

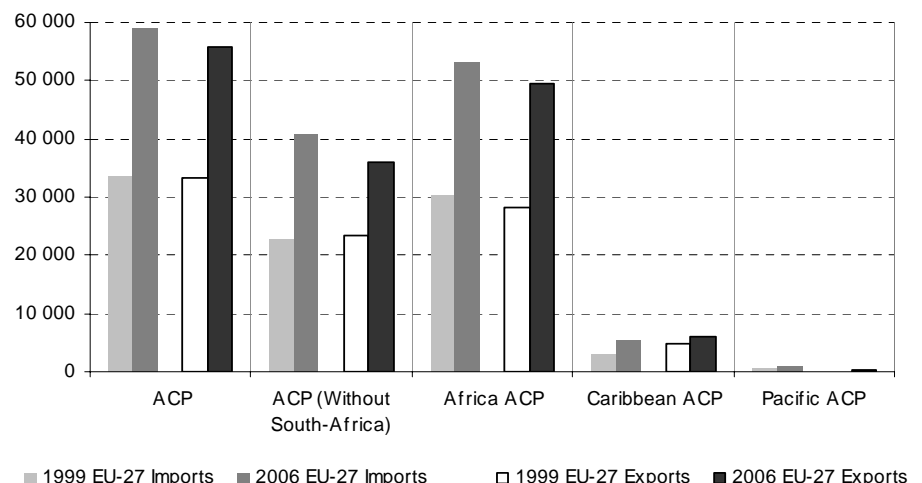
EU-27 Trade with ACP regions in 2006

Trade statistics in the framework of Economic
Partnership Agreements (EPAs)¹

Highlights

- The value of trade between EU-27 and the ACP countries increased by 72% between 1999 and 2006, with total trade (imports and exports) of EUR 115 132 million in 2006.
- Imports into the EU-27 increased by 76% over the period in contrast to EU-27 exports which rose by 68%, resulting in a small trade deficit with the ACP countries for 2006 (EUR 3 345 million).
- The African ACP countries are by far the biggest ACP trading partner for EU-27, accounting for 89% of all ACP trade with the EU-27 during 2006. Their trade with EU-27 increased by 75% between 1999 and 2006, in line with the overall increase in the value of EU-27 trade with all ACP countries for the period.
- Trade between EU-27 and the ACP countries, excluding South Africa, increased by 66% between 1999 and 2006 and accounted for 67% of all ACP trade during 2006.
- Trade with the region of Southern Africa (see *methodological notes for detailed description of the regions*) over the same period increased by 96% for EU-27 imports and 109% for exports.
- The top EU-27 imports from ACP in 2006 were “*Mineral products*” (38% of EU-27 imports from ACP) and “*Pearls; precious stones and metals; coins*” (14%). For these harmonised commodity sections (HS) the main EU-27 partners were the regions of Western Africa and Southern Africa, respectively.
- The top EU-27 export to ACP was “*Machinery/mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts; sound recorders/reproducers, tv image, sound recorders/reproducers, parts/accessories*” (33% of EU-27 exports to ACP) and “*Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment*” (17%).

Figure 1: Evolution of EU-27 external trade with ACP countries,
1999-2006 – EUR million



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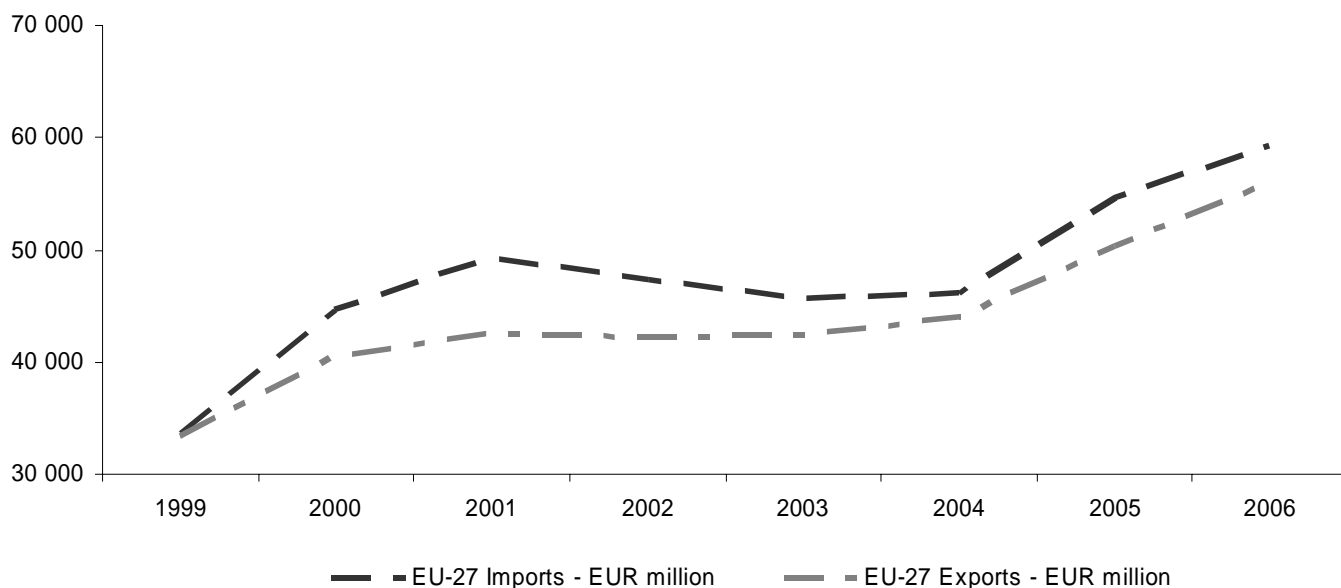


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¹ In 2003, negotiations with the six ACP regions (West Africa, Central Africa, Eastern and Southern Africa, the Southern African Development Community, Caribbean, Pacific) were launched with the objective to comply with World Trade Organisation (WTO) rules and prevent other WTO members from challenging the trade preferences enjoyed by the ACP countries. This is important, as current trade arrangements rely on a waiver from WTO rules for protection from legal challenge which expires at the end of 2007. As stipulated in the 2000 Cotonou Agreement between the ACP and EU, Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) are designed as a response to globalisation by fostering the gradual integration of the ACP countries into the global economy through regional integration with a focus on development.

Evolution of EU-27 external trade with ACP countries

Figure 2: Evolution of EU-27 external trade with ACP countries in EUR million, 1999-2006

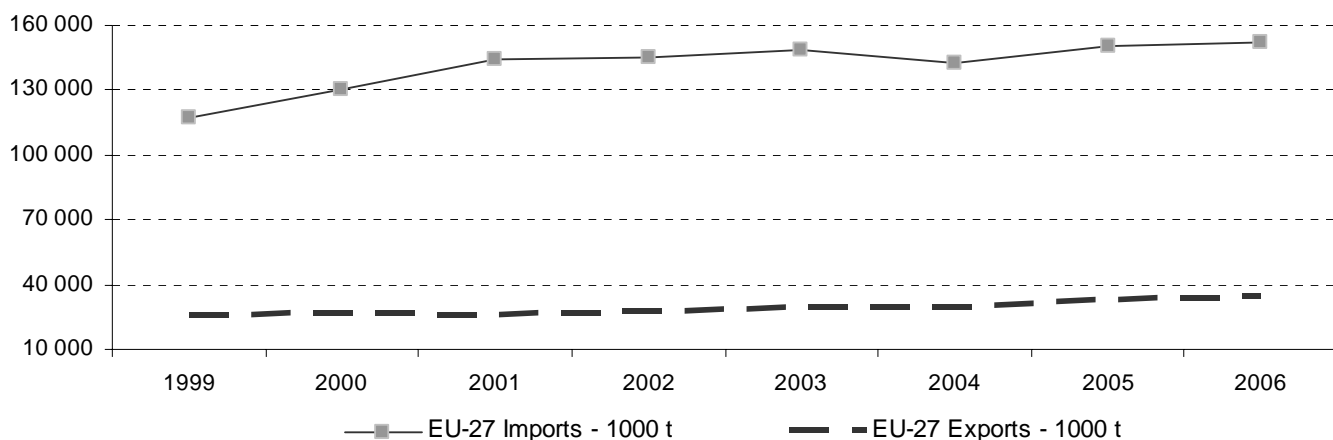


The value of EU-27 trade with the ACP countries rose over 1999 to 2006. While trade decreased during 2002 and 2003, it had risen by 2006 to show an overall increase of 72%.

Figure 3, in contrast to the high increases in values of trade over the period, shows increases of just 30% for

tonnages of imports and 36% for exports. The contrast in tonnages for EU-27 trade can be mainly explained by the large quantities of mineral fuels imported into the EU-27 from the ACP countries (38% in value of all ACP exports to the EU-27).

Figure 3: Evolution of EU-27 external trade quantity with ACP Countries in 1000 t, 1999-2006



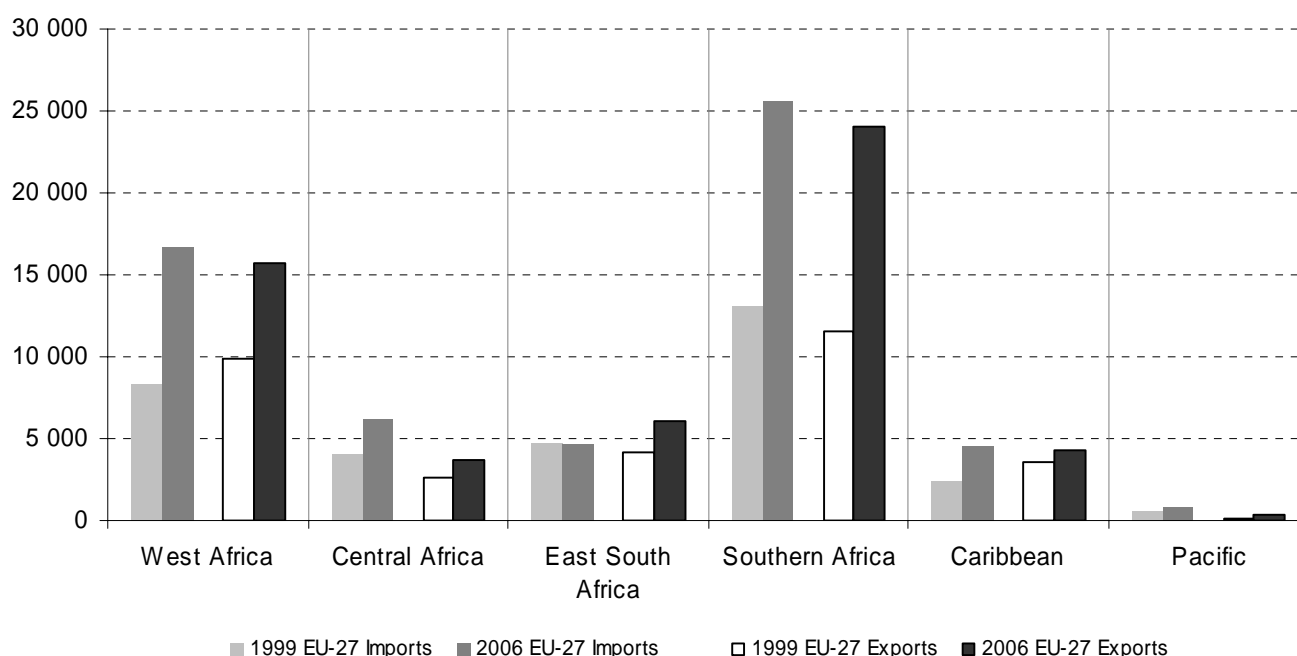
EU-27 external trade with ACP by products and regions

Between 1999 and 2006, there was an overall increase of 72% in the total value of trade between the EU-27 and the ACP countries, due largely to the dominance of the region of Southern Africa whose EU-27 imports and exports increased by 96% and 109% respectively over the period.

West Africa was the second largest trading partner with 28% of all trade in 2006.

For 2006, the EU-27 had small trade deficits with all the regions individually, with the exception of East South Africa where there was a trade surplus.

Figure 4: Evolution of EU-27 external trade with ACP regions in EUR million, 1999-2006



High growth rates at the beginning of the period 1999-2006 tumbled dramatically for most product groups between 1999 and 2004, with most of the negative growth between 2001 and 2003. There was some recovery at the end of the period, with increases in EU-27 import and export trade of 10 304 million euros

between 2005 and 2006 (Tables 1 and 2). Tables 3 and 4 show that although the region of Southern African dominated overall imports and exports, other regions, in particular West Africa, had significant amounts of trade in specific products during 2006.

Table 1: EU-27 Imports - Growth rates of EU-27 trade with ACP countries by type of goods, 1999-2006

Sections of the Harmonized System	EU-27 Imports from the ACP							
	Trade value, 2006 (EUR million)	Annual growth rate (%)						
		1999 2000	2000 2001	2001 2002	2002 2003	2003 2004	2004 2005	2005 2006
I Live animals; animal products	1 534	17.5%	11.5%	-1.6%	-6.8%	-3.6%	-0.1%	-3.5%
II Vegetable products	3 727	3.9%	-2.6%	-4.7%	0.4%	-2.0%	7.6%	0.8%
III Animal or vegetable fats, oils and waxes	230	-18.0%	-10.4%	13.4%	2.1%	-6.8%	5.5%	-12.1%
IV Foodstuffs; beverages, spirits; tobacco	5 180	-7.9%	13.2%	13.6%	3.5%	-9.5%	-3.0%	-1.5%
V Mineral products	22 666	96.0%	10.2%	-11.4%	-1.1%	0.7%	55.1%	23.6%
VI Products of the chemical or allied industries	1 510	20.5%	8.4%	0.1%	-3.4%	-2.5%	7.4%	23.1%
VII Plastics and rubber	710	25.8%	5.4%	0.1%	17.4%	20.6%	9.2%	26.9%
VIII Leather, furskins; saddlery; handbags	318	49.3%	24.7%	-2.1%	-23.9%	-11.3%	-8.6%	7.3%
IX Wood; wood charcoal; cork; art. of straw	1 359	15.5%	2.2%	-10.6%	-6.8%	4.6%	2.7%	-7.2%
X Pulp of wood; paper and paperboard	236	34.8%	0.3%	4.3%	-9.5%	-11.5%	-0.5%	3.2%
XI Textiles and textile articles	1 169	14.5%	-2.6%	-16.4%	-9.9%	-2.4%	-17.2%	1.2%
XII Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sticks	40	-9.0%	-5.1%	4.6%	-7.2%	3.9%	-15.2%	-1.9%
XIII Art. of stone, plaster, cement, ceramic; glass	104	14.1%	6.8%	22.4%	5.9%	28.7%	17.4%	0.7%
XIV Pearls; precious stones and metals; coin	8 190	41.2%	2.3%	-14.6%	6.6%	-6.5%	7.8%	0.8%
XV Base metals and articles of base metal	5 018	35.8%	10.2%	-13.9%	6.1%	42.1%	11.8%	41.2%
XVI Machinery; electrical equip.; image, sound	2 770	44.8%	28.4%	-8.6%	6.2%	9.3%	9.3%	20.1%
XVII Vehicles, aircraft, vessels	2 861	13.0%	34.7%	-5.6%	4.4%	5.3%	24.2%	-42.3%
XVIII Optical, musical, medical instrum.; clocks	251	32.7%	12.4%	14.1%	-22.2%	10.1%	11.3%	6.3%
XIX Arms and ammunition	15	-18.7%	77.5%	144.2%	-49.1%	-20.0%	-3.4%	93.8%
XX Miscellaneous manufactured articles	357	7.3%	1.0%	2.9%	-1.2%	4.2%	-19.2%	-7.5%
XXI Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	18	-20.0%	-23.1%	33.2%	-27.5%	3.4%	1.5%	18.6%
Goods not elsewhere specified	196	8.7%	117.2%	-47.9%	8.3%	24.7%	-13.4%	81.5%
TOTAL	59 239	32.4%	10.2%	-3.8%	-3.7%	1.0%	18.7%	8.5%

Table 2: EU-27 Exports - Growth rates of EU-27 trade with ACP countries by type of goods, 1999-2006

Sections of the Harmonized System	EU-27 Exports to the ACP							
	Trade value, 2006 (EUR million)	Annual growth rate (%)						
		1999 2000	2000 2001	2001 2002	2002 2003	2003 2004	2004 2005	2005 2006
I Live animals; animal products	1 272	13.5%	10.2%	-4.5%	-0.6%	-4.5%	3.0%	0.8%
II Vegetable products	1 136	16.2%	4.7%	3.9%	3.7%	-26.3%	17.7%	27.9%
III Animal or vegetable fats, oils and waxes	155	-9.1%	-5.5%	16.9%	-7.6%	-23.7%	-13.9%	-2.7%
IV Foodstuffs; beverages, spirits; tobacco	2 650	17.2%	15.8%	0.4%	-3.1%	-5.3%	3.1%	22.5%
V Mineral products	3 955	86.8%	-26.1%	12.4%	-4.0%	43.2%	44.9%	51.3%
VI Products of the chemical or allied industries	5 462	10.1%	8.9%	0.3%	-0.6%	3.5%	10.2%	9.8%
VII Plastics and rubber	1 948	14.8%	9.4%	-4.2%	0.6%	6.3%	13.2%	8.5%
VIII Leather, furskins; saddlery; handbags	60	12.6%	-4.9%	-4.6%	-13.6%	-7.3%	-12.5%	16.7%
IX Wood; wood charcoal; cork; art. of straw	176	10.7%	7.6%	6.7%	-3.6%	8.2%	8.2%	12.0%
X Pulp of wood; paper and paperboard	1 420	15.8%	4.3%	2.8%	-1.4%	6.1%	-3.1%	10.7%
XI Textiles and textile articles	1 085	11.8%	5.4%	-4.3%	-7.2%	-6.0%	-0.5%	9.0%
XII Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sticks	139	9.5%	9.6%	-12.7%	-5.4%	-11.8%	6.7%	12.9%
XIII Art. of stone, plaster, cement, ceramic; glass	716	8.3%	5.3%	-3.3%	-3.7%	-2.9%	3.8%	14.2%
XIV Pearls; precious stones and metals; coin	816	75.1%	10.1%	-30.8%	60.1%	-5.3%	22.9%	-0.7%
XV Base metals and articles of base metal	3 382	7.4%	17.4%	4.8%	-3.6%	13.2%	12.8%	12.4%
XVI Machinery; electrical equip.; image, sound	18 252	14.8%	9.7%	0.8%	-0.4%	13.2%	13.9%	17.4%
XVII Vehicles, aircraft, vessels	9 724	44.7%	-5.0%	-5.0%	5.9%	-9.9%	23.2%	-8.5%
XVIII Optical, musical, medical instrum.; clocks	1 831	18.1%	13.8%	-1.9%	0.3%	9.4%	21.8%	13.5%
XIX Arms and ammunition	34	-2.3%	18.9%	-17.3%	-8.7%	45.8%	50.0%	-38.9%
XX Miscellaneous manufactured articles	816	11.5%	17.0%	-6.3%	-6.5%	7.3%	9.9%	22.8%
XXI Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	16	-25.0%	10.8%	-23.8%	-31.4%	5.8%	9.3%	15.9%
Goods not elsewhere specified	323	-19.0%	-19.6%	-4.2%	12.1%	21.8%	-7.1%	29.8%
TOTAL	55 893	21.9%	4.9%	-0.7%	0.4%	3.7%	14.3%	11.3%

(1) See methodological notes

Table 3: EU-27 Imports - Share of ACP regions in the extra-EU-27 trade by product, 2006

Sections of the Harmonized System	Total extra EU-27 Imports (EUR million)	Shares on total extra-EU (%) per section					
		West Afr.	Central Afr.	East South Afr.	Southern Afr.	Caribbean	Pacific
I Live animals; animal products	19 155	1.9%	0.1%	1.6%	3.8%	0.4%	0.0%
II Vegetable products	29 023	1.7%	0.9%	4.9%	4.1%	1.0%	0.2%
III Animal or vegetable fats, oils and waxes	5 075	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	3.4%
IV Foodstuffs; beverages, spirits; tobacco	27 500	8.0%	0.8%	3.9%	2.8%	2.1%	0.6%
V Mineral products	362 999	3.2%	1.0%	0.0%	1.7%	0.3%	0.0%
VI Products of the chemical or allied industries	97 785	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.6%	0.7%	0.0%
VII Plastics and rubber	34 225	1.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.6%	0.1%	0.0%
VIII Leather, furskins; saddlery; handbags	11 168	1.2%	0.0%	0.7%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%
IX Wood; wood charcoal; cork; art. of straw	12 122	3.0%	7.4%	0.1%	0.6%	0.1%	0.0%
X Pulp of wood; paper and paperboard	14 375	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%
XI Textiles and textile articles	76 833	0.1%	0.0%	1.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%
XII Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sticks	13 948	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%
XIII Art. of stone, plaster, cement, ceramic; glass	9 192	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%
XIV Pearls; precious stones and metals; coin	32 567	0.5%	1.2%	0.3%	22.7%	0.4%	0.0%
XV Base metals and articles of base metal	96 496	0.2%	0.4%	0.5%	3.9%	0.2%	0.0%
XVI Machinery; electrical equip.; image, sound	312 756	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%
XVII Vehicles, aircraft, vessels	96 362	0.6%	0.0%	0.1%	1.0%	1.1%	0.3%
XVIII Optical, musical, medical instrum.; clocks	50 717	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%
XIX Arms and ammunition	709	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.2%	0.0%	0.0%
XX Miscellaneous manufactured articles	30 954	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%
XXI Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	3 041	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Goods not elsewhere specified	13 441	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	1.2%	0.1%	0.0%
TOTAL	1 350 436	1.2%	0.5%	0.3%	1.9%	0.3%	0.1%

Table 4: EU-27 Exports - Share of ACP regions in the extra-EU-27 trade by product, 2006

Sections of the Harmonized System	Total extra EU-27 Exports (EUR million)	Shares on total extra-EU (%) per section					
		West Afr.	Central Afr.	East South Afr.	Southern Afr.	Caribbean	Pacific
I Live animals; animal products	12 287	4.8%	1.1%	1.5%	1.6%	1.1%	0.0%
II Vegetable products	11 931	3.5%	1.3%	1.1%	2.5%	0.6%	0.0%
III Animal or vegetable fats, oils and waxes	2 609	1.9%	0.6%	0.4%	2.2%	0.7%	0.1%
IV Foodstuffs; beverages, spirits; tobacco	40 584	2.5%	0.7%	0.8%	1.8%	0.7%	0.0%
V Mineral products	62 208	4.3%	0.2%	0.2%	1.1%	0.6%	0.0%
VI Products of the chemical or allied industries	163 899	1.0%	0.3%	0.4%	1.4%	0.1%	0.0%
VII Plastics and rubber	45 069	1.1%	0.3%	0.4%	2.1%	0.3%	0.0%
VIII Leather, furskins; saddlery; handbags	9 617	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.3%	0.1%	0.0%
IX Wood; wood charcoal; cork; art. of straw	9 378	0.3%	0.1%	0.3%	1.0%	0.1%	0.0%
X Pulp of wood; paper and paperboard	26 368	1.4%	0.4%	0.7%	2.3%	0.4%	0.0%
XI Textiles and textile articles	35 214	1.1%	0.4%	0.5%	0.9%	0.2%	0.0%
XII Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sticks	5 707	0.7%	0.4%	0.2%	0.8%	0.2%	0.0%
XIII Art. of stone, plaster, cement, ceramic; glass	16 350	0.9%	0.3%	0.3%	2.1%	0.5%	0.0%
XIV Pearls; precious stones and metals; coin	29 119	0.2%	0.1%	0.3%	2.1%	0.1%	0.0%
XV Base metals and articles of base metal	84 838	1.1%	0.4%	0.3%	1.7%	0.3%	0.0%
XVI Machinery; electrical equip.; image, sound	345 663	1.3%	0.3%	0.7%	2.5%	0.3%	0.0%
XVII Vehicles, aircraft, vessels	163 928	1.1%	0.2%	0.6%	3.0%	0.9%	0.1%
XVIII Optical, musical, medical instrum.; clocks	55 639	0.5%	0.2%	0.4%	1.8%	0.1%	0.0%
XIX Arms and ammunition	1 611	0.7%	0.3%	0.2%	0.7%	0.2%	0.0%
XX Miscellaneous manufactured articles	19 531	0.8%	0.4%	0.5%	1.9%	0.3%	0.0%
XXI Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	4 723	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%
Goods not elsewhere specified	12 089	0.6%	0.2%	0.3%	0.7%	0.8%	0.0%
TOTAL	1 158 125	1.4%	0.3%	0.5%	2.1%	0.4%	0.0%

(1) See methodological notes

Southern and West Africa regions are the main trading partners for import values (in euro) ...

With significant growth rates between 2004 and 2006, "*Mineral Products (HS section V)*" accounted for 38% of all EU-27 imports from the ACP countries during 2006. Nigeria was responsible for the lion's share of this trade (45%) with exports of mineral fuels during 2006 valued at EUR 10 130 million. South Africa was also a significant trading partner in mineral products, albeit with less than half the trade of Nigeria (EUR 4 146 million).

With erratic growth rates for the period, EU-27 imports of "*Natural/cultured pearls, precious/semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal, articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin (HS section XIV)*" amounted to 14% of all EU-27 imports from the ACP countries during 2006. Looking at this section more closely, the region of Southern Africa was responsible for 23% of all imports of this section to the EU of which South Africa exported 14%, Botswana 5% and Namibia 2%.

South Africa was also the largest trading partner for "*Base metals and articles of base metal (HS section XV)*". In particular, EU-27 imports of iron and steel from South Africa represented 3% of all EU imports from ACP.

Imports to EU-27 of "*Machinery/mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts; sound recorders/reproducers, tv image, sound recorders/reproducers, parts/accessories (HS section XVI)*" from South Africa represented 4% of all EU-27 imports of goods from ACP during 2006. These consisted mainly (64%) of machinery and apparatus for filtering or purifying gases.

With negative growth rates since 2003, "*Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes (HS section IV)*" were also nonetheless traded in significant quantities in 2006, representing approximately 9% of all EU-27 imports from ACP countries. With the exception of Central Africa and the Pacific, all the ACP regions represented more than 2% of EU-27 imports for this HS section. Cote d'Ivoire was the largest trading partner, with trade in cocoa and cocoa preparations accounting for 4% of all EU-27 imports in that section.

EU-27 imports from Central Africa of "*Wood/articles of wood; wood charcoal; cork/articles of cork; manufactures of straw, esparto or other plaiting materials; basketware/wickerwork (HS section IX)*" were largely exports of wood and wood charcoal from Cameroon and Gabon which made up to 5% of all EU-27 imports from ACP.

Among the ACP countries, the Caribbean countries are the most important partners in terms of imports of "*Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment (HS section XVII)*", representing 1.1% of the total EU-27 imports for this section.

EU-27 imports of "*Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes (HS section III)*" from the ACP Pacific countries accounted for 3.4% of the total EU-27 imports for this section. These imports mainly came from Papua New Guinea.

...and for exports values (in euro)

With robust growth rates since 2003, "*Machinery/mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts; sound recorders/reproducers, tv image, sound recorders/reproducers, parts/accessories (HS section XVI)*" made up 33% of EU-27 exports to the ACP countries during 2006. The lion's share trade of this (40%) section was with South Africa, with exports to South Africa of parts and accessories of automatic data processing machines.

South Africa also dominated the second largest group of EU-27 exports to ACP countries, with 45% of trade in "*Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment (HS section XVII)*". EU-27 exports to South Africa of vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling stock made up 7% of all EU-27 exports to ACP.

Again, South Africa was the main trading partner for "*Products of the chemical or allied industries (HS section VI)*", with 38% of EU-27 exports to ACP countries under that section.

EU-27 exports to West Africa dominate on the "*Live animals; animal products (HS section I)*", which amount to almost 5% of all extra EU-27 exports in that section, due largely to exports of fish, crustaceans, dairy produce, birds' eggs, natural honey and edible products of animal origin to Nigeria.

Similarly, EU-27 exports of "*Mineral products (HS section V)*" to West Africa, consisting largely of exports of mineral fuels to Nigeria, make up 4% of all EU-27 export trade in that section, while exports to West Africa of "*Vegetable products (HS section II)*" (mainly edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers and cereals to Senegal) account for 4% of all EU-27 trade in that section.

➤ ESSENTIAL INFORMATION – METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

Data sources:

The contents of this "Statistics in focus" are based on data available in Eurostat's Comext database (source Eurostat).

Methodology for external trade statistics:

In the methodology applied for the statistics on the trading of goods, extra-EU trade (trade between Member States and non-member countries) statistics do not record exchanges involving goods in transit, placed in a customs warehouse or given temporary admission (for trade fairs, temporary exhibitions, tests, etc.). This is known as "special trade". So the partner will be the country of final destination of the goods.

Composition and definition of the different groups of countries and organisations:

EU-27: European Union composed of 27 Member States: Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Finland, Sweden and United Kingdom

ACP countries: The EU's relations with the ACP are today governed by the **ACP-EU Partnership Agreement**, signed in Cotonou on 23 June 2000 and concluded for a period of 20 years

http://ec.europa.eu/development/Geographical/CotonouIntro_en.cfm

"ACP" stands for "Africa, Caribbean, and Pacific". The 79 countries are the following:

- **ACP Africa countries:** Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Republic of Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ivory Cost, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania (United Republic of), Togo, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe
- **ACP Caribbean countries:** Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts & Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad & Tobago

Commodities classification:

For the purposes of this publication, products are presented according to Sections of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS) of the Customs Cooperation Council. For practical reasons, the titles of these sections have been shortened in the tables. More extensive section headings are given below.

For more information on Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System follow the link:

<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/nomenclatures>

Then click on "Classifications" and "Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System, 2007".

- **ACP Pacific countries:** Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federal State), Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa (Formerly Western Samoa), Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste (East Timor), Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

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Abbreviations:

Afr.: Africa

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Section number	Section Label
I	Live animals; animal products
II	Vegetable products
III	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes
IV	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes
V	Mineral products
VI	Products of the chemical or allied industries
VII	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof
VIII	Raw hides/skins, leather, furskins, articles thereof; saddlery/harness; travel goods/handbags/similar cont.; animal gut articles (excl. silkworm gut)
IX	Wood/articles of wood; wood charcoal; cork/articles of cork; manufactures of straw, esparto or other plaiting materials; basketware/wickerwork
X	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap) paper or paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof
XI	Textiles and textile articles
XII	Footwear/headgear/umbrellas/walking-/seat-sticks/whips/riding-crops, parts; prepared feathers/articles; artificial flowers; articles of human hair
XIII	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware
XIV	Natural/cultured pearls, precious/semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal, articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin
XV	Base metals and articles of base metal
XVI	Machinery/mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts; sound recorders/reproducers, tv image, sound recorders/reproducers, parts/accessories
XVII	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment
XVIII	Optical/photo-/cinematographic/measuring/checking/precision/medical/surgical instrum./appar.; clocks/watches; musical instruments; parts/accessories
XIX	Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof
XX	Miscellaneous manufactured articles
XXI	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques
	Not elsewhere specified goods (chapter 99 of the Combined Nomenclature)

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