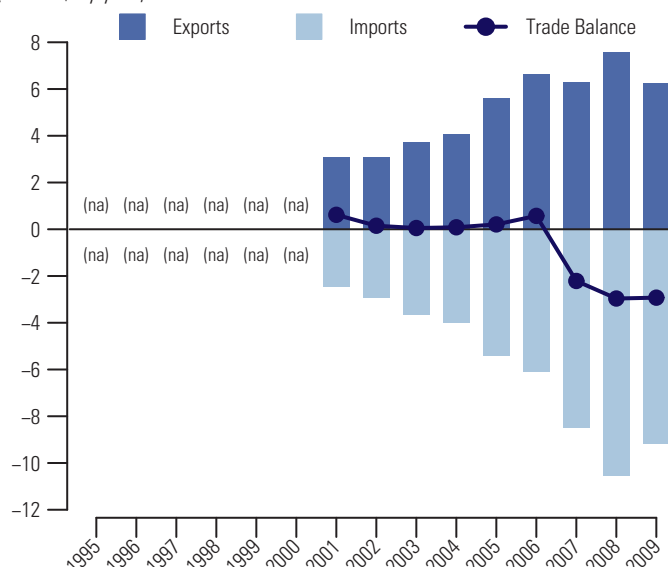


Overview:

After a peak of 7.6 bln US\$ in 2008, the value of the exports of Yemen dropped by 17.5 percent in 2009 to 6.3 bln US\$ (see table 1 and graph 1). Imports showed a similar development with a decline by 12.9 percent in 2009 to 9.2 bln US\$ (see table 2 and graph 1). The trade balance recorded a deficit of 2.9 bln US\$ in 2009, slightly below the deficit in 2008 of 3.0 bln US\$ (see graph 1). By MDG regions, trade recorded deficits with Developed Europe (-1.7 bln US\$), Western Asia (-1.6 bln US\$) and Developed North America (-0.6 bln US\$) (see graph 2). However, surpluses were recorded with South-eastern Asia (+1.0 bln US\$), Southern Asia (+0.8 bln US\$) and Eastern Asia (+0.5 bln US\$) among others. Compared to exports, imports were more diversified across partners: 6 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

(Bln US\$ by year)

**Exports Profile:**

In 2009, exports of mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (SITC section 3), which accounted for 89.5 percent of Yemen's exports, dropped by 16.8 percent. Other major commodity groups included food, live animals, beverages and tobacco (SITC sections 0+1) and machinery and transport equipment (SITC section 7), which accounted respectively for 5.8 and 2.3 percent of exports and declined by 4.2 and 57.9 percent in 2009. Top markets for exports in 2009 were China, India and Thailand (see table 4). From 2007 to 2009, major exported products were petroleum oils, crude (HS code 2709), petroleum oils, other than crude (HS code 2710) and oils and other products of high temperature coal tar (HS code 2707) (see table 3).

Table 1: Exports by SITC sections

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

SITC	2009	Avg. Growth rates (%)		2009 share
		2005-2009	2008-2009	
Total	6 259.0	2.8	-17.5	100.0
0+1	365.9	10.9	-4.2	5.8
2+4	25.6	8.1	6.1	0.4
3	5 599.7	2.0	-16.8	89.5
5	37.6	24.7	13.7	0.6
6	53.5	31.1	56.8	0.9
7	145.0	8.7	-57.9	2.3
8	21.3	14.3	-42.4	0.3
9	10.4	-24.2	7886.8	0.2

Table 2: Imports by SITC sections

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

SITC	2009	Avg. Growth rates (%)		2009 share
		2005-2009	2008-2009	
Total	9 184.8	14.2	-12.9	100.0
0+1	2 433.8	15.1	-0.4	26.5
2+4	209.8	2.4	-12.8	2.3
3	1 922.3	16.5	-36.7	20.9
5	634.4	7.8	-5.2	6.9
6	1 234.6	10.7	-4.1	13.4
7	2 147.8	17.2	-12.2	23.4
8	587.1	14.0	55.8	6.4
9	15.1	116.5	-66.8	0.2

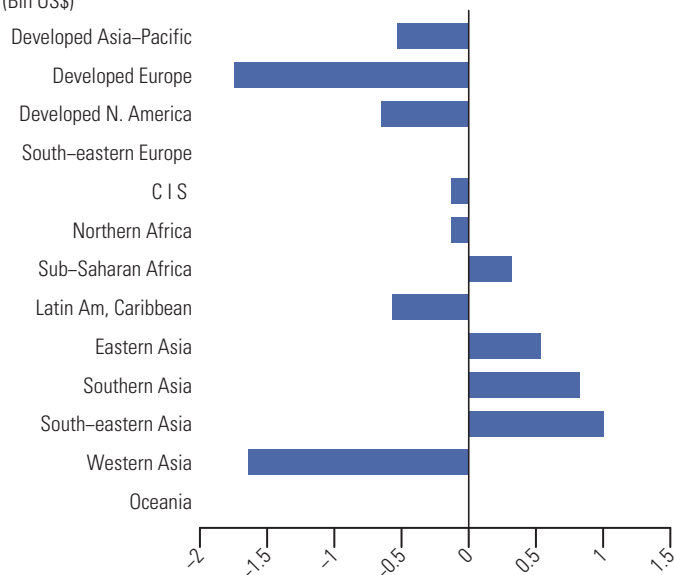
Table 3: Top 10 export commodities 2007 to 2009

(Value in million US\$)

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2002	Value (million US\$)			Unit value				SITC code
		2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	Unit	
	All Commodities.....	6 298.9	7 583.8	6 259.0					
2709	Petroleum oils, crude.....	4 972.8	5 879.9	5 034.5	0.5	0.7	0.4	US\$/kg	333
2710	Petroleum oils, other than crude.....	592.4	755.1	464.0	0.5	0.7	0.6	US\$/kg	334
2707	Oils and other products of high temperature coal tar.....	132.7	93.9	34.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	US\$/kg	335
0302	Fish, fresh or chilled, excluding fish fillets.....	72.8	72.3	82.2	1.5	1.0	1.9	US\$/kg	034
0303	Fish, frozen, excluding fish fillets.....	47.7	62.1	47.1	1.4	1.3	1.2	US\$/kg	034
8703	Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport.....	18.2	77.1	35.3	9.3	0.8	18.8	thsd US\$/unit	781
0307	Molluscs, whether in shell or not.....	28.9	44.7	38.7	3.0	2.9	2.2	US\$/kg	036
2402	Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes.....	25.6	18.3	24.4	5.0	5.0	5.0	US\$/kg	122
2711	Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons.....	0.1	...	66.2	0.5		0.2	US\$/kg	343
8430	Other moving, grading, levelling, scraping, excavating, tamping, compacting.....	2.8	56.3	5.7	5.4	1.2	127.1	thsd US\$/unit	723

Graph 2: Trade Balance by MDG Regions in 2009

(Bln US\$)



Graph 3: Partner concentration of trade in 2009

(Cumulative share by ranked partners)

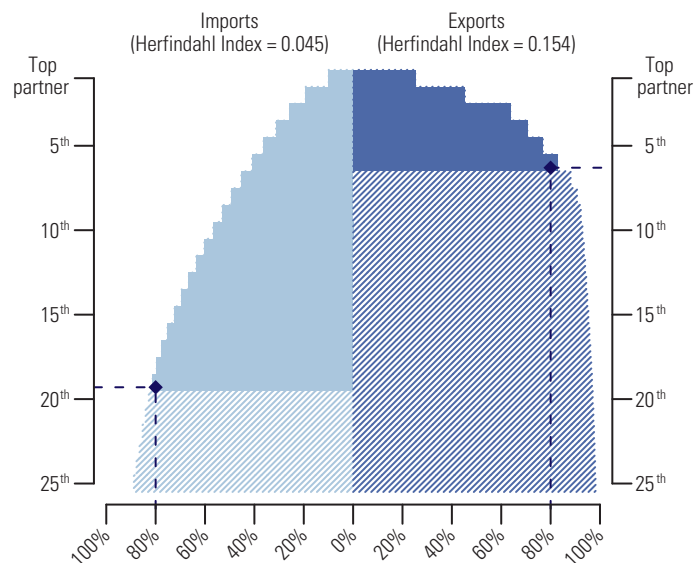


Table 4: Exports by principal countries and SITC sections in 2009

(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		
World.....	6259.0	5.8	0.4	89.5	0.6	0.9	2.3	0.3	0.2	100	
China.....	1577.8	0.9	0.0	98.0	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	100	
India.....	1259.8	0.2	0.1	99.2	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	...	100	
Thailand.....	1148.9	1.0	0.0	98.8	...	0.0	0.2	0.0	...	100	
Singapore.....	432.4	0.1	0.0	96.4	...	0.3	3.1	0.0	0.1	100	
South Africa.....	393.7	0.1	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	100	
United Arab Emirates.....	361.8	2.4	1.5	93.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.3	2.3	100	
Japan.....	341.9	0.9	0.0	85.9	0.0	0.0	13.1	0.1	...	100	
Saudi Arabia.....	162.6	90.6	2.7	0.1	0.5	4.2	0.1	1.7	0.0	100	
Kuwait.....	96.7	0.9	0.1	98.3	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.1	...	100	
Somalia.....	41.8	56.8	3.9	0.2	34.5	1.5	0.0	3.1	...	100	

Imports Profile:

Yemen's imports of food, live animals, beverages and tobacco (SITC sections 0+1) decreased slightly by 0.4 and accounted for 26.5 percent of imported goods. Other major commodity groups included machinery and transport equipment (SITC section 7) and mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (SITC section 3); they accounted respectively for 23.4 and 20.9 percent of imports. From 2007 to 2009, top products for imports were petroleum oils, other than crude (HS code 2710), wheat and meslin (HS code 1001) and motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport (HS code 8703) (see table 5).

Table 5: Top 10 import commodities 2007 to 2009

(Value in million US\$)

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2002	Value (million US\$)			Unit value			SITC code
		2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	
All Commodities.....		8510.7	10546.2	9184.8				
2710 Petroleum oils, other than crude.....		1819.2	3023.2	1911.5	0.6	0.7	0.5	US\$/kg 334
1001 Wheat and meslin.....		671.9	955.7	735.6	0.3	0.4	0.3	US\$/kg 041
8703 Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport.....		370.6	524.0	593.2	10.1	12.1	12.9	thsd US\$/unit 781
1006 Rice.....		155.4	250.3	303.8	0.4	0.8	0.7	US\$/kg 042
7214 Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel.....		197.9	195.4	296.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	US\$/kg 676
1701 Cane or beet sugar and pure sucrose, in solid form.....		201.0	203.2	245.6	0.3	0.3	0.4	US\$/kg 061
3004 Medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06).....		198.7	218.7	220.9	10.7	12.2	21.4	US\$/kg 542
0402 Milk and cream, concentrated or containing added sugar.....		157.6	169.6	132.2	3.2	4.3	2.6	US\$/kg 022
8704 Motor vehicles for the transport of goods.....		128.9	150.4	174.6	18.8	23.6	34.2	thsd US\$/unit 782
0207 Meat and edible offal, of the poultry of heading 01.05.....		129.2	123.7	172.0	1.4	1.7	1.6	US\$/kg 012