

Statistics specification: Unit value and volume indexes of foreign trade of goods (1997-2012)

Title of statistics

Unit value and volume indexes of foreign trade of goods

Collector

Finnish Customs

Description

These statistics describe the price and quantity development of foreign trade of goods and changes therein.

Data content

These statistics indicate the monthly and cumulative indexes of unit values and volumes of foreign trade according to industries and use. Beside the index number, also the development of prices and quantities of foreign trade are analyzed in words and graphs.

Data collecting method

Data on the trade by Finland with other EU Member States are collected from the statistical declarations lodged by enterprises through the Intrastat system of internal trade. The information on the trade between Finland and Third Countries is obtained from customs declarations, which have to be lodged on every import and export consignment. The data on internal and external trade are combined to form the statistics on the foreign trade of Finland.

Applied classifications

The unit value and volume indexes of foreign trade are calculated and published according to the CPA product classification of the EU (Council Regulation, EC, of 20.10.1993, No. 3969/93), and according to the main use of goods (Main Industrial Groupings MIG). The MIG product classification is not official.

Updating frequency

Monthly/Cumulative monthly

Completion or publication date

The unit value and volume indexes of foreign trade of goods are published within five weeks after the publication of the monthly statistics on foreign trade. The accurate publication timetable is defined for abt. one year ahead. The publication timetable is maintained on the Internet site of the Finnish Customs.

Time series

The unit value and volume indexes of foreign trade of goods complying with the present classifications are available since 1997.

Foreign trade indexes are being produced at the Finnish Customs since 1919. The older foreign trade indexes are available in print in the archives.

Keywords

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Further information

Beside the unit value and volume indexes of foreign trade of goods calculated at the Finnish Customs, export and import price indexes describing the price development at foreign trade are available from the Statistics Finland.