New presentation of Agri-food trade – explanatory note

The new presentation of Agri-food trade features 6 classes of products presented below (compared to 4 previously: commodities, intermediate, final products, other).

Methodology:

The 881 agri-food tariff lines (at HS 6-digit level) were aggregated into 68 product categories (step 1 below) then further aggregated into 6 classes of products (step 2). The 6 classes are used to present the evolution of trade over the years (step 3).

The details of the 6 classes of products and 68 product categories are provided here.

The definition "Agri-food products" remains the same as for previous presentations and corresponds to the WTO definition. It includes the chapters 1-24 (excluding fish and fish products) of the Harmonised System, additionally featuring a number of headings in chapters 33, 35, 38, 41, 43 and 51-53. Odoriferous substances for the food industry (tariff codes CN 3302.10.40 and CN 3302.10.90) which are regarded as industrial products were excluded from the definition. 2014 EU exports of odoriferous substances for the food industry were worth €4.4 billion and imports were worth €0.5 billion.