,259,310 | 228,799 |
| America | 3,635,232 | 108,744 |
| Arab countries | 3,020,828 | 2,885,407 |
| Africa | 219,491 | 569,753 |
| Oceania | 16,582 | 20,004 |

**Table 8.10 – Foreign trade by continent. Gross quantities in 2010**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Type of foreign trade** | **1,000 tonnes** | **%** | **Country. 1,000 tonnes** | **Country. %** |
| **Special imports by continent** | **15,987,563** | **100.0** |  |  |
| Europe | 8,728,967 | 54.6 | TR: Turkey (2,336,708) | TR: Turkey (78.3) |
| Arab countries | 3,326,131 | 20.8 | SY: Syrian Arab Republic (1,281,711) | SY: Syrian Arab Republic (38.5) |
| America | 2,484,340 | 15.5 | US: United states (2,165,394) | US: United states (87.2) |
| Asia excluding Arab countries | 1,403,057 | 8.8 | CN: China (People's Republic of) (712,988) | CN: China (People's Republic of) (50.8) |
| Africa | 25,531 | 0.2 | GH: Ghana (6,459) | GH: Ghana (25.3) |
| Oceania | 19,537 | 0.1 | AU: Australia (17,367) | AU: Australia (88.9) |
| **General imports by continent** | **16,471,109** | **100.0** |  |  |
| Europe | 8,951,649 | 54.3 | TR: Turkey (2,346,828) | TR: Turkey (26.2) |
| Arab countries | 3,561,276 | 21.6 | SY: Syrian Arab Republic (1,282,442) | SY: Syrian Arab Republic (36.0) |
| America | 2,495,336 | 15.1 | US: United states (2,174,229) | US: United states (87.1) |
| Asia excluding Arab countries | 1,417,598 | 8.6 | CN: China (People's Republic of) (717,892) | CN: China (People's Republic of) (50.6) |
| Africa | 25,693 | 0.2 | GH: Ghana (6,459) | GH: Ghana (25.1) |
| Oceania | 19,557 | 0.1 | AU: Australia (17,387) | AU: Australia (88.9) |
| **Special exports by continent** | **3,115,556** | **100.0** |  |  |
| Arab countries | 1,870,030 | 60.0 | SY: Syrian Arab Republic (845,836) | SY: Syrian Arab Republic (45.2) |
| Europe | 896,433 | 28.8 | TR: Turkey (616,081) | TR: Turkey (68.7) |
| Asia excluding Arab countries | 213,153 | 6.8 | IR: Iran, Islamic Republic of (98,426) | IR: Iran, Islamic Republic of (46.2) |
| Africa | 76,021 | 2.4 | NG: Nigeria (11,463) | NG: Nigeria (15.1) |
| America | 52,923 | 1.7 | US: United states (40,934) | US: United states (77.3) |
| Oceania | 6,997 | 0.2 | AU: Australia (6,769) | AU: Australia (96.7) |
| **General exports by continent** | **3,390,279** | **100.0** |  |  |
| Arab countries | 2,061,400 | 60.8 | SY: Syrian Arab Republic (851,415) | SY: Syrian Arab Republic (41.3) |
| Europe | 971,780 | 28.7 | TR: Turkey (628,600) | TR: Turkey (67.4) |
| Asia excluding Arab countries | 215,336 | 6.4 | IR: Iran, Islamic Republic of (99,508) | IR: Iran, Islamic Republic of (46.2) |
| Africa | 81,364 | 2.4 | NG: Nigeria (13,462) | NG: Nigeria (16.5) |
| America | 53,303 | 1.6 | US: United states (41,058) | US: United states (77.0) |
| Oceania | 7,097 | 0.2 | AU: Australia (6,846) | AU: Australia (96.5) |

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**Table 8.11 – Foreign trade by continent. Net quantities in 2010**

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| **Type of foreign trade** | **1,000 tonnes** | **%** | **Country. 1,000 tonnes** | **Country. %** |
| **Special imports by continent** | **14,495,747** | **100.0** |  |  |
| Europe | 7,371,461 | 50.9 | RU: Russian Federation (1,229,237) | RU: Russian Federation (16.7) |
| Arab countries | 3,266,324 | 22.5 | SY: Syrian Arab Republic (1,266,005) | SY: Syrian Arab Republic (38.8) |
| America | 2,473,013 | 17.1 | US: United states (2,159,884) | US: United states (87.3) |
| Asia excluding Arab countries | 1,341,025 | 9.3 | CN: China (People's Republic of) (671,697) | CN: China (People's Republic of) (50.1) |
| Africa | 24,689 | 0.2 | GH: Ghana (6,265) | GH: Ghana (25.4) |
| Oceania | 19,234 | 0.1 | AU: Australia (17,184 | AU: Australia (89.3) |
| **General imports by continent** | **14,975,442** | **100.0** |  |  |
| Europe | 7,592,570 | 50.7 | RU: Russian Federation (1,224,196) | RU: Russian Federation (16.1) |
| Arab countries | 3,500,103 | 23.4 | SY: Syrian Arab Republic (1,266,697) | SY: Syrian Arab Republic (36.2) |
| America | 2,483,791 | 16.6 | US: United states (2,168,556) | US: United states (87.3) |
| Asia excluding Arab countries | 1,354,852 | 9.0 | CN: China (People's Republic of) (676,326) | CN: China (People's Republic of) (49.9) |
| Africa | 24,872 | 0.2 | GH: Ghana (6,265) | GH: Ghana (25.2) |
| Oceania | 19,254 | 0.1 | AU: Australia (17,204) | AU: Australia (89.4) |
| **Special exports by continent** | **3,027,324** | **100.0** |  |  |
| Arab countries | 1,797,996 | 59.4 | SY: Syrian Arab Republic (825,156) | SY: Syrian Arab Republic (45.9) |
| Europe | 890,785 | 29.4 | TR: Turkey (615,991) | TR: Turkey (69.2) |
| Asia excluding Arab countries | 212,319 | 7.0 | IR: Iran, Islamic Republic of (98,078) | IR: Iran, Islamic Republic of (46.2) |
| Africa | 71,832 | 2.4 | NG: Nigeria (11,008) | NG: Nigeria (15.3) |
| America | 48,624 | 1.6 | US: United states (38,311) | US: United states (78.8) |
| Oceania | 5,768 | 0.2 | AU: Australia (5,570) | AU: Australia (96.6) |
| **General exports by continent** | **3,296,805** | **100.0** |  |  |
| Arab countries | 1,987,479 | 60.3 | SY: Syrian Arab Republic (830,306) | SY: Syrian Arab Republic (41.8) |
| Europe | 963,026 | 29.2 | TR: Turkey (628,295) | TR: Turkey (65.2) |
| Asia excluding Arab countries | 214,400 | 6.5 | IR: Iran, Islamic Republic of (99,084) | IR: Iran, Islamic Republic of (46.2) |
| Africa | 77,053 | 2.3 | NG: Nigeria (12,961) | NG: Nigeria (16.8) |
| America | 48,986 | 1.5 | US: United states (38,433) | US: United states (78.5) |
| Oceania | 5,861 | 0.2 | AU: Australia (5,646) | AU: Australia (96.3) |

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