



HM Revenue  
& Customs

# Trade Statistics overview

# Introduction

HMRC collects trade in goods declarations from businesses through

- Intrastat – EU transactions
- CHIEF – Non EU transactions

HMRC publishes trade statistics on a monthly basis.

These statistics are produced using Intrastat and Non EU transactions which are quality checked for publication of trade statistics.

The trade statistics are delivered to:

- Eurostat
- ONS for the production of Balance of Payments and National Accounts.
- HMRC trade statistics website [www.uktradeinfo.com](http://www.uktradeinfo.com)



# Intrastat – EU collection of trade data

Businesses are required to submit a declaration if they trade above

- £250,000 for EU exports (dispatches)
- £600,000 for EU imports (arrivals)

Approximately 27,000 are currently required to submit declarations each month.

Intrastat requests 9 data fields to be completed on the declaration:

- VAT number, Commodity Code, Country, Invoice Value, Netmass, Supplementary unit, NoTC, Period, Delivery Terms.

Aggregated statistics are released using 6 of these data fields:

- Commodity Code, Country, **Statistical Value**, Netmass, Supplementary unit, Period



# CHIEF data – Non EU collection of trade data

Businesses are required to submit a declaration if they import or export from Non EU countries.

Over 50 boxes are requested on the Customs declaration (SAD)

Not all boxes need to be completed depending on the import/export Customs regime.

Some boxes are for Custom purposes only. Eg. Box 47 calculated Taxes

A number of boxes are for Custom and Statistical purposes.

Publishable data elements (Non EU):

Commodity Code, Country, Statistical Value, Netmass, Supplementary unit, Period, Regime information (cpc), Port, Country of origin (imports), Currency of invoice, Mode of Transport, etc.



# Legislation for publishing data

## Commissioners for Revenue and Customs Act (CRCA) 2005

- 18 Confidentiality  
(1) Revenue and Customs officials may not disclose information which is held by Revenue and Customs in connection with a function of the Revenue and Customs.  
(3) Subsection (1) is subject to any other enactment permitting disclosure.

## European Regulation (EC) no 223/2009

- Article 18, allows the dissemination of European trade statistics
- Article 20, allows dissemination under passive confidentiality

## European Regulation (EC) No 1982/2004 (IP)

- Article 13a, allows dissemination of annual statistics on trade by business characteristics

## Finance Act 1988 Section 8 (3)

- Allows the release of names and addresses of persons of Non EU imported goods by classification. This does not cover Exporters.



# Trade Statistics data on [www.uktradeinfo.com](http://www.uktradeinfo.com)

## WELCOME TO UKTRADEINFO

This web site is managed by HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) Trade Statistics unit, and operates alongside the main HMRC website for the purpose of publishing and hosting UK trade statistics data.

These statistics record the movement - for trade purposes - of goods between the UK and both EU and non-EU countries.

They are collected from the EU-wide Intrastat survey and from Customs import and export entries, both administered by HMRC.

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DATA BY COMMODITY CODE

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Export

The result is based on filtering applied on the following fields

- Calendar Hierarchy - Multiple filters applied

Port ▾  HS2 ▾  HS4  HS6  CN8

Value (£)

Flow Type ▾  Year ▾  Month

EU Indicator ▾  Continent  Country

Export  Import  Dispa

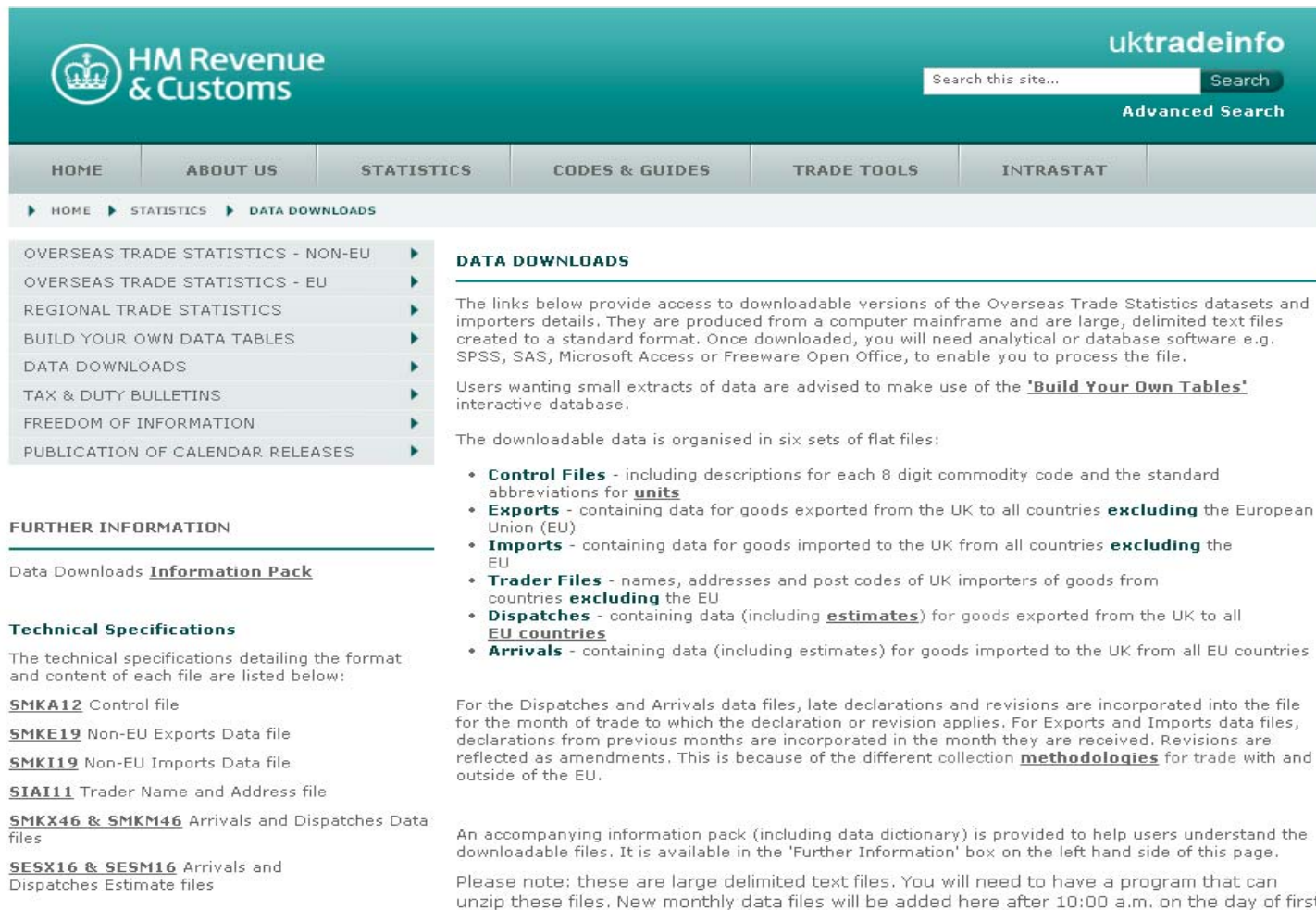
2013  2013  2013

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		July	June	May	July	June	May	Ju
+ EU		..	..	..	..	..	..	12,851,9
- NON EU	+ Asia and Oceania	3,913,797,990	4,168,298,297	4,081,094,343	6,560,935,826	6,140,046,549	6,307,427,633	
	+ Eastern Europe	608,022,081	712,791,399	657,381,887	728,707,526	506,217,337	1,006,482,489	
	+ Latin America and Caribbean	537,634,701	653,841,449	508,999,014	518,537,311	539,064,604	552,117,918	
	+ Middle East and N Africa	1,432,452,872	1,536,119,597	1,578,025,937	1,330,523,339	1,670,241,665	1,726,417,088	
	+ North America	3,762,070,046	3,865,017,944	3,897,334,232	3,129,796,261	3,868,713,553	3,276,371,772	
	+ Sub-Saharan Africa	677,369,183	729,393,147	626,399,184	1,055,341,292	957,244,612	1,061,926,181	
	+ Western Europe exc EC	1,114,773,816	1,354,297,106	1,236,489,856	2,647,175,942	2,885,058,163	2,534,516,561	
+ Low Value Trade	208,656,035	208,720,702	209,320,150	129,544,292	130,065,789	129,278,536		



# Trade Statistics data downloads [www.uktradeinfo.com](http://www.uktradeinfo.com)



The screenshot shows the 'uktradeinfo' website header with the HM Revenue & Customs logo. A search bar is present with the text 'Search this site...' and a 'Search' button. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for HOME, ABOUT US, STATISTICS, CODES & GUIDES, TRADE TOOLS, and INTRASTAT. The 'DATA DOWNLOADS' link is highlighted, and a breadcrumb trail shows 'HOME > STATISTICS > DATA DOWNLOADS'. A left-hand sidebar lists various trade statistics categories, with 'DATA DOWNLOADS' selected. The main content area is titled 'DATA DOWNLOADS' and contains the following text:

The links below provide access to downloadable versions of the Overseas Trade Statistics datasets and importers details. They are produced from a computer mainframe and are large, delimited text files created to a standard format. Once downloaded, you will need analytical or database software e.g. SPSS, SAS, Microsoft Access or Freeware Open Office, to enable you to process the file.

Users wanting small extracts of data are advised to make use of the **'Build Your Own Tables'** interactive database.

The downloadable data is organised in six sets of flat files:

- **Control Files** - including descriptions for each 8 digit commodity code and the standard abbreviations for **units**
- **Exports** - containing data for goods exported from the UK to all countries **excluding** the European Union (EU)
- **Imports** - containing data for goods imported to the UK from all countries **excluding** the EU
- **Trader Files** - names, addresses and post codes of UK importers of goods from countries **excluding** the EU
- **Dispatches** - containing data (including **estimates**) for goods exported from the UK to all **EU countries**
- **Arrivals** - containing data (including estimates) for goods imported to the UK from all EU countries

For the Dispatches and Arrivals data files, late declarations and revisions are incorporated into the file for the month of trade to which the declaration or revision applies. For Exports and Imports data files, declarations from previous months are incorporated in the month they are received. Revisions are reflected as amendments. This is because of the different collection **methodologies** for trade with and outside of the EU.

An accompanying information pack (including data dictionary) is provided to help users understand the downloadable files. It is available in the 'Further Information' box on the left hand side of this page.

Please note: these are large delimited text files. You will need to have a program that can unzip these files. New monthly data files will be added here after 10:00 a.m. on the day of first

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Data Downloads **Information Pack**

**Technical Specifications**

The technical specifications detailing the format and content of each file are listed below:

- SMKA12** Control file
- SMKE19** Non-EU Exports Data file
- SMKI19** Non-EU Imports Data file
- SIAI11** Trader Name and Address file
- SMKX46 & SMKM46** Arrivals and Dispatches Data files
- SESX16 & SESM16** Arrivals and Dispatches Estimate files





# Importers details [www.uktradeinfo.com](http://www.uktradeinfo.com)

## IMPORTERS DETAILS SEARCH RESULTS

107 results returned on following Search Criteria, **Comcode or Commodity: 85081100 Year: 2013**

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Company Name	Comcode	Description	Month Imported	Address
A M ADAMS HOLDINGS LIMITED	85081100	Vacuum cleaners, incl. dry cleaners and wet vacuum cleaners, with self-contained electric motor, power <= 1 5	Jan 2013, Mar 2013, Apr 2013, Jun 2013	FISHLEIGH ROAD
ABB LIMITED	85081100	Vacuum cleaners, incl. dry cleaners and wet vacuum cleaners, with self-contained electric motor, power <= 1 5	Jan 2013	FAO LORNA RUSSELL, COURT
ABSL POWER SOLUTIONS LTD	85081100	Vacuum cleaners, incl. dry cleaners and wet vacuum cleaners, with self-contained electric motor, power <= 1 5	Jul 2013	A E A TECHNOLOGY BA SYSTE
ALAN RAYMOND CHAMBERS	85081100	Vacuum cleaners, incl. dry cleaners and wet vacuum cleaners, with self-contained electric motor, power <= 1 5	Jan 2013	27 SHARNFORD WAY
ARGOS LIMITED	85081100	Vacuum cleaners, incl. dry cleaners and wet vacuum cleaners, with self-contained electric motor, power <= 1 5	Jan 2013, Feb 2013, Mar 2013, Apr 2013, May 2013, Jun 2013, Jul 2013	TAX & TREASURY DEPT
ARNOLD MAGNETIC TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED	85081100	Vacuum cleaners, incl. dry cleaners and wet vacuum cleaners, with self-contained electric motor, power <= 1 5	May 2013	VECTOR 31
ASDA STORES LIMITED	85081100	Vacuum cleaners, incl. dry cleaners and wet vacuum cleaners, with self-contained electric motor, power <= 1 5	Jan 2013, Feb 2013, Mar 2013, Apr 2013, May 2013, Jun 2013, Jul 2013	ASDA HOUSE
AXMINSTER POWER TOOL CENTRE LIMITED	85081100	Vacuum cleaners, incl. dry cleaners and wet vacuum cleaners, with self-contained electric motor, power <= 1 5	May 2013	UNIT 10
B & M RETAIL LIMITED	85081100	Vacuum cleaners, incl. dry cleaners and wet vacuum cleaners, with self-contained electric motor, power <= 1 5	Jan 2013, Feb 2013, Mar 2013, Apr 2013, May 2013, Jun 2013, Jul 2013	B & M BARGINS
B&Q PLC FAO ANTHEA TAYLOR	85081100	Vacuum cleaners, incl. dry cleaners and wet vacuum cleaners, with self-contained electric motor, power <= 1 5	Jan 2013, Feb 2013, Mar 2013, Apr 2013, May 2013, Jul 2013	B&Q HOUSE



Thank You  
Any Questions

