



# Press release

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Swiss foreign trade

## Foreign trade in 2020: pandemic causes historic decline

In 2020, Swiss foreign trade was dominated by the COVID-19 pandemic: there was a historic decline in both exports (-7.1% to 225.1 bn) and imports (-11.2% to 182.1 bn). In the second quarter, imports and exports plummeted at an unprecedented pace. This development set foreign trade back by three years. Meanwhile, the trade balance posted a new record surplus of CHF 43.0 billion.

### In brief

- ▼ Foreign trade decreased by a total of CHF 40 billion in 2020
- ▼ Jewellery and watches accounted for 50% of the decline in exports
- ▼ Jewellery imports were down by CHF 9.0 billion
- ▲ Exports of chemical and pharmaceutical products bucked the general downward trend
- ▲ Foreign trade with China hit record levels in both directions

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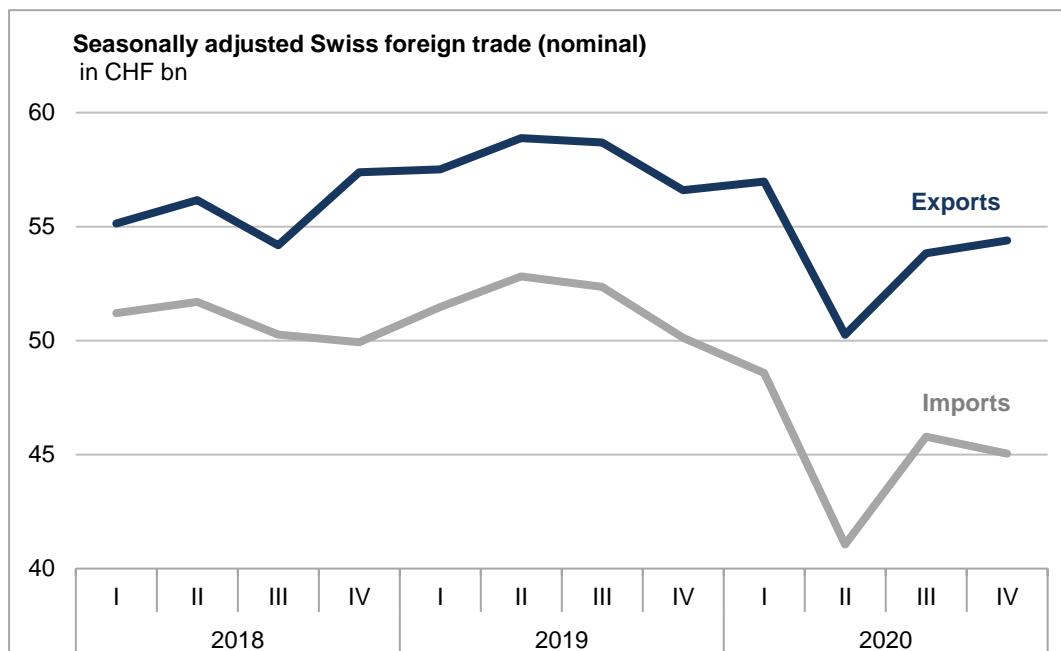
	Change in CHF bn and in % compared to previous period seasonally adjusted / unadjusted <sup>1</sup>							
	CHF bn			nominal		real		
	Export	Import	Solde	Export	Import	Export	Import	
1 <sup>st</sup> quarter 2020	57.0	48.6	8.4	+0.7	-3.1	-1.8	-3.8	
2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter 2020	50.3	41.1	9.2	-11.8	-15.5	-12.2	-13.0	
3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2020	53.8	45.8	8.0	+7.1	+11.5	+9.2	+9.1	
4 <sup>th</sup> quarter 2020	54.4	45.0	9.3	+1.0	-1.6	+0.1	-1.9	
2019	242.3	205.2	37.2	+3.9	+1.6	-0.5	-0.7	
2020	225.1	182.1	43.0	-7.1	-11.2	-11.0	-13.6	

<sup>1</sup>years unadjusted

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## Overall trend

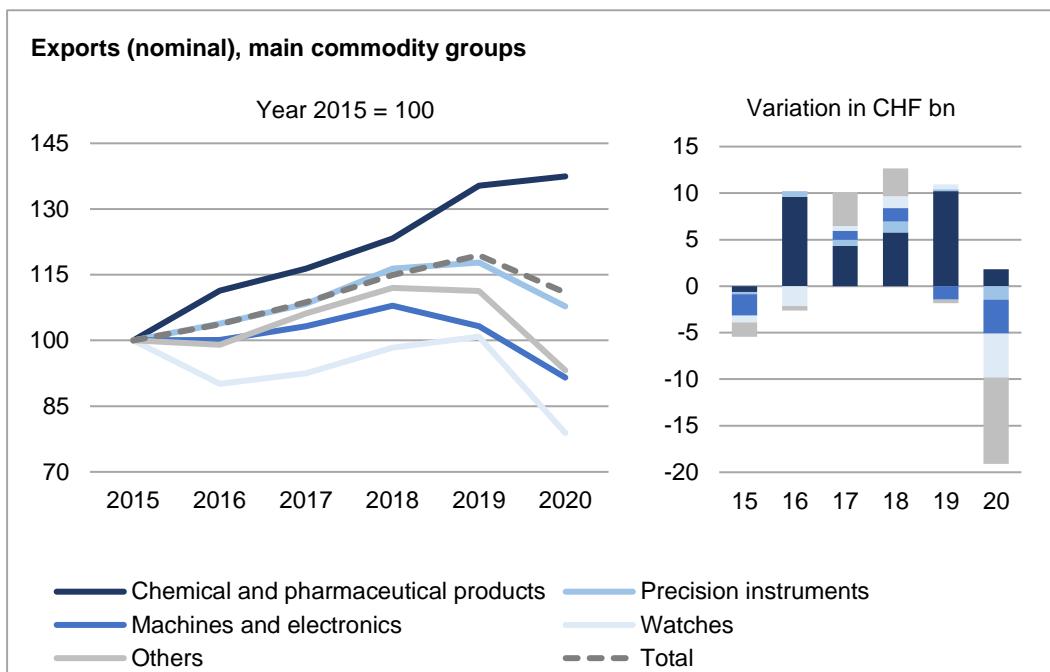
After four consecutive years of growth, Swiss foreign trade suffered a severe setback in 2020: **exports** fell by 7.1% (real terms: -11.0%), or CHF 17.3 billion, relative to the previous year and **imports** were down by 11.2% (real terms: -13.6%), or CHF 23.1 billion. This was the second-biggest yearly decline for both directions after 2009. At the same time, foreign trade slipped back towards a level last seen in 2017. In terms of both imports and exports, the pandemic caused a record-breaking plunge in trading activity in the second quarter of 2020. At least there was a partial recovery in the third and fourth quarters. Since imports fell even more sharply than exports overall, the trade surplus rose to a new high of CHF 43.0 billion.



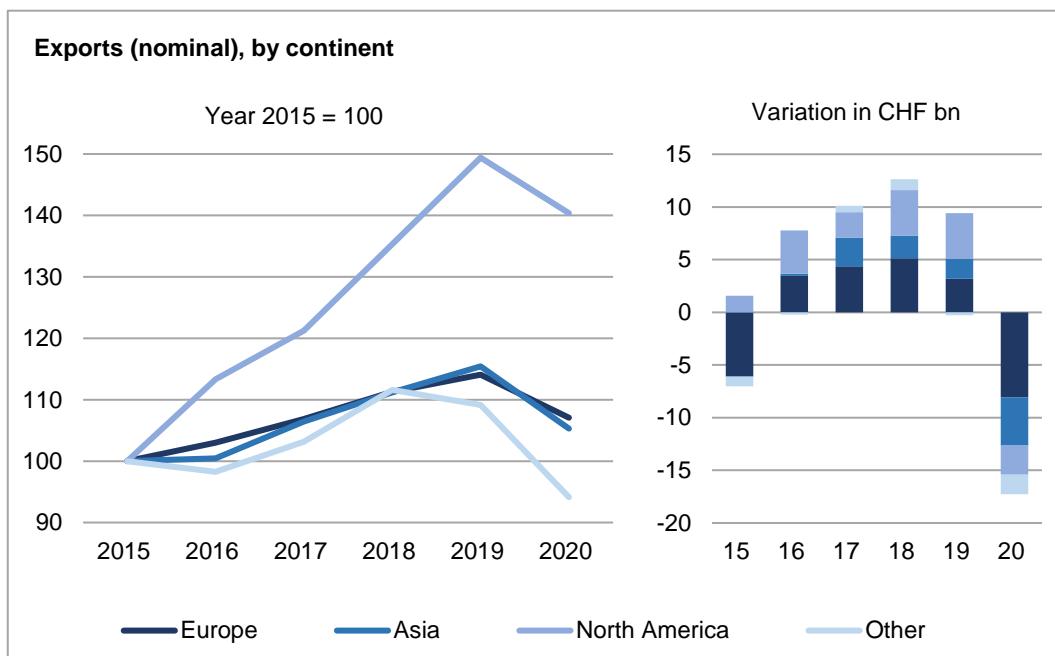
## Exports to France tumbled to the level of 2000

With the exception of **chemical and pharmaceutical products** (+1.6%, or +1.8 bn), all sectors were down in 2020. The biggest declines were seen in **jewellery** and **watches**, where sales fell by a third (-4.0 bn) and a fifth (-4.7 bn), respectively. Furthermore, exports of **machines and electronics**, as well as **metals** decreased by 11% each. Already in 2019, the result was negative overall for both branches. In the case of chemical and pharmaceutical products, immunological products (+2.8 bn) and active pharmaceutical ingredients (+1.1 bn) proved to be growth vectors.

The Swiss export industry sold fewer goods in all three major economic areas. In relative terms, shipments to **Asia** fell the most, with a decline of 8.8% (-4.6 bn). While exports to Hong Kong and Japan decreased by a total of CHF 3.0 billion, those to China grew by CHF 1.3 billion (mainly chemical and pharmaceutical products, and watches) and reached a new high of CHF 14.7 billion.

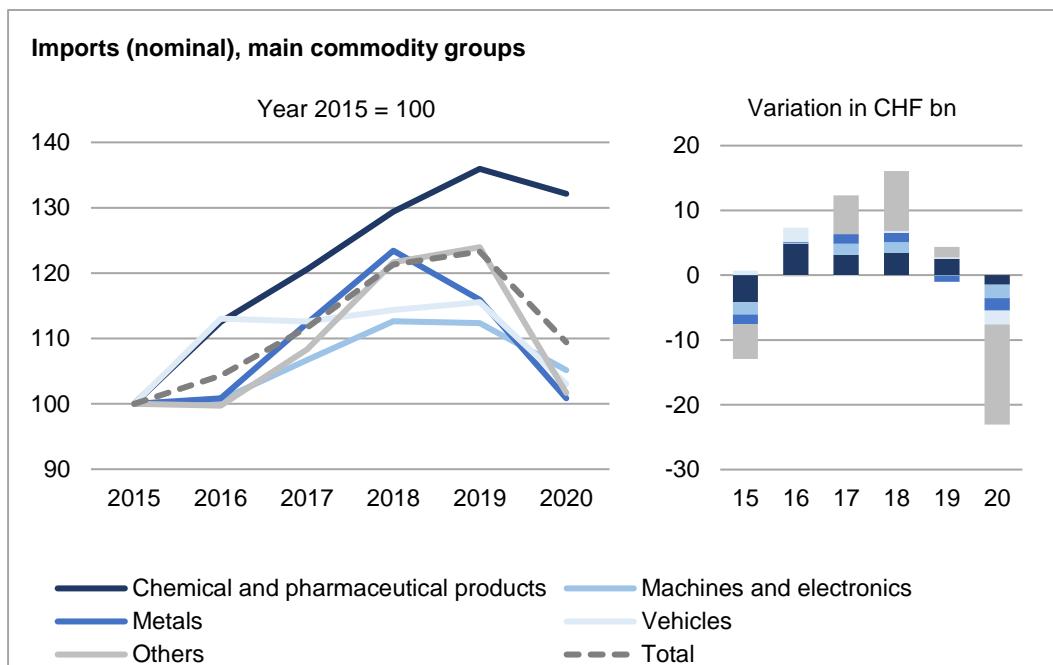


Deliveries to **Europe** decreased by 6.2%, or CHF 8.1 billion. Germany, France, the United Kingdom and Italy stood out here. The decline of CHF 2.5 billion for France was exceptionally sharp and pushed the country back to its lowest level since 2000. Exports to **North America** shrank by 6.1%. Sales to the United States tumbled by CHF 2.5 billion to CHF 39.5 billion during the year.

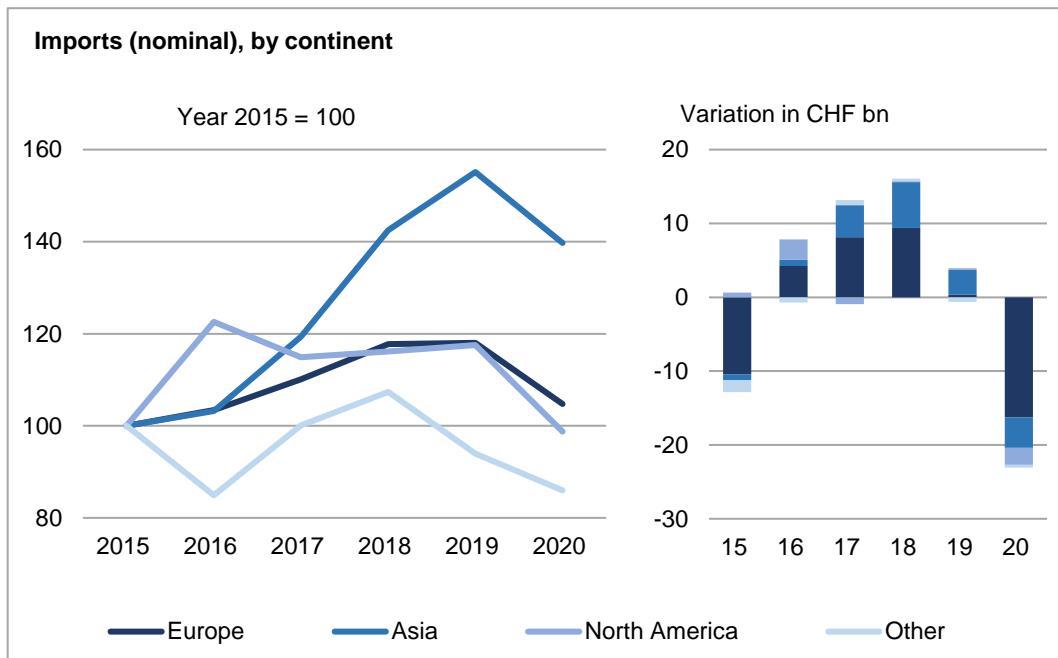


## With a 4% share, jewellery imports were responsible for 40% of the decline

The decline in imports affected the entire range of goods – with the exception of **textiles** (especially protective clothing and masks) and **food, beverages and tobacco** (under **other product groups**). The drop was attributable mainly to the massive plunge in imports of **jewellery** (including gold jewellery for smelting). In this area, demand halved relative to the previous year (-9.0 bn). **Imports of energy sources** likewise plummeted by CHF 3.8 billion. In addition, imports of **vehicles, machines and electronics** and **metals** contracted by around CHF 2 billion each. Imports of **chemical and pharmaceutical products** fell by a total of CHF 1.5 billion as a result of the substantial decrease in active pharmaceutical ingredients and raw and primary materials. In contrast, imports of medicines rose by CHF 3.4 billion.



Switzerland purchased fewer goods from all three major economic areas. Imports from **North America** fell the most sharply (-16.0%; United States: -2.4 bn). However, there was also a double-digit decline of 11.2% concerning **Europe**. In this regard, imports from Germany, the United Kingdom, Ireland, France and Italy all decreased significantly. Imports from **Asia** contracted by a total of 9.9%. This was caused primarily by the massive drop in imports from the United Arab Emirates (-5.9 bn/gold jewellery for smelting). In contrast, imports from China (textiles and clothing), Singapore (+60%; chemical and pharmaceutical products) and Japan grew by CHF 2.8 billion overall, with China and Singapore reaching new highs in the process.



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**Important information:**

This press release comments quarterly on the trend of foreign trade on a seasonally adjusted basis, changes in which always relate to the prior period. This makes it possible to focus on the trend and put short-term developments into perspective; prior-period comparisons can generally be volatile. More information can be found in our [methodological manual](#).

The text, tables and charts are also based on the provisional business cycle data (Total 1), i.e. **without** trading in gold, other precious metals, precious stones and gems, works of art and antiques.

Further foreign trade statistics can be found online in our database: [www.swiss-impex.admin.ch](http://www.swiss-impex.admin.ch).

The press release on Swiss foreign trade for the **January 2020** reporting period is intended for publication on Thursday, **18 February 2021** ([Release calendar](#)).

<b>Nominal:</b>	At current prices, i.e. not price-adjusted
<b>Real:</b>	Price-adjusted (based on averages)
<b>Adjusted for working days:</b>	Takes account of the influence of individual working days (e.g. number of Thursdays per month) and other calendar-related effects
<b>Seasonally adjusted:</b>	Adjusted for the number of working days and excluding seasonal fluctuations
<b>Product groups:</b>	Classification according to the " <a href="#">product type</a> " nomenclature

**Swiss exports**

Product groups							Change compared to previous year			
	CHF mn			CHF mn	nominal in %			real in %		
	2018	2019	2020		2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
<b>Total</b>	<b>233 224</b>	<b>242 344</b>	<b>225 075</b>	<b>-17 269</b>	<b>+5.7</b>	<b>+3.9</b>	<b>-7.1</b>	<b>+1.7</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-11.0</b>
<b>Chemical and pharmaceutical products</b>	<b>104 372</b>	<b>114 575</b>	<b>116 396</b>	<b>+1 821</b>	<b>+5.9</b>	<b>+9.8</b>	<b>+1.6</b>	<b>+1.8</b>	<b>+2.2</b>	<b>-8.3</b>
Pharmaceuticals, vitamins, diagnostics	88 340	97 550	99 087	+1 537	+5.3	+10.4	+1.6	+1.0	+2.8	-8.8
Medicines	44 328	47 470	45 133	-2 338	+8.9	+7.1	-4.9			
Immunological products	28 318	34 142	36 986	+2 844	+2.4	+20.6	+8.3			
Active principles	14 608	14 877	15 991	+1 114	+1.4	+1.8	+7.5			
Raw and primary materials	4 864	5 798	6 773	+975	+13.6	+19.2	+16.8	+14.7	-0.1	-10.5
<b>Machines and electronics</b>	<b>33 520</b>	<b>32 064</b>	<b>28 425</b>	<b>-3 638</b>	<b>+4.6</b>	<b>-4.3</b>	<b>-11.3</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>-6.2</b>	<b>-12.4</b>
<b>Machines</b>	<b>22 147</b>	<b>20 849</b>	<b>18 268</b>	<b>-2 581</b>	<b>+4.5</b>	<b>-5.9</b>	<b>-12.4</b>	<b>+0.8</b>	<b>-7.2</b>	<b>-13.5</b>
Working machines	8 338	7 478	6 032	-1 446	+10.6	-10.3	-19.3	+5.5	-10.9	-20.5
Non-electrical engines	2 611	2 120	1 800	-321	-4.2	-18.8	-15.1	-11.8	-20.4	-19.6
<b>Electrical and electronic industry devices</b>	<b>11 373</b>	<b>11 214</b>	<b>10 157</b>	<b>-1 057</b>	<b>+4.6</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>-9.4</b>	<b>-5.9</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>-9.6</b>
Electrical, electronic articles	7 844	7 646	6 837	-809	+5.2	-2.5	-10.6	-7.6	-3.8	-12.1
Electricity generation, electric motors	2 783	2 843	2 692	-151	+8.2	+2.1	-5.3	+1.8	+0.3	-0.9
<b>Watches</b>	<b>21 180</b>	<b>21 718</b>	<b>16 984</b>	<b>-4 734</b>	<b>+6.3</b>	<b>+2.5</b>	<b>-21.8</b>	<b>+2.7</b>	<b>-3.4</b>	<b>-25.6</b>
Small watches, mechanical / automatic	16 371	17 141	13 893	-3 248	+6.5	+4.7	-18.9	+2.1	-1.5	-21.5
Small watches, electric	3 615	3 399	2 260	-1 138	+4.3	-6.0	-33.5	+2.6	-10.1	-41.1
<b>Precision instruments</b>	<b>16 806</b>	<b>17 010</b>	<b>15 561</b>	<b>-1 449</b>	<b>+7.4</b>	<b>+1.2</b>	<b>-8.5</b>	<b>+6.7</b>	<b>+0.3</b>	<b>-6.3</b>
Medical instruments and equipment	10 704	10 903	9 650	-1 253	+5.9	+1.9	-11.5	+6.7	+2.4	-9.5
Mechanical measuring, testing and regulating equipment	4 372	4 390	4 397	+7	+9.6	+0.4	+0.2	+5.8	-3.4	+2.3
<b>Metals</b>	<b>14 402</b>	<b>13 585</b>	<b>12 064</b>	<b>-1 521</b>	<b>+5.5</b>	<b>-5.7</b>	<b>-11.2</b>	<b>+1.6</b>	<b>-5.5</b>	<b>-9.7</b>
<b>Food, beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>8 980</b>	<b>9 056</b>	<b>8 686</b>	<b>-370</b>	<b>+3.4</b>	<b>+0.9</b>	<b>-4.1</b>	<b>+3.1</b>	<b>+2.3</b>	<b>+0.7</b>
Coffee	2 473	2 665	2 860	+195	+3.9	+7.7	+7.3			
Beverages	1 958	2 032	1 884	-148	-1.6	+3.7	-7.3	-0.9	+3.9	-5.4
<b>Jewellery</b>	<b>11 586</b>	<b>11 673</b>	<b>7 661</b>	<b>-4 012</b>	<b>+4.2</b>	<b>+0.7</b>	<b>-34.4</b>	<b>+7.0</b>	<b>-9.0</b>	<b>-25.9</b>
<b>Textiles, clothing, shoes</b>	<b>4 863</b>	<b>4 984</b>	<b>4 678</b>	<b>-306</b>	<b>+15.8</b>	<b>+2.5</b>	<b>-6.1</b>	<b>+11.6</b>	<b>+1.2</b>	<b>-4.5</b>
<b>Vehicles</b>	<b>5 020</b>	<b>5 652</b>	<b>4 607</b>	<b>-1 044</b>	<b>-7.4</b>	<b>+12.6</b>	<b>-18.5</b>	<b>-13.0</b>	<b>+14.5</b>	<b>-15.1</b>
Air- and spacecraft	1 822	2 140	1 516	-624	-6.4	+17.5	-29.2	-21.4	+26.2	-23.2
<b>Plastics</b>	<b>3 501</b>	<b>3 389</b>	<b>3 133</b>	<b>-256</b>	<b>+6.1</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	<b>-7.5</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>-3.1</b>
<b>Paper and graphic products</b>	<b>1 671</b>	<b>1 832</b>	<b>1 327</b>	<b>-505</b>	<b>-4.6</b>	<b>+9.7</b>	<b>-27.6</b>	<b>-9.3</b>	<b>+9.8</b>	<b>-25.3</b>

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### Seasonally adjusted Swiss exports

Product groups	Change compared to previous quarter												
	CHF mn			CHF mn			nominal in %			real in %			
	II / 2020	III / 2020	IV / 2020	IV / 2020	II / 2020	III / 2020	IV / 2020	II / 2020	III / 2020	IV / 2020	II / 2020	III / 2020	IV / 2020
<b>Total</b>	<b>50 255</b>	<b>53 837</b>	<b>54 391</b>	<b>+554</b>	<b>-11.8</b>	<b>+7.1</b>	<b>+1.0</b>	<b>-12.2</b>	<b>+9.2</b>	<b>+0.1</b>			
<b>Chemical and pharmaceutical products</b>	<b>29 141</b>	<b>27 926</b>	<b>28 050</b>	<b>+124</b>	<b>-4.0</b>	<b>-4.2</b>	<b>+0.4</b>	<b>-4.4</b>	<b>-2.4</b>	<b>-1.2</b>			
Pharmaceuticals, vitamins, diagnostics	24 980	23 928	23 520	-408	-2.8	-4.2	-1.7	-4.7	-2.7	-2.5			
Medicines	11 427	11 862	10 427	-1 435	-0.9	+3.8	-12.1						
Immunological products	9 408	8 843	9 422	+579	+2.2	-6.0	+6.6						
Active principles	4 236	3 604	3 631	+26	+8.1	-14.9	+0.7						
Raw and primary materials	1 635	1 631	1 840	+209	-0.9	-0.2	+12.8	+1.0	-10.1	+2.4			
<b>Machines and electronics</b>	<b>6 560</b>	<b>7 091</b>	<b>7 194</b>	<b>+103</b>	<b>-11.3</b>	<b>+8.1</b>	<b>+1.5</b>	<b>-12.4</b>	<b>+5.6</b>	<b>+1.3</b>			
<b>Machines</b>	<b>4 213</b>	<b>4 548</b>	<b>4 716</b>	<b>+169</b>	<b>-9.5</b>	<b>+7.9</b>	<b>+3.7</b>	<b>-11.9</b>	<b>+7.6</b>	<b>+2.9</b>			
Working machines	1 405	1 438	1 525	+87	-10.1	+2.4	+6.0	-11.9	+2.7	+5.0			
Non-electrical engines	430	457	475	+18	-3.6	+6.3	+3.9	-7.9	-2.2	-1.3			
<b>Electrical and electronic industry devices</b>	<b>2 316</b>	<b>2 530</b>	<b>2 552</b>	<b>+22</b>	<b>-13.9</b>	<b>+9.3</b>	<b>+0.9</b>	<b>-13.8</b>	<b>+6.3</b>	<b>+1.7</b>			
Electrical, electronic articles	1 590	1 703	1 695	-8	-10.5	+7.1	-0.5	-11.7	+2.5	+1.6			
Electricity generation, electric motors	602	687	700	+13	-14.2	+14.1	+1.8	-14.3	+14.6	+2.5			
<b>Watches</b>	<b>2 335</b>	<b>4 626</b>	<b>4 891</b>	<b>+266</b>	<b>-52.1</b>	<b>+98.1</b>	<b>+5.7</b>	<b>-49.3</b>	<b>+100.6</b>	<b>-0.4</b>			
Small watches, mechanical / automatic	1 919	3 814	3 961	+147	-51.3	+98.7	+3.9	-50.1	+97.8	-0.9			
Small watches, electric	288	590	645	+55	-58.1	+105.1	+9.3	-56.0	+105.8	+3.8			
<b>Precision instruments</b>	<b>3 381</b>	<b>4 045</b>	<b>3 921</b>	<b>-125</b>	<b>-17.2</b>	<b>+19.7</b>	<b>-3.1</b>	<b>-17.2</b>	<b>+21.0</b>	<b>-3.0</b>			
Medical instruments and equipment	2 032	2 603	2 434	-169	-21.8	+28.1	-6.5	-23.0	+28.6	-7.9			
Mechanical measuring, testing and regulating equipment	1 005	1 088	1 146	+58	-8.1	+8.3	+5.4	-8.7	+11.0	+8.5			
<b>Metals</b>	<b>2 664</b>	<b>3 035</b>	<b>3 151</b>	<b>+116</b>	<b>-13.8</b>	<b>+13.9</b>	<b>+3.8</b>	<b>-11.8</b>	<b>+12.9</b>	<b>+3.7</b>			
<b>Food, beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>2 050</b>	<b>2 221</b>	<b>2 206</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>-5.9</b>	<b>+8.3</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-7.3</b>	<b>+12.2</b>	<b>-1.1</b>			
Coffee	678	743	730	-13	-0.3	+9.6	-1.7						
Beverages	412	480	491	+11	-12.8	+16.5	+2.3	-13.2	+17.8	+3.8			
<b>Jewellery</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>2 069</b>	<b>2 032</b>	<b>-37</b>	<b>-70.5</b>	<b>+154.3</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>-65.8</b>	<b>+117.9</b>	<b>+3.1</b>			
<b>Vehicles</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>1 156</b>	<b>1 347</b>	<b>+191</b>	<b>-24.4</b>	<b>+35.3</b>	<b>+16.5</b>	<b>-35.4</b>	<b>+46.7</b>	<b>+16.9</b>			
Air- and spacecraft	208	362	499	+137	-38.2	+73.9	+37.7	-62.2	+88.0	+48.1			
<b>Textiles, clothing, shoes</b>	<b>1 060</b>	<b>1 214</b>	<b>1 195</b>	<b>-20</b>	<b>-11.2</b>	<b>+14.5</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>-13.4</b>	<b>+17.3</b>	<b>-1.8</b>			
<b>Plastics</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>+1</b>	<b>-8.1</b>	<b>+6.2</b>	<b>+0.2</b>	<b>-5.8</b>	<b>+4.7</b>	<b>+3.3</b>			
<b>Paper and graphic products</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-16.3</b>	<b>+6.1</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-13.8</b>	<b>+6.2</b>	<b>-6.3</b>			

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## Seasonally adjusted Swiss exports

Product groups							Change compared to previous month				
	CHF mn			CHF mn	nominal in %			real in %			
	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020		Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020	
<b>Total</b>	<b>17 884</b>	<b>18 777</b>	<b>17 632</b>	<b>-1 145</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>+5.0</b>	<b>-6.1</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>+5.6</b>	<b>-6.4</b>	
<b>Chemical and pharmaceutical products</b>	<b>9 081</b>	<b>9 851</b>	<b>8 952</b>	<b>-899</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>+8.5</b>	<b>-9.1</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>+9.9</b>	<b>-10.4</b>	
Pharmaceuticals, vitamins, diagnostics	7 623	8 246	7 419	-827	-1.6	+8.2	-10.0	+0.3	+8.1	-11.2	
Immunological products	2 967	3 104	3 484	+379	+3.2	+4.6	+12.2				
Medicines	3 250	3 646	3 062	-584	-8.5	+12.2	-16.0				
Active principles	1 359	1 619	966	-653	+9.2	+19.2	-40.3				
Raw and primary materials	618	623	601	-22	+6.9	+0.8	-3.6	-9.6	+11.6	-4.8	
<b>Machines and electronics</b>	<b>2 414</b>	<b>2 459</b>	<b>2 350</b>	<b>-109</b>	<b>+3.3</b>	<b>+1.9</b>	<b>-4.4</b>	<b>+3.7</b>	<b>+2.6</b>	<b>-4.9</b>	
<b>Machines</b>	<b>1 549</b>	<b>1 616</b>	<b>1 549</b>	<b>-67</b>	<b>+3.8</b>	<b>+4.3</b>	<b>-4.1</b>	<b>+4.1</b>	<b>+1.8</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	
Working machines	539	537	501	-36	+10.2	-0.3	-6.8	+10.5	-1.8	-7.4	
Non-electrical engines	143	165	148	-17	-2.0	+14.9	-10.3	+1.5	+8.5	-4.8	
<b>Electrical and electronic industry devices</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>-35</b>	<b>+1.5</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-4.1</b>	<b>+3.3</b>	<b>-0.0</b>	<b>-2.6</b>	
Electrical, electronic articles	573	577	556	-21	+1.4	+0.7	-3.6	+2.7	+1.2	-1.7	
Electricity generation, electric motors	234	246	222	-24	+2.0	+5.1	-9.7	+3.1	+5.0	-9.1	
<b>Watches</b>	<b>1 615</b>	<b>1 617</b>	<b>1 622</b>	<b>+5</b>	<b>+3.9</b>	<b>+0.1</b>	<b>+0.3</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>+1.4</b>	<b>+2.1</b>	
Small watches, mechanical / automatic	1 304	1 315	1 319	+4	+4.4	+0.9	+0.3	+2.6	+0.0	+1.5	
Small watches, electric	217	209	213	+3	+5.5	-3.4	+1.5	-1.0	+1.4	-0.1	
<b>Precision instruments</b>	<b>1 333</b>	<b>1 322</b>	<b>1 302</b>	<b>-20</b>	<b>-4.3</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>-3.9</b>	<b>+2.2</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	
Medical instruments and equipment	814	806	760	-46	-8.6	-0.9	-5.7	-7.6	+2.4	-6.3	
Mechanical measuring, testing and regulating equipment	388	384	394	+10	+4.1	-1.0	+2.5	+2.8	+2.4	+1.6	
<b>Metals</b>	<b>1 043</b>	<b>1 067</b>	<b>1 056</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>+2.1</b>	<b>+2.3</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>+2.4</b>	<b>+2.1</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	
<b>Food, beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>+13</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>-2.1</b>	<b>+1.8</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>-2.9</b>	<b>+1.7</b>	
Coffee	249	238	247	+10	-3.2	-4.7	+4.2				
Beverages	166	165	168	+3	+0.8	-0.3	+2.0	+2.6	-0.9	+1.2	
<b>Jewellery</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>+27</b>	<b>+11.4</b>	<b>+4.2</b>	<b>+3.9</b>	<b>+12.1</b>	<b>+5.3</b>	<b>+10.5</b>	
<b>Vehicles</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>-96</b>	<b>+8.6</b>	<b>+17.9</b>	<b>-18.8</b>	<b>+12.1</b>	<b>+19.6</b>	<b>-21.8</b>	
Air- and spacecraft	156	252	123	-129	+35.3	+62.2	-51.2	+54.4	+51.7	-47.8	
<b>Textiles, clothing, shoes</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>+4</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>+1.1</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>+0.3</b>	<b>+2.0</b>	
<b>Plastics</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>+3.0</b>	<b>-6.2</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>+4.8</b>	<b>-5.9</b>	
<b>Paper and graphic products</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>+1</b>	<b>+6.0</b>	<b>-5.5</b>	<b>+1.4</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>-5.4</b>	<b>+4.3</b>	

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## Swiss imports

Product groups	Change compared to previous year												
	CHF mn			CHF mn			nominal in %			real in %			
	2018	2019	2020	2020	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
<b>Total</b>	<b>201 849</b>	<b>205 150</b>	<b>182 084</b>	<b>-23 066</b>	<b>+8.7</b>	<b>+1.6</b>	<b>-11.2</b>	<b>+6.2</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-13.6</b>			
<b>Chemical and pharmaceutical products</b>	<b>50 159</b>	<b>52 705</b>	<b>51 225</b>	<b>-1 479</b>	<b>+7.3</b>	<b>+5.1</b>	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>+3.2</b>	<b>-2.4</b>	<b>-13.6</b>			
Pharmaceuticals, vitamins, diagnostics	36 733	37 707	39 416	+1 708	+4.1	+2.7	+4.5	+1.6	-7.1	-8.3			
Medicines	19 215	21 144	24 567	+3 423	-0.0	+10.0	+16.2						
Immunological products	9 661	9 792	11 553	+1 760	+12.7	+1.4	+18.0						
Active principles	6 866	5 809	2 245	-3 564	+6.3	-15.4	-61.4						
Raw and primary materials	6 044	7 621	4 753	-2 868	+33.2	+26.1	-37.6	+17.8	+30.7	-46.8			
<b>Machines and electronics</b>	<b>32 079</b>	<b>32 002</b>	<b>29 951</b>	<b>-2 051</b>	<b>+5.5</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-6.4</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>-5.5</b>			
<b>Machines</b>	<b>20 187</b>	<b>20 247</b>	<b>18 786</b>	<b>-1 461</b>	<b>+5.3</b>	<b>+0.3</b>	<b>-7.2</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-6.3</b>			
Office machines	4 188	4 194	4 005	-190	+8.1	+0.2	-4.5	-3.4	-1.7	-1.5			
Household appliances (incl. consumer electronics)	2 628	2 703	2 799	+96	-0.1	+2.9	+3.5	-0.9	+2.6	+6.6			
<b>Electrical and electronic industry devices</b>	<b>11 893</b>	<b>11 755</b>	<b>11 166</b>	<b>-590</b>	<b>+6.0</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>-5.0</b>	<b>-0.0</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>-3.4</b>			
Electrical, electronic articles	6 663	6 598	6 226	-373	+9.9	-1.0	-5.6	+3.2	-1.4	-3.7			
<b>Vehicles</b>	<b>19 299</b>	<b>19 503</b>	<b>17 389</b>	<b>-2 114</b>	<b>+1.6</b>	<b>+1.1</b>	<b>-10.8</b>	<b>+1.4</b>	<b>-2.1</b>	<b>-10.6</b>			
Motor cars	10 318	10 876	9 484	-1 392	+0.1	+5.4	-12.8	-1.9	+3.1	-14.0			
Air- and spacecraft	3 280	2 682	2 084	-597	+10.0	-18.2	-22.3	+21.5	-26.5	-12.8			
Road vehicles (commercial)	1 910	2 041	1 690	-351	+5.5	+6.9	-17.2	+2.9	+4.2	-16.8			
<b>Metals</b>	<b>15 907</b>	<b>14 942</b>	<b>12 996</b>	<b>-1 947</b>	<b>+9.8</b>	<b>-6.1</b>	<b>-13.0</b>	<b>+2.3</b>	<b>-4.3</b>	<b>-8.4</b>			
<b>Textiles, clothing, shoes</b>	<b>11 662</b>	<b>11 975</b>	<b>12 345</b>	<b>+370</b>	<b>+10.5</b>	<b>+2.7</b>	<b>+3.1</b>	<b>+3.1</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>-0.8</b>			
Clothing	7 414	7 710	7 565	-145	+11.9	+4.0	-1.9	+2.9	-0.5	-4.3			
Shoes	2 203	2 288	2 081	-207	+11.9	+3.9	-9.1	+6.5	-4.0	-15.6			
<b>Food, beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>10 862</b>	<b>10 784</b>	<b>11 131</b>	<b>+347</b>	<b>+2.6</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>+3.2</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>+1.2</b>	<b>+6.5</b>			
Food	6 709	6 623	6 955	+332	+3.3	-1.3	+5.0	-0.7	+1.4	+8.0			
Beverages	2 027	2 047	2 032	-16	+3.3	+1.0	-0.8	-2.3	-0.0	+3.4			
<b>Precision instruments</b>	<b>8 233</b>	<b>8 436</b>	<b>7 857</b>	<b>-579</b>	<b>+6.8</b>	<b>+2.5</b>	<b>-6.9</b>	<b>+5.0</b>	<b>+0.2</b>	<b>-5.5</b>			
Medical instruments and equipment	4 449	4 711	4 327	-384	+5.1	+5.9	-8.1	+5.0	+4.6	-6.8			
Mechanical measuring, testing and regulating equipment	1 825	1 826	1 812	-14	+9.9	+0.0	-0.8	+6.8	-1.9	+1.5			
<b>Jewellery</b>	<b>16 015</b>	<b>16 582</b>	<b>7 539</b>	<b>-9 043</b>	<b>+40.8</b>	<b>+3.5</b>	<b>-54.5</b>	<b>+101.9</b>	<b>+1.5</b>	<b>-66.5</b>			
<b>Energy sources</b>	<b>9 472</b>	<b>9 312</b>	<b>5 547</b>	<b>-3 765</b>	<b>+16.6</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>-40.4</b>	<b>-8.7</b>	<b>+7.5</b>	<b>-10.7</b>			
Petroleum and distillates	6 492	6 663	3 578	-3 085	+20.2	+2.6	-46.3	-8.5	+12.6	-16.2			
<b>Plastics</b>	<b>4 637</b>	<b>4 473</b>	<b>4 256</b>	<b>-217</b>	<b>+7.2</b>	<b>-3.5</b>	<b>-4.9</b>	<b>+1.7</b>	<b>-4.1</b>	<b>-1.0</b>			
<b>Paper and graphic products</b>	<b>3 894</b>	<b>3 960</b>	<b>3 441</b>	<b>-519</b>	<b>+2.7</b>	<b>+1.7</b>	<b>-13.1</b>	<b>-3.1</b>	<b>+2.4</b>	<b>-9.7</b>			
<b>Watches</b>	<b>4 007</b>	<b>3 789</b>	<b>2 610</b>	<b>-1 178</b>	<b>+13.0</b>	<b>-5.5</b>	<b>-31.1</b>	<b>+9.4</b>	<b>-10.6</b>	<b>-30.7</b>			
Small watches, mechanical / automatic	1 642	1 520	1 130	-390	+11.6	-7.4	-25.6	+7.9	-14.6	-20.9			
Watch parts	1 747	1 619	1 054	-564	+15.5	-7.3	-34.9	+14.4	-11.3	-37.0			

## Seasonally adjusted Swiss imports

Product groups	Change compared to previous quarter											
	CHF mn			CHF mn			nominal in %			real in %		
	II / 2020	III / 2020	IV / 2020	IV / 2020	II / 2020	III / 2020	IV / 2020	II / 2020	III / 2020	IV / 2020		
<b>Total</b>	<b>41 054</b>	<b>45 789</b>	<b>45 043</b>	<b>-745</b>	<b>-15.5</b>	<b>+11.5</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>-13.0</b>	<b>+9.1</b>	<b>-1.9</b>		
<b>Chemical and pharmaceutical products</b>	<b>12 167</b>	<b>12 747</b>	<b>12 675</b>	<b>-72</b>	<b>-9.2</b>	<b>+4.8</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-6.2</b>	<b>+0.6</b>	<b>-5.7</b>		
Pharmaceuticals, vitamins, diagnostics	9 277	10 086	9 977	-109	-10.3	+8.7	-1.1	-4.4	+0.8	-5.4		
Medicines	6 281	5 746	6 012	+266	+0.6	-8.5	+4.6					
Immunological products	2 647	3 111	3 108	-3	-2.4	+17.6	-0.1					
Active principles	166	1 148	1 031	-117	-76.6	+592.7	-10.2					
Raw and primary materials	1 235	1 152	1 212	+59	-2.2	-6.7	+5.1	-2.4	-7.7	-2.5		
<b>Machines and electronics</b>	<b>7 210</b>	<b>7 571</b>	<b>7 372</b>	<b>-199</b>	<b>-6.2</b>	<b>+5.0</b>	<b>-2.6</b>	<b>-5.1</b>	<b>+3.4</b>	<b>-2.7</b>		
<b>Machines</b>	<b>4 526</b>	<b>4 689</b>	<b>4 622</b>	<b>-67</b>	<b>-6.5</b>	<b>+3.6</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>-6.5</b>	<b>+1.9</b>	<b>-1.7</b>		
Office machines	1 054	1 009	999	-10	+7.2	-4.3	-1.0	+6.3	-7.8	-3.7		
Household appliances (incl. consumer electronics)	631	735	728	-7	-5.3	+16.4	-1.0	-3.3	+13.1	+1.1		
<b>Electrical and electronic industry devices</b>	<b>2 757</b>	<b>2 822</b>	<b>2 725</b>	<b>-97</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>+2.3</b>	<b>-3.4</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>+1.4</b>	<b>-4.7</b>		
Electrical, electronic articles	1 490	1 535	1 557	+22	-7.3	+3.0	+1.4	-4.6	+1.9	+2.1		
<b>Vehicles</b>	<b>2 985</b>	<b>4 911</b>	<b>4 882</b>	<b>-29</b>	<b>-31.6</b>	<b>+64.5</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-32.5</b>	<b>+65.8</b>	<b>+2.5</b>		
Motor cars	1 491	2 484	2 797	+313	-42.6	+66.6	+12.6	-42.5	+68.2	+11.8		
Air- and spacecraft	382	553	538	-16	-17.1	+44.9	-2.8	-13.6	+65.4	-3.3		
Road vehicles (commercial)	308	457	466	+8	-29.0	+48.6	+1.8	-29.2	+51.8	+0.4		
<b>Metals</b>	<b>2 979</b>	<b>3 197</b>	<b>3 218</b>	<b>+21</b>	<b>-12.5</b>	<b>+7.3</b>	<b>+0.7</b>	<b>-11.5</b>	<b>+8.4</b>	<b>+0.1</b>		
<b>Textiles, clothing, shoes</b>	<b>3 270</b>	<b>3 080</b>	<b>3 098</b>	<b>+18</b>	<b>+14.2</b>	<b>-5.8</b>	<b>+0.6</b>	<b>+9.1</b>	<b>-4.1</b>	<b>+0.2</b>		
Clothing	1 856	1 922	1 972	+50	+3.6	+3.5	+2.6	-0.7	+2.8	+6.1		
Shoes	506	528	526	-2	-2.4	+4.3	-0.4	-2.9	+1.3	-2.0		
<b>Food, beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>2 731</b>	<b>2 850</b>	<b>2 795</b>	<b>-55</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>+4.3</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>+3.8</b>	<b>-1.6</b>		
Food	1 738	1 753	1 732	-20	+0.9	+0.8	-1.2	+1.7	+0.5	-0.4		
Beverages	471	545	525	-21	-4.8	+15.8	-3.8	-4.0	+14.2	-6.5		
<b>Precision instruments</b>	<b>1 809</b>	<b>1 981</b>	<b>1 943</b>	<b>-38</b>	<b>-12.1</b>	<b>+9.5</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>-11.6</b>	<b>+10.4</b>	<b>-1.7</b>		
Medical instruments and equipment	1 015	1 075	1 071	-4	-12.3	+5.8	-0.3	-13.2	+10.0	+0.2		
Mechanical measuring, testing and regulating equipment	414	453	468	+15	-11.1	+9.4	+3.3	-9.3	+7.3	+2.0		
<b>Jewellery</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>1 492</b>	<b>1 421</b>	<b>-71</b>	<b>-80.6</b>	<b>+113.4</b>	<b>-4.7</b>	<b>-86.1</b>	<b>+91.8</b>	<b>-8.8</b>		
<b>Energy sources</b>	<b>1 164</b>	<b>1 276</b>	<b>1 123</b>	<b>-153</b>	<b>-37.0</b>	<b>+9.7</b>	<b>-12.0</b>	<b>-3.8</b>	<b>-6.0</b>	<b>-1.1</b>		
Petroleum and distillates	692	764	624	-140	-46.6	+10.4	-18.3	-6.2	-5.4	-5.9		
<b>Plastics</b>	<b>1 022</b>	<b>1 041</b>	<b>1 061</b>	<b>+20</b>	<b>-6.8</b>	<b>+1.8</b>	<b>+1.9</b>	<b>-5.3</b>	<b>+1.7</b>	<b>+0.2</b>		
<b>Paper and graphic products</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>+92</b>	<b>-5.8</b>	<b>+2.1</b>	<b>+11.1</b>	<b>-4.6</b>	<b>+0.2</b>	<b>+10.5</b>		
<b>Watches</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>+122</b>	<b>-40.7</b>	<b>+34.6</b>	<b>+20.1</b>	<b>-37.6</b>	<b>+28.9</b>	<b>+25.0</b>		
Small watches, mechanical / automatic	178	258	305	+46	-46.1	+44.8	+17.9	-31.0	+22.6	+28.4		
Watch parts	184	241	296	+55	-43.7	+30.8	+22.7	-44.3	+28.1	+31.9		

## Seasonally adjusted Swiss imports

Product groups	Change compared to previous month												
	CHF mn			CHF mn			nominal in %			real in %			
	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020	Dec 2020	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020
<b>Total</b>	<b>14 978</b>	<b>15 706</b>	<b>14 586</b>	<b>-1 120</b>	<b>-3.3</b>	<b>+4.9</b>	<b>-7.1</b>	<b>-3.9</b>	<b>+4.7</b>	<b>-6.7</b>			
<b>Chemical and pharmaceutical products</b>	<b>4 183</b>	<b>4 346</b>	<b>3 959</b>	<b>-387</b>	<b>-5.1</b>	<b>+3.9</b>	<b>-8.9</b>	<b>-10.3</b>	<b>+4.7</b>	<b>-5.7</b>			
Pharmaceuticals, vitamins, diagnostics	3 241	3 386	3 014	-373	-5.6	+4.5	-11.0	-15.0	+6.1	-7.7			
Medicines	1 885	1 954	1 892	-62	+10.0	+3.7	-3.2						
Immunological products	982	1 240	954	-286	-23.1	+26.4	-23.1						
Active principles	293	179	148	-31	-19.8	-38.8	-17.4						
Raw and primary materials	390	397	353	-44	+12.6	+1.9	-11.2	+8.1	+4.1	-13.6			
<b>Machines and electronics</b>	<b>2 477</b>	<b>2 487</b>	<b>2 457</b>	<b>-30</b>	<b>+0.7</b>	<b>+0.4</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>+0.9</b>	<b>-0.1</b>			
<b>Machines</b>	<b>1 587</b>	<b>1 581</b>	<b>1 538</b>	<b>-43</b>	<b>+2.3</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>+2.0</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-1.5</b>			
Office machines	323	331	333	+2	-0.9	+2.5	+0.5	-1.3	+1.7	+1.1			
Household appliances (incl. consumer electronics)	243	262	245	-17	+6.1	+8.0	-6.5	+8.3	+5.9	-4.6			
<b>Electrical and electronic industry devices</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>+1.0</b>	<b>+1.0</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>+0.8</b>	<b>+1.1</b>			
Electrical, electronic articles	523	518	509	-10	+3.3	-0.9	-1.9	+4.0	-0.6	-3.0			
<b>Vehicles</b>	<b>1 631</b>	<b>1 870</b>	<b>1 494</b>	<b>-376</b>	<b>-10.6</b>	<b>+14.6</b>	<b>-20.1</b>	<b>-10.9</b>	<b>+19.1</b>	<b>-23.6</b>			
Motor cars	922	1 035	905	-130	+4.3	+12.3	-12.6	+3.7	+11.6	-13.7			
Air- and spacecraft	195	291	148	-143	-34.6	+49.5	-49.1	-26.7	+51.4	-46.9			
Road vehicles (commercial)	150	173	148	-26	-0.9	+15.7	-14.7	-2.0	+16.8	-15.3			
<b>Metals</b>	<b>1 094</b>	<b>1 125</b>	<b>1 068</b>	<b>-58</b>	<b>+0.4</b>	<b>+2.9</b>	<b>-5.1</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>+1.4</b>	<b>-3.3</b>			
<b>Textiles, clothing, shoes</b>	<b>1 060</b>	<b>1 019</b>	<b>1 028</b>	<b>+9</b>	<b>+3.2</b>	<b>-3.8</b>	<b>+0.9</b>	<b>+6.6</b>	<b>-7.2</b>	<b>+0.9</b>			
Clothing	689	628	639	+11	+7.6	-8.8	+1.7	+9.8	-10.1	+2.5			
Shoes	181	168	171	+3	+1.9	-7.2	+2.1	+3.2	-12.1	+4.4			
<b>Food, beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>-31</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>-3.4</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>-3.3</b>			
Food	586	577	559	-18	+0.2	-1.5	-3.2	-0.1	-1.7	-3.0			
Beverages	175	175	167	-8	+1.0	+0.2	-4.5	-1.7	-1.0	-2.3			
<b>Precision instruments</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>-25</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>+1.2</b>	<b>-3.7</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>+2.9</b>	<b>-3.8</b>			
Medical instruments and equipment	355	361	344	-17	-1.7	+1.6	-4.6	-2.9	+3.2	-5.1			
Mechanical measuring, testing and regulating equipment	155	168	154	-14	+0.1	+8.1	-8.3	-0.4	+8.6	-10.7			
<b>Jewellery</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>-86</b>	<b>-8.6</b>	<b>+35.4</b>	<b>-15.2</b>	<b>-6.2</b>	<b>+19.9</b>	<b>-18.5</b>			
<b>Energy sources</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>+8</b>	<b>-15.2</b>	<b>-2.9</b>	<b>+2.2</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>+2.4</b>	<b>-4.7</b>			
Petroleum and distillates	242	226	211	-15	-8.5	-6.7	-6.7	-1.2	-1.7	-13.8			
<b>Plastics</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>+7.1</b>	<b>-5.7</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>+6.7</b>	<b>-6.1</b>			
<b>Paper and graphic products</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>-85</b>	<b>+5.1</b>	<b>+25.8</b>	<b>-23.7</b>	<b>+6.4</b>	<b>+27.6</b>	<b>-24.9</b>			
<b>Watches</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-3.3</b>	<b>+11.1</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>-4.1</b>	<b>+8.8</b>	<b>-0.0</b>			
Small watches, mechanical / automatic	100	113	111	-2	-5.8	+12.9	-1.8	-2.1	+6.5	+2.7			
Watch parts	86	96	103	+7	+2.3	+12.0	+7.0	+9.8	+7.3	+1.4			





