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Imports by Country of Origin 2014

Imports by country of origin from China represented 13% of total imports (excl. diamonds)

In 2014:

- Imports by country of origin (excl. diamonds) from China (US$ 8.1 billion) surpass Imports by country of origin (excl. diamonds) from U.S.A. (US$ 7.4 billion).
- 26.3% of goods manufactured in China were imported via third countries.
- Imports, by country of origin from South Korea dropped by 18.8% compared in 2012-2014.
- Imports from Russia (excl. diamonds) doubled compared to 2013 and totaled US$ 1.3 billion.
- 58.2% of the goods imported from Switzerland were produced in other countries.

Tables

Data on imports by country of origin complete the monthly data published by the Central Bureau of Statistics on imports of goods by country of purchase.

Trade statistics by country of origin, both for the total value of trade in goods and for the quantity and value of trade in individual commodities, are of significant statistical value. They are used for a number of purposes, including analysis of economic trends, national accounts, balance of payments, regional trade patterns, trade shares, market analysis and business decisions, and trade and negotiations.

In current trade statistics, published by the Central Bureau of Statistics, country of import is defined as "country of purchase", i.e. the country from which the invoice for the goods imported to Israel was sent. In some cases, "the country of purchase" is different from "the country of origin" (the country of production) and from the country of shipment.


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**Main Findings**

Imports by country of origin (excl. diamonds) from China represented 12.8% of total imports (US$ 8.1 billion), as opposed to 3.2% in 2002. During the same period, the percentage of imports from the U.S.A. from total imports dropped from 19.0% in 2002 to 11.7% (US$ 7.4 billion) in 2014.

**Imports by country of origin**

In 2014, the countries of origin (Table 1) from which imports were above two billion US$ were: U.S.A., China, Germany, Belgium, Italy, Turkey, India, Russia and Switzerland (Graph 2).
Imports from Russia passed the US$ 2 billion for the first time. Significant decrease of Imports by country of origin (above 20%) was registered in imports from Morocco (-60.4%), Nigeria (-51.9%), Cyprus, Sweden and Canada. Imports by country of origin from Georgia, Portugal, Vietnam and Ethiopia significantly increased compared to 2013.

**Imports by country of origin (excl. diamonds)**

Imports by country of origin (excl. diamonds): In 2014, the main countries from which Israel has imported goods were: China, U.S.A., Germany, Italy, Turkey, U.K., Japan, France, South Korea, Russia and Spain. (Graph 3).

![Graph 3: Imports of Goods (excl. diamonds) - 2014](image)

To graph 3 data

Imports from China (by country of origin) have grown from US$ 4.6 billion in 2009 to US$ 8.1 billion in 2014. Imports (by country of origin) from Turkey increased from US$ 1.5 billion in 2009 to US$ 2.8 billion in 2014. Imports (by country of origin) from Russia increased from US$ 0.5 billion in 2009 to US$ 1.3 billion in 2014.

**Differences between imports by country of origin and imports by country of purchase**

In 2014, the countries from which the gap between imports by country of purchase and imports by country of origin was more significant were: Switzerland, Netherlands, U.K. and in the last years Singapore and Jordan (countries sign plus in table 3 and graph 4).
To graph 4 data

Countries from which the gap between imports by country of origin in comparison with imports by country of purchase was more significant were: China, Russia, Ukraine, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Brazil, and Georgia. (sign minus in graph 5).

To graph 5 data

Monthly files by country of origin and HS are published at the Bureau's Website.

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