Overview:

After several years of continuous growth marked by a peak of 1,466.1 bln US\$ in 2008, the value of the exports of Germany contracted sharply in 2009 (by 23.1 percent) but bounced back in 2010 by 12.7 percent to amount to 1,271.1 bln US\$, still well below its 2008 level (see table 1 and graph 1). Imports showed a similar development with an increase by 13.7 percent to 1,066.8 bln US\$ in 2010 (see table 2 and graph 1). The trade surplus increased from 189.5 bln US\$ in 2009 to 204.3 bln US\$ in 2010 (see graph 1). This surplus was reflected largely by trade with Developed Europe (+160.9 bln US\$) (see graph 2). Surpluses with Western Asia and Developed North America amounted respectively to 33.7 and 31.8 bln US\$. Trade recorded a deficit of 26.5 bln US\$ with Eastern Asia. In 2010, trade was highly diversified across partners: respectively 22 and 20 major partners accounted for 80 percent of respectively exports and imports (see graph 3).

Graph 1: Total imports, exports and trade balance

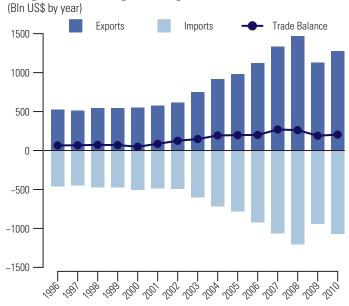


Table 1. Exports by STTC sections											
(Value in million US\$, growth and shares in percentage)											
	Avg. Growth rates (%) 2010										
SITC	SITC 2010 2006-2010 2009-2010										
Total	1271096.3	3.2	12.7	100.0							
0+1	62919.7	7.5	3.6	5.0							
2+4	25 908.6	5.0	33.5	2.0							
3	23 907.1	-4.2	3.3	1.9							
5	187 399.5	4.5	8.9	14.7							
6	165 286.0	0.6	14.4	13.0							
7	584810.1	1.5	16.5	46.0							
8	128 974.5	4.1	8.4	10.1							
9	91 890.8	18.6	5.6	7.2							

Table 1: Exports by SITC sections

Exports Profile:

Nearly half of Germany's exports (46 percent) were composed of machinery and transport equipment (SITC section 7) (see table 1). Other major commodity groups included chemicals and related products, n.e.s. (SITC section 5) and manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (SITC section 6) respectively with 14.7 and 13.0 percent of exports. France, USA and Netherlands were the top three destinations for Germany's exports (see table 4). Over the last three years, major products for exports included motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport (HS code 8703), medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06) (HS code 3004) and parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05 (HS code 8708) (see table 3).

Table 2: Imports by SITC sections

Avg. Growth rates (%) 2010									
		2010							
SITC	2010	2006-2010	2009-2010	share					
Total	1066816.8	3.7	13.7	100.0					
0+1	68 461.7	5.3	2.6	6.4					
2+4	44606.5	5.6	39.7	4.2					
3	121 988.7	2.3	15.9	11.4					
5	134379.0	6.0	11.7	12.6					
6	134 468.1	1.2	24.1	12.6					
7	362 356.8	1.5	17.0	34.0					
8	117 025.8	4.5	6.9	11.0					
9	83 530.0	16.8	-3.6	7.8					

(Value in million LIS\$ growth and shares in percentage)

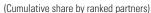
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П	(Value in Simon Cou)									
	HS		Value (billion US\$)			Unit value				
	code 4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2007	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010	Unit	code	
	All Commodities	1 466.1	1127.8	1271.1						
	8703 Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport	140.2	102.4	128.7			<i>18.9</i> th	nsd US\$/unit	781	
	9999 Commodities not specified according to kind	97.0	84.0	84.8					931	
	3004 Medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06)	45.7	44.3	43.9	98.9	95.4	88.0	US\$/kg	542	
	8708 Parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05	45.6	33.1	43.2	10.3	10.6	10.0	US\$/kg	784	
	8802 Other aircraft (for example, helicopters, aeroplanes); spacecraft	22.5	24.0	23.2					792	
	2710 Petroleum oils, other than crude	23.1	12.5	12.4	0.9	0.6	8.0	US\$/kg	334	
	8443 Printing machinery used for printing by means of the printing type, blocks	16.0	13.0	14.0					726	
	3002 Human blood; animal blood prepared for therapeutic uses	11.5	12.4	15.4	1.1	1.1	<i>1.2</i> t	thsd US\$/kg	541	
	8471 Automatic data processing machines and units thereof	14.6	11.6	12.1					752	
	8409 Parts suitable for use with the engines of heading 84	14.4	9.8	12.1	13.7	14.6	13.2	US\$/kg	713	

Source: UN Comtrade

Graph 2: Trade Balance by MDG Regions in 2010







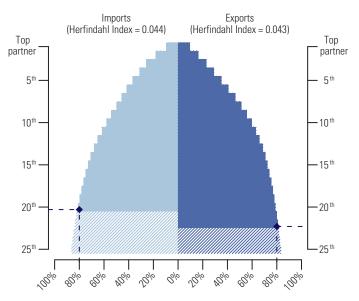


Table 4: Exports by principal countries and SITC sections in 2010

(Value in million US\$, percentages of country total)

		Shares by SITC sections (%)								
Country	Total	0 + 1	2 + 4	3	5	6	7	8	9	Total
World	1271096.3	5.0	2.0	1.9	14.7	13.0	46.0	10.1	7.2	100
France	120169.0	5.2	1.7	0.6	12.1	14.1	48.6	10.6	7.2	100
USA	86847.5	1.8	1.0	0.2	14.9	9.8	59.8	10.0	2.4	100
Netherlands	83780.4	10.3	4.2	4.1	19.6	14.1	26.1	12.3	9.4	100
United Kingdom	78816.3	5.4	1.1	8.0	13.0	12.5	49.6	9.9	7.7	100
Italy	77 482.3	8.6	2.4	0.2	15.3	14.5	43.1	8.7	7.1	100
Austria	71 163.5	6.2	3.2	6.7	9.8	15.1	31.2	14.3	13.7	100
China	71 067.8	0.3	2.1	0.2	7.8	7.2	72.3	6.5	3.5	100
Belgium	61 487.5	4.8	4.7	0.9	36.1	11.6	26.4	8.6	6.9	100
Switzerland	55803.1	3.0	1.5	6.2	15.5	16.8	31.4	16.6	9.0	100
Poland	50 420.6	6.0	2.0	3.2	14.5	20.5	34.2	11.2	8.5	100

Imports Profile:

In 2010, Germany's imports were composed of 34.0 percent of machinery and transport equipment (SITC section 7) and 12.6 percent each of chemicals and related products, n.e.s. (SITC section 5) and manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (SITC section 6) (see table 2). From 2008 to 2010, top products for imports were petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude (HS code 2709), motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport (HS code 8703) and petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons (HS code 2711) (see table 5).

Table 5: Top 10 import commodities 2008 to 2010

(Value in billion US\$)

HS		Vali	S\$)	Unit value				SITC	
code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2007	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010	Unit	code
Al	I Commodities	1204.2	938.4	1066.8					
9999 Cd	ommodities not specified according to kind	105.9	82.0	77.2					931
2709 Pe	troleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude	79.1	43.4	52.6	0.7	0.4	0.6	US\$/kg	333
8703 M	otor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport	43.7	39.0	35.2			<i>16.8</i> tl	nsd US\$/un	it 781
2711 Pe	troleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	43.6	34.1	32.7	0.5	0.4	0.4	US\$/kg	343
8708 Pa	irts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05	29.6	22.4	27.1	8.0	8.3	8.0	US\$/kg	784
2710 Pe	troleum oils, other than crude	27.8	18.0	26.0	0.9	0.6	0.7	US\$/kg	334
3004 M	edicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06)	19.2	20.5	21.9	96.6	105.0 i	105.1	US\$/kg	542
8471 Au	stomatic data processing machines and units thereof	21.0	17.0	20.3					752
8802 01	her aircraft (for example, helicopters, aeroplanes); spacecraft	14.1	15.3	16.3					792
8541 Di	odes, transistors and similar semiconductor devices	10.6	11.0	18.3					776

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