

Statistics specification: International trade in high technology

Title of statistics

International trade in high technology

Collector

Finnish Customs

Description

These statistics describe international trade in high technology products between Finland and other countries.

Data content

The statistics contain data on imports and exports of high technology products, in full, by product group and by country. The statistics also present the shares of these products in the total imports and exports during a longer time period. The statistics may also contain international comparisons between Finland and other countries.

Data collecting method

The statistics are compiled from the official international trade statistics of Finland, produced by the Finnish Customs. Statistics compiled e.g. by Eurostat, the OECD and the UN can be used for the international comparisons.

Applied classifications

High technology products are defined in a draft prepared by Eurostat in 2009, which hasn't yet been finally approved. The definition is based on a version published by the OECD in 1995. The classification of goods is based on the SITC, Standard International Trade Classification, Rev. 4. Earlier the goods were classified according to the previous version of the SITC (Rev. 3). For high technology products, research and development account for at least 4 per cent of industry turnover.

[High-technology aggregations based on SITC Rev. 4 \(pdf\)](#)

Updating frequency

Annually

Completion or publication date

The annual statistics on international trade in high technology products is released in March-May following the statistical year. At that point, the statistics are preliminary, because as of 2010, the final international trade statistics for each statistical year are released at the end of August following the statistical year.

Monthly statistical data are available in the international trade statistics database Uljas.

Time series

The statistics on international trade in high technology are available on the Finnish Customs website, under Ulkomaankauppatilastot (in Finnish). The statistics for 2001-2007 and for 2009 are available in electronic format. In 2008, no statistics was compiled due to changes in classification.

Until 2009, Statistics Finland produced statistical data on international trade in high technology. It released preliminary data also in 2008.

Data on international trade in high technology are available in the statistics database Uljas maintained by the Finnish Customs, according to the newest classification (SITC Rev 4) from 2002 onward and according to the earlier classification (SITC Rev. 3) for the years 1996-2002.

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