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## ***New record import and export levels***

In October the value of the export of goods was much higher than in October 1999. Imports and exports have never been higher. The latest trade figures by Statistics Netherlands show that imports increased by 24% on October 1999 to a total amount of 43 billion guilders (19 billion euro). Exports were up 21% than a year ago, totalling 45 billion guilders (21 billion euro). The increases were in the same vein as the average for the first nine months of this year. The fast growing Dutch trade is mainly due to price increases. Trade with countries outside the EU increased faster in October than trade within the EU. This was also the case in previous months.

The trade balance for the first 10 months of 2000 was positive, worth 25 billion guilders or 11 billion euro.

### ***Trade with the EU***

In October 2000 the Netherlands imported 23 billion guilders or 10 billion euro worth from EU countries, up 13% on October 1999. In the first nine months of 2000 Imports from EU-countries likewise increased by 13% on the corresponding months in 1999.

Exports to the EU-countries were up 18% on October last year, and amounted to 34 billion guilders (16 billion euro). In the first nine months of 2000 exports rose by 20% on the corresponding months in 1999.

The trade balance with the EU-member states was positive in the first 10 months of 2000, worth 105 billion guilders (48 billion euro).

Substantial increase in trade with non-EU-countries

In October 2000 the Netherlands imported 20 billion guilders (9 billion euro) worth of goods from countries outside the EU, up 39% on October 1999. In the first nine months of 2000 imports increased by 30%. Fastest percentage growth in imports was with Australia.

Exports to non-EU countries were up 31% on October last year, and worth 11 billion guilders or 5 billion euro. In the first nine months of 2000 exports here increased by 26%. Exports to Asia grew particularly fast. The trade balance with countries outside the EU was negative, worth 80 billion guilders or 37 billion euro.

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**Imports and exports, totals 1996-2000-12-2000,  
imports exports trade balance**

**In- en uitvoer, totalen 1996-2000 (in billion GULDERS)**

	Invoer	Uitvoer	Handels- overschot
	mld. gld.		
1996	308.4	338.8	30.5
1997	346.9	377.8	30.8
1998	371.2	398.3	27.1
1999	393.8	415.6	21.8
January	29.1	30.4	1.4
Februari	29.3	30.6	1.2
March	35.1	37.7	2.5
April	31.3	32.8	1.4
May	30.9	31.9	1.1
June	33.5	35.6	2.1
July	31.8	32.7	0.9
August	29.7	30.9	1.2
September	35.3	37.4	2.2
October	34.5	37.4	2.9
November	36.6	39.2	2.5
December	36.7	39.1	2.4
<b>2000*</b>			
January	33.6	35.6	2.0
February	36.7	39.0	2.3
March	40.5	43.7	3.2
April	36.3	38.1	1.7
May	40.5	43.4	2.8
June	39.4	41.5	2.1
July*	36.6	38.5	1.9
August*	37.0	40.2	3.2
September*	41.7	44.5	2.8
October*	42.7	45.3	2.6

\* Voorlopige cijfers/preliminary figures

**Bron/Source: CBS/ Statistics Netherlands**

***In- en uitvoer, totalen 1996-2000 (in billion EUROS)***

	Invoer	Uitvoer	Handels- overschot
	mld. euro		
1996	139.9	153.8	13.8
1997	157.4	171.4	14.0
1998	168.4	180.7	12.3
1999	178.7	188.6	9.9
Januari	13.2	13.8	0.6
Februari	13.3	13.9	0.6
Maart	15.9	17.1	1.2
April	14.2	14.9	0.6
Mei	14.0	14.5	0.5
Juni	15.2	16.2	0.9
Juli	14.4	14.8	0.4
Augustus	13.5	14.0	0.5
September	16.0	17.0	1.0
Oktober	15.6	17.0	1.3
November	16.6	17.8	1.2
December	16.7	17.7	1.1
<b>2000*</b>			
Januari	15.3	16.2	0.9
Februari	16.7	17.7	1.1
Maart	18.4	19.8	1.5
April	16.5	17.3	0.8
Mei	18.4	19.7	1.3
Juni	17.9	18.8	1.0
Juli*	16.6	17.5	0.9
Augustus*	16.8	18.2	1.5
September*	18.9	20.2	1.3
Oktober*	19.4	20.5	1.2

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