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## U.S. INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES September 2007

#### **Goods and Services**

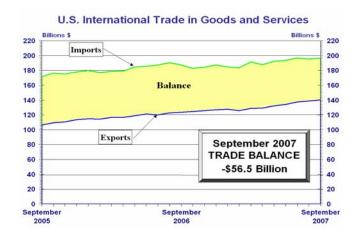
The U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, through the Department of Commerce, announced today that total September exports of \$140.1 billion and imports of \$196.6 billion resulted in a goods and services deficit of \$56.5 billion, compared with \$56.8 billion in August, revised. September exports were \$1.5 billion more than August exports of \$138.6 billion. September imports were \$1.2 billion more than August imports of \$195.4 billion.

In September, the goods deficit decreased \$0.3 billion from August to \$65.7 billion, and the services surplus was virtually unchanged at \$9.3 billion. Exports of goods increased \$1.2 billion to \$100.2 billion, and imports of goods increased \$0.9 billion to \$166.0 billion. Exports of services increased \$0.3 billion to \$39.9 billion, and imports of services increased \$0.2 billion to \$30.6 billion.

In September, the goods and services deficit was down \$7.7 billion from September 2006. Exports were up \$16.8 billion, or 13.6 percent, and imports were up \$9.1 billion, or 4.9 percent.

#### Goods

The August to September change in exports of goods reflected increases in *foods*, *feeds*, *and beverages* (\$0.7 billion); *industrial supplies and materials* (\$0.7 billion);



consumer goods (\$0.3 billion); and automotive vehicles, parts, and engines (\$0.1 billion). Decreases occurred in capital goods (\$0.4 billion) and other goods (\$0.3 billion).

The August to September change in imports of goods reflected increases in *capital goods* (\$0.8 billion); *automotive vehicles, parts, and engines* (\$0.3 billion); and *consumer goods* (\$0.2 billion). A decrease occurred in *industrial supplies and materials* (\$0.4 billion). *Other goods* and *foods, feeds, and beverages* were virtually unchanged.

NOTE: Total goods data are reported on a Balance of Payments basis; commodity and country detail data for goods are on a Census basis. For information on data sources and definitions, see the information section on page 27 of this release, or at www.census.gov/ft900 or www.bea.gov/bea/di/home/trade.htm. The next FT-900 release is December 12, 2007.

The September 2006 to September 2007 change in exports of goods reflected increases in *industrial supplies* and materials (\$3.5 billion); capital goods (\$2.7 billion); food, feeds, and beverages (\$2.4 billion); consumer goods (\$2.0 billion); and automotive vehicles, parts, and engines (\$1.6 billion). A decrease occurred in other goods (\$0.3 billion).

The September 2006 to September 2007 change in imports of goods reflected increases in *capital goods* (\$2.4 billion); *consumer goods* (\$1.5 billion); *automotive vehicles, parts, and engines* (\$1.2 billion); *industrial supplies and materials* (\$0.6 billion); *food, feeds, and beverages* (\$0.6 billion); and *other goods* (\$0.3 billion).

#### **Services**

Services exports increased \$0.3 billion from August to September. The increase was more than accounted for by increases in *travel*, *passenger fares*, and *transfers under U.S. military sales contracts*. Changes in other categories of services exports were small.

Services imports increased \$0.2 billion from August to September. The largest increase was in *travel*. Changes in other categories of services imports were small.

From September 2006 to September 2007, services exports increased \$4.4 billion. The largest increases were in *other private services*, which includes items such as business, professional, and technical services, insurance services, and financial services (\$1.8 billion), *travel* (\$1.4 billion), and *other transportation*, which includes freight and port services (\$0.5 billion).

From September 2006 to September 2007, services imports increased \$1.9 billion. The largest increases were in *other private services* (\$1.0 billion), *travel* (\$0.3 billion), and *royalties and license fees* (\$0.2 billion).

#### **Goods and Services Moving Average**

For the three months ending in September, exports of goods and services averaged \$138.8 billion, while imports of goods and services averaged \$196.3 billion, resulting in an average trade deficit of \$57.4 billion. For the three months ending in August, the average trade deficit was \$58.4 billion, reflecting average exports of \$136.8 billion and average imports of \$195.2 billion.



#### **Selected Not Seasonally Adjusted Goods Details**

The September figures showed surpluses, in billions of dollars, with Hong Kong \$1.4 (\$1.1 for August), Australia \$1.0 (\$0.9), Singapore \$0.7 (\$0.6), Egypt \$0.4 (\$0.4), and Argentina \$0.3 (\$0.1). Deficits were recorded, in billions of dollars, with China \$23.8 (\$22.5), OPEC \$11.1 (\$11.4), Europe \$7.3 (\$11.1), the European Union \$6.4 (\$10.2), Mexico \$6.3 (\$6.9), Japan \$6.2 (\$6.7), Canada \$4.9 (\$5.0), Taiwan \$1.3 (\$0.8), Korea \$0.9 (\$0.8), and Brazil \$0.1 (\$0.2).

Advanced technology products (ATP) exports were \$22.9 billion in September and imports were \$28.1 billion, resulting in a deficit of \$5.2 billion. September exports were \$0.3 billion less than the \$23.2 billion in August, while imports were \$0.1 billion more than the \$27.9 billion in August.

#### **Revisions**

Goods carry-over in September was \$0.1 billion (0.1 percent) for exports and \$0.9 billion (0.6 percent) for imports. For August, revised export carry-over was \$0.1 billion (0.1 percent), revised down from \$0.4 billion (0.4 percent). For August, revised import carry-over was \$0.3 billion (0.2 percent), revised down from \$1.5 billion (0.9 percent).

Services exports for August were revised up \$0.3 billion to \$39.7 billion. The revision was mostly accounted for by a upward revision in *travel*. Services imports for August were virtually unchanged at \$30.4 billion.

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