

Statistical bulletin

UK trade: April 2021

Total value of UK exports and imports of goods and services in current prices, chained volume measures and implied deflators.

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1 . Main points

- Total imports of goods, excluding precious metals, increased by £1.4 billion (3.9%) in April 2021, with increases seen with both non-EU and EU countries.
- Increasing imports of goods with non-EU countries were driven by non-ferrous metals and crude oil, while increases with EU countries were driven by general miscellaneous manufactures.
- Monthly goods imports from non-EU countries, excluding precious metals, were the highest since records began in January 1997.
- Total exports of goods, excluding precious metals, fell slightly by £0.1 billion (0.6%) in April 2021 after two consecutive months of growth, with falls in exports to non-EU countries offsetting increases to EU countries.
- Falling exports of goods to non-EU countries were driven by cars, while increasing exports to the EU were driven by iron and steel.
- In the three months to April 2021, the total trade deficit, excluding precious metals, narrowed by £4.4 billion to £3.2 billion.
- In the three months to April 2021, the trade in services surplus increased by £0.5 billion to £29.4 billion.

There has been more volatility in trade statistics over the past two years because of issues relating to Brexit and the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Because of this, alongside comparisons with 2020, we also compare 2021 with equivalent 2018 data to provide a comparison of trade with our most recent “stable” period.

Please note that all trade figures are excluding non-monetary gold and other precious metals unless otherwise stated.

2 . Main trends

Total imports of goods increased in April 2021, driven by increases in imports from non-EU countries. Monthly imports from non-EU countries were the highest since records began in January 1997. There was a slightly weaker increase in imports from EU countries. Total exports of goods fell in April 2021 after two consecutive months of growth. The fall in exports was driven by a decrease in exports to non-EU countries partly offset by a small increase in exports to the EU (Table 1; Figure 1).

Total imports of goods fell in the three months to April 2021, driven by falls in imports from the EU, partly offset by the increase in imports with non-EU countries. This will be partly because of the impact of stockpiling at the end of 2021. Exports of goods over the same period increased, driven by exports to EU countries while exports to non-EU countries fell.

Trade with non-EU countries continues to be higher than with EU countries in both imports and exports. However, with the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and recession, it is too early to assess the extent to which this reflects short-term trade disruption or longer-term supply chain adjustments. We will continue to assess this over the coming months.

Table 1: Trade in goods imports fell in the three months to April 2021, while exports increased
Changes in the monthly and three-monthly UK trade balances, excluding precious metals, exports and imports, EU and non-EU

	Exports	Imports	Balance
Total trade in goods:			
Value (£bn)	26.6	38.5	-11.9
Change (£bn)	-0.1	1.4	-1.6
% Change	-0.6	3.9	
EU: April 2021 vs March 2021			
Value (£bn)	12.9	18.4	-5.4
Change (£bn)	0.3	0.6	-0.3
% Change	2	3.2	
Non-EU: April 2021 vs March 2021			
Value (£bn)	13.6	20.1	-6.5
Change (£bn)	-0.4	0.9	-1.3
% Change	-2.9	4.5	
Total trade in goods:			
three months to April 2021 vs			
three months to January 2021			
Value (£bn)	77.7	110.3	-32.6
Change (£bn)	1.1	-2.8	3.9
% Change	1.4	-2.5	
EU: three months to April 2021 vs			
three months to January 2021			
Value (£bn)	37.2	53.1	-15.9
Change (£bn)	2.6	-7.3	9.9
% Change	7.6	-12	
Non-EU: three months to April 2021 vs			
three months to January 2021			
Value (£bn)	40.5	57.1	-16.7
Change (£bn)	-1.5	4.5	-6
% Change	-3.6	8.5	

Source: Office for National Statistics - UK trade statistics, current prices, seasonally adjusted

Figure 1: Goods exports to non-EU countries decreased in April 2021

EU and non-EU goods imports and exports, excluding precious metals, April 2019 to April 2021

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3 . Monthly trade analysis

Total imports of goods increased with EU and non-EU countries in April 2021. Total imports of material manufactures increased by £0.6 billion in April 2021, driven by increasing imports of non-ferrous metals, which include palladium, from non-EU countries like South Africa. Palladium is used in catalytic converters and may be related to car production recovering since the start of the pandemic. [Palladium prices hit record highs in April 2021](#), fuelled by supply concerns.

Imports of machinery and transport equipment increased by £0.4 billion in April 2021, with increases seen across both EU and non-EU countries. Car showrooms were able to reopen in April 2021, [boosting new car registrations](#), which were significantly higher when compared with April 2020, but still lower than the 10-year average.

Imports of fuels increased by £0.3 billion in April 2021, driven entirely by increasing imports of fuels from non-EU countries. Most of the increase was because of increasing imports of crude oil from Norway. This may be a result of the end of the ban on non-essential travel.

Imports of goods from China fell across many commodity types, including office machinery, cars, general miscellaneous manufactures, and electrical machinery. These commodities are typically transported by ship, and therefore may have been affected by the [blockage of the Suez Canal](#), an important passage for ships travelling between Asia and Europe, at the end of March 2021.

Figure 2: Imports of goods from both EU and non-EU countries have increased across most commodity groups

EU and non-EU goods imports by commodity April 2019 to April 2021

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Total exports of goods fell in April 2021, driven by falls in exports to non-EU countries. Total exports of machinery and transport equipment fell by £0.2 billion in April 2021, with a £0.2 billion fall in exports to non-EU countries. [UK car production was up from 2020 levels but 3.8% below April 2019 and down 42.9% compared with the five-year average](#). Production of electric vehicles continues to make up a significant proportion of UK car production.

Total exports of goods to the EU increased in April 2021, driven by a £0.2 billion increase in exports of material manufactures, specifically iron and steel.

Total exports of fuels fell by £0.3 billion in April 2021, driven by a £0.2 billion fall in exports of fuels to the EU. This was mainly because of a fall in exports of crude oil to the Netherlands and Germany.

Figure 3: Exports of goods to non-EU countries fell across most commodities in April 2021

EU and non-EU goods exports by commodity, April 2019 to April 2021

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4 . Total trade, three-monthly and annual movements

In the three months to April 2021, the total trade deficit narrowed by £4.4 billion to £3.2 billion (Figure 4). Imports fell by £4.0 billion to £145.3 billion while exports increased by £0.4 billion to £142.1 billion.

Removing the effect of inflation, the total trade deficit in volume terms, excluding unspecified goods, narrowed by £6.1 billion in the three months to April 2021. Imports fell by £7.7 billion and exports by £1.6 billion.

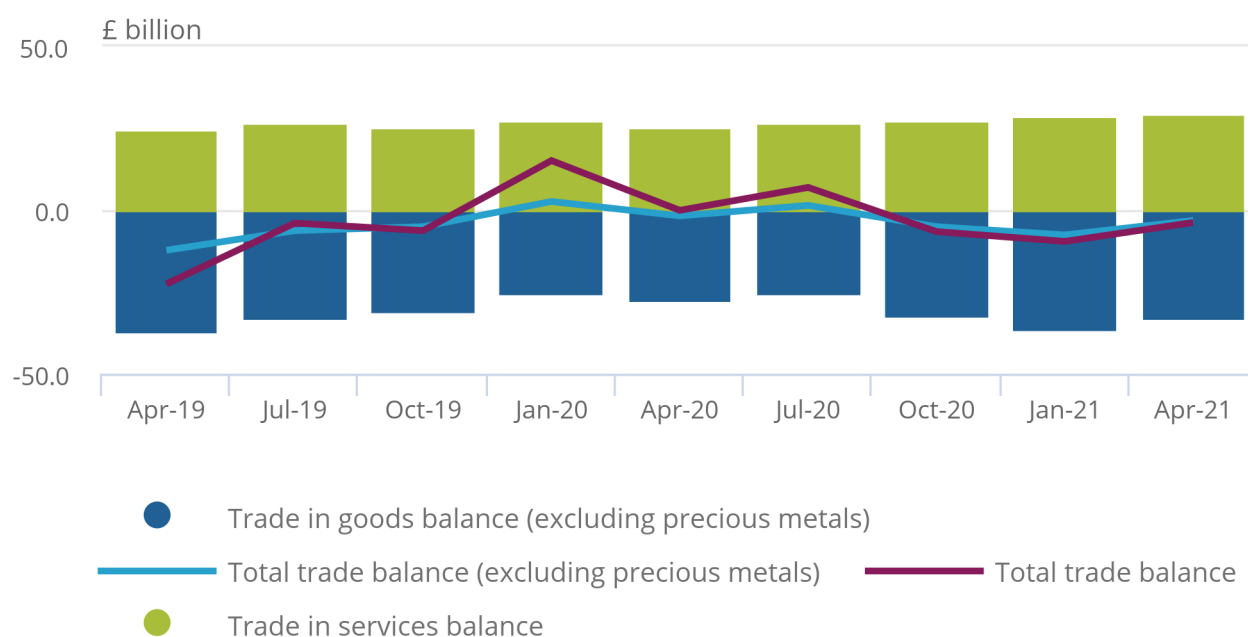
The trade in services surplus increased by £0.5 billion to £29.4 billion in the three months to April 2021. Imports fell by £1.2 billion and exports by £0.7 billion.

Figure 4: The total trade deficit narrowed in the three months to April 2021

UK trade balances, excluding precious metals, three-month on three-month, April 2019 to April 2021

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UK trade balances, excluding precious metals, three-month on three-month, April 2019 to April 2021



Source: Office for National Statistics - UK trade statistics, current prices, seasonally adjusted

Imports and exports of goods rose significantly in April 2021 when compared with April 2020 (Table 2). However, 2020 data were strongly affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic so we also provide comparisons with 2018 when trade was not affected by either coronavirus or the end of the Brexit transition period. Imports of goods increased in April 2021 when compared with April 2018, while exports decreased.

Exports and imports of goods increased in the three months to April 2021 when compared with the same period in 2020 but fell when compared with the same period in 2018.

Table 2: Trade in goods imports and exports decreased in the three months to April 2021
Changes to the UK trade balances, excluding precious metals, exports and imports

		Exports	Imports	Balance
April 2021 vs April 2020	Change (£bn)	6.3	10.5	-4.2
	% Change	30.8	37.4	
April 2021 vs April 2018	Change (£bn)	-1	0.3	-1.3
	% Change	-3.5	0.9	
Three months to April 2021 vs three months to April 2020	Change (£bn)	5.2	10.6	-5.4
	% Change	7.1	10.6	
Three months to April 2021 vs three months to April 2018	Change (£bn)	-5.9	-5	-0.9
	% Change	-7.1	-4.3	

Source: Office for National Statistics - UK trade statistics, current prices, seasonally adjusted

5 . Explore UK trade in goods country-by-commodity data for 2020

Explore the 2020 trade in goods data using our previously published [interactive tools](#) where we break down UK trade in goods with 234 countries by 125 commodities.

6 . Revisions

In accordance with the [National Accounts Revisions Policy](#), the data in this release have not been revised and only include new data for April 2021.

7 . UK trade data

[UK trade: goods and services publication tables](#)

Dataset | Released 11 June 2021

Monthly data on the UK's trade in goods and services, including trade inside and outside the EU.

[UK trade time series](#)

Dataset MRET | Released 11 June 2021

Monthly value of UK exports and imports of goods and services by current price, chained volume measures (CVMs) and implied deflators (IDEFs).

[UK trade in goods by classification of product by activity time series](#)

Dataset | Released 18 March 2021

Quarterly and annual time series of the value of UK imports and exports of goods grouped by product. Goods are attributed to the activity of which they are the principal products.

[Other related trade data](#)

Released 11 June 2021

Other UK trade data related to this publication. These include trade in goods for all countries with the UK, monthly export and import country-by-commodity trade in goods data, and revisions triangles for monthly trade data.

[Customise my data: country by commodity](#)

Dataset | Released 11 June 2021

Customisable version of country by commodity data on the UK's trade in goods, including trade by all countries and selected commodities, exports and imports, non-seasonally adjusted. Please note this dataset will be updated at 9:30am on 11 June 2021.

[UK total trade: all countries](#)

Dataset | Released 7 May 2021

Quarterly estimates of total trade, trade in goods and trade in services by country, non-seasonally adjusted.

[UK trade in services: service type by partner country](#)

Dataset | Released 7 May 2021

Trade in services data experimental statistics, including breakdown of exports and imports by country and geographic region, EU and non-EU.

8 . Glossary

Chained volume measures (CVMs)

CVM estimates are a "real" measure in that it has had the effect of inflation removed to measure the change in volume between consecutive periods, fixing the prices of goods and services in one period (the base year).

Current price measures (CPs)

These estimates measure the actual price paid for goods or services and are not adjusted for inflation. Unless otherwise stated, all current price data are provided in £ million and are seasonally adjusted.

Inflation

Inflation is the change in the average price level of goods and services over a period of time.

Implied deflators (IDEFs)

An IDEF shows the implied change in average prices for the respective components of the trade balance, for example, the IDEF for imports will show the average price movement for imports.

Precious metals and non-monetary gold

Precious metals include precious metals, silver, platinum and palladium, and it forms part of the commodity group “unspecified goods”. Non-monetary gold comprises the majority of this group and is the technical term for gold bullion not owned by central banks.

Trade balance

The trade balance is the difference between exports and imports or exports minus imports. When the value of exports is greater than the value of imports, the trade balance is in surplus. When the value of imports is greater than the value of exports, the trade balance is in deficit. The balance is sometimes referred to as “net exports”.

A full [Glossary of economic terms](#) is available.

9 . Measuring the data

Coronavirus data impacts

Because of the challenges of data collection during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, we have experienced challenges around the level of survey and data returns for this trade release.

Data sources

Data from the quarterly International Trade in Services (ITIS) Survey make up over 50% of trade in services data. Because of coronavirus, many businesses have moved to working from home or suspended trade, causing a lower survey response than usual. View the [UK trade QMI](#) for more detail.

Data from the International Passenger Survey (IPS) are the main source for travel services, making up around 8% of total trade. The IPS was suspended from 16 March 2020 because of coronavirus. We have been investigating alternative ways to continue to measure these services in the future. View the UK trade QMI for more detail.

Data from HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) make up over 90% of trade in goods value and are the main source. We have worked closely with HMRC to prepare for the change in collection of customs data, which occurred at the end of the EU exit transition period. View further information in [Impact of EU exit on the collection and compilation of UK trade statistics](#).

In line with international standards, our headline trade statistics contain the UK's exports and imports of non-monetary gold. View more information about the Office for National Statistics' (ONS') [recording of non-monetary gold](#).

Unless otherwise specified, data within this bulletin are in current prices. This means they have not been adjusted to remove the effects of inflation.

Method

Trade is measured through both exports and imports of goods and services. Data are supplied by over 30 sources including several administrative sources, with HMRC being the largest for trade in goods.

View more detailed information about the methods used to produce UK trade statistics on the [UK trade methodology web pages](#). More quality and methodology information on strengths, limitations, appropriate uses, and how the data were created is available in the [UK trade QMI](#).

10 . Strengths and limitations

National Statistics designation status

The UK Statistics Authority [suspended the National Statistics designation of UK trade](#) on 14 November 2014. We have now responded to all of the specific requirements of the [reassessment of UK trade](#) and, as part of our engagement with the Office for Statistics Regulation team, we are sharing our continuous improvement and development plans to support UK trade statistics regaining [National Statistics status](#). We welcome feedback on our new trade statistics, developments and future plans by email to trade@ons.gov.uk.

Trade asymmetries

These data are our best estimates of bilateral UK trade flows, compiled following internationally agreed standards and using a wide range of robust data sources. However, in some cases, alternative estimates are available from the statistical agencies for the relevant countries or through central databases such as [UN Comtrade](#). View more on trade asymmetries.

More quality and methodology information on strengths, limitations, appropriate uses, and how the data were created is available in the [UK trade QMI](#).

11 . Related links

[The impacts of EU exit and the coronavirus on UK trade in goods](#)

Article | Released 25 May 2021

An analysis of UK trade in goods in the context of the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and the end of the EU transition period on 31 December 2020.

[Trade off: different ways of measuring imports and exports](#)

Blog | Released 14 May 2021

A blog examining the discrepancies between ONS and Eurostat trade figures.

[Early indicators of the impact of EU exit and the coronavirus on UK businesses trading in services: June 2020 to April 2021](#)

Article | Released 6 May 2021

Experimental estimates linking samples from the Annual Business Survey (ABS) 2018 and the Annual Survey of International Trade in Services (AITIS) 2019 with voluntary Business Insights and Conditions Survey (BICS) for businesses that trade in services.

[Impact of the coronavirus and EU exit on the collection and compilation of UK trade statistics](#)

Article | Released 8 March 2021

How the global coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and the end of the EU exit transition period impacted on the compilation of UK trade.

[Did UK firms stockpile items ahead of the Brexit deadline?](#)

Article | Released 1 February 2021

Some early evidence suggesting companies were stockpiling at the end of 2020.

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1 UK TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES AT CURRENT MARKET PRICES (CP)

Balance of Payments basis

£ million, Seasonally Adjusted

	Trade in goods			Trade in services			Total trade		
	Exports	Imports	Balance	Exports	Imports	Balance	Exports	Imports	Balance
	BOKG	BOKH	BOKI	IKBB	IKBC	IKBD	IKBH	IKBI	IKBJ
Annual									
2015	281 689	397 811	-116 122	241 677	153 827	87 850	523 366	551 638	-28 272
2016	297 555	430 387	-132 832	265 693	168 974	96 719	563 248	599 361	-36 113
2017	336 208	471 593	-135 385	286 660	181 164	105 496	622 868	652 757	-29 889
2018	351 132	487 975	-136 843	310 469	199 113	111 356	661 601	687 088	-25 487
2019	372 954	503 757	-130 803	316 320	212 987	103 333	689 274	716 744	-27 470
2020	310 886	425 842	-114 956	267 102	159 703	107 399	577 988	585 545	-7 557
Quarterly									
2017 Q1	82 551	116 799	-34 248	70 332	44 603	25 729	152 883	161 402	-8 519
Q2	83 350	117 093	-33 743	71 076	45 320	25 756	154 426	162 413	-7 987
Q3	84 266	118 436	-34 170	73 507	45 818	27 689	157 773	164 254	-6 481</

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2 UK TRADE IN GOODS EU AND NON-EU AT CURRENT MARKET PRICES (CP)

Balance of Payments basis

£ million, Seasonally Adjusted

	Trade in goods			EU ¹			Non-EU ²			EMU member ³		
	Exports	Imports	Balance	Exports	Imports	Balance	Exports	Imports	Balance	Exports	Imports	Balance
	BOKG	BOKH	BOKI	L87S	L87U	L87Q	L87M	L87O	L87K	N3C5	N3C6	N3C4
Annual												
2015	281 689	397 811	-116 122	133 260	218 914	-85 654	148 429	178 897	-30 468	118 226	191 476	-73 250
2016	297 555	430 387	-132 832	142 309	236 605	-94 296	155 246	193 782	-38 536	125 925	207 252	-81 327
2017	336 208	471 593	-135 385	163 629	258 140	-94 511	172 579	213 453	-40 874	145 196	225 188	-79 992
2018	351 132	487 975	-136 843	172 968	266 316	-93 348	178 164	221 659	-43 495	153 406	230 135	-76 729
2019	372 954	503 757	-130 803	170 578	268 112	-97 534	202 376	235 645	-33 269	151 936	232 245	-80 309
2020	310 886	425 842	-114 956	144 702	225 782	-81 080	166 184	200 060	-33 876	128 481	196 062	-67 581
Quarterly												
2017 Q1	82 551	116 799	-34 248	39 740	63 854							

3 UK TRADE IN GOODS COMMODITIES TRADED WITH THE WHOLE WORLD AT CURRENT MARKET PRICES (CP)

Balance of Payments basis

£ million, Seasonally Adjusted

	SITC 0 Food & live animals			SITC 1 Beverages & tobacco			SITC 2 Crude materials			SITC 3 Fuels			SITC 4 Animal & vegetable oils & fats		
	Exports Imports Balance			Exports Imports Balance			Exports Imports Balance			Exports Imports Balance			Exports Imports Balance		
	BOGG	BQQR	EHAX	BQMZ	BQQW	EHBC	BQOX	ENVB	EHBF	BOPN	BQAT	ELBG	BQPI	EHAB	EHBK
Annual															
2015	11 745	32 893	-21 148	6 681	7 624	- 943	5 554	9 100	-3 546	24 125	36 286	-12 161	412	1 034	- 622
2016	13 501	35 510	-22 009	7 128	8 056	- 928	5 897	9 158	-3 261	23 042	32 109	-9 067	423	1 138	- 715
2017	15 511	38 693	-23 182	7 513	8 570	-1 057	7 154	10 264	-3 110	34 557	43 025	-8 468	515	1 427	- 912
2018	15 015	39 474	-24 459	7 941	8 958	-1 017	7 398	10 707	-3 309	43 924	53 772	-9 848	553	1 339	- 786
2019	15 965	40 617	-24 652	8 240	9 301	-1 061	6 970	10 890	-3 920	43 683	47 674	-3 991	524	1 390	- 866
2020	15 191	40 157	-24 966	6											

3 UK TRADE IN GOODS COMMODITIES TRADED WITH THE WHOLE WORLD AT CURRENT MARKET PRICES (CP)

Balance of Payments basis

£ million, Seasonally Adjusted

	SITC 5 Chemicals			SITC 6 Material manufactures			SITC 7 Machinery & transport equipment			SITC 8 Miscellaneous manufactures			SITC 9 Unspecified goods		
	Exports	Imports	Balance	Exports	Imports	Balance	Exports	Imports	Balance	Exports	Imports	Balance	Exports	Imports	Balance
	ENDG	ENGA	ENIX	BQQB	EHAH	EHBP	BQQI	EHAO	EHBW	BQQO	EHAU	EHCC	BOQL	BQAW	BQKX
Annual															
2015	52 290	50 413	1 877	26 672	41 853	-15 181	108 839	151 981	-43 142	39 209	62 289	-23 080	6 162	4 338	1 824
2016	51 387	54 213	-2 826	26 542	45 595	-19 053	121 767	169 386	-47 619	42 841	70 149	-27 308	5 027	5 073	- 46
2017	55 840	59 930	-4 090	30 508	51 998	-21 490	135 048	179 459	-44 411	46 098	73 725	-27 627	3 464	4 502	-1 038
2018	55 613	58 902	-3 289	32 167	55 242	-23 075	138 365	179 910	-41 545	47 183	73 880	-26 697	2 973	5 791	-2 818
2019	54 719	58 287	-3 568	31 852	56 344	-24 492	139 945	183 945	-44 000	55 139	78 069	-22 930	15 917	17 240	-1 323
2020	53 229	54 324	-1 095	33 999	52 915	-18 916	112 686								

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4 UK TRADE IN GOODS COMMODITIES TRADED WITH EU¹ COUNTRIES AT CURRENT MARKET PRICES (CP)

Balance of Payments basis

£ million, Seasonally Adjusted

	SITC 0 Food & live animals			SITC 1 Beverages & tobacco			SITC 2 Crude materials			SITC 3 Fuels			SITC 4 Animal & vegetable oils & fats		
	Exports	Imports	Balance	Exports	Imports	Balance	Exports	Imports	Balance	Exports	Imports	Balance	Exports	Imports	Balance
	SHEM	SHEZ	CTUZ	SHGM	SHGZ	CTVA	SHIN	SHJB	CTVB	SDFT	SDJZ	SDFP	SIFU	SIGH	CTVC
Annual															
2015	8 141	22 957	-14 816	2 571	6 140	-3 569	2 236	4 614	-2 378	16 706	8 199	8 507	345	682	- 337
2016	9 248	24 688	-15 440	2 727	6 580	-3 853	2 192	4 877	-2 685	14 448	8 115	6 333	330	761	- 431
2017	10 302	27 107	-16 805	2 755	6 966	-4 211	2 520	5 589	-3 069	20 044	9 399	10 645	424	939	- 515
2018	10 632	27 857	-17 225	2 924	7 272	-4 348	2 560	5 701	-3 141	25 048	11 982	13 066	470	881	- 411
2019	10 837	28 627	-17 790	3 037	7 633	-4 596	2 470	5 587	-3 117	23 658	9 148	14 510	446	882	- 436
2020	10 111	28 357	-18 246	2 613	7 688	-5 075	2 532	5 808	-3 276	16 234	5 244	10 990	442	927	- 485
Quarterly															

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4 UK TRADE IN GOODS COMMODITIES TRADED WITH EU¹ COUNTRIES AT CURRENT MARKET PRICES (CP)

Balance of Payments basis

£ million, Seasonally Adjusted

	SITC 5 Chemicals			SITC 6 Material manufactures			SITC 7 Machinery & transport equipment			SITC 8 Miscellaneous manufactures			SITC 9 Unspecified goods		
	Exports	Imports	Balance	Exports	Imports	Balance	Exports	Imports	Balance	Exports	Imports	Balance	Exports	Imports	Balance
	SEKR	SEMC	CTVD	SMIQ	SMJD	CTVE	SMLW	SMMJ	CTVF	SMUJ	SMUW	CTVG	SGPB	SGQM	SGOO
Annual															
2015	25 217	37 101	-11 884	14 031	23 881	-9 850	45 656	90 020	-44 364	18 185	24 938	-6 753	172	382	- 210
2016	26 902	39 821	-12 919	14 482	25 661	-11 179	51 546	97 929	-46 383	20 264	27 769	-7 505	170	404	- 234
2017	30 398	44 929	-14 531	17 232	28 963	-11 731	57 537	102 765	-45 228	21 909	30 754	-8 845	508	729	- 221
2018	29 733	43 607	-13 874	18 222	31 450	-13 228	59 976	104 545	-44 569	23 079	32 284	-9 205	324	737	- 413
2019	27 106	44 102	-16 996	16 613	31 145	-14 532	61 329	106 056	-44 727	24 230	34 290	-10 060	852	642	210
2020	27 514	39 535	-12 021	15 431	25 412	-9 981	47 731	83 870							

5 UK TRADE IN GOODS COMMODITIES TRADED WITH NON-EU¹ COUNTRIES AT CURRENT MARKET PRICES (CP)

Balance of Payments basis

£ million, Seasonally Adjusted

	SITC 0 Food & live animals			SITC 1 Beverages & tobacco			SITC 2 Crude materials			SITC 3 Fuels			SITC 4 Animal & vegetable oils & fats		
	Exports	Imports	Balance	Exports	Imports	Balance	Exports	Imports	Balance	Exports	Imports	Balance	Exports	Imports	Balance
	SHFM	SHFZ	CTVH	SHHM	SHHZ	CTVI	SHJO	SHKB	CTVJ	SDLA	SDLT	SDKP	SIGU	SIHH	CTVK
Annual															
2015	3 604	9 936	-6 332	4 110	1 484	2 626	3 318	4 486	-1 168	7 419	28 087	-20 668	67	352	- 285
2016	4 253	10 822	-6 569	4 401	1 476	2 925	3 705	4 281	- 576	8 594	23 994	-15 400	93	377	- 284
2017	5 209	11 586	-6 377	4 758	1 604	3 154	4 634	4 675	- 41	14 513	33 626	-19 113	91	488	- 397
2018	4 383	11 617	-7 234	5 017	1 686	3 331	4 838	5 006	- 168	18 876	41 790	-22 914	83	458	- 375
2019	5 128	11 990	-6 862	5 203	1 668	3 535	4 500	5 303	- 803	20 025	38 526	-18 501	78	508	- 430
2020	5 080	11 800	-6 720	4 066	1 678	2 388	4 101	5 674	-1 573	9 291	22 647	-13 356	79	553	- 47

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6 UK TRADE EXCLUDING ERRATICS AT CURRENT MARKET PRICES (CP)

Balance of Payments basis

£ million, Seasonally Adjusted

	Erratics ¹			Total trade excluding erratics			Trade in goods excluding erratics		
	Exports	Imports	Balance	Exports	Imports	Balance	Exports	Imports	Balance
	BPAL	BQBB	BQKW	CPLX	CPLY	CPLZ	BPAO	BQBE	BPBM
Annual									
2015	20 735	17 948	2 787	502 631	533 690	-31 059	260 954	379 863	-118 909
2016	23 349	23 947	- 598	539 899	575 414	-35 515	274 206	406 440	-132 234
2017	22 541	21 671	870	600 327	631 086	-30 759	313 667	449 922	-136 255
2018	21 587	18 992	2 595	640 014	668 096	-28 082	329 545	468 983	-139 438
2019	34 728	30 005	4 723	654 546	686 739	-32 193	338 226	473 752	-135 526
2020	29 892	17 804	12 088	548 096	567 741	-19 645	280 994	408 038	-127 044
Quarterly									
2017 Q1	5 619	4 794	825	147 264	156 608	-9 344	76 932	112 005	-35 073
Q2	5 532	6 413	- 881	148 894	156 000	-7 106	77 818	110 680	-32 862
Q3	5 693	4 923	770	152 080	159 331	-7 251	78 573	113 513	-34 940
Q4									

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7 UK TRADE EXCLUDING OIL AT CURRENT MARKET PRICES (CP)

Balance of Payments basis

£ million, Seasonally Adjusted

	Oil			Total trade excluding oil			Trade in goods excluding oil		
	Exports	Imports	Balance	Exports	Imports	Balance	Exports	Imports	Balance
	ELBL	ENXO	ENXQ	CTVP	CTVQ	CTVR	ELBM	ENXP	BQKH
Annual									
2015	21 033	26 990	-5 957	502 333	524 648	-22 315	260 656	370 821	-110 165
2016	20 686	24 185	-3 499	542 562	575 176	-32 614	276 869	406 202	-129 333
2017	31 471	32 416	- 945	591 397	620 341	-28 944	304 737	439 177	-134 440
2018	40 802	40 434	368	620 799	646 654	-25 855	310 330	447 541	-137 211
2019	41 220	39 093	2 127	648 054	677 651	-29 597	331 734	464 664	-132 930
2020	23 942	21 774	2 168	554 046	563 771	- 9 725	286 944	404 068	-117 124
Quarterly									
2017 Q1	8 025	8 485	- 460	144 858	152 917	-8 059	74 526	108 314	-33 788
Q2	7 848	7 469	379	146 578	154 944	-8 366	75 502	109 624	-34 122
Q3	7 421	7 757	-336	150 352	156 497	-6 145	76 845	110 679	-33 834
Q4	8 177	8 705	-528	149 609	155 983	-6 374	77 864	110 560	-32 696
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8 UK TRADE EXCLUDING OIL & ERRATICS AT CURRENT MARKET PRICES (CP)

Balance of Payments basis

£ million, Seasonally Adjusted

	Oil & Erratics			Total trade excluding oil & erratics			Trade in goods excluding oil & erratics		
	Exports	Imports	Balance	Exports	Imports	Balance	Exports	Imports	Balance
	FSB3	FSB4	FSB5	FSA2	FSA3	FSA4	BPBL	BQBG	BPAP
Annual									
2015	41 768	44 938	-3 170	481 598	506 700	-25 102	239 921	352 873	-112 952
2016	44 035	48 132	-4 097	519 213	551 229	-32 016	253 520	382 255	-128 735
2017	54 012	54 087	- 75	568 856	598 670	-29 814	282 196	417 506	-135 310
2018	62 389	59 426	2 963	599 212	627 662	-28 450	288 743	428 549	-139 806
2019	75 948	69 098	6 850	613 326	647 646	-34 320	297 006	434 659	-137 653
2020	53 834	39 578	14 256	524 154	545 967	-21 813	257 052	386 264	-129 212
Quarterly									
2017 Q1	13 644	13 279	365	139 239	148 123	-8 884	68 907	103 520	-34 613
Q2	13 380	13 882	-502	141 046	148 531	-7 485	69 970	103 211	-33 241
Q3	13 114	12 680	434	144 659	151 574	-6 915	71 152	105 756	-34 604
Q4	13 874	14 246	-372	143 912	150 442	-6 530	72 167	105 019</	

