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# Non-oil Foreign Merchandise Trade

Through Abu Dhabi Ports- January 2021

## Introduction

This publication presents statistics on the value of non-oil foreign merchandise trade, which entered or exited the territory of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi through the ports of Abu Dhabi (comprising air, sea and road ports). It should be noted that foreign trade data presented in this publication do not cover non-oil exports and imports through ports of the other Emirates in the UAE.

The data have been sourced from the Abu Dhabi Department of Finance – Customs Administration, and the scope of the statistics therefore is restricted to the trade flows recorded at ports under the jurisdiction of the Customs Administration. The publication highlights the relative importance of each individual component of imports, non-oil exports and re-exports.

The data are presented according to the Broad Economic Categories (BEC), the Harmonized System (HS) chapters and by country for total imports, non-oil exports and re-exports.

The Explanatory Notes section at the end of this publication defines the key terms and technical concepts used in the compilation of non-oil foreign merchandise trade statistics. Readers are encouraged to refer to that section while reading the statistics and information outlined in the publication.

**Table 1 : The value of non-oil foreign merchandise trade from January, 2020-2021\***

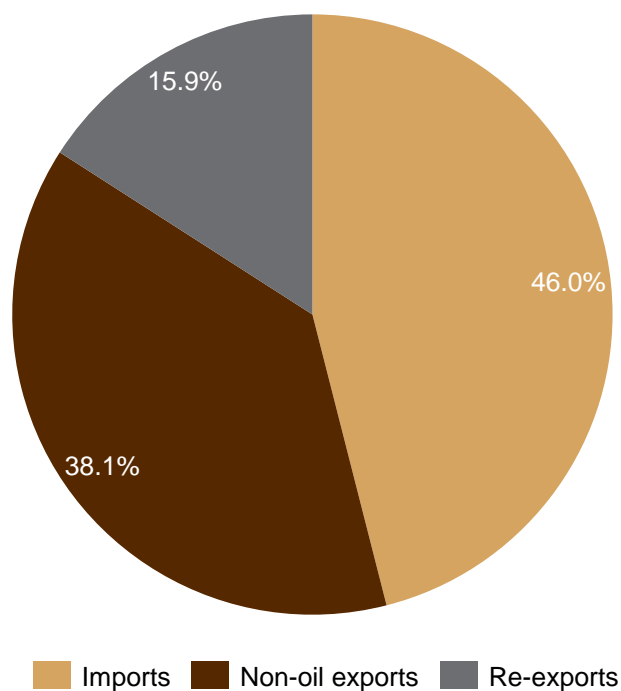
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Foreign trade type	January		Change%
	2020	2021	
Imports	9,995.1	7,557.0	-24.4%
Non-oil exports	5,487.4	6,248.3	13.9%
Re-exports	3,803.1	2,613.6	-31.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,285.6</b>	<b>16,418.9</b>	<b>-14.9%</b>

Source: Department of Finance – Customs Administration

\*The data for 2021 are preliminary

**Figure 1: Percentage contribution to the value of non-oil foreign merchandise trade, January 2021\***

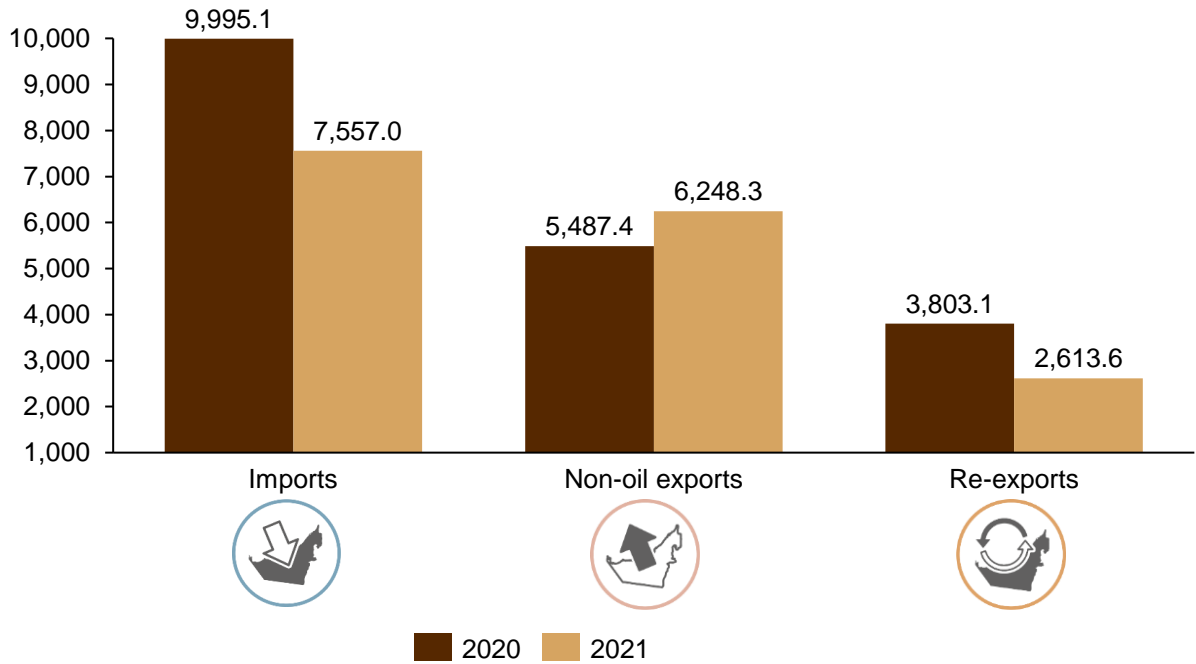


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**Figure 2: The value of non-oil foreign merchandise trade in January, 2020-2021\***

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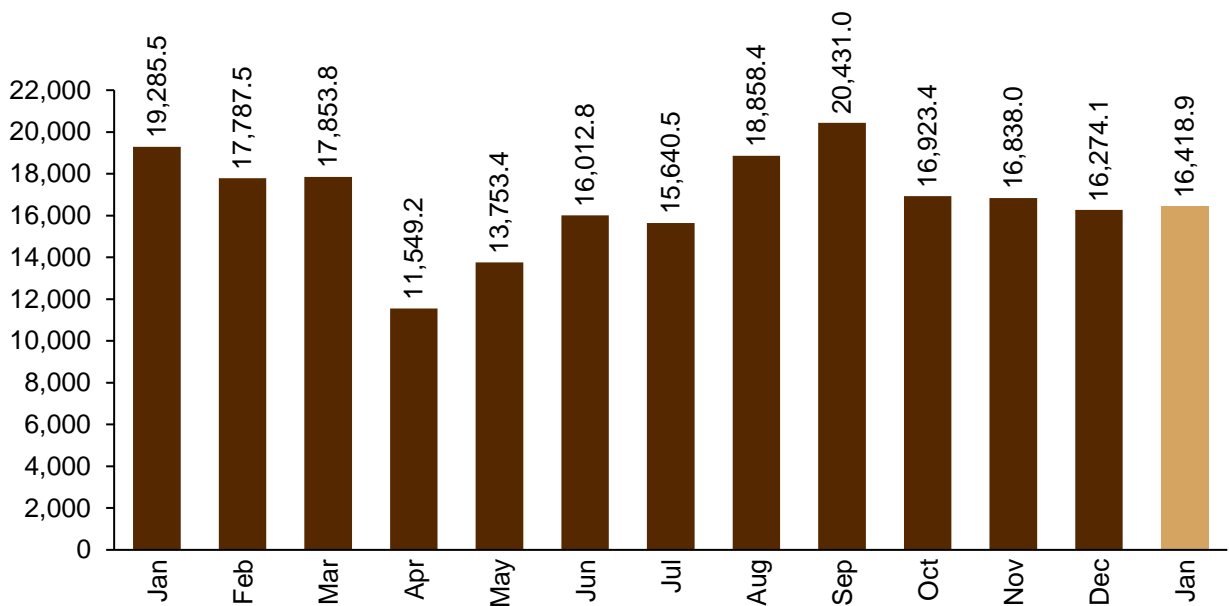


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**Figure 3: The value of non-oil foreign merchandise trade from January, 2020-2021\***

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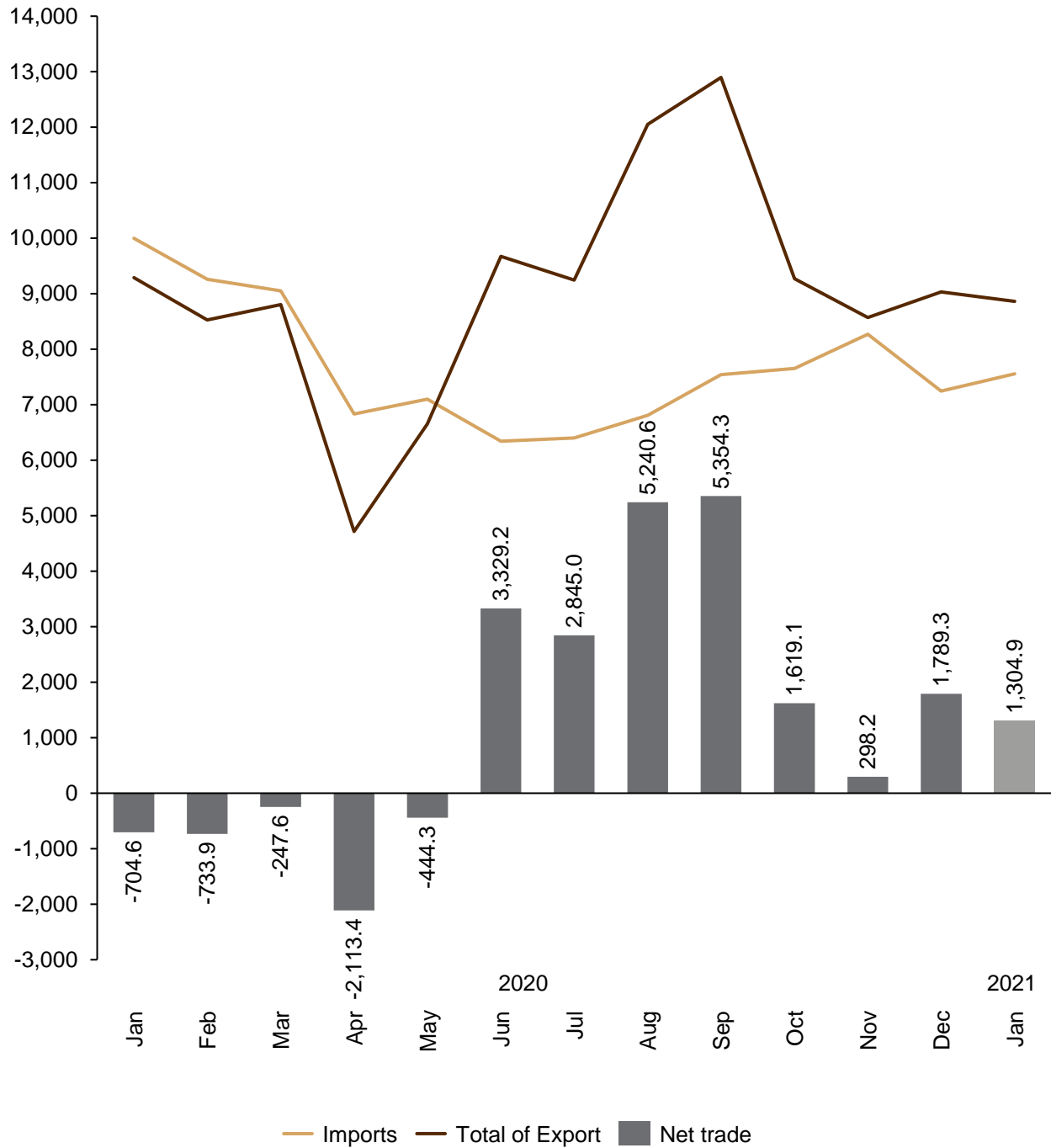


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**Figure 4: The value of non-oil net trade from January, 2020-2021\***

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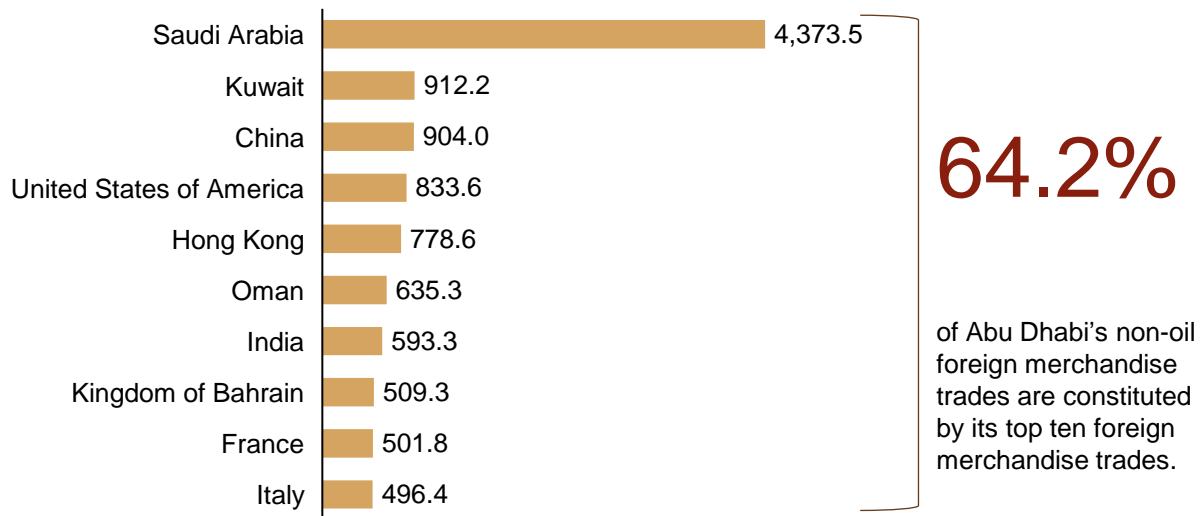


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**Figure 5: Top trade partners of non-oil foreign merchandise trade, January 2021\***

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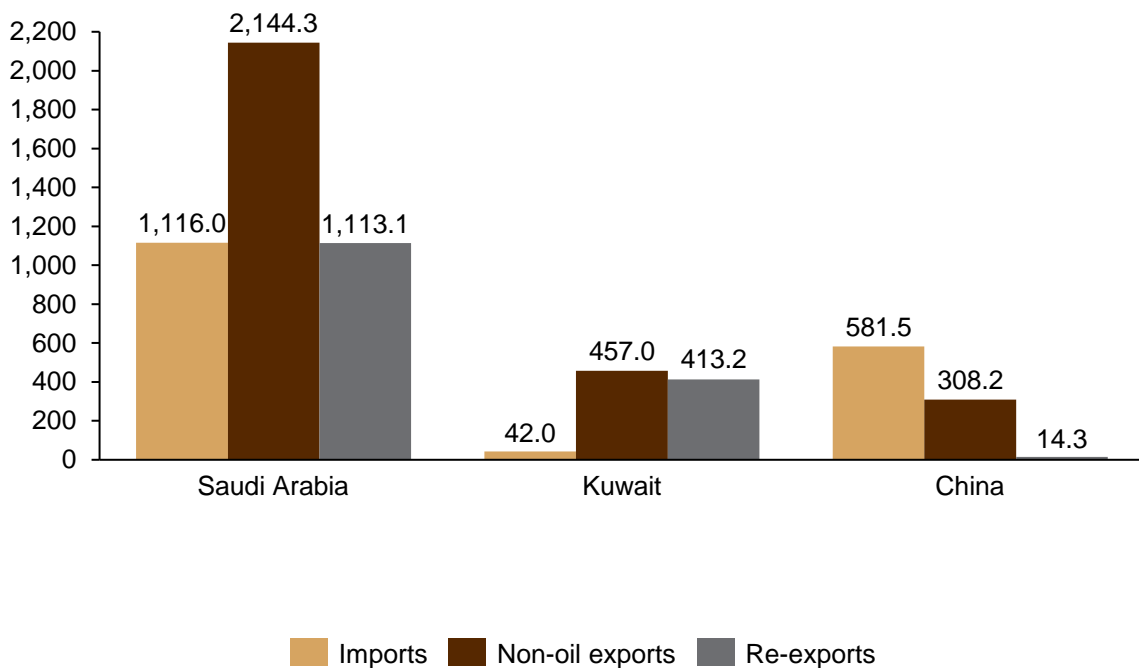


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**Figure 6: Top trade partners of non-oil foreign merchandise trade, January 2021\***

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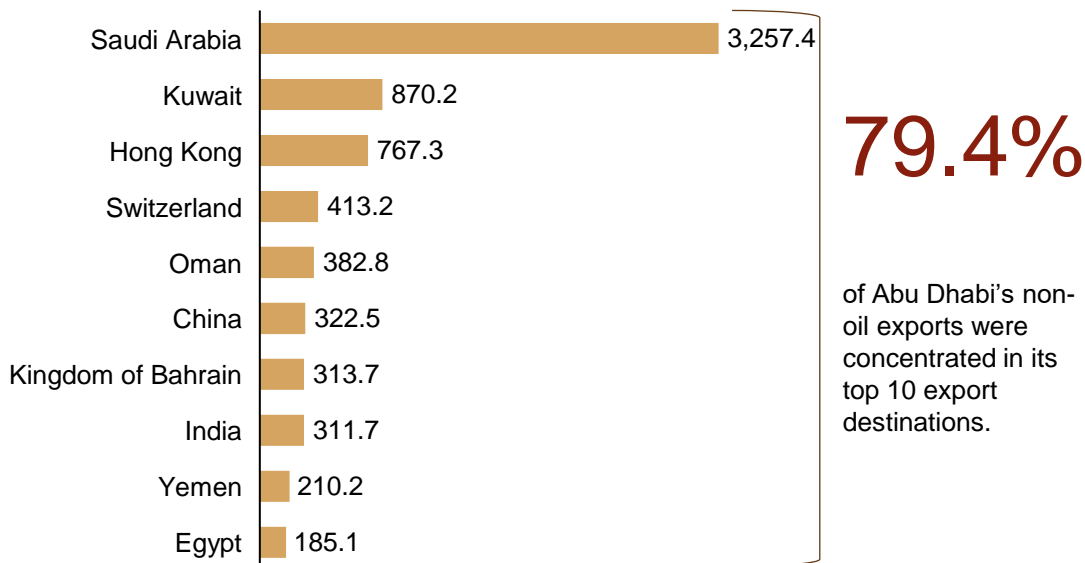


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**Figure 7: Top trade partners of total non-oil exports (non-oil exports & re-exports), January 2021\***

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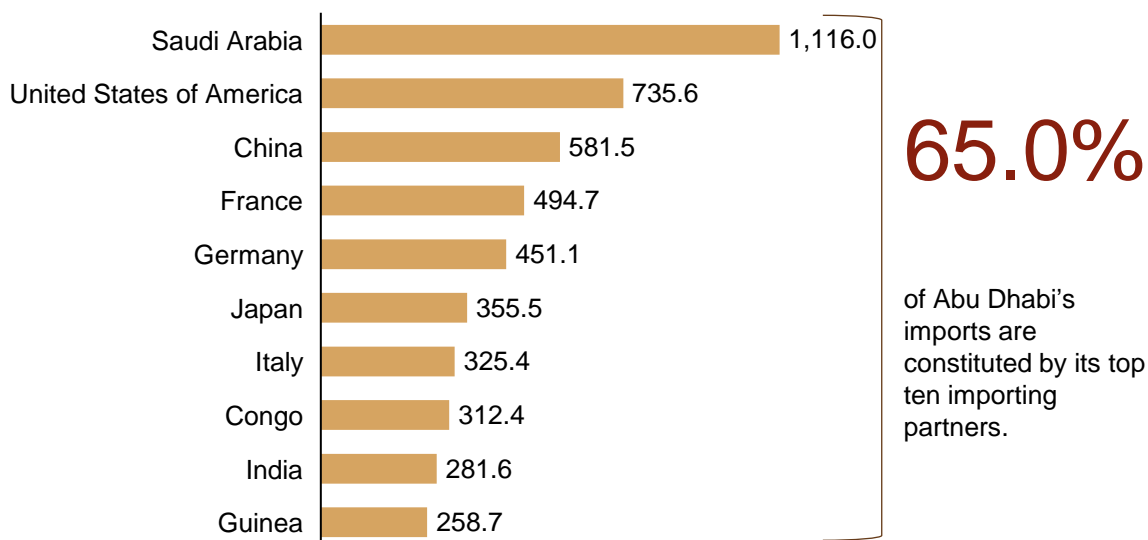


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**Figure 8: Top trade partners of imports, January 2021\***

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**Table 2: The value of non-oil foreign merchandise trade by Broad Economic Category (BEC) from January, 2020-2021\***

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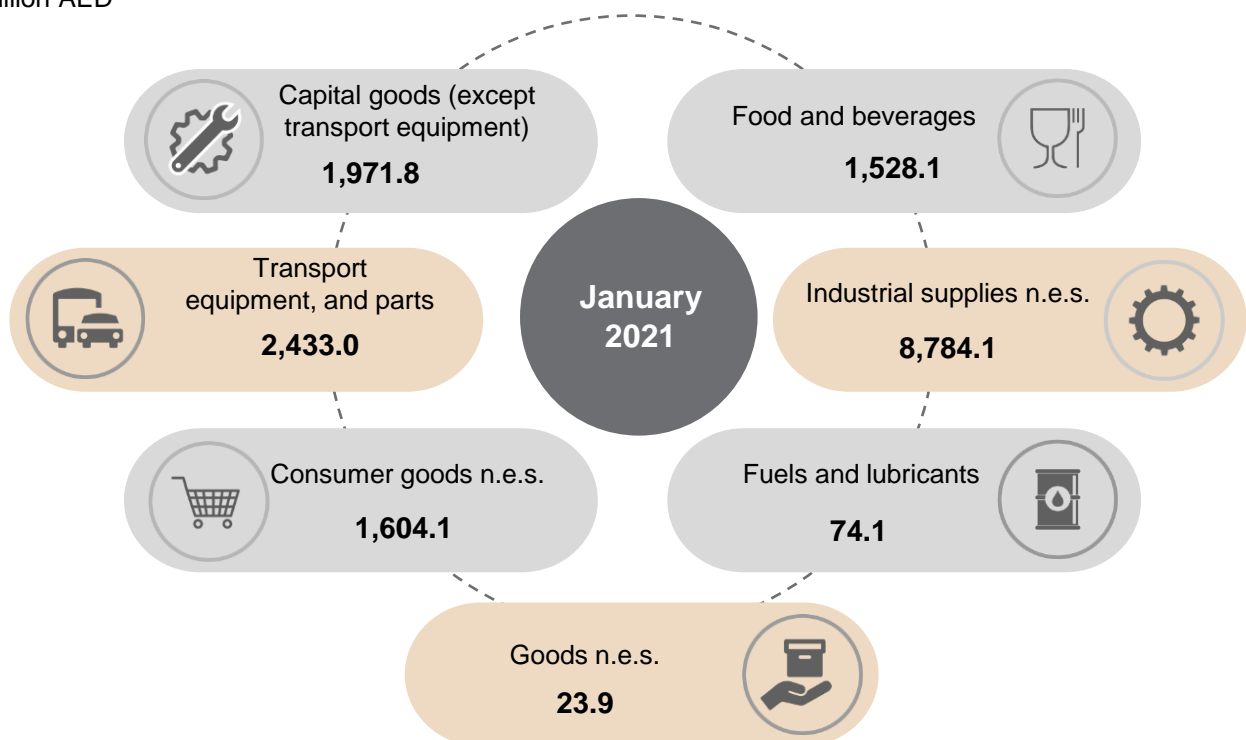
Commodities	Non-oil exports		Re-exports		Imports	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
Food and beverages	495.7	615.1	273.8	254.2	477.0	658.8
Industrial supplies n.e.s.	4,433.5	5,133.6	422.0	290.2	4,279.5	3,360.3
Fuels and lubricants	21.1	26.1	6.6	8.7	52.1	39.3
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	142.8	115.8	599.9	579.9	2,282.1	1,276.1
Transport equipment, and parts	46.9	29.0	1,904.2	931.0	2,242.1	1,473.0
Consumer goods n.e.s.	346.5	328.1	578.8	537.6	654.0	738.4
Goods n.e.s.	0.9	0.7	17.9	11.9	8.4	11.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,487.4</b>	<b>6,248.3</b>	<b>3,803.1</b>	<b>2,613.6</b>	<b>9,995.1</b>	<b>7,557.0</b>

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**Figure 9: The value of non-oil foreign merchandise trade by Broad Economic Category (BEC), January 2021\***

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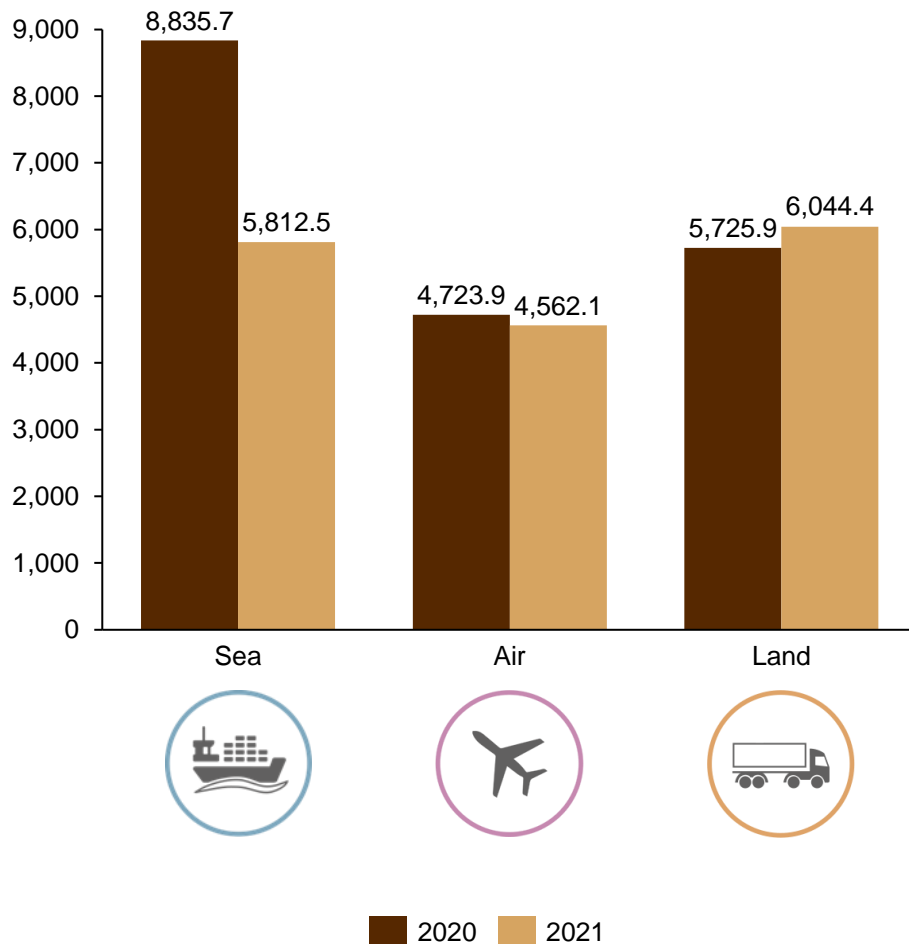
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**Figure 10:** The value of non-oil foreign merchandise trade movement by transportation means, January, 2020-2021\*

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**Figure 11: The value of non-oil foreign merchandise trade, creative and technical goods, January 2021\***

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 <p><b>Creative goods</b> Harmonized System (HS code)</p>	Art crafts	28.1
	Audiovisuals	3.8
	Design	66.7
	New media	6.0
	Performing arts	0.1
	Publishing	19.2
	Visual arts	323.3
 <p><b>High-Tech Products</b> Standard International Trade Classification (SITC4)</p>	Aerospace	272.9
	Computer office machines	180.4
	Electronics- telecommunications	318.6
	Pharmacy	373.9
	Scientific instruments	179.1
	Electrical machinery	15.0
	Chemistry	33.0
 <p><b>Information and Communication Technology (ICT) goods</b> Harmonized System (HS code)</p>	Computers and peripheral equipment	184.2
	Communication equipment	229.5
	Consumer electronic equipment	27.6
	Electronic components	22.0
	Miscellaneous	28.5

Source: Statistic Centre – Abu Dhabi

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## Explanatory notes

### Technical notes

#### Data source

Data are obtained from Department of Finance – Customs Administration. The data are processed and passed to Statistic Centre – Abu Dhabi for further editing, compilation and reclassified according to statistical classifications for foreign trade.

#### Valuation

In line with the World Customs Organization (WCO) agreement on valuation:

- Exports (including re-exports) are valued free on board (fob), which represents the value at the export border, and includes inland freight costs and packaging
- Imports are valued on the cost insurance and freight (c.i.f.) basis, which represents the value at the import border, and includes the additional cost of freight and insurance in transporting the goods internationally

#### Revision Policy

Monthly estimates of Foreign Trade are released on the following schedule: “Preliminary” estimates, based on administrative data that are incomplete or subject to further revision by the source agency, are released near the end of the second month after the end of the reference month. No further updates are incorporated into the monthly Foreign Trade until the source finalize its data four months after the end of the reference calendar year.

These revisions are necessary to incorporate definition and classification changes or to reflect the introduction of new and improved methodologies and new data.

#### Notes on Paragraphs and Tables

- Changes (levels and %) in all tables are based on unrounded numbers.
- Relative importance is calculated as the ratio between the value of the sub-group and the total value for all groups, expressed as a percentage.
- Totals in some tables may not add up due to rounding. (There may be differences in totals and percentages as a result of mathematical operations)
- The data for 2021 are preliminary.

#### Symbols used

- ‘-’ The value not available
- ‘0’ Approximately to zero
- n.e.s. Denotes ‘not elsewhere specified.’

## **Glossary**

### **Classifications**

The non-oil foreign merchandise trade statistics are presented in accordance with the two main internationally recommended output classifications: Harmonized System (HS) and Broad Economic Categories (BEC).

If users require statistics by the detailed Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS), these are available from SCAD on request. The HS is an input classification, and is the basis on which traders record goods with Customs.

### **Merchandise Trade**

Foreign Merchandise Trade statistics record goods, which add to or subtract from the stock of material resources of Abu Dhabi by entering or leaving its territory. Throughout this publication, the term merchandise trade statistics refers to trade which moves through the ports of Abu Dhabi only, and do not capture inter-emirate trade activity.

### **Goods exchange**

It is the merchandise foreign trade movement of exports, imports and re-exports, through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

### **Imports**

Imports are goods that enter Abu Dhabi's customs and economic district from various parts of the world, excluding other emirates in the United Arab Emirates, and receive customs clearance. Goods are considered imports regardless of whether they enter the Emirate directly or are retrieved from customs warehouses, temporary entry areas or free zones inside the country. These goods receive customs clearance in order to become part of Abu Dhabi's merchandise balance.

### **Re-exports**

Re-exports represent goods that are imported from abroad, enter Abu Dhabi's customs and economic district and become part of the Emirate's merchandise balance. These goods are then re-exported as they are, without any modification, outside the country.

### **Non-oil Exports**

Non-oil exports include goods that are entirely produced locally or in whose production process local resources are used. Non-oil exports through the ports of Abu Dhabi include goods that were produced in other Emirates in the United Arab Emirates. Oil is excluded from these goods. These goods leave Abu Dhabi's customs and economic district to the outside world, reducing the Emirate's non-oil merchandise trade deficit.

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**Total of Exports**

The total of exports is the total value of non-oil exports and re-exported goods.

**Net trade**

The net trade is measured as the total value of exported goods minus the total value of imported goods. When the total exports value is greater than the value of imports, there is a trade surplus, and when imports are greater than total exports there is a trade deficit.

**Preliminary estimates**

Estimates that have been calculated using only secondary data sources and methods. Users of this data should be aware that preliminary estimates will be revised when primary data sources become available for that time period.

**Attachments**

- Commodity foreign trade tables by Harmonized System (HS) code.
- Commodity foreign trade tables by country.

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