

EU-27 trade in goods with ACP countries: a continued small trade surplus in 2010

South Africa has maintained its status as the main trading partner by a comfortable margin but Nigeria's share is increasing

In 2010, the overall trade in goods (the sum of imports and exports) between the EU and the ACP countries (Africa, Caribbean and Pacific) was valued at EUR 133 billion. This was a rise of 20 % compared with 2009 but failed to regain the value recorded in 2008.

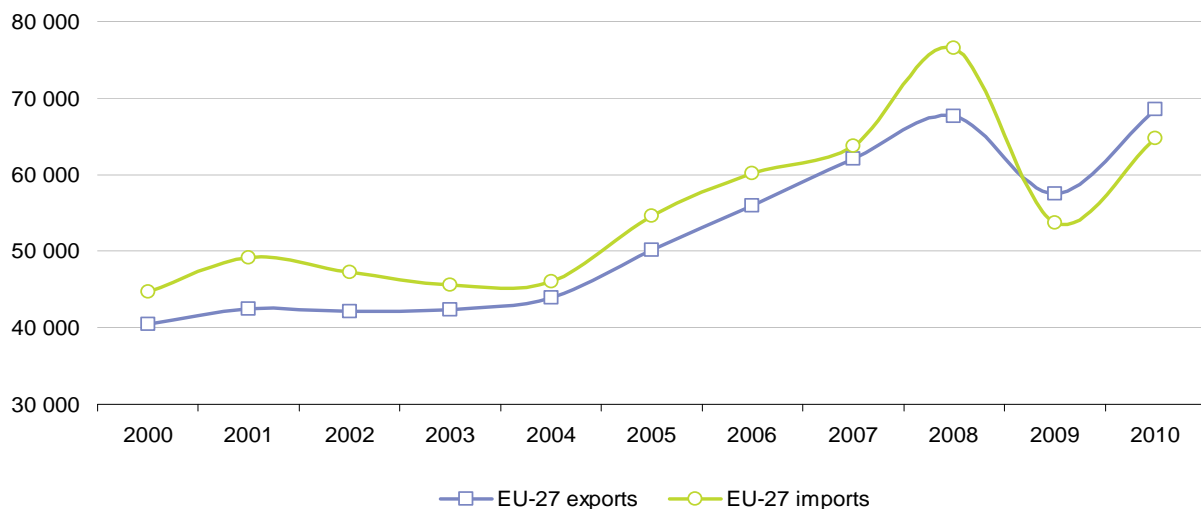
The growth was evenly shared between imports and exports. The trade deficit, which had persisted for nearly a decade, turned into a trade surplus in 2009 and continued in 2010 (EUR 3.8 billion). South Africa continues to be the most important trading partner among ACP countries accounting for more than a quarter in terms of EU-27 imports and exports. Nigeria and Angola follow in second and third places, although together they account for lower trade values than South Africa.

The EU's humanitarian aid to Haiti, following the earthquake, is reflected in the EU-27 exports to that country (nearly double the 2009 value).

In 2010, 41 % of all EU-27 imports from ACP countries consisted of mineral fuels (mainly from Nigeria and Angola). EU-27 exports to ACP countries were dominated by machinery and transport equipment, with a share of 42 %. As a group, the ACP countries took a relatively small share of total extra EU-27 trade in goods: just over 5 % of the extra EU-27 imports and 5 % of the extra EU-27 exports.

The African countries accounted for over 90 % of the total EU-27 trade with ACP countries.

Figure 1: Development of EU-27 exports and imports to/from ACP countries, in EUR million



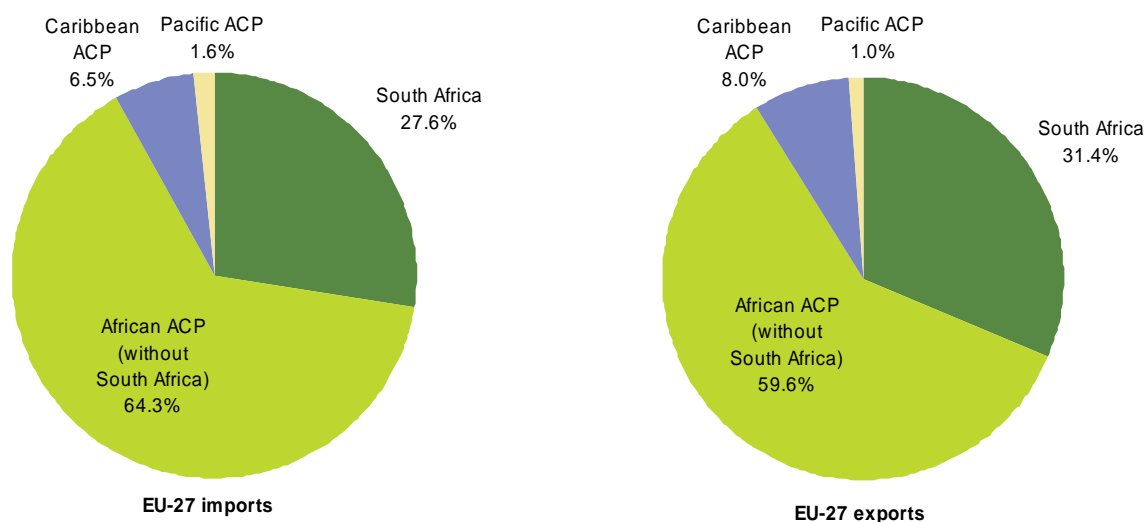
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2010: a continuation of an EU trade surplus

As Figure 1 shows, there was a long period when ACP imports and exports followed the same pattern, with small fluctuations in their development. Imports and exports picked up pace in 2004 and grew until 2008, with EU-27 imports higher than EU-27 exports. The changes in import values owed much to movements in oil prices as the main commodity imported remains “Mineral fuels”.

The economic crisis affected world trade considerably and the ACP countries were not spared. Between 2008 and 2009, the value of extra EU-27 imports from ACP countries decreased by 30% and that of EU-27 exports by 15%. In 2010, imports and exports rose by 21% and 19% respectively. In 2010, around 41% of the EU-27 imports from ACP countries consisted of “Mineral fuels”. Mineral fuel products exported to ACP countries represented a share of 13%.

Figure 2: EU-27 imports and exports with ACP countries, 2010



Source: Eurostat (COMEXT)

Looking at the geographical distribution of extra-EU-27 trade of goods with the ACP countries, the African ACP countries are dominant with over 90% of both EU-27 imports and exports. South Africa remains the main trading partner by a large margin; representing 31% of exports and 28% of imports to the ACP countries (see Figure 2). From

the Caribbean ACP countries, the main trading partners of the EU were Trinidad and Tobago, followed by the Bahamas, the Dominican Republic and Cuba.

The main partners from the Pacific ACP countries were Papua New Guinea and the Marshall Islands although their share was very small.

South Africa, Nigeria and Angola: the top-3 partners for both imports and export

The dominance of South Africa among the ACP countries again becomes apparent in Table 1. The top ten ACP trading partners are African countries. Trinidad and Tobago, the main Caribbean ACP partner appears in eleventh place, mainly due to its imports (a share of 3% in total EU-27 imports from ACP countries).

EU-27 exports to Haiti nearly doubled between 2009 and 2010, with the main explanation the flow of humanitarian aid, following the earthquake.

The shares of all ACP countries are displayed in order to show their importance and ranking in terms of trade volumes with the EU.

Table 1: EU-27 trade in goods with ACP countries in 2010: ranking and shares

	2001	2009	2010	Trades volume change (%) 2009-2010	ACP country ranking (based on trade volume)	2010		EU-27 exports (EUR million)	Share in EU exports to ACP countries	
	Trade volume (EUR million)					EU-27 imports (EUR million)	Share in EU imports from ACP countries			
African ACP countries										
ANGOLA	3,385	10,105	8,529	-15.6%	3	3,855	6.0%	4,674	6.8%	
BENIN	618	944	1,308	38.6%	19	31	0.0%	1,276	1.9%	
BOTSWANA	1,562	570	977	71.4%	27	838	1.3%	139	0.2%	
BURKINA FASO	295	473	526	11.4%	37	99	0.2%	427	0.6%	
BURUNDI	85	102	105	2.1%	58	29	0.0%	75	0.1%	
CAMEROON	2,900	2,861	3,252	13.7%	6	2,008	3.1%	1,244	1.8%	
CAPE VERDE	245	424	530	24.9%	36	36	0.1%	493	0.7%	
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	230	118	201	70.3%	49	42	0.1%	160	0.2%	
CHAD	233	386	484	25.4%	39	216	0.3%	268	0.4%	
COMOROS	57	41	53	30.5%	65	8	0.0%	45	0.1%	
CONGO	940	1,775	2,518	41.9%	9	1,491	2.3%	1,028	1.5%	
CONGO, DEMOCRATIC REP	1,320	1,091	1,287	17.9%	21	508	0.8%	779	1.1%	
CÔTE D'IVOIRE	3,516	4,557	4,913	7.8%	4	3,211	5.0%	1,701	2.5%	
DJIBOUTI	271	183	161	-12.0%	53	10	0.0%	151	0.2%	
EQUATORIAL GUINEA	943	2,041	3,135	53.6%	7	2,360	3.6%	775	1.1%	
ERITREA	140	62	60	-3.1%	62	4	0.0%	56	0.1%	
ETHIOPIA	597	1,101	1,240	12.6%	22	489	0.8%	750	1.1%	
GABON	2,332	1,630	1,862	14.2%	13	859	1.3%	1,003	1.5%	
GAMBIA	165	118	131	10.8%	57	18	0.0%	113	0.2%	
GHANA	2,051	2,849	3,639	27.8%	5	1,459	2.3%	2,181	3.2%	
GUINEA	968	955	988	3.4%	26	472	0.7%	515	0.8%	
GUINEA-BISSAU	47	79	77	-1.9%	59	6	0.0%	71	0.1%	
KENYA	1,986	2,462	2,754	11.8%	8	1,109	1.7%	1,644	2.4%	
LESOTHO	30	112	149	33.2%	55	139	0.2%	10	0.0%	
LIBERIA	2,577	1,098	1,025	-6.6%	25	341	0.5%	684	1.0%	
MADAGASCAR	1,041	870	868	-0.3%	28	481	0.7%	387	0.6%	
MALAWI	280	364	363	-0.3%	42	234	0.4%	130	0.2%	
MALI	475	528	632	19.7%	32	27	0.0%	605	0.9%	
MAURITANIA	769	980	1,303	32.9%	20	530	0.8%	773	1.1%	
MAURITIUS	2,142	1,549	1,643	6.1%	17	882	1.4%	761	1.1%	
MOZAMBIQUE	718	1,091	1,898	74.0%	12	1,369	2.1%	528	0.8%	
NAMIBIA	1,054	962	1,471	52.9%	18	1,143	1.8%	327	0.5%	
NIGER	335	575	578	0.4%	33	196	0.3%	382	0.6%	
NIGERIA	11,696	19,614	25,386	29.4%	2	14,696	22.7%	10,690	15.6%	
RWANDA	119	209	192	-8.1%	51	37	0.1%	154	0.2%	
SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE	46	52	59	11.8%	63	7	0.0%	52	0.1%	
SENEGAL	1,496	1,890	2,455	29.9%	10	296	0.5%	2,159	3.1%	
SEYCHELLES	338	361	353	-2.3%	43	168	0.3%	185	0.3%	
SIERRA LEONE	303	225	339	50.6%	44	159	0.2%	180	0.3%	
SOMALIA	30	18	24	36.8%	68	1	0.0%	23	0.0%	
SOUTH AFRICA	28,938	31,106	39,364	26.5%	1	17,857	27.6%	21,507	31.4%	
SUDAN	956	1,028	1,164	13.3%	23	92	0.1%	1,072	1.6%	
SWAZILAND	166	165	195	17.7%	50	157	0.2%	38	0.1%	
TANZANIA, UNITED REP. OF	836	1,069	1,119	4.6%	24	362	0.6%	757	1.1%	
TOGO	410	834	734	-11.9%	31	222	0.3%	513	0.7%	
UGANDA	465	769	834	8.5%	29	390	0.6%	445	0.6%	
ZAMBIA	289	414	483	16.7%	40	213	0.3%	271	0.4%	
ZIMBABWE	1,051	345	488	41.6%	38	298	0.5%	190	0.3%	
Caribbean ACP countries										
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	650	327	247	-24.6%	47	72	0.1%	175	0.3%	
BAHAMAS	1,377	971	1,850	90.6%	14	537	0.8%	1,313	1.9%	
BARBADOS	274	145	160	10.3%	54	28	0.0%	132	0.2%	
BELIZE	149	166	162	-2.0%	52	106	0.2%	57	0.1%	
CUBA	2,064	1,422	1,649	16.0%	16	353	0.5%	1,296	1.9%	
DOMINICA	69	51	28	-44.0%	67	10	0.0%	19	0.0%	
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	1,457	1,453	1,796	23.6%	15	727	1.1%	1,069	1.6%	
GRENADA	60	20	19	-4.3%	69	4	0.0%	16	0.0%	
GUYANA	290	273	258	-5.6%	46	169	0.3%	89	0.1%	
HAITI	129	122	232	90.5%	48	26	0.0%	206	0.3%	
JAMAICA	1,011	401	378	-5.6%	41	132	0.2%	246	0.4%	
ST KITTS AND NEVIS	35	21	65	214.0%	60	6	0.0%	59	0.1%	
ST LUCIA	96	108	53	-50.4%	64	18	0.0%	35	0.1%	
ST VINCENT & THE GRENADINES	287	243	136	-44.1%	56	62	0.1%	74	0.1%	
SURINAME	289	513	544	6.0%	34	289	0.4%	256	0.4%	
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	1,101	2,405	2,139	-11.1%	11	1,667	2.6%	472	0.7%	
Pacific ACP countries										
COOK ISLANDS	1	15	2	-84.5%	73	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	
FIJI	145	123	64	-48.1%	61	40	0.1%	23	0.0%	
KIRIBATI	3	4	3	-31.6%	72	0	0.0%	2	0.0%	
MARSHALL ISLANDS	344	502	540	7.5%	35	175	0.3%	365	0.5%	
MICRONESIA	1	1	0	-55.3%	77	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
NAURU	3	2	1	-62.3%	75	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	
NIUE	1	2	0	-97.8%	79	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
PALAU	10	1	1	9.1%	76	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	320	628	782	24.5%	30	615	0.9%	167	0.2%	
SAMOA	15	4	6	44.7%	71	1	0.0%	5	0.0%	
SOLOMON ISLANDS	8	26	29	8.4%	66	26	0.0%	2	0.0%	
TIMOR-LESTE		17	18	4.3%	70	8	0.0%	10	0.0%	
TONGA	6	4	2	-43.3%	74	0	0.0%	2	0.0%	
TUVALU	2	1	0	-83.3%	78	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
VANUATU	42	73	294	302.4%	45	196	0.3%	98	0.1%	

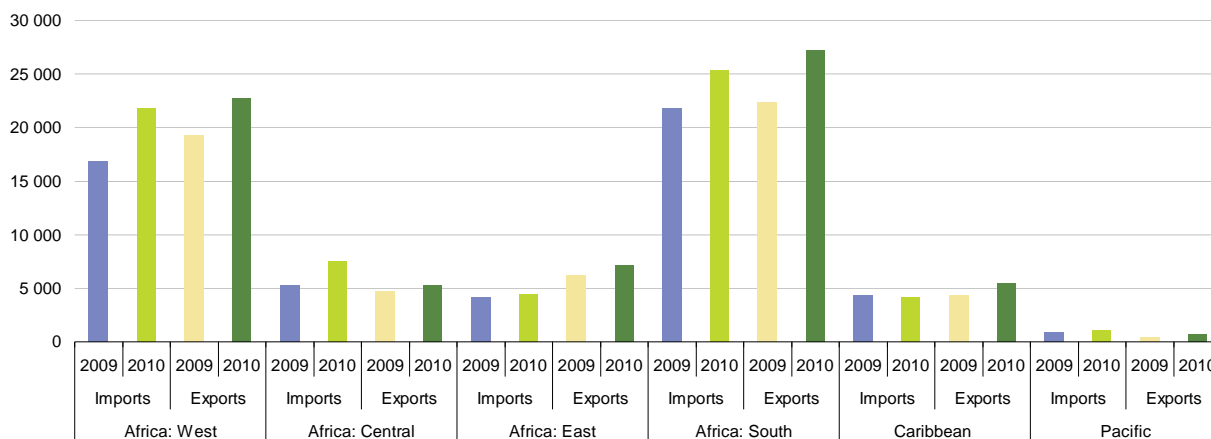
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Trade with ACP regions: looking at countries with European Partnership Agreements (EPAs)

Considering the ACP regions composed of countries with EPAs (Economic Partnership Agreements – see Methodological Notes for countries in the regions), the “Africa South” region

(which includes South Africa), recorded the highest trade volumes, followed by the “Africa West” region (which includes Nigeria).

Figure 3: EU-27 trade with ACP regions with EPAs, 2009 and 2010 (EUR million)



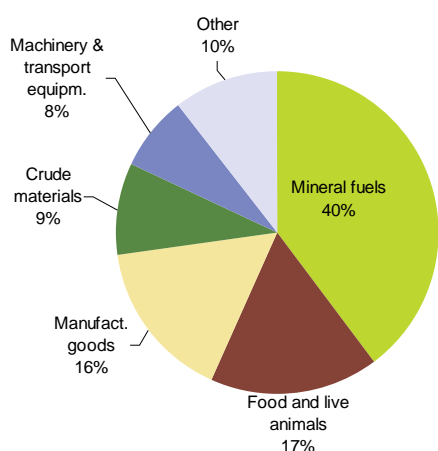
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Trade with the individual ACP regions increased between 2009 and 2010 (see Figure 3). EU-27 imports from the largest trade region “Africa South” rose by 16 % between 2009 and 2010; EU-27 exports by 22 %. For the countries with EPAs of the “African: West” region, the value of EU-27 imports rose by 29 %; that of exports by 18 %. A noticeable increase was also observed for imports

from the African Central region compared to 2009 (+43 %). When looking at EU-27 exports to this region, the increase was less significant (+12 %). Finally, while keeping in mind that the Pacific region plays a lesser role in extra-EU-27 trade, it is worth mentioning that the highest relative share increase in EU exports at 46 % was noted for the Pacific region.

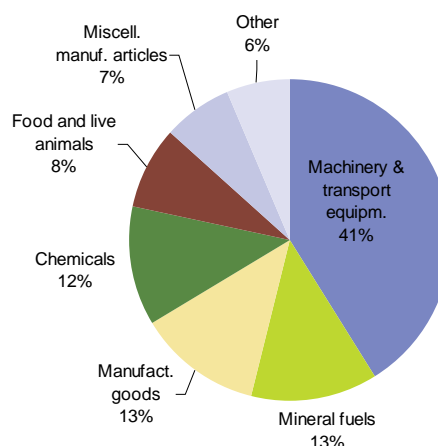
Relative importance of ‘Mineral fuels’ in EU-27 imports decreases, while EU-27 exports of ‘Machinery and transport equipment’ remain relatively stable

Figure 4: EU-27 imports from ACP countries, 2010, by product category



Source: Eurostat (COMEXT)

Figure 5: EU-27 exports to ACP countries, 2010, by product category



Source: Eurostat (COMEXT)

Table 2: EU-27 imports from ACP countries, by product category (SITC 1-digit), 2001, 2009 and 2010

	EU-27 imports from ACP countries (EUR million)			Change 2009-2010 (%)	EU-27 imports from ACP countries: share of product category (%)			Share of ACP countries in extra-EU-27 imports		
	2001	2009	2010		2001	2009	2010	2001	2009	2010
TOTAL	49 187	53 710	64 723	20.5%	100%	100%	100%	5.0%	4.5%	4.3%
Food and live animals (SITC 0)	8 485	10 142	11 009	8.5%	17%	19%	17%	16.4%	15.1%	14.9%
Beverages and tobacco (SITC 1)	1 446	1 222	1 211	-0.9%	3%	2%	2%	22.7%	19.0%	17.6%
Crude materials (SITC 2)	5 522	4 415	5 913	33.9%	11%	8%	9%	12.2%	10.5%	9.3%
Mineral fuels (SITC 3)	11 421	22 217	25 699	15.7%	23%	41%	40%	7.2%	7.5%	6.9%
Animal and vegetable oils (SITC 4)	228	393	472	20.1%	0%	1%	1%	8.4%	7.1%	7.2%
Chemicals (SITC 5)	794	1 215	1 404	15.6%	2%	2%	2%	1.0%	1.1%	1.0%
Manufactured goods (SITC 6)	9 796	6 679	10 367	55.2%	20%	12%	16%	8.9%	5.8%	6.6%
Machinery & transp.equipm.(SITC 7)	5 831	4 077	4 976	22.0%	12%	8%	8%	1.7%	1.2%	1.1%
Miscell. manif. articles (SITC 8)	2 083	1 241	1 243	0.1%	4%	2%	2%	1.5%	0.7%	0.6%
Other (not classified) (SITC 9)	3 582	2 109	2 429	15.2%	7%	4%	4%	7.7%	4.9%	6.5%

Source: Eurostat (COMEXT)

Imports from the ACP countries were around 4 % of total extra EU-27 imports in 2010. At the broad product level, "beverages and tobacco" were 18 % and "food and live animals" 15 % of the EU-27 imports from ACP.

Mineral fuels remained the largest product category, accounting for around 40 % of the ACP total. This share has doubled since 2001 and reached a peak of 47% in 2008. The share of "food and live animals", the second largest import category, fell back to 17 % in 2010.

Almost all product categories displayed a notable increase between 2009 and 2010. Only "Beverages and tobacco" recorded a small fall of 1 %.

Manufactured goods saw the largest rise from over 12 % in 2009 to 16 % in 2010, the result of a 55 % increase in terms of value imports between 2009 and 2010. Crude materials recorded a 34 % year on year rise but its share of the total, like semi-manufactures, remained well below the levels seen in 2001.

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	2001	2009	2010		2001	2009	2010	2001	2009	2010
TOTAL	42 500	57 487	68 583	19.3%	100%	100%	100%	4.8%	5.2%	5.1%
Food and live animals (SITC 0)	3 690	4 588	5 624	22.6%	9%	8%	8%	10.6%	10.3%	10.2%
Beverages and tobacco (SITC 1)	831	1 231	1 347	9.4%	2%	2%	2%	5.7%	6.8%	6.3%
Crude materials (SITC 2)	520	776	925	19.1%	1%	1%	1%	3.5%	3.1%	2.7%
Mineral fuels (SITC 3)	1 017	5 838	8 745	49.8%	2%	10%	13%	4.1%	10.4%	11.6%
Animal and vegetable oils (SITC 4)	184	131	303	130.8%	0%	0%	0%	8.6%	5.1%	10.0%
Chemicals (SITC 5)	5 048	6 638	8 203	23.6%	12%	12%	12%	3.9%	3.4%	3.5%
Manufactured goods (SITC 6)	5 450	7 213	8 580	19.0%	13%	13%	13%	4.4%	5.2%	5.0%
Machinery & transp.equipm.(SITC 7)	21 610	25 196	28 258	12.2%	51%	44%	41%	5.2%	5.5%	4.9%
Miscell. manif. articles (SITC 8)	3 297	4 278	4 868	13.8%	8%	7%	7%	3.0%	3.6%	3.5%
Other (not classified) (SITC 9)	853	1 597	1 729	8.3%	2%	3%	3%	1.8%	2.1%	2.3%

Source: Eurostat (COMEXT)

In 2010, the share of exports to the ACP countries remained little changed, representing 5 % of the total of extra-EU-27 exports. "Machinery and transport equipment" accounted for the largest share of EU-27 exports in 2010 (41 %), followed by "Mineral fuels" and "Manufactured goods".

Despite a rise in terms of value, the share of the "Machinery and transport equipment" category decreased by 3 %. "Mineral fuels" comprised 13 % of EU-27 exports to ACP countries: Nigeria, the main country of origin for this category, also appears to be the main destination category.

'Petroleum, petroleum products' most important category for both imports and exports

In 2010, according to the more detailed SITC 2-digit classification (see Methodological Notes), the ten most traded products accounted for over three quarters of EU-27 imports and almost 60 % of EU-27 exports to ACP countries. "Petroleum, petroleum products" and "Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices" together accounted for nearly 40 % of EU-27 imports from ACP countries. When looking at EU-27 exports, the distribution of individual products appears to be more even, although the ranking largely reflects the importance of machinery and transport equipment (SITC 7).

Table 4: EU-27 imports and exports from ACP countries in 2010: Top-10 products

Rank	EU-27 IMPORTS	Value (EUR million)	Share in total extra-EU-27 imports from ACP	
			share (%)	cumulated share (%)
1	Petroleum, petroleum products	20 056	31.0%	31.0%
2	Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices	5 490	8.5%	39.5%
3	Gas, natural and manufactured	4 548	7.0%	46.5%
4	Non-metallic mineral manufactures	4 144	6.4%	52.9%
5	Non-ferrous metals	3 619	5.6%	58.5%
6	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	3 170	4.9%	63.4%
7	Vegetables and fruit	2 797	4.3%	67.7%
8	Fish, crustaceans, molluscs	1 799	2.8%	70.5%
9	Iron and steel	1 751	2.7%	73.2%
10	General industrial machinery	1 384	2.1%	75.3%

Rank	EU-27 EXPORTS	Value (EUR million)	Share in total extra-EU-27 exports to ACP	
			share (%)	cumulated share (%)
1	Petroleum, petroleum products	8 540	12.5%	12.5%
2	Road vehicles	6 376	9.3%	21.7%
3	General industrial machinery	4 719	6.9%	28.6%
4	Specialised machinery	3 776	5.5%	34.1%
5	Other transport equipment	3 175	4.6%	38.8%
6	Medicinal and pharmaceutical prod.	3 037	4.4%	43.2%
7	Electr. machinery and appliances	3 000	4.4%	47.6%
8	Power-generating machinery	2 609	3.8%	51.4%
9	Manufactures of metals	2 355	3.4%	54.8%
10	Telecomm. & sound record. equipm.	2 190	3.2%	58.0%

Source: Eurostat (COMEXT)

56 % of the value of all 'road vehicles' exported to ACP countries go to South Africa

Looking at the five main product categories and the top five ACP countries of origin and destination for EU-27 imports and exports respectively, the image drawn in the previous sections is largely confirmed. Oil imported from the ACP countries originates mainly from Nigeria and Angola whereas the Ivory Coast has a dominant position in terms of coffee and cocoa imports. Only one Caribbean country, Trinidad and Tobago, appears in these rankings and this in the category "Gas, natural and manufactured" (2nd position with a share of 24 % in EU-27 imports from ACP). On the exports side,

South Africa comes first in several categories, except for "Petroleum and petroleum products", where Nigeria took a share of more than half of EU-27 exports to ACP countries. In the exports of "Other transport equipment", two Caribbean countries show up in the top 5 countries: Bahamas with "Cruise ships, excursion boats and similar vessels principally designed for the transport of persons; ferry-boats of all kinds" and the Marshall Islands with "Other vessels for the transport of goods (including vessels for the transport of both passengers and goods)".

Table 5: EU-27 imports 2010: main countries of origin of the five most imported products

Rank	Petroleum and petrol. prod.			Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices			Gas, natural and manufact.			Non-metall.mineral manuf.			Non-ferrous metal		
	Country	Value (EUR million)	Share in total ACP	Country	Value (EUR million)	Share in total ACP	Country	Value (EUR million)	Share in total ACP	Country	Value (EUR million)	Share in total ACP	Country	Value (EUR million)	Share in total ACP
1	Nigeria	10,256	51.1%	Côte d'Ivoire	1,883	34.3%	Nigeria	3,338	73.4%	South Africa	2,575	62.1%	South Africa	1,802	49.8%
2	Angola	3,689	18.4%	Ghana	1,053	19.2%	Trinidad & Tob.	1,080	23.7%	Botswana	776	18.7%	Mozambique	1,091	30.1%
3	Equat. Guinea	2,196	10.9%	Cameroon	528	9.6%	Angola	55	1.2%	Namibia	322	7.8%	Namibia	269	7.4%
4	Congo	1,209	6.0%	Nigeria	510	9.3%	Congo	33	0.7%	Lesotho	137	3.3%	Congo, DR	144	4.0%
5	Cameroon	872	4.3%	Kenya	310	5.7%	Equat. Guinea	28	0.6%	Congo, DR	103	2.5%	Congo	128	3.5%

Table 6: EU-27 exports 2010: main destination countries of the five most exported products

Rank	Petroleum & petrol. prod.			Road vehicles			General industrial machinery			Specialised machinery			Other transport equipment		
	Country	Value (EUR million)	Share in total ACP	Country	Value (EUR million)	Share in total ACP	Country	Value (EUR million)	Share in total ACP	Country	Value (EUR million)	Share in total ACP	Country	Value (EUR million)	Share in total ACP
1	Nigeria	4 413	51.7%	South Africa	3 602	56.5%	South Africa	1 541	32.7%	South Africa	1 017	26.9%	Bahamas	980	30.9%
2	Senegal	818	9.6%	Nigeria	412	6.5%	Nigeria	586	12.4%	Nigeria	471	12.5%	Liberia	510	16.1%
3	South Africa	731	8.6%	Angola	303	4.8%	Angola	584	12.4%	Angola	352	9.3%	Marshall Islands	337	10.6%
4	Benin	610	7.1%	Ghana	145	2.3%	Cuba	155	3.3%	Ghana	157	4.1%	South Africa	266	8.4%
5	Ghana	329	3.9%	Cameroon	137	2.1%	Congo	136	2.9%	Equat. Guinea	108	2.9%	Nigeria	189	5.9%

Source: Eurostat (COMEXT)

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.

SITC classification

Information on commodities exported and imported are presented according to the SITC classification (Standard International Trade Classification) at a more general level (1- digit – Fig. 4 and 5, Tab. 2 and 3) and a more detailed level (2- digits – Tables 4 to 6). A full description is available through Eurostat's classification server [RAMON](#).

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.

For more information, follow the link:

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, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

ACP Caribbean countries: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago.

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

The selection of ACP regions corresponds to the regions which have signed or are currently negotiating the **Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs)** with the EU.

For more information, follow the link:

http://ec.europa.eu/trade/issues/bilateral/regions/acp/regneg_en.htm

The ACP EPA countries group themselves into *seven regions*: five in Africa, one in the Caribbean and one in the Pacific.

African regions:

South - *The following Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries:* **Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland**

East - *The Eastern and Southern Africa (ESA) countries:* **Comoros, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Seychelles, Sudan, Zambia and Zimbabwe and the East African Community (EAC) countries:** **Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda and Tanzania**

West – *The 15 Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) countries:* **Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo.**

Central - All six members of the *Economic Community of Central African states (CEMAC):* **Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Equatorial Guinea and Gabon plus Democratic Republic of the Congo and São Tomé and Príncipe.**

Caribbean region

The 14 members of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM): **Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago.**

Pacific region

Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa (formerly Western Samoa), Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

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