Overview:

In 2012, the value of exports of Algeria dropped by 2.1 percent to reach 71.9 bln US\$ (see table 1 and graph 1). The last five years showed an average annual decrease of 2.4 percent in exports, while imports registered an average annual growth of 4.7 percent (see tables 1 and 2 and graph 1). Imports increased by 0.6 percent in 2012 and reached 47.5 bln US\$. The trade balance registered a surplus of 24.4 bln US\$ in 2012. By MDG regions, trade recorded surpluses with Developed Europe (+16.3 bln US\$), Developed North America (+13.7 bln US\$) and Northern Africa (+1.6 bln US\$) (see graph 2). A deficit of 4.3 bln US\$ was recorded with Eastern Asia. Compared to imports, exports were less diversified among partners: in 2012, 10 major partners accounted for 80 percent of exports (compared to 19 major partners for imports) (see graph 3).

Graph 1: Total imports, exports and trade balance

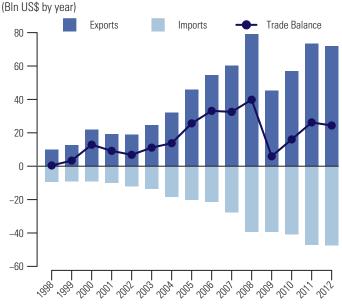


Table 1: Exports by SITC sections										
(Value in million US\$, growth and shares in percentage)										
		Avg. Growth rates (%)								
SITC	2012	2008-2012	2011-2012	share						
Total	71865.7	-2.4	-2.1	100.0						
0+1	308.4	28.0	-11.0	0.4						
2+4	180.0	-20.6	0.7	0.3						
3	70716.2	-2.4	-2.1	98.4						
5	507.7	0.1	6.2	0.7						
6	130.1	-21.1	-33.7	0.2						
7	15.4	-20.0	-8.6	0.0						
8	7.9	-12.4	29.6	0.0						

Exports Profile:

In 2012, mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (SITC section 3) continued to represent the largest commodity group in Algeria's exports, with a share of 98.4 percent (see table 1), although its value decreased by 2.1 percent to 70.7 bln US\$ with respect to the previous year. The top three markets for exports were Italy, USA and Spain with a combined share of 41.9 percent of total exports (see table 4). From 2010 to 2012, the main export products were petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude (HS code 2709), petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons (HS code 2711) and petroleum oils, other than crude (HS code 2710) (see table 3).

Table 2: Imports by SITC sections

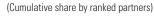
(Value in million US\$, growth and shares in percentage)								
	Avg. Growth rates (%)							
SITC	2012	2008-2012	share					
Total	47 484.1	4.7	0.6	100.0				
0+1	8946.9	3.9	-8.2	18.8				
2+4	1 980.8	5.1	2.2	4.2				
3	1992.7	38.9	85.3	4.2				
5	5880.9	8.5	9.2	12.4				
6	9070.8	-0.6	-3.0	19.1				
7	17628.2	4.9	0.1	37.1				
8	1975.3	6.1	-6.8	4.2				
9	8.6	30.3	1923.4	0.0				

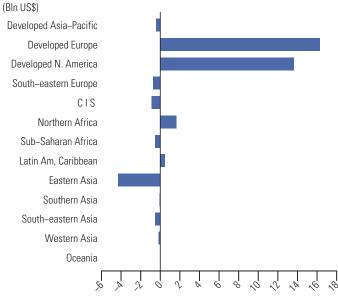
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	(Value in million US\$)								
	HS	Valu	Unit value				SITC		
	code 4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2007	2010	2011	2012	2010 2	2011 2	2012	Unit	code
	All Commodities	57 051.0	73 436.3	71865.7					
	2709 Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude	24779.4	35027.5	32879.4	0.6	0.8	0.9	US\$/kg	333
	2711 Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	22 461.9	25278.8	27 001.3	0.2	0.4		US\$/kg	343
	2710 Petroleum oils, other than crude	8282.0	11070.6	9921.6	0.7	0.9	0.9	US\$/kg	334
	2707 Oils and other products of high temperature coal tar	558.4	835.4	909.0	0.7	1.7	1.4	US\$/kg	335
	2814 Ammonia, anhydrous or in aqueous solution	195.9	371.2	420.8	0.4	0.5	0.6	US\$/kg	522
	1701 Cane or beet sugar and chemically pure sucrose, in solid form	231.4	265.0	208.0	0.6	8.0	0.7	US\$/kg	061
	2510 Natural calcium phosphates	44.0	128.3	152.9	0.1	0.1	0.1	US\$/kg	272
	7901 Unwrought zinc	61.4	36.2	14.8	2.2	2.1	2.0	US\$/kg	686
	2804 Hydrogen, rare gases and other non-metals	43.4	39.2	26.2					522
	2905 Acyclic alcohols and their derivatives	27.6	41.7	34.0	0.3	0.3	0.4	US\$/kg	512
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Graph 2: Trade Balance by MDG Regions in 2012







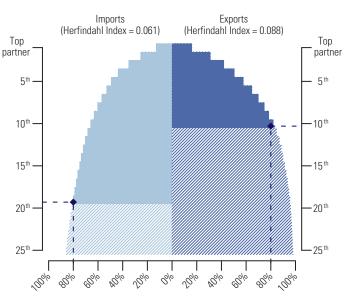


Table 4: Exports by principal countries and SITC sections in 2012

(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	71865.7	0.4	0.3	98.4	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.0		100
Italy	11512.6	0.2	0.1	99.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0		100
USA	10778.2	0.0	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		100
Spain	7809.4	0.2	0.1	96.5	3.1	0.1	0.0	0.0		100
France	6124.2	0.3	0.2	97.7	1.7	0.1	0.0	0.0		100
Netherlands	5 2 5 6 . 7	0.1	0.3	99.6		0.0	0.0	0.0		100
Canada	5082.1	0.1	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		100
United Kingdom	3668.1	0.2	0.0	99.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		100
Brazil	3 3 9 5 . 5	0.0	0.4	99.6		0.0				100
Turkey	2624.6	0.0	0.0	99.5	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0		100
China	2596.7	0.0	0.0	99.7	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0		100

Imports Profile:

Machinery and transport equipment (SITC section 7) accounted for 37.1 percent of imported goods in 2012 (see table 2). Other major commodity groups were manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (SITC section 6) and food, live animals, beverages and tobacco (SITC sections 0+1), respectively with a share of 19.1 and 18.8 percent of imports. From 2010 to 2012, the top three imported products were motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport (HS code 8703), wheat and meslin (HS code 1001) and motor vehicles for the transport of goods (HS code 8704) (see table 5).

(Value in million US\$)

(value in million	022)								
HS		Valu	ue (million US	S\$)		Ur	it valu	е	SITC
code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2007	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	Unit	code
All Commo	dities	40 999.9	47 219.7	47 484.1					
8703 Motor cars	and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport	1 455.7	2108.5	3908.7	8.5	9.4	9.9tl	hsd US\$/unit	781
1001 Wheat and	meslin	1251.6	2846.9	2129.0	0.2	0.4	0.3	US\$/kg	041
8704 Motor vehic	cles for the transport of goods	1303.6	1568.1	2205.5	14.2	7.9	<i>0.7</i> tl	hsd US\$/unit	782
7214 Other bars	and rods of iron or non-alloy steel	1093.9	1816.2	2098.4	0.6	0.7	0.7	US\$/kg	676
3004 Medicamer	nts (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06)	1459.4	1618.2	1754.8	69.8	<i>75.8</i>	54.9	US\$/kg	542
0402 Milk and cr	eam, concentrated or containing added sugar	903.1	1363.2	1093.4	3.4	4.1	3.6	US\$/kg	022
7304 Tubes, pipe	es and hollow profiles, seamless, of iron (other than cast iron)	2015.7	701.5	308.5	3.2	4.1	3.1	US\$/kg	679
1701 Cane or bee	et sugar and chemically pure sucrose, in solid form	646.4	1118.1	960.9	0.5	0.7	0.6	US\$/kg	061
1005 Maize (corr	1)	637.7	998.5	941.9	0.2	0.3	0.3	US\$/kg	044
	pils, other than crude	327.0	488.6	1569.7	0.7	1.1	1.0	US\$/kg	334

Source: UN Comtrade