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#### OVERVIEW

The European economy continued on its path of recovery from the recession during the summer of 1994. Year-on-year growth of industrial output reached 5.4% in June. Industrial production has also grown rapidly in the USA, with annual growth running at 5.9% in June. Japan was still hit by recession, with production down by 1.6% in May. Further evidence of the recovery in European industry was provided by the third quarter estimates of capacity utilisation. This has risen by 3.3 percentage points since the start of the year to 80.9%. Growth in Europe has been helped by expanding exports, particularly to the USA and the south-east Asian countries. Consumer spending, on the other hand, has not risen in most EU countries over the last year, reflecting the uncertainties generated by the slow growth in personal incomes and the continuing high unemployment rates. Recent surveys of consumer sentiment however do show increases in consumer confidence over the summer months.

The EU's trade balance dipped into the red in the first quarter of 1994, though there was a small surplus in April.

In this issue, there are special articles on:

- The food, drink and tobacco industry (NACE 41/42)

- A comparison of the manufacturing industries of the EU, the USA and Japan

The food, drink and tobacco industry ranks as the largest in the EU in terms of production, and the second largest in terms of employment (the electrical engineering industry employs more people). Being a provider of a basic necessity, it was less affected than other industries by the recent recession. However the share of food in household budgets has been declining over the years, and is now less than 20% of the total in many countries.

The article on the EU, USA and Japan compares the structure of their industries. At the NACE 2-digit level, the EU shows the highest specialisation coefficients for footwear and clothing, and food, drink and tobacco, both slow growing industries. The equivalent industries for the USA are other transport equipment (notably aircraft) and instrument engineering, and for Japan electrical engineering (notably consumer electronics) and computer and office equipment. The article analyses how specialisation has changed over the last ten years.

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# **1. MACROECONOMIC OVERVIEW**

- EU recovery continued through the summer months of 1994

- EU industrial production grew by 5.1% per annum to June 1994
- 3.1% annual growth in EU consumer prices to August 1994
- Improved export performance for EU in the first quarter of 1994
- American output continued to expand apace in the summer of 1994
- USA year-on-year inflation rate equal to 2.9% in August 1994
- Japanese trade balance grew to 12.5 billion ECU in March 1994
- Japanese consumer prices fell by 0.1% per annum in August 1994

#### MACROECONOMIC OVERVIEW

Growth in the European economy over the summer of 1994 was at a faster rate than the corresponding rates observed coming out of the previous recession in the early eighties. Nevertheless, falling real wages and higher taxes put a hold on consumer spending in many of the Member States during the summer months. Indeed, only in Denmark and the United Kingdom were there increases in consumer spending compared to the summer of 1993. Growth in Europe has been fuelled in the main by expanding exports. Exports have increased not only to America, but also to the south-east Asian countries. Indeed, exports to China over the past couple of years have grown at an extremely fast rate.

However, one of the main problems facing the European recovery remained the need to create jobs. The average unemployment rate in the EU was still running at over ten per cent at the end of the summer of 1994. Nevertheless, the most recent business surveys to the end of August 1994 showed that there was growing confidence in the future development of the European economy amongst industry and retail trade managers. Future assessments of recruitment plans by industry and retail managers were optimistic in almost every Member State, though the retail trade continued to be more optimistic than industry. The growth of exports over recent months was expected to continue - with particular optimism in Greece, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. Indeed, consumer confidence indicators also grew over the summer months of 1994. Additional good news was provided by the continuing growth of capacity utilization rates -



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### MAIN INDICATORS

yet, there remained enough capacity to cater for any further planned expansion of output. New orders indicators showed that demand was unlikely to inhibit production growth however, supply-side factors were cited by some managers as a constraint (especially regarding skilled labour).

Further evidence of the recovery in European industry during the summer of 1994 was provided by the data released on industrial output. Figures for June 1994 showed industrial production growing at 5.4% per annum (year-on-year growth rate). The EU was able to display positive production growth in the past seven months for which data was available. In a similar vain, industrial production in the United States continued to accelerate, with growth running at 5.9% per annum in June 1994. Although the rate of decline seen in Japan slowed somewhat, production was still down by 1.6% on the year to May 1994. Japanese unemployment reached three per cent in August 1994.

The most recent data available for consumer prices indicated stable inflation rates. The EU consumer price index was running at 3.1% per annum in August 1994 (the same rate as in July 1994 - and at a lower rate than any other month during 1994). In the United States the rate of inflation increased quite rapidly in the last three months for which data was available. In May 1994, the inflation rate for the United States stood at 2.3% - by August it had risen by some 0.6 percentage points. The reduction in the inflation rate in Japan continued (from a high of 1.3% growth per annum in

		EUR 12	USA	JAPAN
Industrial production	93.07	-3.9	3.9	-4.5
Annual growth rate (%)	93.08	-1.7	4.5	-2.7
	93.09	-1.9	4.5	-4.3
	93.10	-2.7	4.1	-6.2
	93.11	-0.2	4.0	-3.2
	<b>93</b> .12	1.4	4.1	-4.1
	<del>94</del> .01	0.5	4.9	-2.4
	94.02	1.8	4.7	-3.7
	94.03	2.0	5.3	_1.9
	94.04	4.8	5.5	-1.5
	94.05	3.9	5.7	-1.6
	94.06	5.4	5.9	N/A
		24	0.7	1.5
Consumer prices	93.09	3.4	2.7	1.0
Annual growth rate (%)	93.10	3.3	2.8	1.3
	93.11	3.2	2.7	0.9
	93.12	3.4	2.7	1.0
	94.01	3.4	2.5	1.2
	94.02	3.3	2.5	1.1
	94.03	3.2	2.5	1.3
	94.04	3.2	2.4	0.8
	94.05	3.2	2.3	0.8
	94.06	3.2	2.5	0.6
	94.07	3.1	2.8	-0.2
	94.08	3.1	2.9	-0.1
Trade balance	93.04	-2190	-8674	8764
(min ECII)	93.05	-130	-6848	6653
(	93.06	1275	-11544	8371
	93.07	2160	-12674	10396
	93.08	-2455	-11966	6614
	93.09	-758	-12556	10641
	93 10	3073	-12277	9393
	03 11	1645	-9228	6571
	93.11	6052	-9220	11470
	93.12		-0107	5440
	94.01 04.02		-3404	0760
	97.UZ	-013 NI/A	-10041	10547
	94.03	IN/A	-11360	12047

Source: Eurostat

March 1994), to an annual inflation rate of -0.1% in August 1994.

After recording a surplus for the last three months of 1993, the EU's trade balance went negative in January 1994 (-4.3 billion ECU). Figures for February showed some improvement with a deficit of only 0.8 billion ECU. Compared to data from a year before, the figures showed a marked improvement in the EU's trading fortunes. Indeed, as stated above much of the recovery so far witnessed in Europe may be attributed to growth in exports, rather than increased domestic demand.

Japan's trade surplus maintained its extremely high levels, reaching 12.5 billion ECU in March 1994, the highest monthly figure for more than a year. In the United States the deficit problem remained with an 11.4 billion ECU deficit in March 1994. This figure reflected similar levels to those seen over the course of the last year in spite of the expansion in the American economy.

In Germany the recovery continued despite initial fears that there may have been a double-dip recession. These fears have been allayed by the latest output data, showing a two per cent increase in industrial production (second quarter compared to the first quarter). West German unemployment rates remained stable at 8.3% in September 1994. There was a downward trend to the German inflation rate. It was running at 3.0% in August 1994, considerably lower than the 4.2% rate recorded in August 1993.

The Italian inflation rate continued to show signs of quickening over the summer months, approaching the 4.0% level. At the same time industrial production was expanding at a fast rate, the second quarter of 1994 recording a large increase in output, up by 4.3% compared to the first quarter. In the year to July 1994 French retail sales fell by 2.7%. The consumer price index remained the lowest in the EU, recording a provisional figure of 1.7% for August 1994. Industrial output grew by 1.5% in the second quarter of 1994 (again compared to the first quarter).

The unemployment rate in the United Kingdom fell to 9.3% in July 1994, this was the lowest level since January 1992. Additional evidence of the recovery was provided at the end of the summer, with the Bank of England increasing the prime interest rate by 0.5% to 6.75%, as a precautionary action against inflation.

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# 2. TOTAL INDUSTRY (NACE 1-4)

- Latest data shows production growth in nearly all Member States
- German output growth fuelled by increases in the capital goods sector
- EU producer prices increase by 1.1% in 1993
- Return to positive producer price growth in the first half of 1994
- Increased utilization rates in both intermediate and capital goods sectors
- French utilization rates show a marked increase in the third quarter of 1994
- EU terms of trade rise by 0.3% in the final quarter of 1993
- Export and import value indexes display moderate growth in 1993

# Total industry (Nace 1-4)

Index of production

1990 = 100	·	EUR 12	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	1	L	NL	Р	UK
Total	1002	04.5	00.8	100 5	00 1	04.9	01.6	05 1	110.1	0E 7	06.6	101.0	05.2	08.1
lodueto/	1993 Ø	94.5	92.0	105.0	00.1	94.0 00.1	91.0	102.4	120 5	90.7	90.0 104.4	107.9	95.2	104.9
nousuy	•	30.9	93.7	105.2	89.3	90.1	90.0	103.4	129.5	101.1	104.4	107.8	94.1	104.0
Growth rate (%)	1993	-3.1	-5.3	-2.9	-7.7	-3.0	-4.7	-3.7	5.7	-2.1	-3.0	-1.1	-4.4	2.5
	Φ	0.8	-0.6	4.0	1.4	0.5	1.8	0.8	4.6	0.8	6.9	0.6	-1.8	1.5
Intermediate	1993	96.2	92.4	96.7	90.8	91.3	92.4	98.5	125.9	97.0	92.9	103.1	93.8	100.7
Goods	Φ	103.7	92.6	101.5	95.2	91.7	97.9	108.3	139.3	103.5	101.5	117.6	<b>9</b> 5.0	112.6
Growth rate (%)	1993	-2.5	-5.4	-4.5	-6.4	-2.0	-4.4	-3.0	6.5	-1.8	-4.0	-0.8	-5.3	3.0
	Φ	3.2	-1.7	4.5	0.8	0.0	0.8	0.1	3.1	0.4	6.2	-0.6	-0.8	0.5
Capital	1993	87.4	92.4	96.6	82.6	102.8	79.9	85.6	117 9	87.9	98.9	97.8	84.2	92.9
Goods	Φ.	86.8	93.5	101.5	78.2	104.7	81.6	87.0	139.2	86.2	97.2	97.5	83.1	95.8
Growth rate (%)	1993	-5.1	-0.2	-7.2	-10.3	-14.3	-7.0	-6.9	7.0	-3.3	-1.8	-3.0	-7.8	1.0
	Φ	-4.2	0. <b>9</b>	5.7	1.1	14.9	1.5	0.5	7.8	-2.5	19.9	2.6	-1.2	3.0
Consumer	1993	88.9	N/A	97.9	87.1	82.6	88.6	90.2	N/A	84.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	95.9
Durables	Φ	93.4	N/A	107.3	90.9	78.8	95.9	93.8	N/A	87.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	105.2
Growth rate (%)	1993	-7.4	N/A	-2.4	-12.0	-0.3	-2.6	-7.3	N/A	-8.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.6
	Φ	-0.9	N/A	2.6	2.4	0.1	3.5	3.4	N/A	0.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.4
Consumer	1993	97.3	98.5	107.3	92.5	100.5	95.0	95.7	115.9	101.8	N/A	102.1	90.3	96.6
Non-durables	Φ	100.4	102.7	111.0	93.1	83.7	99.4	97.7	112.3	109.6	N/A	100.3	86.7	<b>9</b> 5.8
Growth rate (%)	1993	-0.6	-2.0	1.4	-3.0	-1.1	-1.9	-1.8	4.5	1.2	N/A	-0.4	-6.0	0.5
	Φ	-0.3	1.7	3.3	0.0	-0.8	0.8	0.5	3.7	0.2	N/A	0.8	-0.1	0.2

Source: Eurostat

Indexes provided on short-term indicators have now moved from the NACE 1970 classification to the NACE Rev.1 classification. This classification now divides consumer goods into two separate categories, durables and non-durables.

Annual data showed EU production declining by 3.1% in the year to December 1993. Largest declines were seen in the capital goods and consumer durables sectors (falling by 5.1% and 7.4% respectively). Such annual data did not reflect the emergence of the European economy from recession at the start of 1994.

Indeed, latest data for the individual Member States pointed to growth in nearly all countries (Belgium and Portugal being the exceptions). For total industry (growth of the last three months compared to the previous three month months) growth rates were as follows: Germany (+1.4% in June 1994), France (+0.8%, June 1994), Italy (+0.8%, June 1994) and

the United Kingdom (+1.8%, July 1994).

German production growth turned positive in March 1994 - the recovery was being led by the capital goods sector (+1.1%) and the consumer durables sector (2.4%). Nevertheless, latest data for intermediate goods (+0.8%) and consumer non-durables (0.0%) showed indexes increasing less rapidly. The slow growth seen in United Kingdom consumer non-durables continued, rising by only 0.2% in the three months to July 1994. This trend was supported by data for capacity utilization, where there has been no increase in utilization for consumer goods over the past year. Nevertheless, the recovery in the United Kingdom economy continued at an increasing rate (a trend seen since January 1993). French production reported positive growth for all months in 1994 (to June). However, such growth was at a lower rate than levels seen in the other major European economies.









# Total industry (Nace 1-4)

Producer	price	index
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1990 = 100		EUR 12	В	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	1	L	NL	Ρ	UK
Total	1003	105.2	08.2	99.0	102.7	152.2	106.2	100 6	105.6	100.2	02.6	100.2	NI/A	110 1
Industry	тэээ Ф	105.2	90.2	99.0 Q8.7	104.2	161.8	100.2	100.0	105.0	112 2	04 Q	100.2		1114
niddou y	-	100.4	30.3	30.7	104.2	101.0	103.7	100.0	100.0	112.2	34.3	100.4	NA.	111.4
Growth rate (%)	1993	1.1	-1.0	-0.9	-0.1	11.4	2.4	-1.0	2.3	3.8	-1.3	-1.6	N/A	3.3
	Φ	0.5	0.2	-0.3	0.5	2.1	1.4	0.0	0.4	1.2	0.3	0.3	N/A	0.4
Intermediate	1993	101.8	93.5	97.9	100.2	142.2	103.0	97.6	98.8	108.0	88.3	98.6	N/A	106.2
Goods	Φ	102.9	93.3	96.9	101.5	147.5	106.4	97.6	94.5	111.1	89.7	98.6	N/A	106.4
Growth rate (%)	1993	0.1	-1.3	-0.3	-1.4	11.7	1.7	-1.9	1.8	4.0	-2.3	-2.2	N/A	3.0
	Φ	0.7	0.3	-0.6	1.1	1.8	1.4	0.2	-4.2	1.5	0.2	0.3	N/A	-0.3
Capital	1993	106.6	106.1	105.1	108.0	152.2	107.0	99.8	N/A	108.4	105.4	103.9	N/A	110.0
Goods	Φ	107.3	106.9	105.3	108.1	162.5	108.5	99.4	N/A	110.1	106.2	103.7	N/A	112.2
Growth rate (%)	1993	1.2	0.7	1.4	1.6	12.4	1.4	-2.1	N/A	3.0	-0.1	0.2	N/A	2.6
	Φ	0.3	0.3	-0.1	0.0	2.8	0.7	0.1	N/A	0.5	0.2	-0.1	N/A	0.8
Consumer	1993	N/A	N/A	105.4	N/A	N/A	109.3	N/A	N/A	110.1	N/A	101.9	N/A	N/A
Durables	Φ	N/A	N/A	106.6	N/A	N/A	112.9	N/A	N/A	112.8	N/A	101.7	N/A	N/A
Growth rate (%)	1993	N/A	N/A	1.2	N/A	N/A	2.6	N/A	N/A	3.5	N/A	-0.3	N/A	N/A
	Φ	N/A	N/A	0.8	N/A	N/A	1.8	N/A	N/A	0.8	N/A	-0.4	N/A	N/A
Consumer	1993	107.7	N/A	97.1	105.6	N/A	110.6	100.3	105.0	109.0	104.4	102.7	N/A	116.6
Non-durables	Φ	109.3	N/A	98.5	105.5	N/A	115.2	100.5	106.4	111.7	103.3	102.7	N/A	119.4
Growth rate (%)	1993	1.8	N/A	-3.1	0.4	N/A	3.9	-1.7	3.5	3.3	-1.2	-1.3	N/A	5.0
	Φ	0.6	N/A	0.2	0.0	N/A	1.5	-0.2	0.5	1.1	-0.8	0.2	N/A	1.0

#### Source: Eurostat

The indexes included in this section are also collected under the new classification system, NACE Rev.1. They are denominated in national currencies.

European producer prices rose by 1.1% during the year to December 1993. Behind this figure there were contrasting fortunes for the different Member States. Firstly, there were a group of countries with negative price trends (Belgium, Germany, Denmark, France, Luxembourg and the Netherlands). Then there were a group of countries displaying moderate price increases (Spain, Ireland, Italy and the United Kingdom). Greek prices rose by 11.4% for the year to December 1993.

Latest data available showed a gradual return to positive growth rates for nearly all countries, the exception being Denmark. In Denmark the negative rates were probably due to the lag in data availability. At the same time, prices in Greece, Italy and Spain were rising at a much faster rate than in the other Member States.

Turning to the different goods sectors: intermediate goods were displaying the most rapid increases in prices towards mid-1994 - this was a marked departure from the annual series (where between 1991 and 1993 the intermediate goods sector recorded the slowest growth of the three goods sectors). This phenomenon was particularly evident in Germany, where intermediate goods prices were expanding at their fastest rate for more than two years during the summer of 1994.

When looking at data in ECU terms, producer price growth was very mod-

est, it rose by 0.9% in the year to May 1994. Indeed, five of the Member States reported declining annual price indexes for the latest month of data available. In June 1994, United Kingdom prices were some 2.9% below the corresponding data from 1993, whilst in Spain and Greece there was a decline of 1.4% in the producer price index (over the same period).









	EUR 12
1990 =	100



### Total industry (Nace 1-4)

Capacity utilization

%		EUR 12	в	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I.	L	NL	Р	UK
Total	93.IV	77.6	75.4	79.0	78.6	75.4	72.6	79.4	75.9	73.7	79.0	80.6	73.0	81.8
Industry	94.1	78.2	75.8	80.0	78.4	74.7	76.2	79.2	75.1	74.4	79.8	79.9	75.2	83.1
	94.II	78.5	76.9	80.0	80.5	73.7	71.9	79.8	75.0	74.5	80.8	82.4	76.2	82.2
	94.111	80.9	78.3	83.0	82.5	74.1	74.6	84.5	74.5	76.0	82.7	83.3	76.1	84.3
Intermediate	93.IV	77.9	72.9	75.0	78.0	76.9	72.2	80.4	77.9	75.5	79.3	79.7	75.2	81.8
Goods	94.1	79.2	74.6	77.0	77.9	75.3	76.9	81.6	80.3	75.9	80.6	79.2	77.3	84.7
	94.1	79.7	78.6	80.0	81.5	74.7	71.4	82.8	82.8	75.3	81.1	81.9	78.0	83.1
	94.11	82.9	80.5	82.0	84.0	75.9	73.4	88.3	73.6	77.1	81.6	83.9	79.1	88.5
Capital	93.IV	75.9	75.4	79.0	75.6	65.4	76.3	76.5	80.2	71.5	79.8	79.1	68.9	78.4
Goods	94.1	76.3	74.7	79.0	75.2	67.4	79.2	76.5	80.1	73.0	74.5	78.1	71.8	79.3
	94.1	77.0	74.9	80.0	77.0	76.1	73.2	78.0	77.4	74.4	81.0	80.5	72.2	78.4
	94.111	79.7	77.3	82.0	79.4	72.5	76.0	82.6	79.0	76.6	86.8	80.5	74.3	81.0
Consumer	93.IV	79.2	77.6	81.0	82.9	75.4	65.0	81.3	68.5	72.3	76.6	83.1	77.2	85.6
Goods	94.1	79.2	76.9	83.0	82.9	76.6	67.8	79.0	77.2	73.2	80.2	82.5	79.0	85.2
	94.11	79.7	77.3	82.0	83.4	76.2	70.7	77.9	71.7	73.6	79.1	84.4	79.1	86.4
	94.III	80.6	77.1	83.0	83.1	75.4	73.6	82.9	71.2	74.5	84.7	84.5	79.4	84.3

#### Source: Eurostat

Further evidence of the recovery in European industry was provided by the data on capacity utilization, which is now available up to the third quarter of 1994 (estimates). Since the start of 1994, the capacity utilization rate for European industry rose by some 3.3 percentage points to 80.9% (estimated). Indeed, six of the Member States were able to record utilization rates of over eighty per cent in the third quarter of 1994 (compared to only three in the third quarter of 1993).

Estimated data for the third quarter of 1994 showed that (with the exception of Ireland and Portugal) every country reported increased utilization compared to the second quarter of 1994. A particularly marked recovery in utilization rates was reported in France (where an estimated increase of almost five percentage points was seen).



Otherwise, notable gains were also recorded in Denmark (up 3 percentage points), Spain (+2.7 percentage points), the United Kingdom (+2.1 percentage points) and Germany (+2.0 percentage points). However, the low levels of utilization in Italy (76.0%), Belgium (78.3%), Ireland (74.5%), Spain (74.6%), Greece (74.1%) and Portugal (76.1%) persisted.

Turning to the different goods sectors: there has been a resurgence in the data for the intermediate goods sector over the past year. In the third quarter of 1993 the utilization rate for this goods sector stood at 77.7%. One year later it was estimated that utilization in the intermediate goods sector was at 82.9%. Corresponding increases for the other two goods sectors were as follows - capital goods (up by 3.7 percentage points to 79.7%) and consumer goods (up by 0.9 percentage points to 80.6%). Perhaps most encouraging for the prospects of recovery from recession in Europe, was the increase witnessed in the capital goods sector (rising an estimated 2.7 percentage points between the second and third quarters of 1994). It would seem that recovery in many of the Member States was not being consumerdriven, rather driven by either increased exports or investment in new plant and machinery.



# Total industry (Nace 1-4)

1990 = 10	0		EUR 12	B/L	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	NL	Ρ	UK
Exports	Volume	1993	110.1	119.7	115.7	103.0	136.2	130.9	99.8	146.1	117.7	125.6	93.9	113.8
		Φ	127.2	136.4	130.6	116.5	175.6	197.4	115.2	172.2	134.9	150.1	110.7	126.4
	Growth rate (%)	1993	8.4	15.8	9.1	3.0	18.1	17.7	-5.4	15.2	18.2	13.7	-4.1	21.3
		Φ	15.5	19. <b>8</b>	1.2	10.1	20.3	54.0	0.4	29.7	22.8	27.2	17.3	24.5
	Value	1993	109.0	103.6	103.4	114.0	99.4	<b>99</b> .3	111.8	103.5	103.4	104.5	102.5	109.0
		Φ	109.2	103.7	103.4	115.2	<b>98</b> .2	<b>9</b> 5.0	111.0	104.0	102.8	102.8	99.7	111.4
	Growth rate (%)	1993	4.2	3.1	2.7	7.1	1.0	-2.3	6.4	8.0	-1.3	2.0	-2.5	4.5
		Φ	4.8	2.1	1.2	6.2	1.2	-5.4	5.0	10.5	2.3	-1.9	-3.9	13.0
Imports	Volume	1993	104.0	83.1	104.7	112.7	132.1	91.5	91.9	127.8	101.9	100.2	106.0	112.4
		Φ	107.5	92.8	109.4	119.4	155.4	<b>9</b> 3.7	92.9	127.2	101.8	102.0	108.6	113.0
	Growth rate (%)	1993	-3.9	-17.3	-0.9	-1.9	8.0	-20.7	-12.3	27.9	-2.8	-11.7	-6.1	10.9
		Φ	-0.4	-0.9	-5.2	1.7	6.1	-18.3	-9.2	21.8	1.4	-8.1	-4.8	11.1
	Value	1993	103.8	106.3	100.2	107.3	106.6	100.2	102.2	106.6	95.4	101.1	93.1	107.9
		Φ	104.0	106.1	<b>100</b> .1	107.8	108.0	100.0	102.0	115.5	<del>9</del> 4.2	101.0	<b>9</b> 2.0	108.9
	Growth rate (%)	1993	4.9	7.1	0.7	4.9	4.5	6.4	5.0	6.1	1.8	3.7	0.8	7.4
	.,	Φ	4.4	6.1	-0.3	3.3	12.3	6.8	2.2	16.0	1.2	1.7	-1.8	10.3
Terms of		1993	105.0	97.4	103.1	106.2	93.2	99.1	109.3	97.0	108.3	103.3	110.1	101.0
Trade		Φ	104.9	97.6	103.3	106.7	90.8	<del>9</del> 4.9	108.8	90.0	109.0	101.7	108.4	102.2
	Growth rate (%)	1993	-0.6	-3.7	1.9	2.0	-3.3	-8.2	1.2	1.6	-3.1	-1.7	-3.3	-2.6
		Φ	0.3	-3.8	1.6	2.7	-10.3	-11.4	2.7	-4.8	1.1	-3.5	-2.1	2.4

External trade indicators

Source: Eurostat

The table above gives the external trade indexes based on 1990 = 100. The data is given for the whole of 1993 (extra-EU trade flows) and also for the final quarter of 1993.

There was moderate growth in value terms of both exports and imports in 1993, growing by 4.2% and 4.9% respectively. These growth rates were almost identical to the rate of change in the last quarter of 1993 (compared to the third quarter), where the respective gains were 4.8% and 4.4% respectively.

There was however more fluctuation in the volume data: with export volumes rising by 8.4% in 1993, whilst import volumes were seen to fall by some 3.9%. The rapid expansion of export volumes was reinforced by the latest data which showed that between the last two quarters of 1993, export volumes were growing at an annual rate of 15.5%. The end of 1993 saw import volume growth remaining almost static (down by 0.4%).

After falling by 0.6% during the course of 1993, EU terms of trade were seen to ameliorate slightly in the final quarter of 1993 (up by some 0.3%). This was largely due to moderate gains in the four largest European economies: Germany and France (both +2.7%), Italy (+1.1%) and the United Kingdom (+2.4%). Country data for 1993 showed reduced export volumes in France (-5.4%) and Portugal (-4.1%). Import volumes grew rapidly in Greece (+8.0%), Ireland (+27.9%) and the United Kingdom (+10.9%).

Import value indexes recorded positive growth across all the Member States during 1993. However, Denmark (-0.3%) and Portugal (-1.8%) both displayed falling indexes in the final quarter of 1993. Falling export value indexes in Spain (-2.3%) and Portugal (-2.5%) were reinforced by the latest data where reductions of 5.4% and 3.9% were seen.



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# 3. FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO (NACE41+42)

- EU production index up by almost 1% in 1993
- Continuing weakness in Germany's production
- Differing price trends from one Member State to another
- Low utilisation rate of production capacities
- 5% growth in productivity in 1993
- Considerably fewer job losses (-2%) than the average for

manufacturing industry (-10%)

- Growth in both the volume and value of exports
- 3.5% worsening of terms of trade in 1993

### 3.1. SHORT-TERM INDICATORS

1990 = 100		EUR 12	В	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	Р	UK
Index of	1993	102.1	104.4	106.6	97.8	110.8	100.2	103.0	117.8	103.1	101.0	105.3	N/A	101.1
Production	Φ	102.7	111.7	105.6	95.9	77.5	102.7	101.7	103.5	101.2	103.6	102.1	N/A	98.8
Growth rate (%)	1993	0.8	0.4	1.3	-0.6	0.1	1.6	0.8	5.3	1.3	-4.7	0.6	N/A	0.1
	Φ	0.9	1.2	2.1	-1.1	-2.4	0.6	-0. <b>9</b>	-4.4	1.0	9.4	1.9	N/A	-0.3
Producer	1993	N/A	102.3	95.4	105.0	150.9	110.0	101.1	105.5	112.9	109.7	102.4	N/A	118.4
Price index	Φ	N/A	103.3	96.8	104.8	163.5	116.4	101.4	106.9	116.0	110.3	103.1	N/A	121.5
Growth rate (%)	1993	N/A	-1.7	-4.0	0.2	11.8	5.1	-1.3	4.1	5.5	1.6	-1.6	N/A	5.7
	Φ	N/A	0.2	0.2	-0.2	2.7	2.0	0.1	0.5	0.9	-0.1	0.6	N/A	1.1
Capacity	93.iV	80.0	75.3	81.0	81.7	74.9	71.2	80.7	74.2	73.3	76.2	85.0	65.4	91.5
Utilization	94.I	79.0	76.0	82.0	81.6	73.7	68.3	78.3	63.3	72.0	82.7	85.1	67.7	93.1
%	94.ll	77.2	74.1	80.0	80.2	70.1	66.5	78.5	66.1	67.7	83.6	N/A	68.6	91.0
	94.III	78.0	75.0	82.0	81.9	70.3	70.6	80.6	73.0	72.5	85.5	N/A	64.8	83.1

#### Production, prices and capacity utilization

Source: Eurostat

Production in the EU food, drink and tobacco industry stabilised in 1993. This phenomenon was observed in most Member States. The production index generally rose by between 0% and 1.5% in the Member States and in the EU as a whole by 0.8% in 1993.

This rate has to be interpreted in the light of the economic recession which hit Europe at the beginning of the nineties. It is therefore not insignificant when compared with the average index for manufacturing industry, which fell by 3.1% in 1993. This demonstrates the inflexibility of a large part of this industry's production (essential goods).

Exceptions can be found in Ireland, which, for the second consecutive

year enjoyed sustained growth in production, and Luxembourg, whose production, in contrast, fell by almost 5% in 1993.

In the first quarter of 1994, production was particularly low in most Member States but appeared to rise in the second quarter.

It should be noted that Germany's production (1990 = 100) was still much lower than its 1990 level and fell below 90 in the first quarter of 1994 (as a moving average calculated over three months).

The price trends of the various Member States were fairly divergent in 1993. In Belgium, France and the Netherlands the price index fell, while in southern Europe (Spain, Italy and Greece) and Ireland it rose.

The Danish price index remained below its 1990 level.

The utilisation rate of this industry's capacity remained very low. At less than 80%, it was below the averages for manufacturing industry and the production of consumer goods, the sector with which it is most suitable to draw comparisons. It fell in the first two quarters of 1994, but rose again between the second and third quarters of 1994, from 77.2% to 78.0%. This trend was observed in most countries. The southern states, i.e. Spain, Greece and Portugal, had the lowest production capacity utilisation rates in the EU.




## NACE 41 + 42



## EXTERNAL TRADE INDICATORS INDICATEURS COMMERCE EXTERIEUR

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Einfuhr	Import	Importation
Ausluhr	Export	Exportation
Austauschrelation	Terms of trade	Termes de l'échange



1990 = 10	0		<b>EUR 12</b>	B/L	DK	D	GR	Ε	F	IRL	1	NL	Ρ	UK
Exports	Volume	1993	117.1	129.0	117.2	127.9	138.0	111.6	101.5	112.3	132.8	115.4	96.8	121.3
		Φ	142.9	145.5	133.4	159.9	192.3	187.8	117.9	127.2	141.2	136.5	133.6	152.8
	Growth rate (%)	1993	5.6	-2.1	7.4	9.3	0.9	6.2	-1.1	-1.4	3.1	12.8	-2.5	10.2
		Φ	19.0	-5.1	5.9	35.3	4.1	52.7	4.5	35.7	4.9	28.8	16.8	20.7
	Value	1993	104.0	107.1	103.9	102.1	100.6	110.4	110.9	101.2	95.6	105.5	104.8	98.5
		Φ	105.0	110.5	106.4	105.5	100.1	106.3	110.9	99.1	96.0	107. <del>9</del>	106.3	99.4
	Growth rate (%)	1993	3.0	7.6	5.8	5.3	-1.6	1.5	5.3	5.9	-2.3	6.1	-9.5	-3.8
		Φ	5.3	8.7	7.3	7.5	-1.1	-3.0	5.7	2.3	1.9	7.7	-0.3	5.1
Imports	Volume	1993	102.2	98.6	117.9	107.6	86.8	103.1	93.8	136.4	97.1	103.5	109.1	105.1
		Φ	116.9	108.7	123.5	122.9	112.0	159.2	100.5	157.7	104.6	118.2	121.4	111.7
	Growth rate (%)	1993	-4.8	4.0	-0.4	-4.1	-20.4	-20.6	-5.0	12.7	-1.6	-4.4	-6.9	0.6
		Φ	4.6	12.8	- <del>9</del> .0	-2.7	8.3	21.5	-4.4	3.7	9.5	10.0	1.5	9.2
	Value	1993	106.6	102.0	100.7	105.2	95.2	148.5	102.8	97.2	99.1	101.2	105.6	103.4
		Φ	108.5	105.5	102.5	106.7	98.1	150.6	104.7	96.9	102.7	101.5	106.8	105.3
	Growth rate (%)	1993	6.8	3.3	3.2	1.3	4.7	46.8	3.3	1.6	3.9	-0.8	4.9	5.7
		Φ	9.6	7.7	4.5	2.7	10.4	53.0	4.4	1.5	8.4	1.5	4.7	10.1
Terms of		1993	97.5	105.0	103.1	97.0	105.6	74.3	107.8	104.1	96.4	104.2	99.2	95.2
Trade		Φ	96.7	104.7	103.7	<del>9</del> 8.8	101.9	70.7	105.9	102.2	93.4	106.3	99.5	94.3
	Growth rate (%)	1993	-3.5	<b>4</b> .1	2.3	3.9	-6.1	-30.8	1.8	4.2	-6.1	7.0	-13.8	-9.0
		Φ	-3.9	0.7	2.6	4.6	-10.5	-36.5	1.2	0.7	-5.9	6.0	-4.9	-4.6

## Food, drink and tobacco (Nace 41 + 42)

External trade indicators

Source: Eurostat

Trade in the food, drink and tobacco industry in the EU was more satisfactory in terms of volume than in terms of value in 1993. While, on the one hand, both the volume and value of exports were encouraging, imports in value terms, after falling in 1992, gathered pace in 1993, which led to a worsening of the terms of trade.

At EU level, exports rose by 5.6% in volume and 3.0% in value.

The volume of exports in the final quarter of 1993 was generally higher than that of the same quarter of 1992.

Greece, Italy, Portugal and the United Kingdom were the only countries

whose exports fell in value in 1993. This can be attributed to the behaviour of their currencies in 1993. Italy and the United Kingdom, in particular, had high export volumes but the lowest export values in the EU, standing below the 1990 level (1990 = 100).

The volume of imports into the EU fell by almost 5% in 1993. Only Belgium and Luxembourg, Ireland and the United Kingdom did not experience this drop.

There was a general increase in the value of imports in 1993 throughout the Member States, with the exception of the Netherlands. However, this

rise was accentuated by the strong growth of Spanish exports (+46.8%). Nevertheless, despite this sharp increase in value terms, the volume of Spanish exports fell by 20.6%.

Both the volume and value of imports remained close to the 1990 levels (1990 = 100).

Trade developments in value terms meant that the terms of trade worsened by 3.5% in the EU as a whole in 1993, amounting to 97.5 in 1993. France and Greece had the highest terms of trade of the Member States in this industry, with 107.8 and 105.6 respectively.

## **3.2. STRUCTURAL INDICATORS**

The food, drink and tobacco industry provides essential goods and was therefore less severely affected by the recession of the early 1990s than most other industrial sectors. The growth rates of production and apparent consumption slowed down but remained positive in 1993 at European level. Only in Italy and Spain did apparent consumption fall (by around 5%) in 1993.

Surveys showed that the share of household budgets allocated to food fell and in many Member States dropped to below 20%. The structure of household food consumption has also changed in recent years, and in fairly contradictory ways.

On the one hand, people are increasingly demanding healthy, low-calorie, organic products. Supermarkets are introducing special shelves for this type of food. The consumption of mineral waters is increasing faster than that of wines and spirits (5% compared with under 3% between 1990 and 1993). On the other hand, demand for ready-to-serve products gained ground over fresh products. This increased the role of the food processing industry. There was also a shift from beef to poultry and pork, mainly for financial reasons.

The power of the multinationals in this industry is clear. Nevertheless, they are obliged to maintain local production units in order to remain close to consumer tastes. The arrival on the market of distribution chains such as Intermarché and Aldi, which undercut prices, throws the market into disarray, obliges other chains to fall into line in order to survive and increases the threat to the survival of small businesses and retailers.



This industry's profit level, calculated by dividing gross operating surplus by turnover, rose in 1993, amounting to 9.2% compared with 8% in manufacturing industry. However, this average conceals large differences between branches. Those further downstream, such as the slaughtering, preparing and preserving of meat, the manufacture of dairy products and grain milling, have much lower profit levels than the average, standing at around 5% to 6%. In contrast, branches such as the manufacture of alcoholic and soft drinks, the manufacture of cocoa, chocolate and sugar confectionery and the manufacture of bread and flour confectionery, i.e. branches in which value added is easier to incorporate, have profit rates of around 12%.

The productivity level in this industry is close to the average for manufacturing industry, standing at 42.9 compared with 40.4 in terms of ECU 1 000 per capita. Productivity in this industry rose by 5% in 1993, a growth which was apparent in all branches.

However, in the processing and preserving of fish and the bread and flour confectionery branches, the level remained very low. The distilling of ethyl alcohol from fermented materials had the highest level of productivity in the industry, amounting to 66.2 in terms of ECU 1 000 per capita in 1993.

This increase in productivity was at the particular expense of employment, which fell by over 2% in 1993. The highest loss of jobs was in the distilling of ethyl alcohol from fermented materials. However, between 1990 and 1993, while employment dropped by almost 10% in manufacturing industry as a whole, it fell by only 4.3% in the food, drink and



tobacco industry. This is to be viewed in the context of the level of wage costs, expressed both per capita and in terms of the value produced, which were lower in this industry than in manufacturing industry. At international level the EU fared better than Japan and the United States. Production at constant prices rose in the EU by 1.2%, compared with 0.1% in Japan and 0.3% in the United States. The EU is still the biggest producer in the world for this industry as a whole. Nevertheless, Japan ranks first in the production of fish and the distilling of ethyl alcohol from fermented materials.

## Food, drink and tobacco (Nace 41 + 42)

## Value added, turnover and investment

		<b>EUR 12</b>	В	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	1	L	NL	Ρ	UK
Gross	1989	85348.6	1632.0	3137.9	16236.1	731.7	11452.0	14584.6	2480.4	9661.7	83.0	5487.8	N/A	18772.6
Value-added	1990	93320.3	1656.4	3079.0	19115.0	824.0	12098.0	15483.8	2589.6	10528.0	88.9	6017.1	2510.4	19330.1
at factor cost	1991	100251.4	1776.4	3568.3	21590.7	917.0	13172.7	16042.4	2859.6	11595.3	89.7	5819.5	2448.1	20371.7
(mio ECU)	1992	103821.8	1888.1	3657.4	23034.8	976.6	12907.4	16868.4	3152.8	11399.9	94.3	6467.3	2519.6	20855.2
. ,	1993	105727.9	1927.5	3747.1	24708.1	1057.1	12336.9	17593.0	3367.5	10708.9	96.0	6966.9	2421.2	20797.7
Gross	1989	0.0	3.0	9.5	-0.3	-8.5	1.2	-1.7	12.0	-7.5	-3.3	6.9	N/A	-0.4
Value-added	1990	1.9	-6.2	-7.9	6.8	4.8	-3.3	0.1	-2.3	0.5	-2.9	3.1	N/A	1.3
at factor cost	1991	-1.1	4.9	12.6	-0.3	6.8	0.3	-0.0	4.4	-1.2	-7.4	-8.4	-20.8	-3.1
Δ%	1992	-0.4	3.4	-0.5	-0.1	2.1	-6.9	-1.2	7.2	-6.3	-0.6	5.5	-2.8	6.5
	1993	1.4	-6.9	1.1	0.6	4.2	2.3	-0.5	7.5	5.0	-3.4	1.6	0.5	4.9
Gross	1989	100	1.9	3.7	19.0	0.9	13.4	17.1	2.9	11.3	0.1	6.4	N/A	22.0
Value-added	1990	100	1.8	3.3	20.5	0.9	13.0	16.6	2.8	11.3	0.1	6.4	2.7	20.7
at factor cost	1991	100	1.8	3.6	21.5	0.9	13.1	16.0	2.9	11.6	0.1	5.8	2.4	20.3
share (%)	1992	100	1.8	3.5	22.2	0.9	12.4	16.2	3.0	11.0	0.1	6.2	2.4	20.1
.,	1993	100	1.8	3.5	23.4	1.0	11.7	16.6	3.2	10.1	0.1	6.6	2.3	19.7
Turnover	1989	424516.8	15076.8	13885.2	88930.7	4685.5	42020.5	81368.2	10052.0	56044.8	379.5	31087.3	N/A	75992.7
(mio ECU)	1990	452394.0	15879.2	14727.9	97539.2	4956.3	44396.1	86360.0	10822.6	60805.8	410.7	31699.3	7075.2	77721.8
	1991	481284.0	16791.3	14887.8	108327.2	5241.6	47558.7	88977.7	11439.7	64741.7	414.9	32571.5	7950.1	82381.6
	1992	494295.2	17887.5	15483.1	111211.5	5780.9	46370.3	93285.7	12200.8	66383.2	437.0	33386.8	8180.5	83687.9
	1993	497569.6	18119.7	15227.1	115130.2	6092.7	43954.7	96972. <b>8</b>	12276.2	63415.7	447.8	34916.0	7994.2	83022.5
Turnover	1989	8.9	13.6	5.7	7.1	11.3	N/A	10.7	7.8	9.9	5.7	8.9	N/A	5.3
Δ%	1990	6.6	5.3	6.1	9.7	5.8	N/A	6.1	7.7	8.5	8.2	2.0	N/A	2.3
	1991	6.4	5.7	1.1	11.1	5.8	N/A	3.0	5.7	6.5	1.0	2.8	12.4	6.0
	1992	2.7	6.5	4.0	2.7	10.3	N/A	4.8	6.7	2.5	5.3	2.5	2.9	1.6
	1993	0.7	1.3	-1.7	3.5	5.4	N/A	4.0	0.6	-4.5	2.5	4.6	-2.3	-0.8
-														47.0
	1989	100	3.6	3.3	20.9	1.1	N/A	19.2	2.4	13.2	0.1	7.3	N/A	17.9
share (%)	1990	100	3.5	3.3	21.6	1.1	N/A	19.1	2.4	13.4	0.1	7.0	1.6	17.2
	1991	100	3.5	3.1	22.5	1.1	N/A	18.5	2.4	13.5	0.1	5.8	1.7	17.1
	1992	100	3.6	3.1	22.5	1.2	N/A	18.9	2.5	13.4	0.1	6.8	1.7	16.9
Tatal	1993	15440.2	3.0	3.1	23.1	220.0	N/A	19.5	2.5	1050.4	10.0	1010.0	1.0 N1/A	2005.1
investment	1909	16007.0	751 4	403.4	J440.J	239.9	1076 1	2199.0	290.1	2115.0	10.Z	1019.0	AE2 1	2024.0
	1990	18445 2	751.4	560.6	5077.6	2/4.0	1426.6	3065.9	328.5 NI/A	2115.0	21.2 Ν/Δ	1095.6	460.7	31526
(1110 200)	1002	17734 9	765 1	565.0	5077.0 N/A	247.3 N/A	N/A	3000.8	N/A	22 Ι2.2 Ν/Δ		1225 4	400.7 N/A	2820 5
	1993	17088 3	692.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0033.0 N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2806.4
	1330	170000	0/20/	19/5	19/0	17/7	IN A	IVA.	IN/A		144	144	140	2000.4
Total	1989	10.0	8.2	-5.8	10.4	30.9	12.7	17.3	7.6	-2.5	-1.6	4.6	N/A	14.1
investment	1990	9.4	11.1	1.4	18.0	14.5	6.7	9.6	13.2	8.4	16.5	2.9	N/A	-2.0
Δ%	1991	9.1	2.3	21.2	24.8	-10.0	11.9	-0.1	N/A	4.6	N/A	3.6	1.7	3.9
	1992	-3.9	-0.5	-0.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.9	N/A	-10.5
	1993	-3.6	-9.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-0.5
Total	1989	100	4.4	3.0	22.3	1.6	7.7	18.1	1.9	12.6	0.1	6.6	N/A	20.0
investment	1990	100	4.4	2.8	24.1	1.6	7.5	18.1	1.9	12.5	0.1	6.2	2.7	17.9
share (%)	1991	100	4.2	3.1	27.5	1.3	7.7	16.6	N/A	12.0	N/A	5.9	2.5	17.1
	1992	100	4.3	3.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	17.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.9	N/A	15.9
	1993	100	4.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16.4

Source: Eurostat, DEBA (estimates in bold). Turnover: E = Production value. Total investments: E = Investment minus disposals.

## Food, drink and tobacco (Nace 41 + 42)

Employment, labour cost and productivity

		<b>EUR 12</b>	В	DK	D	GR	Е	F	IRL	1	L	NL	Ρ	UK
Labour cost	1989	49183.5	1798.4	1686.2	11200.2	621.5	4771.4	9149.2	881.5	5963.2	43.7	3213.4	436.6	9418.2
(mio ECU)	1990	52774.7	1945.5	1795.5	12347.1	667.7	5209.9	9702.3	942.3	6463.9	48.2	3416.6	662.9	9572.8
	1991	57317.8	1989.1	1847.3	13987.7	695.6	5654.0	10053.4	<b>996.3</b>	7206.3	52.5	3606.5	816.0	10413.1
	1992	59580.5	2044.1	1902.2	14936.1	725.6	5952.1	10704.8	1024.8	7557.3	55.5	3799.8	864.4	10013.8
	1993	59842.1	2241.6	1927.9	15925.7	753.9	5558.8	11221.2	1018.5	6762.4	58.5	4028.1	826.7	9518.8
1 - 1	1000						10.0							
Labour cost	1989	0.0	12.8	-3.5	6.0	16.3	13.8	5.7	-2.7	8.6	4.8	-1.5	17.2	7.4
	1990	7.3	8.2	0.5	10.2	7.4	9.2	6.0	6.9	8.4	10.3	6.3	51.8	1.6
	1991	8.6	2.2	2.9	13.3	4.2	8.5	3.6	5.7	11.5	8.9	5.0	23.1	8.8
	1992	3.9	2.8	3.0	6.8	4.3	5.3	0.3	2.9	4.9	5.7	5.4	5.9	-3.8
Number of	1993	0.4	9.7	1.4	0.0	3.9	-0.0	4.8	-0.6	-10.5	5.4	6.0	-4.4	-4.9
Number of	1989	2408.9	72.2	67.3	463.2	60.1	360.2	355.9	43.1	225.3	2.3	124.7	76.3	558.1
persons	1990	2453.5	74.5	67.1	493.2	58.7	361.9	354.1	42.1	229.8	2.4	125.6	90.7	553.3
employed	1991	2472.1	73.1	67.0	522.1	57.1	362.5	357.0	42.4	226.1	2.5	128.3	92.8	541.2
(1000)	1992	2403.2	70.6	66.0	519.5	56.6	350.4	349.2	42.0	219.9	2.4	130.8	84.3	511.5
	1993	2348.8	68.2	64.3	504.9	56.1	350.2	345.8	42.0	215.8	2.4	N/A	78.2	490.5
Number of	1989	1.1	5.4	-3.6	4.8	3.5	0.2	0.3	-1.7	-2.3	1.4	-0.3	0.6	1.0
persons	1990	1.9	3.2	-0.3	6.5	-2.2	0.5	-0.5	-2.3	2.0	4.2	0.7	18.8	-0. <b>9</b>
employed	1991	0.8	-1.9	-0.2	5.9	-2.7	0.1	0.8	0.7	-1.6	1.7	2.1	2.4	-2.2
Δ%	1992	-2.8	-3.4	-1.4	-0.5	-1.0	-3.3	-2.2	-1.1	-2.7	-1.1	2.0	-9.1	-5.5
	1993	-2.3	-3.3	-2.6	-2.8	-0.9	-0.1	-1.0	-0.0	-1.9	-1.8	N/A	-7.3	-4.1
Number of	1989	100	3.0	2.8	19.2	2.5	15.0	14.8	1.8	9.4	0.1	5.2	3.2	23.2
persons	1990	100	3.0	2.7	20.1	2.4	14.8	14.4	1.7	9.4	0.1	5.1	3.7	22.5
employed	1991	100	3.0	2.7	21.1	2.3	14.7	14.4	1.7	9.1	0.1	5.2	3.8	21.9
share (%)	1992	100	2.9	2.7	21.6	2.4	14.6	14.5	1.7	9.2	0.1	5.4	3.5	21.3
	1993	100	2.9	2.7	21.5	2.4	14.9	14.7	1.8	9.2	0.1	N/A	3.3	20.9
Average	1989	20.4	24.9	25.0	24.2	10.3	13.2	25.7	20.4	26.5	18.8	25.8	5.7	16.9
labour	1990	21.5	26.1	26.7	25.0	11.4	14.4	27.4	22.4	28.1	19.9	27.2	7.3	17.3
unit cost	1991	23.2	27.2	27.6	26.8	12.2	15.6	28.2	23.5	31.9	21.3	28.1	8.8	19.2
(1000 ECU	1992	24.8	29.0	28.8	28.8	12.8	17.0	30.7	24.4	34.4	22.7	29.1	10.2	19.6
per capita)	1993	25.5	32.9	30.0	31.5	13.4	15.9	32.4	24.3	31.3	24.4	N/A	10.6	19.4
Average	1989	5.4	7.0	0.1	1.1	12.3	13.5	5.3	-1.0	11.1	3.3	-1.2	16.5	6.3
labour	1990	5.4	4.8	6.8	3.5	9.9	8.7	6.6	9.4	6.3	5.8	5.6	27.8	2.5
unit cost	1991	7.8	4.2	3.1	7.0	7.1	8.4	2.8	5.0	13.3	7.1	3.4	20.3	11.2
Δ%	1992	6.9	6.4	4.5	7.3	5.4	8.9	8.9	4.0	7.8	6.9	3.3	16.6	1.8
	1993	2.8	13.4	4.0	9.7	4.8	-6.6	5.8	-0.6	-8.8	7.4	N/A	3.2	-0.9
Productivity	1989	0.8	19.8	5.1	-1.4	-2.3	2.5	-1.6	5.5	-3.3	-3.1	1.9	N/A	2.8
<b>∆70</b>	1990	5.8	-0.9	-2.3	9.3	8.5	2.1	4.3	7.3	4.3	-1.1	11.7	N/A	4.2
	1991	3.4	6.3	17.2	4.1	7.1	5.1	2.5	11.1	9.2	-3.8	-6.9	-9.0	0.0
	1992	4.1	8.1	3.3	2.5	-0.7	0.6	4.0	7.3	1.2	-0.3	4.0	6.0	8.0
	1993	4.9	3.1	5.2	5.8	4.7	2.5	3.0	8.0	5.9	N/A	N/A	10.5	5.0

Source: Eurostat, DEBA (estimates in bold)

## Food, drink and tobacco (Nace 41 + 42) External trade

		EUR 12	B/L	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	<u> </u>	NL	Ρ	UK
Extra-EU	1989	25067.5	783.4	2405.0	3747.9	311.6	1536.7	4801.0	1283. <b>6</b>	1929.6	4491.6	261.9	3514.7
Trade	1990	24860.4	986.5	2277.7	3946.2	304.4	151 <b>8.9</b>	4999.0	1106.7	1964.8	3763.1	213.9	3778.8
	1991	26099.1	1185.6	2469.9	4550.7	322.6	1677.7	5109.7	1012. <b>2</b>	2056.3	3422.3	231.3	4061.0
	1992	27908.4	12 <b>94.2</b>	2429.3	4528.6	425.5	1814.1	5405.4	1203. <b>8</b>	247 <b>6.9</b>	3828.8	247.9	4254.0
	1993	30758.3	1420.7	2770.2	5271.8	435.3	1966.7	5645.0	1269. <b>2</b>	2569.8	4675.9	221.7	4512.0
Extra-EU	1989	20105.7	943.0	839.7	4238.7	244.7	1330.2	3117.9	190.4	2523.7	2257.6	360.8	4058.3
Trade	1990	19917.4	941.7	765.1	4354.9	240.4	1401.3	3001.5	175.1	2435.5	2270.7	342.2	3988.5
	1991	20691.4	901.9	772.9	4898.8	227.0	1715.8	3034.8	192.5	2420.3	2116.4	384.4	4026.6
	1992	21307.6	881.0	882.9	5075.8	233.9	1810.4	2948.6	202.6	2291.2	2511.2	397.7	4072.4
	1993	21872.7	965.5	910.4	5053.4	200.0	2109.0	2898.2	236.0	2346.0	2418.7	395.2	4340.2
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Source: Eurostat

The EU food, drink and tobacco industry is still characterised by commercial activities of relatively low intensity compared with manufacturing industry. The exports:production ratio, which rose by 9% on the 1993 ratio, stands at 6.7% compared with 17.4% for manufacturing industry. The penetration rate of imports, which has been falling since the beginning of the 1980s, amounted to 4.8% compared with 15.4% in manufacturing industry in 1993.

However, it should be remembered that the growing hold of the multinationals over this industry has the effect of camouflaging a large amount of trade. In 1993, the rise in exports was more marked than that of imports, leading to an improvement in the trade surplus, which rose from ECU 6.6 million to ECU 8.9 million, and in the cover rate, which amounted to 14.1 in 1993.

Attention should be drawn to the rise in extra-EU imports in this industry, a phenomenon which began in 1990. This increase occurred not only during a period of recession, entailing a direct slowing down in the consumption of this industry's products, but also in the context of a drop in world agricultural prices.

While at European level the industry is in a state of surplus, six of the

Member States have a trade deficit. These are Germany, Italy and the UK, whose deficits fell in 1993 and Spain, Greece and Portugal, which, in contrast, saw their trade situation worsen again in 1993.

Sugar manufacturing and refining and the slaughtering, preparing and preserving of meat moved from a deficit to a surplus in 1993. The EU is still in deficit in the processing and preserving of fruit and vegetables and the processing and preserving of fish and other seafood. In these two branches the trade deficit was reduced in 1993 owing to both the increase in exports and the fall in imports.

## 4. COMPARISON OF THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF EUR 12, USA AND JAPAN

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## Comparison of the manufacturing industries of the EU, USA and Japan

## 1. Introduction

Of the three major economic blocks in the world, the USA had the largest economy in 1993. Measured by gross domestic product in ECU terms, the EU was 127 billion ECU smaller than the USA (2.4% of its GDP).

Japan had the smallest economy. Its GDP was about two-thirds of the GDP of the EU and the USA, but Japan had a population total half that of the USA and just over a third that of the EU (see table 1). The EU was the largest producer of manufacturing products in 1993 with production 80 billion ECU higher than in the USA. Japan trailed the EU by 243 billion ECU. This resulted in the EU accounting for 34.8% of manufacturing production of the three combined geographical areas (the TRIAD) in 1993. The USA and Japan recorded 33.7% and 31.5% shares in the total respectively.

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## G.D.P., manufacturing production and population, 1993

billion ECU	Gross Domestic Product	Manufacturing production	Population(1) (millions)
EUR 12	5321	2623	346
USA	5448	2543	253
JAPAN	3600	2380	124
TRIAD	14369	7546	723

(1) EUR 12: beginning of the year; USA, JAPAN: mid-year estimates Source: Eurostat, DEBA, UNSO

### 2. The largest industries

Looking at the TRIAD production totals for 1993 the largest industry was food, drink and tobacco. The data in the table below is ranked according to size of industry at a NACE 2-digit level, with details of the larger NACE 3-digit sectors also given under the headings. The EU accounted for the largest production share of the food, drink and tobacco industry, with almost 43%, and was followed by the USA (33%) and Japan (24.2%). The EU also recorded a high share in TRIAD production in the following industries: footwear and clothing (a 47% share) and non-metallic minerals (42.7%). Industries where the EU displayed a low share in the TRIAD total were: computers and office equipment (23.4% share) and instrument engineering (24.6%). At a more disaggregated level the EU consumer electronics industry could only register a 16.3% share in TRIAD production. All of these industries could be termed "high technology", showing a structural weakness in the EU economy.



## **TRIAD production 1993**

	TRIAD	EU	IR 12	ι	JSA	JAPAN		
billion ECU	Production	Value	Share (%)	Value	Share (%)	Value	Share (%)	
Food, drink and tobacco	1079.6	462.4	42.8	355.9	33.0	261.3	24.2	
Meat	184.6	79.9	43.3	82.6	44.8	22.1	12.0	
Dairy products	111.5	73.0	65.5	21.8	19.5	16.8	15.0	
Bread and flour	81.1	28.4	35.0	31.2	38.4	21.5	26.6	
Fruit and vegetables	64.6	19.1	29.5	28.3	43.9	17.2	26.6	
Animal and poultry food	55.5	28.5	51.4	18.2	32.8	8.8	15.8	
Waters and soft drinks	53.0	18.1	34.2	20.5	38.6	14.4	27.2	
Electrical engineering	906.3	252.0	27.8	265.8	29.3	388.5	42.9	
Telecommunications	286.7	83.0	29.0	109.0	38.0	94.7	33.0	
Consumer electronics	244.0	39.9	16.3	67.5	27.7	136.6	56.0	
Motor vehicles and parts	812.5	242.0	29.8	263.0	32.4	307.5	37.8	
Motor vehicles and engines	525.6	184.9	35.2	180.9	34.4	159.9	30.4	
Parts and accessories	244.3	45.7	18.7	73.1	29.9	125.6	51.4	
Chemicals and man made fibres	787.6	289.0	36.7	313.3	39.8	185.3	23.5	
Basic industrial chemicals	322.9	105.2	32.6	134.1	41.5	83.7	25.9	
Pharmaceuticals	163.8	68.7	41.9	54.2	33.1	40.9	25.0	
Soap detergents perfumes	80.7	39.1	48.5	24.7	30.6	16.9	20.9	
Mechanical engineering	592.3	208.5	35.2	192.6	32.5	191.3	32.3	
Plant	111.8	39.4	35.2	24.7	22.1	47,7	42.7	
Machine-tools for metal	69.6	19.7	28.2	15.4	22.2	34.5	49.6	
Machines for food & chemical	66.0	29.9	45.3	18.4	27.8	17.7	26.9	
Paper and printing	563.0	164.6	29.2	237.1	42.1	161.3	28.6	
Paper and board	164.6	48.9	29.7	81.6	49.6	34.2	20.8	
Pulp paper and board	90.8	26.9	29.6	36.2	39. <del>9</del>	27.7	30.5	
Metal articles	464.5	170.0	36.6	129.7	27.9	164.7	35.5	
Tools	161.8	66.8	41.3	67.2	41.5	27.8	17.2	
Structural metal products	125.0	28.7	23.0	27.9	22.3	68.4	54.7	
Processing of metals	352.9	107.4	30.4	107.3	30.4	138.3	39.2	
Processing of non-ferrous met.	105.2	32.9	31.2	44.2	42.0	28.2	26.8	
Rubber and plastics	298.6	104.9	35.1	84.3	28.2	109.4	36.6	
Plastics	223.1	78.2	35.1	60.5	27.1	84.4	37.8	
Wood	222.5	74.3	33.4	88.1	39.6	60.1	27.0	
Wooden furniture	84.2	39.1	46.4	26.5	31.4	18.7	22.2	
Sawing & processing of wood	37.0	5.4	14.5	17.8	48.0	13.9	37.4	
Carpentry	36.9	13.0	35.2	16.4	44.4	7.5	20.4	
Semi-finished wood products	31.6	7.9	25.0	12.6	39.8	11.1	35.1	
Non-metallic minerals	222.3	95.0	42.7	50.7	22.8	76.5	34.4	
Concrete	66.6	28.0	42.0	7.0	10.4	31.7	47.6	
Glass	51.5	20.8	40.4	15.9	30.9	14.8	28.7	
Cement	35.2	13.6	38.6	14.8	42.1	6.8	19.2	
Ceramic goods	31.8	15.9	50.0	5.4	17.0	10.5	33.0	
Stone	23.7	8.3	35.2	5.5	23.2	9.9	41.6	
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Source: DEBA

Table 1

#### Table 1

## TRIAD production 1993 (ctd.)

	TRIAD	EL	IR 12	Ĺ	JSA	JAPAN		
billion ECU	Production	Value	Share (%)	Value	Share (%)	Value	Share (%)	
Other means of transport	105 7	70 0	36.2	04 3	48.2	30.4	15.6	
	125.7	42.6	33.0	34.5 77.6	61 7	54	4.3	
Shipbuilding	43.7	15.4	35.2	11.8	27.0	16.5	37.8	
Computer & office equipment	182.5	42.7	23.4	65.6	35.9	74.2	40.6	
Footwear and clothing	144.7	68.0	47.0	36.3	25.1	40.3	27.9	
Ready-made clothing	93.5	45.2	48.3	23.7	25.3	24.6	26.4	
Mass-produced footwear	27.6	17.2	62.2	4.6	16.8	5.8	21.0	
Instrument engineering	100.4	24.8	24.6	43.1	42.9	32.6	32.4	
Precision instruments	32.8	8.9	27.2	12.4	37.7	11.5	35.1	
Medical and surgical equip.	32.2	8.1	25.2	17.8	55.1	6.3	19.7	
Optical instruments	26.2	6.6	25.0	11.7	44.5	8.0	30.4	
Other sectors	89.2	20.4	22.9	37.5	42.0	31.3	35.1	
Toys and sports goods	30.4	5.6	18.4	12.8	42.0	12.0	39.6	
Jewellery	23.2	7.8	33.4	10.8	46.5	4.7	20.1	

Source: DEBA

The second and third largest industries both showed Japanese industry with the largest share of TRIAD production. In the electrical engineering industry Japanese firms accounted for nearly 43% of TRIAD output, whilst in the motor vehicles industry they recorded a 38% share in TRIAD production (not including the large value of Japanese car output in third countries). The Japanese share in TRIAD production was also pronounced for the computer and office equipment sector (where a 40.6% share was recorded). Japanese industries that recorded low shares in the TRIAD aggregate included non motor vehicle transport industries (15.6%) and the chemicals and manmade fibres sector (23.5%).

The USA recorded the biggest share of the fourth largest industry; chemicals and man-made fibres, accounting for almost 40% of the total (closely followed by the EU with nearly 37%). Other sectors where the USA had a particularly high share of TRIAD production value were paper and printing (42.1%), non motor vehicle transport industries (48.2%) and instrument engineering (42.9%). American sectors that recorded low shares in the TRIAD total included non-metallic minerals (27.9%) and footwear and clothing (25.1%).

The mechanical engineering industry saw TRIAD production distributed evenly, with the EU recording a 35.2% share - the USA and Japan recorded 32.5% and 32.3% shares respectively.

## 3. The fastest growing industries

Table 3 below shows the major TRIAD industries ranked by size of industry (as in Table 2). Production in constant

prices (1990 = 100) is given, followed by the respective real annual average growth rates between 1985 and 1993 for the TRIAD and its constituent parts. Sub-sectors of the major industries are also given in the table (once more ranked by importance in terms of production value for 1993).

Table 3 Annual average growth rates ranked by size of industry									
	TRIAD 1993	Annua	l average grow	th rate 1985-19	93 (%)				
	Production in constant prices (billion ECU)	TRIAD	EUR 12	USA	JAPAN				
Food drink and tobacco	932.5	1.8	2.6	0.9	1.5				
Meat	167.8	2.6	4.2	1.3	1.1				
Dairy products	101.9	1.6	2.4	-0.6	0.5				
Bread and flour	68.1	2.1	3.8	0.6	1.9				
Fruit and vegetables	55.3	2.9	4.8	1.6	3.1				
Animal and poultry food	50.7	1.1	2.6	1.0	-3.8				
Waters and soft drinks	44.4	2.7	4.8	-0.4	6.3				
Electrical engineering	793.3	4.9	4.0	3.0	7.7				
Telecommunications	252.3	5.2	4.3	2.5	12.0				
Consumer electronics	207.4	4.9	3.5	5.6	5.2				
Motor vehicles and parts	665.2	2.2	1.0	1.8	4.0				
Motor vehicles and engines	435.9	1.9	0.5	2.0	3.9				
Parts and accessories	195.5	2.7	2.5	1.1	4.1				
Chemicals and man made fibres	705.9	2.5	2.3	2.5	3.2				
Basic industrial chemicals	295.3	1.6	1.3	1.8	2.0				
Pharmaceuticals	145.4	6.6	6.3	7.5	5.8				
Soap detergents perfumes	70.2	3.0	3.5	1.2	5.5				
Mechanical engineering	499.4	0.9	-0.3	1.8	1.4				
Plant	92.1	1.5	0.6	-0.1	3.9				
Machine-tools for metal	56.4	0.3	-1.5	1.1	1.4				
Machines for food & chemical	56.0	2.1	2.0	3.3	0.9				
Paper and printing	494.6	2.8	3.7	1.4	4.4				
Paper and board	146.0	2.2	4.3	0.9	2.8				
Pulp paper and board	84.4	2.2	2.9	2.2	1.4				
Metal articles	397.5	1.9	1.9	0.7	3.2				
Tools	142.8	1.8	2.4	0.9	3.0				
Structural metal products	101.5	3.2	2.8	0.8	5.1				
Processing of metals	336.4	0.4	-0.7	2.1	0.3				
Processing of non-ferrous met.	108.8	2.3	1.4	2.7	2.9				
Rubber and plastics	252.5	3.5	4.0	3.2	3.0				
Plastics	189.1	4.4	5.5	3.8	3.6				

Source: DEBA

### Annual average growth rates ranked by size of industry (ctd.)

	TRIAD 1993	Annual average growth rate 1985-1993 (%)							
	Production in constant prices (billion ECU)	TRIAD	EUR 12	USA	JAPAN				
Wood	178.7	19	27	23	0.0				
Wooden furniture	68.7	1.7	2.4	0.9	1.0				
Sawing & processing of wood	28.6	0.7	2.2	2.5	-2.1				
Carpentry	29.6	3.3	3.5	3.4	2.6				
Semi-finished wood products	25.6	2.1	3.2	2.7	0.1				
Non-metallic minerals	188.2	1.4	1.7	1.1	1.2				
Concrete	53.7	2.4	3.0	1.0	2.2				
Glass	44.8	1.7	2.0	2.0	0.7				
Cement	30.5	0.0	0.1	0.4	-1.4				
Ceramic goods	27.4	1.3	1.4	2.9	0.1				
Stone	19.9	2.2	2.2	0.9	3.4				
Other means of transport	169.5	0.6	0.8	0.3	1.0				
Aerospace equipment	1 10.3	0.8	1.3	0.5	1.3				
Shipbuilding	36.4	-1.7	-2.3	-1.6	-0. <del>9</del>				
Computer & office equipment	165.1	4.5	3.7	2.2	8.3				
Footwear and clothing	127.2	1.2	1.4	-0.2	2.4				
Ready-made clothing	82.3	1.0	1.3	-0.6	2.4				
Mass-produced footwear	25.1	0.8	1.0	-1.3	2.3				
Instrument engineering	83.5	1.9	2.0	3.0	0.2				
Precision instruments	27.2	1.9	0.2	2.3	3.5				
Medical and surgical equip.	27.4	5.9	4.9	6.5	5.3				
Optical instruments	21.9	-0.8	2.7	-0.3	-4.3				
Other sectors	74.0	2.5	3.3	1.8	2.7				
Toys and sports goods	24.7	3.6	1.1	4.3	4.5				
Jeweilery	20.3	2.5	5.1	0.6	2.6				

### Source: DEBA

The three industries (at a NACE 2digit level) reporting the highest annual average growth rates for the TRIAD aggregate were electrical engineering (+4.9%), computer and office equipment (+4.5%) and rubber and plastics (+3.5%). At a 3-digit NACE level the highest growth was recorded in the pharmaceuticals sector (+6.6%), medical and surgical equipment (+5.9%) and the telecommunications sector (+5.2%).

All of these industries may be termed "high technology" areas - reaffirming the belief that growth in the developed world economies may be encouraged through the pursuit of policies that pay special attention to high technology and new technologies. At the same time the figures demonstrate that established, mature industries show lower levels of growth.

The annual average growth rates of the EU were generally much higher than those of the USA or Japan in the food processing industries. Japanese growth rates were generally larger in the new and high technology areas. An outstanding example was the telecoms sector. The Japanese telecoms sector was the only sector which was able to boast a growth rate of more than ten percent per annum. Industries where American growth out-performed the TRIAD competition were limited (pharmaceuticals being the main exception). Nevertheless, it should be noted that the data is given in ECU terms and that the dollar was particularly strong during 1985.

Industries where there were low or even negative "real" growth rates included mechanical engineering in the EU, food processing in both the USA and Japan and wood processing in Japan.

## 4. TRIAD production in "high technology" industrial sectors

Table 4 shows the 1993 share of TRIAD production over eight "hightechnology" industries. The EU share in the TRIAD total ranged from 16.3% (consumer electronics) to 36.7% (chemicals and man-made fibres). As well as the chemicals sector the EU also performed well in the processing of rubber and plastics. Growth rates in the EU and USA are quite similar over the period, showing between one and five per cent annual growth. However, in Japan there were significantly higher levels of performance, with up to twelve per cent growth per annum in the telecommunication equipment market (a market in which the Americans have

EUR 12, USA and Japanese share in TRIAD production

"High-technology industries" 1993

(%)	EUR 12	USA	JAPAN
Chemicals and man-made fibres	36.7	39.8	23.5
Instrument engineering	24.6	42.9	32.4
Telecommunications	29.0	38.0	33.0
Rubber and plastics processing	35.1	28.2	36.6
Motor vehicles and parts	29.8	32.4	37.8
Computer and office equipment	23.4	35.9	40.6
Electrical engineering	27.8	29.3	42.9
Consumer electronics	16.3	27.7	56.0

Source: DEBA

The share of the USA was somewhat higher than that of the EU, ranging from 27.7% (consumer electronics) to 42.9% (instrument engineering). The top three American industries (instrument engineering, chemicals & manmade fibres and telecommunications) were all able to claim a larger share of the TRIAD total than their Japanese competition.

Nevertheless, Japanese sectors recorded the largest shares in the remaining five industries (despite total manufacturing in Japan still accounting for less than one third of the TRIAD total).

Table 5 gives the average annual growth rates of production (in constant ECU terms) for eight "high technology" industries between 1985 and 1993.

recently received concessions in bilateral trade talks). The electrical engineering and computer and office equipment industries in Japan also grew at rates above the "top performing industries" in Europe or America.

In contrast, there was a reduction in activity for Japanese industries where it was difficult for Japanese firms to compete. In the textiles industry an annual decline of 1.4% was recorded. American data for the same industry showed growth of 1.8% per annum. Hence, Japanese industry seemed to be more willing to accept that it could not be the "world leader" in every industry - and must specialise in some "core" technology areas.

European industries that displayed low levels of growth have tended to be in the investment goods sector. High technology industries have

grown at a faster rate than the total industry average in Europe over the last eight years - notably telecoms, pharmaceuticals and plastics processing. However, despite recording respectable levels of growth over recent years, industries such as computers and office equipment (3.7% real growth per annum) have faced severe competition. Whilst Silicon Valley and Software Valley continue to develop and expand in the United States, many European computer manufacturers are still strongly reliant on home markets (even in post-Single Market Europe). Indeed, high growth industries in America have been led by small entrepreneurial businesses. Cognetics in Cambridge, Massachusetts, an American research firm state that over four million jobs were added to the USA economy between 1989 and 1993 thanks to growth in small, dynamic and largely service or high technology related industries (software, computers, film and video and health-care). These companies were characterised by sales growth of 20% plus per annum and annual revenue of at least 100,000 dollars.

In the telecoms market (4.3% real growth per annum), widespread deregulation in Europe may well lead to intense competition from American firms waiting to compete with the national players in each European country.

In the car industry European manufacturers are pursuing a policy of joint-ventures and merger activity in response to competition from Japanese and American producers. The industry has been characterised by over-capacity in recent years.

	industries, 19		
%	EUR 12	USA	JAPAN
Motor vehicles and parts	1.0	1.8	4.0
Instrument engineering	2.0	3.0	0.2
Chemicals and man-made fibres	2.3	2.5	3.2
Consumer electronics	3.5	5.6	5.2
Computer and office equipment	3.7	2.2	8.3
Electrical engineering	4.0	3.0	7.7
Rubber and plastics processing	4.0	3.2	3.0
Telecommunications	4.3	2.5	12.0

# Real annual average growth of high-technology industries, 1985-1993

Source: DEBA

The opportunities for arowth in this sector are not to be found in the traditional markets of the developed world that are often saturated. Rather, expanding markets will be found in Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe. Geographically, the latter presents the most obvious opportunities for European manufacturers to grow. However, enterprises need to increasingly adopt global strategies to compete successfully. The car industry offers an example of the problems facing European manufacturers: car sales in Indonesia and the Philippines are dominated by Japanese producers, who account for 90% of the total market. Latin American car production is dominated by American enterprises. Some European producers have started to enter these expanding markets - for example, Volkswagen and Peugeot-Citroën both have foot-holds in the Chinese market, which has subsequently been closed to any new foreign joint-ventures until 1997 at the earliest. European, American and Japanese manufacturers are also facing competition from newly industrialised countries (NICs) and the other members of the EEA. Within the countries soon to join the EU, sectors that were growing fastest included professional and scientific equipment, plastics processing and electrical machinery. Sectors in decline were textiles and rubber processing. Growth rates displayed in the new Member States were similar to those of the EU countries.

The highest rates of growth were recorded in the newly industrialised countries. Indeed, it was quite common to see average annual growth rates in double figures. For example, the fastest growing industries in Indonesia (transport equipment), Malaysia (machinery), the Philippines (transport equipment) and Singapore (electrical machinery) were all growing at more than fourteen per cent per annum.

## 5. TRIAD specialisation

In this section the production values for the EU, USA and Japan have been used to create specialisation coefficients. To derive such ratios the production in an industry has been divided by the manufacturing total for that industry. This ratio has in turn been divided by the same ratio for the TRIAD aggregate. Hence, the calculation for the EU was as follows:

Industry X EU / Total manufacturing EU

Industry X TRIAD/ Total manufacturing TRIAD

Using the above ratio at a NACE 2digit level the results below were obtained. A specialisation coefficient of 1.0 reflects an industry that is represented to the same degree in a particular country as it is throughout the TRIAD. At the NACE 2-digit level (Table 6) the most specialised industries (ratios over 1.0) were the leather goods industry in the EU, non motor vehicles transport industry in the USA (mainly due to the aerospace sector) and electrical engineering in Japan. All three of these sectors reported specialisation coefficients of 1.4 in 1993. The lowest specialisation coefficient in the EU was the computer and office equipment sector (0.7); in the USA it was the non-metallic minerals sector (also 0.7) and in Japan it was the non motor vehicles transport industry (0.5).

During the period 1983-1993 there was growth of 14% in the European instrument engineering specialisation coefficient. At a more disaggregated level, the optical instruments and photographic equipment sector showed an impressive rise of almost 70% (see table 7, for three digit-NACE sectors, with highest specialisation coefficients growth rates). However,

Table 6	1983	1993
EUR 12		
Computer and office equipment	0.7	0.7
Instrument engineering	0.6	0.7
Electrical engineering	0.9	0.8
Motor vehicles and parts	0.9	0.9
Other means of transport	1.0	1.0
Chemicals and man-made fibres	1.1	1.1
Food drink and tobacco	1.2	1.2
Footwear and clothing	1.2	1.4
USA		
Footwear and clothing	0.9	0.7
Electrical engineering	1.0	0.9
Motor vehicles and parts	1.0	1.0
Food drink and tobacco	1.0	1.0
Computer and office equipment	1.2	1.1
Chemicals and man-made fibres	1.1	1.2
Instrument engineering	1.2	1.3
Other means of transport	1.3	1.4
Japan		
Other means of transport	0.5	0.5
Chemicals and man-made fibres	0.8	0.8
Food drink and tobacco	0.8	0.8
Footwear and clothing	0.8	0.9
Instrument engineering	1.3	1.0
Motor vehicles and parts	1.2	1.2
Computer and office equipment	1.1	1.3
Electrical engineering	1.3	1.4

TRIAD specialisation coefficients for selected industries, 1983 and 1993

Source: DEBA

despite this growth the TRIAD specialisation coefficient for the European instrument engineering industry remained low. There were also large gains seen in both the non motor vehicle transport industry (especially aerospace equipment, +20%) and the footwear and clothing sector, where specialisation coefficients increased by 10% between 1983 and 1993. On the downside, the EU specialisation coefficient for computer and office equipment decreased by 9% over the same period.

Japan was the main TRIAD producer in the computer and office equipment sector. The specialisation coefficient for this sector increased by almost 21% (to 1.29). Japanese specialisation decreased most in the instrument engineering industry (down by 19%). On a more disaggregated level the highest Japanese specialisation coefficient growth rate was found in the telecoms sector, where growth of 46% was recorded. Other Japanese 3-digit NACE sectors with high specialisation coefficient growth rates were asbestos articles (+44%), aerospace equipment (+34%) and plants for mining and steel industry (+27%).

3-digit	NACE	specialisation coefficients	for	selected
_		industries, 1993		

Table 7	Specialisation coefficient	Growth rate 1983-1993 (%)
EUR 12		
Optical instruments	0.7	68.9
Jeweilery	1.0	53.0
Silk	1.1	49.9
Miscellaneous food products	0.9	38.5
Soft drinks	1.0	29.4
Processing of paper and board	0.9	28.7
Meat	1.3	26.3
Bread and flour confectionery	1.0	21.7
Soap, detergents, perfumes	1.4	17.1
USA		
Wool	0.2	62.6
Furs	2.4	57.8
Cotton	0.7	48.9
Agricultural machinery and tractors	1.0	38.8
Wooden containers	0.7	26.1
Sawing and processing of wood	1.4	<b>22.9</b>
Pharmaceuticals	1.0	19.7
Non-ferrous metals	1.3	18.2
Basic chemicals	1.2	18.0
Carpentry	1.3	17.7
Japan		
Telecommunications	1.1	46.4
Asbestos	1.1	44.0
Soft drinks	0.9	36.0
Aerospace equipment	0.1	34.4
Plant for mines iron & steel industry	1.4	27.0
Electric lighting	1.2	18.0
Toys and sports goods	1.3	17.9
Tools and finished metal goods	0.6	15.8
Steel tubes	0.9	13.1
Structural metal products	1.7	13.1

Source: DEBA

The trends in Japanese specialisation coefficients gave support to the fact that Japanese industry had made a concerted and successful effort to specialise in modern industries. Whilst these industries provided high production growth rates in the Japanese economy, they were increasingly open to competition from the NICs. Nevertheless, It should be kept in mind that a considerable and expanding part of the production value of Japanese companies is produced outside of Japan (not only in Asia, but also in the EU and USA).

The USA increased its specialisation in the non motor vehicle transport industry (+12%), the chemicals and man-made fibres industry (+11%) and the instrument engineering industry (+10%). The USA lost significant ground in the footwear and clothing sector (-17%). On a more disaggregated level the textile industry (especially the wool (+63%) and cotton sectors (+49%)) showed high specialisation coefficient growth rates. Other sectors with fast growth were agricultural machinery (+39%), pharmaceutical products (+20%), basic chemicals (+18%) and aerospace equipment (+15%). The USA lost ground in bicycles and motor cycles (-34%), structural metal products (-28%) and plant for mines and the steel industry (-26%).

## 6. Top companies in each region

Looking at all sectors in 1993 in the Fortune 500, the three first industrial groups remained American (in terms of turnover). General Motors, with a turnover of 134 billion dollars were followed by Ford Motor, taking second place in front of Exxon. In the top ten, the EU was represented by Royal Dutch/Shell and Daimler Benz, respectively in fourth and eighth places. Three Japanese firms were in the top ten, Toyota Motor, Hitachi and Matsushita electric industrial; these firms recorded the highest growth rates in turnover - expressed in dollars due to the appreciation of the yen.

Taking the origin of the top enterprises in terms of turnover in each of 25 industrial sectors, thirteen were based in the USA, six in Japan and five in the EU. The poor presence of the European firms was accentuated by the fact that they were leaders in mature and low trade sectors, like building material, glass, metal products or still mining and crude oil production. The USA and Japanese firms had better ratings in high-tech sectors where there were greater trade opportunities.

At each sector level, and particularly those with more rapid growth in recent years, it is of interest to detail the presence of the European, Japanese and American firms. Considering the ten biggest enterprises in the 7 sectors with the highest growth rates in the recent years, (i.e.70 firms), the USA accounted for the largest number of enterprises. In terms of turnover, 28 of the 70 were American. The EU and Japan had 18 and 16 firms respectively. In terms of profit margin (profit on turnover), the predominance of the USA was ever more accentuated, with 38 enterprises in the

70. It was followed by the EU (19) and Japan (7).

The computer and office equipment sector was dominated by American and Japanese firms. Ranked by turnover, IBM were followed by Toshiba and Fujitsu and then Hewlett-Packard. Whilst IBM remained the leader in terms of sales, its market capitalisation more than halved from 1990 to 1993. It declined to 25th place in terms of market capitalisation and was ranked behind Intel, the world's largest computer chip manufacturer. Other American firms in this sector that realised excellent results, were Microsoft, Oracle Systems Corporation, and McCaw Cellular Communications, all recording impressive turnover growth of about 30%. The most profitable firms in the industry were also American, i.e. Hewlett-Packard, Compag Computer and Unisys. No European enterprise entered the top ten in the sector. Olivetti held eleventh place with a turnover less than the average of the first twenty enterprises.

The electronics and electrical equipment sector was largely under the domination of south-east Asian firms. Of the first ten enterprises, four were Japanese - Hitachi, Matsushita Electric, Sony and NEC - two were South Korean - Samsung and Daewo. The USA and the EU had one firm each, General Electric and Siemens. Siemens recorded an increase of 7.3% in its turnover for 1993. It was also the biggest quoted manufacturing industry employer in the EU. However, of the top forty four enterprises selected by "FORTUNE", only 6 were based in the EU. Looking at the profit margins, the sector appeared slightly different. The first eight enterprises were American, reflecting an increased awareness and strategic move by American firms in the light of Japanese competition in the sector.

Another high-tech sector of interest was scientific, photographic and control equipment. In this sector the first six enterprises, according to either their turnover, or to their profit on turnover, were American, with Eastman Kodak, Xerox and 3M, the three leaders. The German and British firms, Carl-Zeiss-Stiftung and Siebe, held ninth and tenth places.

The pharmaceutical sector remained in the hands of American firms, with Johnson & Johnson, Bristol-Myers Squibb and Merck, as the three biggest enterprises in terms of turnover in 1993. In the 25 first enterprises, eleven were American compared to only 5 from the EU. The results of the Swiss firms Sandoz and Roche were noticeable. They recorded good results at the European level. The market capitalisation of Roche overtook that of Glaxo (EU) and Merck (USA).

The chemicals sector was where European firms succeeded. Despite first place being held by the American enterprise C.I. Du Pont de Nemours, the next three firms were all German: Hoechst, Bayer and BASF. Whilst these firms kept a good position in the world classification based on turnover, their market capitalisation fell or was static in 1993, due to the recession.

In the food, drink and tobacco sector, the American and European firms shared first place. Japan had only three firms: one in the food sector, Snow Brand Milk Production and two in the drinks sector, Kirin Brewery and Suntary (in fifth and seventh places in terms of turnover). The well-known American groups Pepsi-Cola and Coca-Cola, as well as Anheuser-Busch were the first three enterprises in the drinks sector. In the food sector, the European enterprises Unilever and Nestlé held second and third places between the American firms Philip Morris and Conagra. The biggest profit increase in 1993 was recorded by the British firm Hillsdown Holdings.

Despite the consolidation of the European market, rather few European industrial groups have succeeded reaching a sufficient size to compete successfully with American and Japanese firms at the world level, most notably in sectors with rapid growth and in high technology areas.

Since 1990 several important developments influenced global trade significantly. Firstly, the Gulf War caused considerable energy price fluctuations. Secondly, the global recession has had a major effect on the economic performance of the EU, Japan and the USA. Finally, in 1994, after many years of negotiations a milestone was reached in the field of global trade: the closure of the GATT Uruguay Round with the signing of a new and extensive GATT agreement. The treaty will significantly reduce tariffs around the world. It will lead to an opening of markets and is expected to enhance global trade and development.

On the trade front the most important development in the EU in recent years was the creation of the Single Market. Through the removal of national barriers European firms can benefit from a home market of truly continental dimensions and achieve considerable economies of scale. Thus, the Single Market will improve the competitiveness of Europe in the global market place. It will enhance intra-EU trade and lead to increased extra-EU exports.

The average annual growth rate of extra-EU exports in the 1988-1993 period was 5.9%. The global recession of the last two years did not result in reduced EU exports. Contrary to what one might expect, the value of exports increased by 10.7% in 1993, leading to a total export figure of over 482 billion ECU (see Graph 1). In 1993 the EU exported 9.1% of its GDP. This figure was somewhat less than the corresponding figures for the USA (10.4%) and Japan (9.4%). The weakness of the US dollar contributed to the surge in exports. The recession in

## 7. External trade

Europe did have an effect on imports, which showed strong growth up to 1991. Since then the value of imports has decreased somewhat. Nevertheless, the value of imports increased on average over the 1988-1993 period by 4.6% per annum. Total extra-EU imports valued 486 billion ECU in 1993. This was 11.6% of total consumption. The corresponding figure was 13.1% for the USA and 10.6% for Japan. The balance of trade had a negative trend at the turn of the decade, leading to a deficit of over 69 billion ECU in 1991. Since then it has improved. The improvement was due to higher growth rates in exports as compared to imports. These developments led to a positive trade balance (of 11.6 billion ECU) in the last quarter of 1993 (see Graph 1). The 1993 balance of trade was however still negative, some 3.4 billion ECU (see Graph 2).

EUR 12 Total trade



Source: Eurostat



## Manufacturing trade by sector, 1993

The most important export sectors of the EU in value terms were mechanical engineering, chemicals and electrical engineering (see table 8). Their share in total exports was 41% in 1993. High average annual growth rates in the period 1988-1993 were obtained by other means of transport (12.4%) and instrument engineering (9.2%). Relative to the USA and Japan high-tech products took a relatively small proportion of total EU exports. However, several high-technology sectors show above average export growth rates (especially in exports to the US and Japan). On the import side the same sectors (mechanical engineering, chemicals and electrical engineering) headed the list, representing 31% of the value of total imports in 1993. High average annual growth rates were recorded over the period 1988-1993 in the following sectors: footwear and clothing (11.5%), other means of transport i.e. non motor vehicle transport equipment (11.1%), manufacture of metal articles (10.4%) and the processing of rubber and plastics (9.0%).

The two main trading partners of the EU were the USA and Japan. Over 22% of the EU's exports went to these countries in 1993 (24.5% in 1988). The EU received more than 27% of its total imports from the USA and Japan (the corresponding figure was 28.4% in 1988). The annual total trade between the EU and Japan and the USA amounted to over 67 and 148 billion ECU respectively in 1993. A noteworthy development in the geographical distribution of European exports and imports was the surge in trade with the Central and East European countries. Community imports increased by 56% in value terms between 1989 and 1992, and exports by 87%. Trade liberalisation, with the objective of achieving free trade areas within ten years, is likely to result in the conTable 8

	billion ECU	Share in total manufacturing trade (%)	Average annual growth 1988- 1993 (%)
EUR 12 exports			
Food drink and tobacco	30.8	6.9	7.4
Motor vehicles and parts	36.7	8.2	3.3
Electrical engineering	49.9	11.2	7.8
Chemicals and man made fibres	59.2	13.2	6.7
Mechanical engineering	75.1	16.8	5.8
Other sectors	195.7	43.7	
EUR 12 Imports			
Computer and office equipment	25.3	6.5	6.0
Metals	27.3	7.0	-2.6
Mechanical engineering	30.8	7.9	4.7
Chemicals and man made fibres	36.2	9.3	5.6
Electrical engineering	53.7	13.8	6.9
Other sectors	217.2	55.6	
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Source: Eurostat, DEBA

tinuation of high growth rates in the near future.

The USA concluded the North American Free Trade Agreement with Canada and Mexico in 1993. The agreement should produce similar results as those which are expected to come from the Single Market. Trade between the partners is expected to increase significantly. In recent years the geographical economic balance has shifted in the US from the east coast to the Pacific Basin. Most countries in the Pacific Basin have shown impressive growth rates in the last decade. Trade with and in south-east Asia is growing significantly. The Asian Tigers continue to grow fast; China has joined the race with annual economic growth rates of around 10% in recent years. The result of such changes in economic development is that the geographical distribution of American imports and exports will continue to shift from Europe to the Pacific Basin.

In 1993 the USA exported 565 billion ECU (10.4% of GDP). The most im-

portant American export sectors in 1993 were electrical engineering (16.2%), mechanical engineering (12.8%), chemicals (10.7%), motor vehicles and parts (10.0%) and other means of transport (mainly aerospace equipment, 8.5%). The USA imported 619 billion ECU (13.1% of total consumption) in 1993. Main import sectors were motor vehicles and parts (15.6%), electrical engineering (14.3%), mechanical engineering (7.3%) and computer and office equipment (7.1%).

About 21% of American exports went to the EU, they valued 86 billion ECU. During the period 1988-1993 this trade flow showed an annual average growth rate of 5.5%. USA imports from the EU accounted for 84 billion ECU in 1993 (13.6% of total American imports). In the 1988-1993 period EU exports to the USA grew by 3.7% (average annual growth rate). The European balance of trade with the USA has shown a significant improvement since 1991.

EUR 12 trade with USA by sector, 1993

In the 12 months prior to February 1994 exports to the USA increased by 18.4% while imports remained stable. The most important export sectors in 1993 for the EU to the USA were mechanical engineering, chemicals and motor vehicles and parts (see table 9). Above average growth rates were obtained by computer and office equipment (9.1%), chemicals (8.5%) and other means of transport (8.6%). On the import side the most important sectors in 1993 were electrical engineering, chemicals and computer and office equipment. The highest growth rates in the 1988-1993 period were obtained by motor vehicles and parts (16.1%), footwear and clothing (12.2%) and instrument engineering (10.1%).

About 9% of total American exports went to Japan in 1993, with a value of 35 billion ECU. On the other hand, the USA's imports from Japan were worth 91 billion ECU in 1993. This was about 19% of total American imports. The American trade deficit with Japan has burdened American-Japanese relations in the last decade. Trade talks on the subject have recently resulted in four new trade deals in the field of telecommunications, medical equipment and access to the Japanese insurance market. However, it remains to be seen whether these agreements will have a significant impact on the American trade deficit with Japan. European firms should also be capable of benefiting from the opening of the Japanese market. However, much will depend on exchange rate developments. The value of the Yen has shown a positive trend. Some improvement of the American-Japanese trade balance may be expected, especially if the value of the Yen continues to rise.

In 1993 the most important American export sector to Japan was food,

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	Mio ECU	Share in total manufacturing exports/imports	Average annual growth rate 1988-1993
Manufacturing exports to USA			
Other means of transport	6095	8.1	8.6
Electrical engineering	7387	9.8	7.3
Motor vehicles and parts	8074	10.7	5.7
Chemicals and man made fibres	9170	12.1	-0.3
Mechanical engineering	12688	16.8	3.7
Other sectors	32162	42.6	2.9
Manufacturing imports from USA			
Other means of transport	8102	11.0	5.6
Mechanical engineering	9377	12.8	5.4
Computer and office equipment	9634	13.1	4.3
Chemicals and man made fibres	9956	13.6	2.1
Electrical engineering	12894	17.6	7.5
Other sectors	23404	31.9	6.8

Source: DEBA

drink and tobacco, followed by electrical engineering, chemicals, office and DP-equipment, other means of transport and mechanical engineering (see Graphs 3 and 4). American imports from Japan showed a much higher rate of specialisation. The two most important sectors, motor vehicles and parts, and electrical engineering, together accounted for almost 53% of American imports from Japan. American imports in these two sectors accounted for about 30% of total imports.

The EU has faced similar problems to the USA in its trade relations with Japan. The Community's trade relations with Japan have tended to be dominated by the structural consequences of what Europeans have considered to be Japan's incomplete integration into the multilateral trading system. Many commentators argue that access to the Japanese domestic market has not generally offered equal opportunities to Japan's trading partners, when compared to Japanese entry into foreign markets. Japan exported 9.4% of its GDP in 1993. The total value of exports in 1993 was almost 334 billion ECU. Japanese imports were equal to 256 billion ECU in 1993 (10.6% of total consumption). Japanese companies produce more and more outside of Japan. Currently the figure is almost 25% but it is expected to rise sharply. The structure of Japanese exports is changing in favour of east Asia. In 1991 it became Japan's biggest export market (ahead of the USA). Japanese exports to Asia in 1993 exceeded exports to the USA by more than 30%.

Almost 10% of the EU's imports in 1993 came from Japan. This equalled 15.6% of total Japanese exports and amounted to 48 billion ECU. The value of total exports from the EU to Japan was 23 billion ECU in 1993. This was only 4.7% of total exports from the EU. These trade figures displayed the structural imbalance in Japanese trade relations with the EU. In the 1988-1993 period exports to Japan from the EU showed higher growth rates than imports from Japan into the EU. This was however not enough to improve the balance of trade significantly. The situation in 1993 served well as an illustration of the structural situation. The trade deficit totalled over 25 billion ECU.

The most important EU export sectors to Japan were chemicals and man made fibres, motor vehicles and parts and mechanical engineering (see Table 10). Strong average annual growth in the value of exports over the period 1988-1993 was obtained by computer and office equipment (34.2%), footwear and clothing (11.0%), motor vehicles and parts (10.3%) and electrical engineering (10.0%). On the import side electrical engineering, motor vehicles and parts and computer and office equipment were the most important sectors. Average annual growth rates were limited with the exception of other means of transport (13.7%).



Source: Eurostat

	Mio ECU	Share in total manufacturing exports/im- ports	Average an- nual growth rate 1988-1993
Manufacturing exports to Japan			
Electrical engineering	1540	74	01
Eood drink and tobacco	1950	94	52
Mechanical engineering	1964	9.5	4.5
Motor vehicles and parts	3355	16.1	10.3
Chemicals and man made fibres	4076	19.6	7.3
Other sectors	7895	38.0	5.6
Manufacturing imports from Japan			
Chemicals and man made fibres	3698	7.9	3.6
Mechanical engineering	5188	11.0	2.7
Computer and office equipment	5450	11.6	3.9
Motor vehicles and parts	10414	22.1	3.6
Electrical engineering	11182	23.7	-0.2
Other sectors	11179	23.7	5.5

## EUR 12 trade with Japan by sector, 1993

Source: Eurostat

## **METHODOLOGICAL NOTES**

### Industry Classification System

The industry groupings used in this publication are based on the NACE classification system. This classifies economic activity in terms of the nature of goods and services produced or by the nature of the production process employed. It is arranged on the decimal system and is subdivided into divisions (1-digit codes), classes (2-digit codes), groups (3-digit codes), sub-groups (4-digit codes) and items (5-digit codes). More information is contained in the General Industrial Classification of Economic Activities within the European Community published by Eurostat (1985 reprint of the 1970 edition). This publication is available from the usual outlets for Community publications. A major revision to the NACE classification has been incorporated in a Council Regulation (OJ L293 24th October 1990) and will start being used for data collection over the next few years.

The broad groups used in Section 1 of this publication have the following definitions in terms of NACE:

Total industry

1, 2, 3, 4

Intermediate goods industries

1, 211-246, 247, 2474-2476, 2481-2485, 2488, 2489, 251-256, 26, 311-313, 3161-3164, 3167-319, 353, 422, 431-435, 437, 439, 441, 461-466, 471, 472, 481, 483

### Capital goods industries

314, 315, 32, 33, 341-344, 347, 348, 352, 361, 362, 364, 365, 371, 372

### Consumer goods industries

2472, 2473, 2477, 2486, 2487, 257-259, 3165, 363, 373, 374, 411-421, 423-429, 436, 438, 442, 45, 467, 473, 474, 482, 49

### **Statistical Sources**

Most of the data in this publication is harmonized data supplied to Eurostat by Member States. The exceptions are:

1) The capacity utilisation series which come from the business surveys carried out on behalf of the Directorate General for Economic Affairs of the Commission.

2) The estimates for the latest years'structural data, which are supplied by the DEBA European Economic Interest Group.

3) The OECD has supplied the indices of industrial production for the USA and Japan.

Data sources are indicated for each statistical table.

Every effort has been made to include data for all 12 Member States. The indices from 1991 onwards are on a post-unification basis and include East-Germany. However the structural data is still on a pre-unification basis unless otherwise stated.

## Short term indicators

The index of production measures changes in the volume of the gross value added created by industry, the branch indices being aggregated by means of a system of weighting according to gross value added (in principle, at factor cost). The indices are adjusted in two stages; firstly to take account of the varying number of working days in the month (except for Spain and Japan) and secondly by seasonal adjustment. The other short term indices in this publication are not adjusted for working days.

The index of producer prices shows (in the national currency of the Member State in question) changes in the ex-works selling prices of all products sold on the domestic markets of the various countries. The Community indices (EUR11, since there are no producer price indices for Portugal) refer to overall weighted price changes. No seasonal adjustment is carried out on them.

For the indices of imports and exports, external trade data of industrial products were grouped according to the industrial NACE branch to which they belong. The value indices are all in ECU terms. The indices for EUR12 refer only to extra Community trade. The indices are seasonally adjusted.

The capacity utilization series come from quarterly European Community business surveys, and are not seasonally adjusted.

The changes which are given in the tables for the latest three months on the corresponding period of the year before, are calculated from non seasonally adjusted series.

### Structural data

Data for value added at factor cost, turnover, investment, labour costs, and employment come from annual enquiries conducted by Member States involving all enterprises with 20 or more employees. The exceptions to this are Spain and Portugal where the coverage is for local units of all sizes. The employment data relates to persons employed excluding home workers. The definitions are standardized and so the figures are comparable across industries and countries. Estimates are not supplied to Eurostat by Member States for the smaller firms not covered by the enquiries, and the figures under-report the actual values. Where this is particularly significant, a note is made in the commentary.

Gaps in Eurostat's data have been filled by estimates supplied by DEBA.

Thus EU totals often contain estimates for missing countries.

Data in the structural tables are in current ECU unless otherwise stated. The productivity measure used is based on value added at factor cost in 1985 prices per person employed.

## Signs and abbreviations

EUR 12:	Community of 12
B/L:	Belgo-Luxembourg Economic Union
ECU:	European currency unit
Mio:	millions
Mrd:	thousand million
N/A:	not available
0.0:	Figure less than half of the chosen unit
%:	percent
1990 = 100:	reference year
Ф:	moving average
	External trade indicators: 07/08/09.93 (Partner: Extra-EU)
Δ:	growth rate

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## Nace 1-4: Index of production

Φ	= 01/02/03.94, B = 10/11/12.93
	Growth rate moving average: change in % for three months
	compared with previous three months (seasonally adjusted)
	3 months ending 03.94
	Nace 1-4: Producer Price Index
Φ	= 02/03/04.94
	Growth rate moving average: change in % for three months
	compared with previous three months
	3 months ending 04.94
	Chapter 3.1 Short-term indicators (Nace 41 + 42)
	Index of production
Φ	= 01/02/03.94, B = 10/11/12.93
	Growth rate moving average: change in % for three months

Growth rate moving average: change in % for three months compared with previous three months (seasonally adjusted) 3 months ending 03.94 **Producer price index** 

 $\Phi$  = 02/03/04.94, DE: 10/11/12.93, B, IRL : 01/02/03.94 Growth rate moving average: change in % for three months compared with previous three months 3 months ending 04.94

## **External trade indicators**

Nace 41 + 42: E = - Nace 429 Tobacco industry

 $\Phi$  = 10/11/12.93

Growth rate moving average: change in % for three months compared with the same period of the previous year: 3 months ending 12.93

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Consumer goods = Non-durable consumer goods

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