

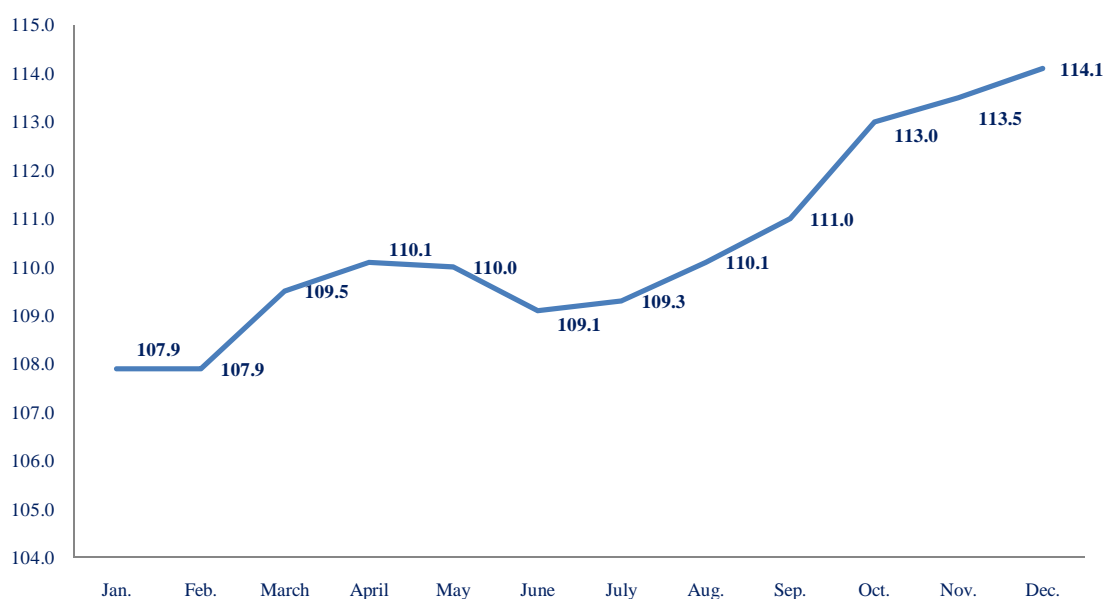
## 8. TRADE

*Trade deals with Consumer Price Index and with foreign trade.*

### Consumer Price Index (CPI)

CAS publishes a monthly CPI covering the totality of the Lebanese Territory since January 2008 with the reference month December 2007 and weights extracted of the Household Budget Survey 2004-2005. The CPI benefited of a technical assistance from Middle East Technical Assistance Center (METAC)-IMF during the period 2006-2008 to ensure the use of the international standard and the best practices in this field.

**Graph 8.1 – CPI. % in 2010**



*Graph made by CAS data (2010)*

### *Foreign trade*

*Foreign trade covers monthly and quarterly special and general imports and exports in value, in gross and net quantities. It also deals with re-exports and transit in value and in gross and net quantities. It also displays data for customs revenues and VAT revenues by office.*

*Quantities and values are obtained from traders' manifestos after controlling their reliability by the customs services. The imports value is Cost Insurance Fret, meaning the merchandise value at the expedition place plus the transport, insurance, and all other fees to arrive to the office where all customs fees are paid. Exports value is Free on Board meaning the value of the merchandise including all the fees paid in order to arrive to the exit office.*

The following table displays the holistic picture of Lebanon foreign trade in 2010.

**Table 8.1 –Foreign trade. Billion LBP in 2010**

Type of foreign trade	Billion LBP	Peak month. Billion LBP	Peak month. %
Special imports by section	27,080	March (2,916)	March (10.8)
Special exports by section	6,402	December (731)	December (11.4)
<b>Special trade deficit</b>	<b>20,678</b>	<b>March (2,353)</b>	<b>March (11.4)</b>
General imports by section	27,430	March (2,930)	March (10.7)
General exports by section	7,561	December (856)	December (11.3)
<b>General trade deficit</b>	<b>19,868</b>	<b>March (2,275)</b>	<b>March (11.5)</b>
Re-exportation by section	230	October (28)	October (12.3)
Transit by section	585	June (62)	June (10.5)
Customs revenues	2,909	July (273)	July (9.4)
VAT revenues	2,258	March (213)	March (9.4)

*Table made by CAS based on Customs General Directorate data (2010)*

### *Some general foreign trade ratios*

*General foreign trade coverage ratio = (general exports / general imports) \* 100 = 27.6%*

*Total general trade for Lebanon = general exports + general imports = 34,991 billion LBP*

*General trade per capita = (general exports + general imports) / population = 9,308,188 LBP*

*Formulas computed by CAS based on UN ESCWA (2009), External Trade Bulletin of the ESCWA Region, 18<sup>th</sup> Issue,*

### *Some special foreign trade ratios*

*Special foreign trade coverage ratio = (special exports / special imports) \* 100 = 23.6%*

*Total special trade for Lebanon = special exports + special imports = 33,482 billion LBP*

*Special trade per capita = (special exports + special imports) / population = 8,906,832 LBP*

*Formulas computed by CAS based on UN ESCWA (2009), External Trade Bulletin of the ESCWA Region, 18<sup>th</sup> Issue,*

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## *Foreign trade glossary*

### *Special imports*

*This trade consists of consumable merchandise, their arrival to foreign countries after exiting the free trade zone or the warehouse, or after placing them under temporary importation regime. This trade consists also of merchandise placed under the temporary normal admission regime and of re-imported merchandise after a temporary exploitation for a transformation purpose. The statistics of imports special trade display imports by section and by country (Customs General Directorate 1997).*

### *Special exports*

*This trade consists of exported national merchandise and of foreign merchandise exported after being consumed. It also consists of temporary exported merchandise in a transformation purpose. It also consists of merchandises re-exported abroad after being put in Lebanon under temporary normal admission regime (Customs General Directorate 1997).*

### *General imports*

*This trade consists of all merchandise of imports special trade minus all the consumable merchandise leaving the warehouse. It is also made of merchandise put in warehouse when they arrive from abroad (Customs General Directorate 1997).*

### *General exports*

*This trade consists of all the merchandise of exports special trade, of the re-exported merchandise incoming from shops and customs warehouses (Customs General Directorate 1997).*

### *Re-exportation*

*This trade consists of foreign merchandises which remained under customs control and which are re-exported abroad without going through the Lebanese territory, which means the foreign merchandises directly exported abroad from the ports and the customs offices (Customs General Directorate 1997).*

### *Transit*

*The transit consists of the merchandises that cross the Lebanese territory without being consumed or without being exposed to the warehouse regime or admission or temporary importation (Customs General Directorate 1997).*

## *Foreign trade by section*

### *The 21 foreign trade sections*

*Live animals & animal products, Vegetable products, Fats and edible fats & oils, Prepared foodstuffs, Mineral products, Products of the chemical industry, Plastics & articles thereof, Raw hides and skins, leathers & fur skins, Wood and wooden articles, Paper & paperboard & article thereof, Textiles & textiles articles, Footwear, headgear & prepared feathers, Articles of stone, plaster and cement, Pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, Base metals & articles of base metal, Machinery & mechanical appliances, Transport equipment, Precision and optical instruments, Arms & ammunition, Miscellaneous manufactured articles, and Art works.*

**Table 8.2 – Foreign trade by section. Million LBP. Top 3 sections in 2010**

Type of foreign trade	Million LBP	%	Peak month. Million LBP	Peak month. %
<b>Special imports by section</b>	<b>27,080,005</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>March (2,916,300)</b>	<b>March (10.8)</b>
Mineral products	5,716,188	21.1	November (995,491)	November (17.4)
Machinery & mechanical appliances	3,271,277	12.1	July (344,785)	July (10.5)
Transport equipment	2,920,060	10.8	July (307,489)	July (10.5)
<b>General imports by section</b>	<b>27,429,590</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>March (2,929,674)</b>	<b>March (10.7)</b>
Mineral products	449,653	22.1	November (1,004,086)	November (16.6)
Machinery & mechanical appliances	245,498	12.7	July (359,501)	July (10.3)
Transport equipment	177,647	10.9	July (317,553)	July (10.6)
<b>Special exports by section</b>	<b>6,401,697</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>December (731,143)</b>	<b>December (11.4)</b>
Pearls, precious or semi-precious stones	166,931	26.1	June (191,340)	June (11.4)
Machinery & mechanical appliances	76,798	17.5	October (125,985)	October (11.3)
Base metals & articles of base metal	54,212	10.8	April (82,848)	April (11.9)
<b>General exports by section</b>	<b>7,561,163</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>December (856,006)</b>	<b>December (11.3)</b>
Pearls, precious or semi-precious stones	1,674,487	22.1	June (191,574)	June (11.4)
Machinery & mechanical appliances	1,623,662	21.5	October (160,075)	October (9.9)
Base metals & articles of base metal	704,232	9.3	April (83,657)	April (11.9)
<b>Re-exports by section</b>	<b>230,055</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>October (28,318)</b>	<b>October (12.3)</b>
Transport equipment	59,562	25.9	October (14,386)	October (24.2)
Machinery & mechanical appliances	49,781	21.6	March (7,646)	March (15.4)
Precision and optical instruments	32,677	14.2	April (4,364)	April (13.4)
<b>Transit by section</b>	<b>584,768</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>June (61,611)</b>	<b>June (10.5)</b>
Machinery & mechanical appliances	157,051	26.9	June (28,702)	June (18.3)
Prepared foodstuffs	112,485	19.2	December (12,429)	December (11.0)
Transport equipment	74,484	12.7	July (12,686)	July (17.0)

*Table made by CAS based on Customs General Directorate data (2010)*

**Table 8.3 – Customs and VAT revenues by office. Million LBP in 2010**

Revenues	Million LBP	Peak month. %	Peak office. %
Yearly customs revenues by office	2,909,136	July (9.4)	Port of Beirut (87.8)
Yearly VAT revenues by office	2,257,574	March (9.4)	Port of Beirut (75.6)
Yearly customs and VAT revenues by office	5,166,710	March (9.2)	Port of Beirut (82.5)

*Table made by CAS based on Customs General Directorate data (2010)*

**Table 8.4 – Foreign trade by section. Gross quantities. Top 3 sections in 2010**

Type of foreign trade	1,000 tonnes	%	Peak month. 1,000 tonnes	Peak month. %
<b>Special imports by section</b>	<b>16,585,487</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>September (2,362,388)</b>	<b>September (14.2)</b>
Mineral products	7,793,509	47.0	November (1,195,698)	November (15.3)
Vegetable products	1,428,059	8.6	August (157,891)	August (11.1)
Textiles & textiles articles	1,374,115	8.3	September (1,297,164)	September (94.4)
<b>General imports by section</b>	<b>16,630,057</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>September (2,350,749)</b>	<b>September (14.1)</b>
Mineral products	8,177,802	49.2	November (1,207,351)	November (14.8)
Vegetable products	1,429,582	8.6	August (157,893)	August (11.0)
Base metals & articles of base metal	1,382,068	8.3	May (172,669)	May (12.5)
<b>Special exports by section</b>	<b>3,200,779</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>March (342,340)</b>	<b>March (10.7)</b>
Mineral products	714,389	22.3	November (87,676)	November (12.3)
Vegetable products	630,014	19.7	October (74,346)	October (11.8)
Base metals & articles of base metal	625,840	19.6	April (79,347)	April (12.7)
<b>General exports by section</b>	<b>3,672,230</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>March (376,537)</b>	<b>March (10.3)</b>
Mineral products	1,065,475	29.0	November (117,142)	November (11.0)
Vegetable products	645,246	17.6	October (77,221)	October (12.0)
Base metals & articles of base metal	633,897	17.3	April (80,058)	April (12.6)
<b>Re-exports by section</b>	<b>1,098</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>June (243)</b>	<b>June (22.1)</b>
Live animals & animal products	1,051	95.7	June (237.8)	June (22.6)
<b>Transit by section</b>	<b>219,790</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>December (36,364)</b>	<b>December (16.4)</b>
Mineral products	59,896	27.3	November (18,295)	November (30.5)
Base metals & articles of base metal	57,802	26.3	December (14,333)	December (24.8)
Wood and wooden articles	26,725	12.2	July (5,058)	July (18.9)

*Table made by CAS based on Customs General Directorate data (2010)*

**Table 8.5 – Foreign trade by section. Net quantities. Top 3 sections in 2010**

Type of foreign trade	1,000 tonnes	%	Peak month. 1,000 tonnes	Peak month. %
<b>Special imports by section</b>	<b>14,996,040</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>March (1,842,217)</b>	<b>March (12.3)</b>
Mineral products	7,787,095	51.9	November (1,195,339)	November (15.4)
Vegetable products	1,415,060	9.4	August (157,280)	August (11.1)
Base metals & articles of base metal	1,355,382	9.0	May (170,719)	May (12.6)
<b>General imports by section</b>	<b>15,128,835</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>March (1,824,555)</b>	<b>March (12.1)</b>
Mineral products	8,171,383	54.0	November (1,206,995)	November (14.8)
Vegetable products	1,416,560	9.4	August (157,280)	August (11.1)
Base metals & articles of base metal	1,369,848	9.1	May (171,464)	May (12.5)
<b>Special exports by section</b>	<b>3,105,642</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>March (334,500)</b>	<b>March (10.8)</b>
Mineral products	714,058	23.0	November (87,671)	November (12.3)
Base metals & articles of base metal	624,956	20.1	April (79,282)	April (12.7)
Vegetable products	601,287	19.4	October (71,322)	October (11.4)
<b>General exports by section</b>	<b>3,574,385</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>March (368,481)</b>	<b>March (10.3)</b>
Mineral products	1,065,137	29.8	November (117,135)	November (11.0)
Base metals & articles of base metal	632,990	17.7	April (79,990)	April (12.6)
Vegetable products	616,479	17.2	October (74,193)	October (12.0)
<b>Re-exports by section</b>	<b>1,040</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>June (227)</b>	<b>June (21.9)</b>
	<b>982</b>			
Live animals & animal products		94.5	June (222)	June (22.6)
<b>Transit by section</b>	<b>217,230</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>December (36,269)</b>	<b>December (16.7)</b>
Mineral products	59,896	27.6	November (18,295)	November (30.5)
Base metals & articles of base metal	56,048	25.8	December (14,329)	(25.6)
Wood and wooden articles	26,724	12.3	July (5,058)	July (18.9)

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## *Foreign trade by chapter*

*The 21 foreign trade sections are divided into 98 chapters.*

**Table 8.6 – Foreign trade by chapter. Million LBP. Top 3 chapters in 2010**

Type of foreign trade	Million LBP	%
<b>Special imports by chapter</b>	<b>27,080,005</b>	<b>100.0</b>
27: Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes	5,538,610	20.5
87: Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling-stock, and parts and accessories thereof	<b>2,828,508</b>	10.4
84: Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	2,032,313	7.5
<b>General imports by chapter</b>	<b>27,828,501</b>	<b>100.0</b>
27: Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes	5,884,562	21.1
87: Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling-stock, and parts and accessories thereof	2,04,433	10.4
84: Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	<b>2,218,641</b>	8.0
<b>Special exports by chapter</b>	<b>6,403,078</b>	<b>100.0</b>
71: Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal, and articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	<b>1,671,880</b>	26.1
85: Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles	568,257	8.9
84: Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	<b>550,382</b>	8.6
<b>General exports by chapter</b>	<b>7,561,163</b>	<b>100.0</b>
71: Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal, and articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	<b>1,674,487</b>	22.1
85: Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles	<b>1,023,506</b>	13.5
87: Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling-stock, and parts and accessories thereof	<b>624,432</b>	8.3

*Table made by CAS based on Customs General Directorate data (2010)*

**Table 8.7 – Foreign trade by chapter. Gross quantities. Top 3 chapters in 2010**

Type of foreign trade	1,000 tonnes	%
<b>Special imports by chapter</b>	<b>16,586,846</b>	<b>100.0</b>
27: Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes	5,962,099	35.9
25: Salt; sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	1,776,352	10.7
57: Carpets and other textile floor coverings	1,295,914	7.8
<b>General imports by chapter</b>	<b>16,630,057</b>	<b>100.0</b>
27: Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes	6,346,352	38.2
25: Salt; sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	1,776,393	10.7
57: Carpets and other textile floor coverings	1,295,914	7.8
<b>Special exports by chapter</b>	<b>3,200,779</b>	<b>100.0</b>
25: Salt; sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	706,981	22.1
72: Iron and steel	527,289	16.5
08: Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruits or melons	391,587	12.2
<b>General exports by chapter</b>	<b>3,672,230</b>	<b>100.0</b>
25: Salt; sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	707,685	19.3
72: Iron and steel	534,459	14.6
08: Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruits or melons	391,875	10.7

*Table made by CAS based on Customs General Directorate data (2010)*

**Table 8.8 – Foreign trade by chapter. Net quantities. Top 3 chapters in 2010**

Type of foreign trade	1,000 tonnes	%
<b>Special imports by chapter</b>	<b>14,996,040</b>	<b>100.0</b>
27: Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes	5,957,128	39.7
25: Salt; sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	1,774,912	11.8
72: Iron and steel	1,162,719	7.8
<b>General imports by chapter</b>	<b>15,128,835</b>	<b>100.0</b>
27: Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes	6,341,383	41.9%
25: Salt; sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	1,774,945	11.7%
72: Iron and steel	1,173,276	7.8%
<b>Special exports by chapter</b>	<b>3,105,642</b>	<b>100.0</b>
25: Salt; sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	706,751	22.8%
72: Iron and steel	527,238	17.0%
08: Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruits or melons	368,918	11.9%
<b>General exports by chapter</b>	<b>3,574,385</b>	<b>100.0</b>
25: Salt; sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	707,448	19.8
72: Iron and steel	534,402	15.0
08: Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruits or melons	369,190	10.3

*Table made by CAS based on Customs General Directorate data (2010)*



## Foreign trade by continent

*Lebanon imports and exports goods from and to all destinations of the world.*

**Table 8.9 – Foreign trade by continent. Million LBP in 2010**

Type of foreign trade	Million LBP	%	Country. Million LBP	Country. %
<b>Special imports by continent</b>	<b>27,412,661</b>	<b>100.0</b>		
Europe	13,525,914	49.3	IT: Italy (2,148,608)	IT: Italy (15.9)
Asia	5,604,618	20.4	CN: China (People's Republic of) (2,492,537)	CN: China (People's Republic of) (44.5)
Arab countries	3,841,757	14.0	EG: Egypt (653,140)	EG: Egypt (17.0)
America	3,799,126	13.9	US: United states (2,940,474)	US: United states (77.4)
Africa	548,685	2.0	BJ: Benin (255,233)	BJ: Benin (46.5)
Oceania	92,560	0.3	AU: Australia (78,960)	AU: Australia (85.3)
<b>General imports by continent</b>	<b>27,412,661</b>	<b>100.0</b>		
Europe	13,525,914	49.3	IT: Italy (2,148,608)	IT: Italy (15.9)
Asia excluding Arab countries	5,604,618	20.4	CN: China (People's Republic of) (2,492,537)	CN: China (People's Republic of) (44.5)
Arab countries	3,841,757	14.0	EG: Egypt (653,140)	EG: Egypt (17.0)
America	3,799,126	13.9	US: United states (2,940,474)	US: United states (77.4)
Africa	548,685	2.0	BJ: Benin (255,233)	BJ: Benin (46.5)
Oceania	92,560	0.3	AU: Australia (78,960)	AU: Australia (85.3)
<b>Special exports by continent</b>	<b>6,174,612</b>	<b>100.0</b>		
Arab countries	2,605,734	42.2	AE: United Arab Emirates (630,364)	AE: United Arab Emirates (24.2)
Europe	2,220,360	36.0	CH: Switzerland (757,916)	CH: Switzerland (32.1)
Africa	872,706	14.1	ZA: South Africa (519,223)	ZA: South Africa (59.5)
Asia	319,725	5.2	CN: China (People's Republic of) (75,330)	CN: China (People's Republic of) (23.6)
America	132,689	2.1	US: United states (92,409)	US: United states (69.6)
Oceania	23,398	0.4	AU: Australia (22,541)	AU: Australia (96.3)
<b>General exports by continent</b>	<b>7,091,339</b>	<b>100.0</b>		
Arab countries	3,278,801	46.2	AE: United Arab Emirates (739,449)	AE: United Arab Emirates (22.6)
Europe	2,363,123	33.3	CH: Switzerland (757,647)	CH: Switzerland (34.1)
Africa	933,972	13.2	ZA: South Africa (519,756)	ZA: South Africa (55.7)
Asia excluding Arab countries	352,799	5.0	IR: Iran, Islamic Republic of (78,745)	IR: Iran, Islamic Republic of (22.3)
America	138,346	2.0	US: United states (95,603)	US: United states (69.1)
Oceania	24,298	0.3	AU: Australia (23,291)	AU: Australia (95.9)

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### *Just for information – Top countries in special and general trade in million LBP in 2010*

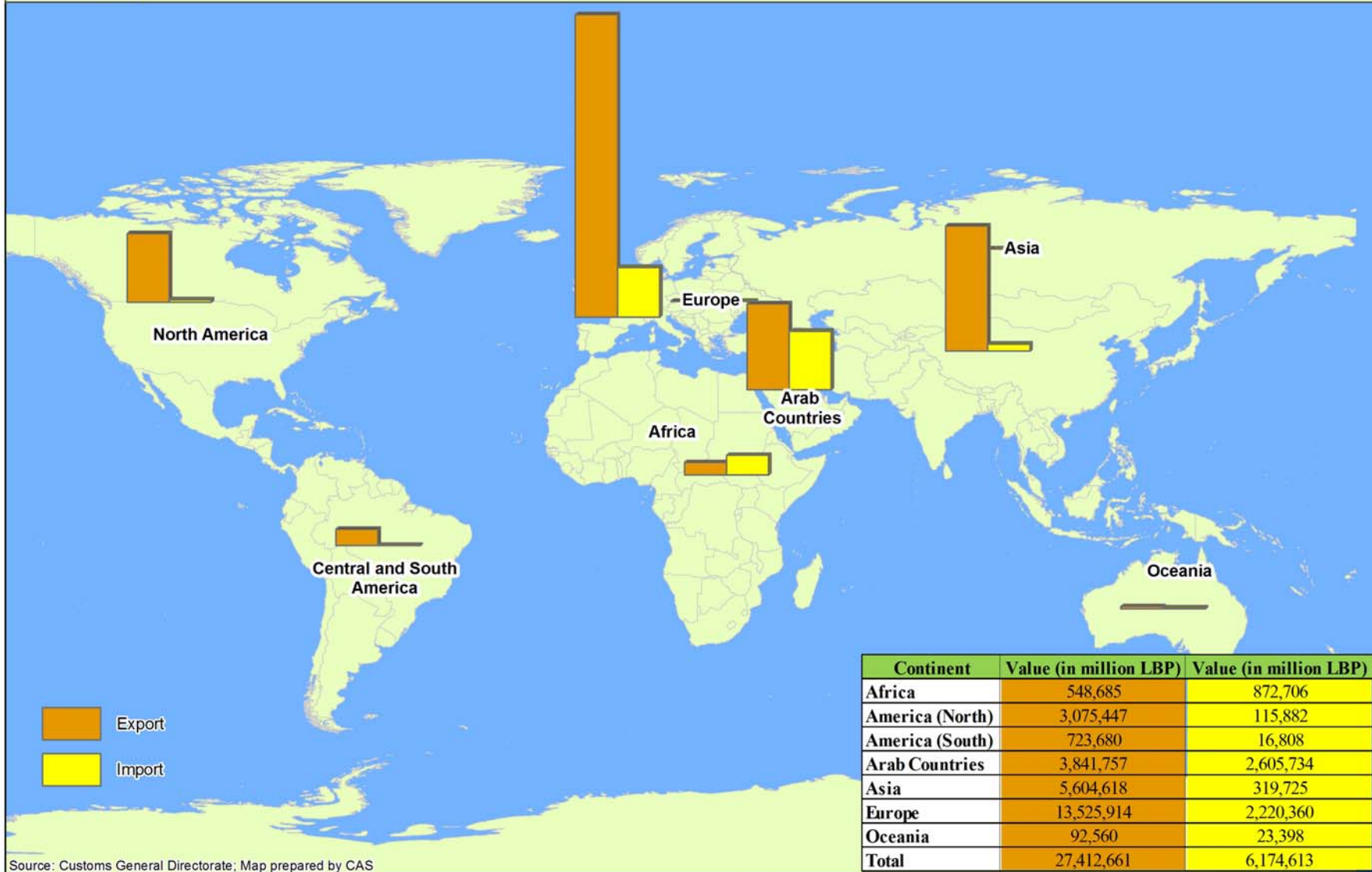
*Special imports: United States of America: 2,940,474 million LBP (10.7%)*

*General imports: United States of America: 2,940,474 million LBP (10.7%)*

*Special exports: Switzerland: 757,916 million LBP (12.3%)*

*General exports: Switzerland: 757,647 million LBP (10.7%)*

## Special Import/Export in values by continent in 2010



Source: Customs General Directorate; Map prepared by CAS

**Table 8.10 – Foreign trade by continent. Gross quantities in 2010**

Type of foreign trade	1,000 tonnes	%	Country. 1,000 tonnes	Country. %
<b>Special imports by continent</b>	<b>15,987,563</b>	<b>100.0</b>		
Europe	8,728,967	54.6	TR: Turkey (2,336,708)	TR: Turkey (78.3)
Arab countries	3,326,131	20.8	SY: Syrian Arab Republic (1,281,711)	SY: Syrian Arab Republic (38.5)
America	2,484,340	15.5	US: United states (2,165,394)	US: United states (87.2)
Asia excluding Arab countries	1,403,057	8.8	CN: China (People's Republic of) (712,988)	CN: China (People's Republic of) (50.8)
Africa	25,531	0.2	GH: Ghana (6,459)	GH: Ghana (25.3)
Oceania	19,537	0.1	AU: Australia (17,367)	AU: Australia (88.9)
<b>General imports by continent</b>	<b>16,471,109</b>	<b>100.0</b>		
Europe	8,951,649	54.3	TR: Turkey (2,346,828)	TR: Turkey (26.2)
Arab countries	3,561,276	21.6	SY: Syrian Arab Republic (1,282,442)	SY: Syrian Arab Republic (36.0)
America	2,495,336	15.1	US: United states (2,174,229)	US: United states (87.1)
Asia excluding Arab countries	1,417,598	8.6	CN: China (People's Republic of) (717,892)	CN: China (People's Republic of) (50.6)
Africa	25,693	0.2	GH: Ghana (6,459)	GH: Ghana (25.1)
Oceania	19,557	0.1	AU: Australia (17,387)	AU: Australia (88.9)
<b>Special exports by continent</b>	<b>3,115,556</b>	<b>100.0</b>		
Arab countries	1,870,030	60.0	SY: Syrian Arab Republic (845,836)	SY: Syrian Arab Republic (45.2)
Europe	896,433	28.8	TR: Turkey (616,081)	TR: Turkey (68.7)
Asia excluding Arab countries	213,153	6.8	IR: Iran, Islamic Republic of (98,426)	IR: Iran, Islamic Republic of (46.2)
Africa	76,021	2.4	NG: Nigeria (11,463)	NG: Nigeria (15.1)
America	52,923	1.7	US: United states (40,934)	US: United states (77.3)
Oceania	6,997	0.2	AU: Australia (6,769)	AU: Australia (96.7)
<b>General exports by continent</b>	<b>3,390,279</b>	<b>100.0</b>		
Arab countries	2,061,400	60.8	SY: Syrian Arab Republic (851,415)	SY: Syrian Arab Republic (41.3)
Europe	971,780	28.7	TR: Turkey (628,600)	TR: Turkey (67.4)
Asia excluding Arab countries	215,336	6.4	IR: Iran, Islamic Republic of (99,508)	IR: Iran, Islamic Republic of (46.2)
Africa	81,364	2.4	NG: Nigeria (13,462)	NG: Nigeria (16.5)
America	53,303	1.6	US: United states (41,058)	US: United states (77.0)
Oceania	7,097	0.2	AU: Australia (6,846)	AU: Australia (96.5)

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**Table 8.11 – Foreign trade by continent. Net quantities in 2010**

Type of foreign trade	1,000 tonnes	%	Country. 1,000 tonnes	Country. %
<b>Special imports by continent</b>	<b>14,495,747</b>	<b>100.0</b>		
Europe	7,371,461	50.9	RU: Russian Federation (1,229,237)	RU: Russian Federation (16.7)
Arab countries	3,266,324	22.5	SY: Syrian Arab Republic (1,266,005)	SY: Syrian Arab Republic (38.8)
America	2,473,013	17.1	US: United states (2,159,884)	US: United states (87.3)
Asia excluding Arab countries	1,341,025	9.3	CN: China (People's Republic of) (671,697)	CN: China (People's Republic of) (50.1)
Africa	24,689	0.2	GH: Ghana (6,265)	GH: Ghana (25.4)
Oceania	19,234	0.1	AU: Australia (17,184)	AU: Australia (89.3)
<b>General imports by continent</b>	<b>14,975,442</b>	<b>100.0</b>		
Europe	7,592,570	50.7	RU: Russian Federation (1,224,196)	RU: Russian Federation (16.1)
Arab countries	3,500,103	23.4	SY: Syrian Arab Republic (1,266,697)	SY: Syrian Arab Republic (36.2)
America	2,483,791	16.6	US: United states (2,168,556)	US: United states (87.3)
Asia excluding Arab countries	1,354,852	9.0	CN: China (People's Republic of) (676,326)	CN: China (People's Republic of) (49.9)
Africa	24,872	0.2	GH: Ghana (6,265)	GH: Ghana (25.2)
Oceania	19,254	0.1	AU: Australia (17,204)	AU: Australia (89.4)
<b>Special exports by continent</b>	<b>3,027,324</b>	<b>100.0</b>		
Arab countries	1,797,996	59.4	SY: Syrian Arab Republic (825,156)	SY: Syrian Arab Republic (45.9)
Europe	890,785	29.4	TR: Turkey (615,991)	TR: Turkey (69.2)
Asia excluding Arab countries	212,319	7.0	IR: Iran, Islamic Republic of (98,078)	IR: Iran, Islamic Republic of (46.2)
Africa	71,832	2.4	NG: Nigeria (11,008)	NG: Nigeria (15.3)
America	48,624	1.6	US: United states (38,311)	US: United states (78.8)
Oceania	5,768	0.2	AU: Australia (5,570)	AU: Australia (96.6)
<b>General exports by continent</b>	<b>3,296,805</b>	<b>100.0</b>		
Arab countries	1,987,479	60.3	SY: Syrian Arab Republic (830,306)	SY: Syrian Arab Republic (41.8)
Europe	963,026	29.2	TR: Turkey (628,295)	TR: Turkey (65.2)
Asia excluding Arab countries	214,400	6.5	IR: Iran, Islamic Republic of (99,084)	IR: Iran, Islamic Republic of (46.2)
Africa	77,053	2.3	NG: Nigeria (12,961)	NG: Nigeria (16.8)
America	48,986	1.5	US: United states (38,433)	US: United states (78.5)
Oceania	5,861	0.2	AU: Australia (5,646)	AU: Australia (96.3)

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