

# Kuwait

**Imports: CIF, by origin**

**Exports: FOB, by last known destination**

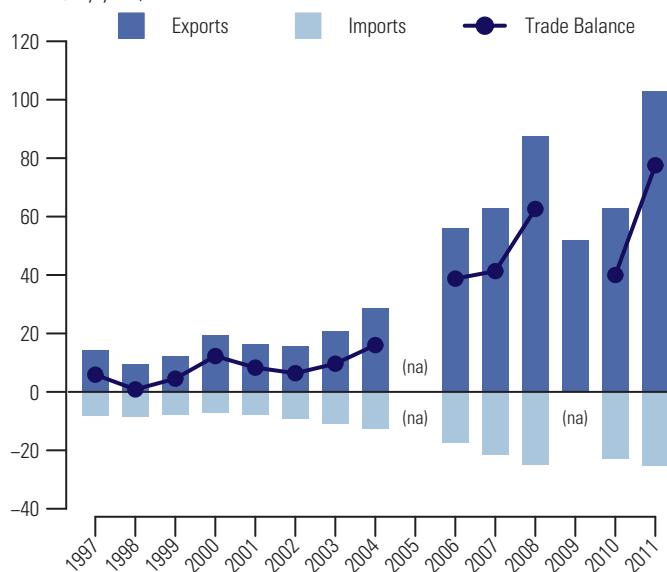
**Trade System: Special**

## Overview:

From 2007 to 2011, Kuwait's exports increased on average by 13.1 percent each year to amount to 102.7 bln US\$ in 2011 (see table 1 and graph 1). During the same period, imports increased on average by 4.2 percent each year to reach 25.1 bln US\$ (see table 2 and graph 1). The trade balance recorded a surplus of 77.6 bln US\$ in 2011 as compared to 41.3 bln US\$ in 2007 (see graph 1). The trade balance by MDG regions (see graph 2) does not reflect Kuwait's surplus in 2011 since 94.8 percent of exports are reported with non-specified partner countries (Areas, nes) (see table 4).

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

(Bln US\$ by year)



## Exports Profile:

In 2011, the majority of exports (94.8 percent) was composed of mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (SITC section 3) (see table 1). Excluding exports to non-specified areas, major destinations for exports in 2011 included China, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates (see table 4). From 2009 to 2011, top exported products were petroleum oils, crude (HS code 2709), petroleum oils, other than crude (HS code 2710) and petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons (HS code 2711) (see table 3).

**Table 1: Exports by SITC sections**

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

SITC	2011	Avg. Growth rates (%)		2011 share
		2007-2011	2010-2011	
Total	102695.8	13.1	63.8	100.0
0+1	280.7	19.8	31.3	0.3
2+4	256.0	12.0	28.7	0.2
3	97398.6	13.3	67.5	94.8
5	3229.9	18.9	22.4	3.1
6	488.0	9.1	14.8	0.5
7	782.6	-7.9	-6.9	0.8
8	254.6	18.4	13.7	0.2
9	5.3	7.3	77.3	0.0

**Table 2: Imports by SITC sections**

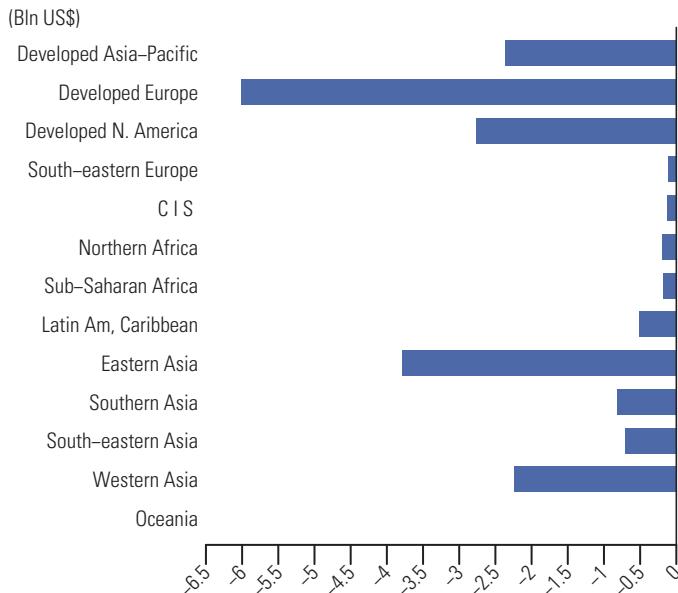
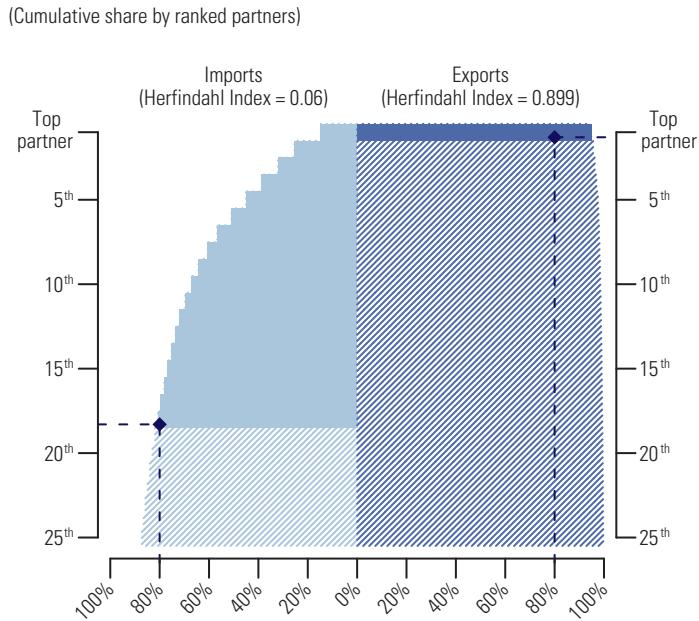
(Value in million US\$, growth and shares in percentage)

SITC	2011	Avg. Growth rates (%)		2011 share
		2007-2011	2010-2011	
Total	25142.0	4.2	10.8	100.0
0+1	4020.5	10.9	19.9	16.0
2+4	543.7	6.3	37.2	2.2
3	158.0	7.0	-4.9	0.6
5	2602.4	11.5	18.4	10.4
6	4717.6	-0.9	18.7	18.8
7	9460.6	1.5	-3.1	37.6
8	3271.0	6.6	20.9	13.0
9	368.1	32.5	176.2	1.5

**Table 3: Top 10 export commodities 2009 to 2011**

(Value in million US\$)

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2002	Value (million US\$)			Unit value			SITC code
		2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	
All Commodities.....		51936.6	62698.2	102695.8				
2709 Petroleum oils, crude.....		29658.9	36853.0	68810.9				333
2710 Petroleum oils, other than crude.....		15651.6	18698.8	25273.8				334
2711 Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons.....		1571.8	2588.4	3308.8				343
3901 Polymers of ethylene, in primary forms.....		2201.8	738.1	619.9	1.3	0.9	1.0	571
2905 Acyclic alcohols and their derivatives.....		4.3	600.4	866.9	0.5	0.6	1.1	512
3102 Mineral or chemical fertilisers, nitrogenous.....		194.7	293.3	444.0	0.3	0.2	0.4	562
3921 Other plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of plastics.....		28.0	12.1	886.8	1.9	2.5	1.6	582
8703 Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport.....		400.0	271.7	199.2	14.0	12.3	17.8thsd US\$/unit	781
3902 Polymers of propylene or of other olefins, in primary forms.....		80.8	487.0	68.5	1.0	0.9	0.9	575
3903 Polymers of styrene, in primary forms.....		47.3	352.3	186.4	1.3	1.1	0.9	572

**Graph 2: Trade Balance by MDG Regions in 2011****Graph 3: Partner concentration of trade in 2011****Table 4: Exports by principal countries and SITC sections in 2011**

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

Country	Total	Shares by SITC sections (%)										Total
		0 + 1	2 + 4	3	5	6	7	8	9	Total		
World.....	102695.8	0.3	0.2	94.8	3.1	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.0	100		
Areas, nes.....	97365.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	...	...	...	0.0	...	100		
China.....	829.8	0.0	0.7	0.0	96.7	0.3	2.2	0.0	...	100		
Saudi Arabia.....	688.5	20.7	0.9	0.6	8.3	38.8	24.8	5.8	...	100		
United Arab Emirates.....	686.1	7.4	2.6	2.2	22.0	11.4	32.6	21.1	0.8	100		
India.....	638.9	0.2	23.9	0.3	74.1	0.8	0.5	0.2	...	100		
Pakistan.....	247.1	0.0	12.4	0.3	86.1	1.0	0.1	0.2	...	100		
Turkey.....	228.1	0.0	0.3	...	98.1	0.7	0.8	0.0	...	100		
Rep. of Korea.....	188.7	0.0	1.6	0.0	96.3	0.0	2.0	0.0	...	100		
USA.....	187.6	0.2	1.0	0.0	96.3	0.3	1.8	0.4	...	100		
Thailand.....	146.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.2	0.2	0.6	0.0	...	100		

**Imports Profile:**

In 2011, imports were composed of 37.6 percent machinery and transport equipment (SITC section 7), 18.8 percent manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (SITC section 6) and 16.0 percent food, live animals, beverages and tobacco (SITC sections 0+1) (see table 2). From 2010 to 2011, top imported products were motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport (except buses) (HS code 8703), transmission apparatus for radio-telephony, radio-broadcasting (HS code 8525) and medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06) (HS code 3004) (see table 5).

**Table 5: Top 10 import commodities 2009 to 2011**

(Value in million US\$)

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2002	Value (million US\$)			Unit value			SITC code
		2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	
All Commodities.....		...	22691.4	25142.0				
8703 Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport.....		...	2650.5	2767.3	23.9	23.4	thsd US\$/unit	781
8525 Transmission apparatus for radio-telephony, radio-broadcasting.....		...	562.2	964.5	157.8	209.2	US\$/unit	764
3004 Medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06).....		...	550.3	634.4	93.4	106.2	US\$/kg	542
8411 Turbo-jets, turbo-propellers and other gas turbines.....		...	646.1	277.2				714
8419 Machinery, plant or laboratory equipment.....		...	390.8	458.5				741
8471 Automatic data processing machines and units thereof.....		...	335.3	391.2	170.3	251.2	US\$/unit	752
8544 Insulated (including enamelled or anodised) wire, cable.....		...	340.0	352.3	7.6	6.5	US\$/kg	773
7304 Tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, seamless, of iron (other than cast iron).....		...	179.1	462.6	1.4	1.4	US\$/kg	679
7113 Articles of jewellery and parts thereof, of precious metal.....		...	266.0	360.3	34.7	0.0	thsd US\$/kg	897
8431 Parts suitable for use principally with the machinery of headings 84.25.....		...	318.9	249.1	13.7	14.3	US\$/kg	723