

# Syrian Arab Republic

## Imports: CIF, by consignment

## Exports: FOB, by last known destination

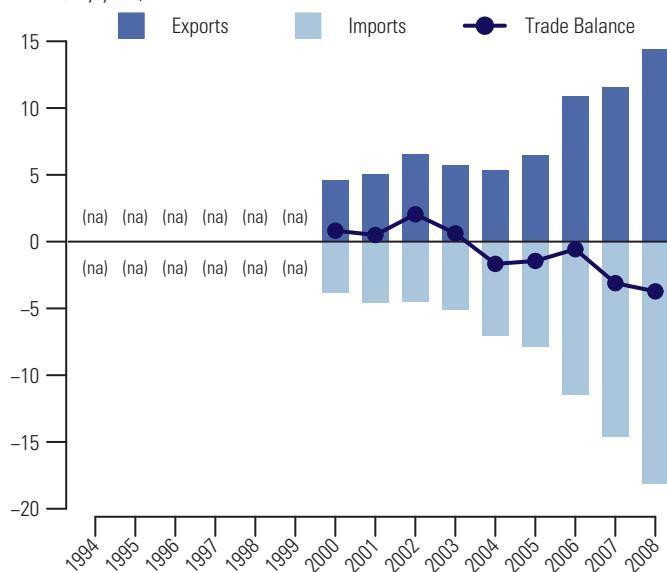
## Trade System: Special

### Overview:

From 2004 to 2008, exports of Syrian Arab Republic increased on average by 27.8 percent each year to 14.4 bln US\$ (see table 1 and graph 1). During the same period, imports increased on average by 26.6 percent each year to 18.1 bln US\$ (see table 2 and graph 1). Trade deficit more than doubled to 3.7 bln US\$ in 2008 compared to 1.7 bln US\$ in 2004 (see graph 1). Large deficits were recorded with the Commonwealth of Independent States (-4.2 bln US\$) and Eastern Asia (-2.8 bln US\$) (see graph 2). Large surpluses were recorded with Western Asia (+4.3 bln US\$) and Northern Africa (+0.6 bln US\$). Trade, especially imports, was diversified across partners: in 2008, 19 major partners accounted for 80 percent of imports compared to 11 major partners for exports (see graph 3).

### Graph 1: Total imports, exports and trade balance

(Bln US\$ by year)



### Exports Profile:

In 2008, exports of the Syrian Arab Republic were composed of 38.6 percent of mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (SITC section 3), 20.8 percent of food, live animals, beverages and tobacco (SITC sections 0+1) and 17.6 percent of manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (SITC section 6) (see table 1). Iraq, Germany and Lebanon were the top three markets in 2008 (see table 4). From 2006 to 2008, top exported products included petroleum oils, crude (HS code 2709), petroleum oils, other than crude (HS code 2710) and woven fabrics of synthetic filament yarn (HS code 5407) (see table 3).

Table 1: Exports by SITC sections

(Value in million US\$, growth and shares in percentage)

SITC	2008	Avg. Growth rates (%)		2008 share
		2004-2008	2007-2008	
Total	14 380.0	27.8	24.5	100.0
0+1	2 984.2	41.5	41.8	20.8
2+4	730.5	25.7	49.0	5.1
3	5 546.9	11.1	16.9	38.6
5	750.4	75.4	22.3	5.2
6	2 532.5	66.5	70.1	17.6
7	665.7	93.7	17.2	4.6
8	992.0	58.3	-30.5	6.9
9	177.8	18.4	64.5	1.2

Table 2: Imports by SITC sections

(Value in million US\$, growth and shares in percentage)

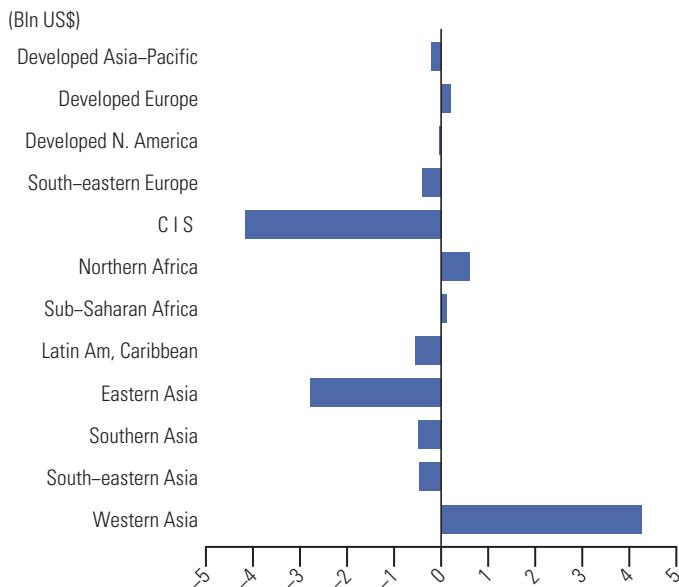
SITC	2008	Avg. Growth rates (%)		2008 share
		2004-2008	2007-2008	
Total	18 104.7	26.6	23.5	100.0
0+1	2 155.7	20.1	35.2	11.9
2+4	935.0	18.9	41.0	5.2
3	5 691.5	82.2	19.0	31.4
5	2 186.4	22.4	32.4	12.1
6	4 620.8	26.1	47.2	25.5
7	2 075.7	5.3	-15.2	11.5
8	219.3	8.8	31.1	1.2
9	220.3	-12.8	7.1	1.2

Table 3: Top 10 export commodities 2006 to 2008

(Value in million US\$)

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2002	Value (million US\$)			Unit value			SITC code
		2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	
All Commodities.....		10 919.4	11 545.7	14 380.0				
2709 Petroleum oils, crude.....		3 666.6	3 986.0	4 708.8	0.5	0.5	0.6	333
2710 Petroleum oils, other than crude.....		736.4	753.2	836.7	0.5	0.6	0.7	334
5407 Woven fabrics of synthetic filament yarn.....		338.2	461.9	447.8	1.9	2.5	2.9	653
9999 Commodities not specified according to kind.....		759.7	108.1	177.7				931
2202 Waters with added sugar.....		42.2	72.1	843.5	0.2	0.4	0.5	111
5205 Cotton yarn (other than sewing thread), containing 85 % or more.....		124.2	213.2	608.2	0.5	4.1	3.2	651
8544 Insulated (including enamelled or anodised) wire, cable.....		218.9	261.1	350.0	4.9	5.4	5.6	773
0104 Live sheep and goats.....		266.1	256.3	236.2				001
3402 Organic surface-active agents (other than soap).....		243.2	218.3	292.7	0.9	1.0	1.2	554
8418 Refrigerators, freezers and other refrigerating or freezing equipment.....		250.2	216.5	211.7				775

Graph 2: Trade Balance by MDG Regions in 2008



Graph 3: Partner concentration of trade in 2008

(Cumulative share by ranked partners)

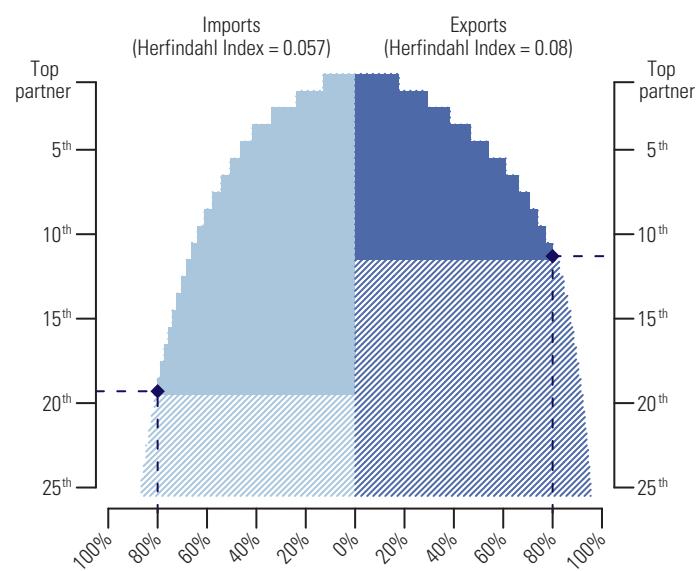


Table 4: Exports by principal countries and SITC sections in 2008

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

Country	Total	Shares by SITC sections (%)									
		0 + 1	2 + 4	3	5	6	7	8	9	Total	
World.....	14 380.0	20.8	5.1	38.6	5.2	17.6	4.6	6.9	1.2	100	
Iraq.....	2 557.6	64.2	0.3	0.0	5.7	12.1	15.3	2.1	0.3	100	
Germany.....	1 640.6	0.7	0.2	96.5	0.1	1.6	0.1	0.8	...	100	
Lebanon.....	1 335.7	19.7	9.5	0.1	21.1	41.5	2.6	5.5	0.0	100	
Italy.....	1 190.5	0.6	3.1	90.0	0.2	5.4	0.5	0.2	...	100	
Saudi Arabia.....	1 028.3	37.9	3.6	...	4.7	18.0	6.2	27.8	1.8	100	
France.....	1 022.2	0.3	0.4	97.8	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.7	...	100	
Egypt.....	730.4	14.8	5.1	...	2.7	72.1	2.0	3.3	0.0	100	
Turkey.....	635.4	3.3	11.5	73.8	2.7	5.9	0.6	2.1	0.1	100	
Algeria.....	496.6	3.3	0.8	0.3	5.6	60.1	1.3	28.6	...	100	
Jordan.....	445.7	37.8	3.8	...	4.6	28.1	16.9	8.1	0.6	100	

#### Imports Profile:

In 2008, imports of the Syrian Arab Republic were composed of 31.4 percent of mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (SITC section 3), 25.5 percent of manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (SITC section 6) and 12.1 percent of chemical and related products, n.e.s. (SITC section 5) (see table 2). From 2006 to 2008, top imported products included petroleum oils, other than crude (HS code 2710), motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport (HS code 8703) and semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel (HS code 7207) (see table 5).

Table 5: Top 10 import commodities 2006 to 2008

(Value in million US\$)

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2002	Value (million US\$)			Unit value			SITC code
		2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	
All Commodities.....		11 488.3	14 655.1	18 104.7				
2710 Petroleum oils, other than crude.....		2 799.0	4 318.1	5 363.2	0.6	0.6	0.8	US\$/kg 334
8703 Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport.....		622.1	644.2	541.5	12.8	12.7	13.6	thsd US\$/unit 781
7207 Semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel.....		175.6	418.3	1 128.3	0.4	0.6	0.6	US\$/kg 672
1701 Cane or beet sugar and pure sucrose, in solid form.....		255.1	341.2	314.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	US\$/kg 061
3901 Polymers of ethylene, in primary forms.....		155.4	336.3	343.1	1.3	1.7	1.6	US\$/kg 571
2711 Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons.....		127.1	264.8	322.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	US\$/kg 343
1005 Maize (corn).....		182.8	240.6	258.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	US\$/kg 044
7408 Copper wire.....		130.6	200.7	320.4	5.4	7.5	7.7	US\$/kg 682
9999 Commodities not specified according to kind.....		224.2	205.8	220.2				931
7208 Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel.....		98.7	216.4	325.3	0.5	0.6	0.7	US\$/kg 673