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PREFACE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Digest of International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS) for 2013 presents statistics on Ghana's Merchandise Trade from 2009 to 2013.

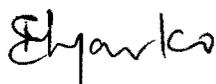
Archival records show that International Merchandise Trade Statistics of Ghana were available as far back as 1960 in different publications. However, since the year 2000, the Quarterly Digest of Statistics has not been published. The IMTS digest aims at consolidating the data gap and enhancing the investment drive of the country.

This publication contains a wide range on current trade statistics of Ghana that will provide its users with information to facilitate planning and decision making. Yearly and quarterly data for most series are presented for the last five-years. The Digest also contains some data on non-traditional export commodities which are compiled by the Ghana Export Promotion Authority (GEPA). The content of the Digest includes Balance of Trade, Imports and Exports by Section and Major Trading Partners. The digest will continually be reviewed and additional data series of interest will be included as and when appropriate.

Internet users can access the Digest via the Ghana Statistical Service (GSS) website at www.statsghana.gov.gh. For users who have specific data needs, the Trade Statistics Section of the Service will offer the necessary assistance.

The Ghana Statistical Service wishes to express its profound gratitude to the Customs Division of the Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA) and the Ghana Community Network Service Limited (GCNet) for making available the necessary data for the compilation of the International Merchandise Trade Statistics.

We hope that users will find this digest useful.



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ACRONYMS

GCMS	Ghana Customs Management System
GEPA	Ghana Export Promotion Authority
GRA	Ghana Revenue Authority
q	Quarterly
nes	not elsewhere specified
FOB	Free-on-Board
CIF	Cost, Insurance and Freight
ASEAN	Association of South East Asian Nations
COMESA	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
CUSFTA	Canada -United State Free Trade Agreement
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
EU	European Union
UNASUR	Union of South American Nations

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Introduction

The Digest of International Merchandise Trade Statistics for 2013 presents data on Ghana's Merchandise Trade during the period 2009 to 2013. This digest covers the *General Trade Type System*, as captured by the Customs Division of the Ghana Revenue Authority. The commodity classification is based on the *Harmonized Commodity Description & Coding System* (HS Codes).

Balance of Trade

The Balance of Trade deals with the components of total trade, which is: total exports and total imports. Total exports in this digest refer to all registered goods leaving the country based on 'Free-on-Board' (FOB). Total imports refer to all goods entering the country, including the free zone goods based on Cost, Freight and Insurance (CIF). Trade balance is the difference between total exports and imports for a given period of time.

Imports and Export by Section

"Section" as presented in the Digest is at the 2-digit HS codes (Chapter level). The 2-digit HS codes consist of principal commodity groupings of related commodities.

Exports and Imports of Selected Items

Exports and Imports of selected items in the Digest are classified using the 10-digit HS codes (commodity level).

Exports and Imports by Major Trading Partners

The direction of trade gives imports by country of origin while exports are presented by country of destination (consignment). Major trading partners are considered individually while smaller trading partners are grouped together under "others."

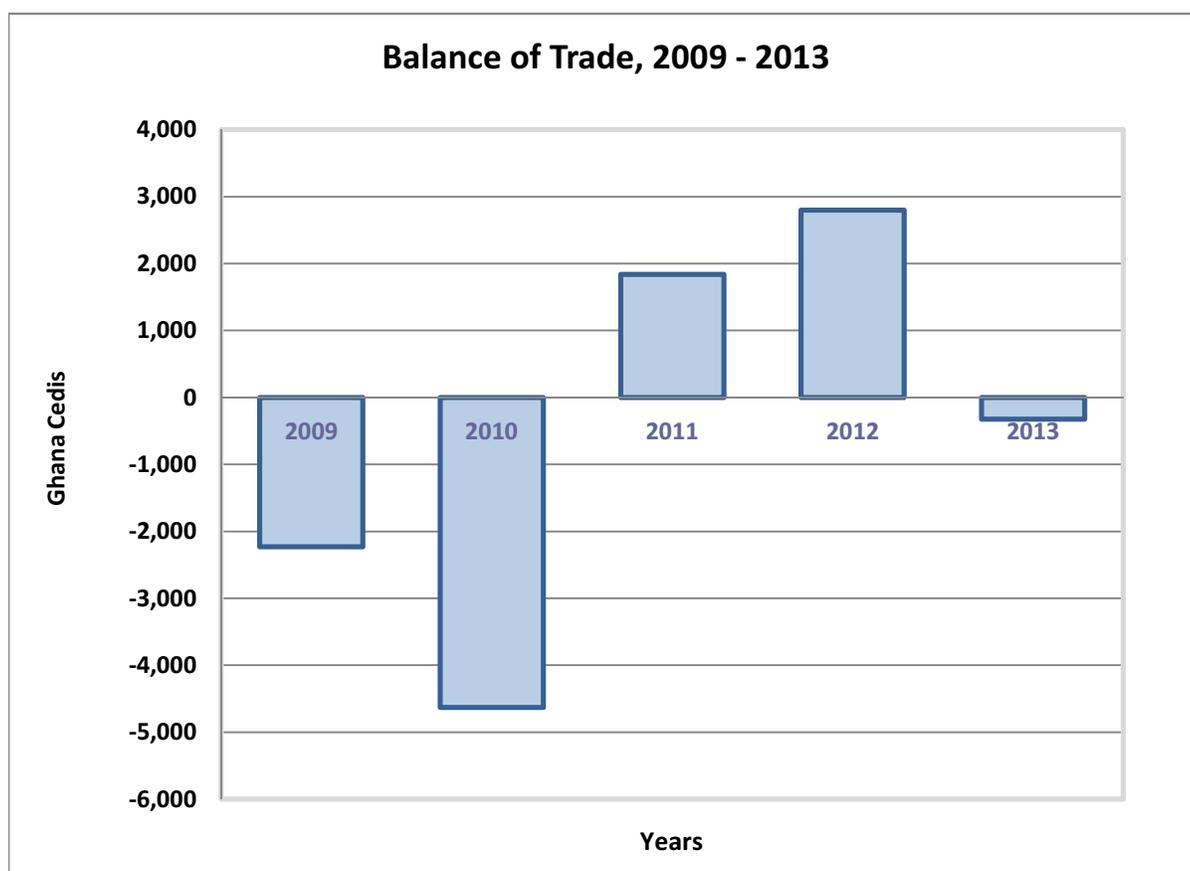
Table 1: Balance of Trade, Imports and Exports (2009 - 2013)

GH¢ million

Year	Imports (cif)	Exports (fob)	Balance of Trade ¹
2009	9,088	6,859	(2,229.0)
2010	12,287	7,655	(4,632.1)
2011	19,065	20,902	1,837.0
2012	24,421	27,219	2,798.1
2013	25,002	24,678	(323.4)

¹ Exports minus imports

Source: GRA/GCMS



Note: High positive balance of trade in 2011 and 2012 is due to export of crude oil.

Table 2: Quarterly Value of Imports and Exports, 2010 - 2013*GH¢ million*

Year	Quarterly	Imports (cif)	Exports (fob)	Balance of Trade ¹
2009	q1	2,324.62	1,734.26	(590.4)
	q2	2,027.31	1,744.62	(282.7)
	q3	2,220.83	1,672.10	(548.7)
	q4	2,514.90	1,707.72	(807.2)
2010	q1	2,859.0	1,676.0	(1,183.0)
	q2	2,879.8	2,054.3	(825.5)
	q3	2,850.2	1,968.2	(882.1)
	q4	3,698.3	1,956.9	(1,741.5)
2011	q1	4,647.7	3,107.9	(1,539.8)
	q2	4,416.7	5,201.4	784.7
	q3	4,827.7	9,689.2	4,861.5
	q4	5,172.7	9,430.2	4,257.5
2012	q1	5,951.7	8,472.4	2,520.7
	q2	5,902.8	6,881.6	978.7
	q3	6,600.1	6,534.1	(66.0)
	q4	5,966.3	6,417.9	451.7
2013	q1	5,737.1	5,946.8	209.7
	q2	6,499.1	6,939.1	440.0
	q3	6,142.8	6,496.2	353.4
	q4	6,622.7	5,296.2	(1,326.5)

¹ Exports minus imports

Source: GRA/GCMS

Table 3: Imports by Section, 2009-2013¹*GHC million*

Section	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Live animals and products	344.7	491.0	886.2	1,014.2	1,397.4
Vegetable products	601.4	545.5	979.7	1,084.7	1,265.9
Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products	103.1	122.8	184.9	261.2	364.7
Prepared food	496.0	658.1	992.0	1,131.4	1,509.4
Mineral products	575.7	1,250.0	1,929.8	1,756.8	1,646.8
Product of chemical or allied industries	965.3	1,229.3	2,022.4	2,512.4	2,407.5
Plastics and articles thereof	470.9	762.5	946.2	1,239.8	1,360.5
Wood and articles of wood	25.2	34.2	38.5	167.4	60.2
Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic materials	194.1	231.0	312.1	384.6	427.6
Textiles and textile articles	302.1	300.4	538.7	580.9	612.1
Footwears, headgear and umbrella	43.7	55.2	104.6	110.9	124.6
Articles of stone, plaster and cement	132.3	143.1	291.5	366.0	438.6
Base metals and articles of base metals	895.7	1,399.9	1,787.6	2,613.5	2,438.3
Machinery and mechanical appliances	2217.5	2,956.3	4,584.4	5,940.1	5,605.1
Vehicles, aircraft and transport equipment	1416.9	1,774.9	2,926.9	4,274.5	4,290.5
Medical or surgical instruments	163.1	173.6	252.1	593.3	510.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	100.9	109.5	212.4	299.4	461.9
Others ²	34.5	34.7	74.0	82.8	79.6
TOTAL	9087.7	12,287.4	19,064.8	24,420.9	25,001.7

Source: GRA/GCMS

¹ Based on the Harmonised System Classification at 2-digit level.² Sections with less than Ghc 50 million trade volume are summed up in 'Others'.

Table 4: Imports of Selected Items, 2009-2013*GH¢ million*

Selected Items	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude	141.2	736.9	1,191.4	774.6	603.6
Rice, broken	221.7	197.1	314.6	398.9	510.9
Cement clinkers	234.0	261.9	402.5	507.7	428.2
Self propelled bulldozers, excavators nes	34.4	55.4	178.0	433.6	384.1
Frozen cuts and offal of fowl (Gallus Domesticus - eg chicken)	93.9	141.1	255.5	318.4	368.0
Sugar, in powder, crystal or granule form - other, nes	111.5	233.5	267.7	197.6	356.3
Rice, semi-milled or wholly milled rice, pack > 5kg or bulk	69.2	71.4	214.0	168.0	245.1
Polyethylene having a specific gravity >=0.94, in primary forms	79.5	101.5	152.1	181.5	210.8
Tomatoes paste or concentrates, put up for retail	38.5	59.9	117.3	157.7	166.2
Worn clothing and other worn articles	82.7	93.1	127.6	137.3	141.9
Telephones for cellular networks or for other wireless networks	49.3	121.0	185.0	194.2	139.2
Machines for the reception,conversion and transmission of voice	121.0	175.0	193.5	207.5	131.0
New pick-ups and lorries diesel, gvw<=5t	74.4	89.8	158.0	289.5	130.1
Vaccines for human medicine	5.4	21.2	22.1	113.0	127.0
New pneumatic tyres, of rubber of a kind used on buses or lorries	50.5	67.8	90.4	116.8	126.4

Source: GRA/GCMS

Table 5: Imports from Major Trading Partners, 2009 - 2013*GHC million*

Country of Origin	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
China	1,178.7	1,518.5	3,118.7	4,329.9	4,458.8
United States	737.4	1,576.2	1,977.1	2,818.0	2,462.1
Belgium	482.2	637.7	1,224.0	1,668.0	1,795.0
India	377.7	458.0	875.3	1,071.9	1,190.3
United Kingdom	455.6	554.7	918.6	1,311.8	1,059.5
Germany	328.4	389.9	546.0	873.0	946.0
South Korea	234.6	492.6	509.6	578.1	875.7
South Africa	385.5	476.9	602.1	878.3	812.0
Italy	272.3	273.2	417.7	521.1	694.6
Nigeria	190.6	786.5	1,273.0	763.5	686.0
Netherlands	329.8	399.0	628.5	748.3	657.9
United Arab Emirates	119.4	205.7	464.2	651.3	640.5
Canada	234.8	264.7	382.6	414.2	518.9
Thailand	219.2	226.4	507.7	447.3	517.6
Brazil	203.7	305.2	427.3	393.7	511.8
France	415.6	713.4	407.1	432.7	504.3
Spain	111.6	163.9	293.3	476.9	472.8
Vietnam	83.8	123.2	178.8	249.9	430.4
Togo	130.9	123.0	209.8	258.9	360.3
Japan	164.3	213.1	274.5	489.1	347.9
Indonesia	109.4	120.0	160.5	235.2	341.2
Australia	130.9	156.2	242.4	380.8	323.8
Sweden	278.1	180.7	374.2	362.0	321.9
Turkey	84.4	132.3	261.7	376.6	319.6
Morocco	89.7	184.3	273.3	178.1	280.4
Taiwan, Province of China	26.6	121.9	117.5	248.0	250.7
Saudi Arabia	32.8	56.4	112.6	132.4	208.0
Malaysia	86.6	106.3	177.5	223.9	197.8
Denmark	208.5	45.7	50.6	133.1	195.7
Cote D'Ivoire	76.6	89.7	104.5	288.3	179.1
Singapore	95.6	124.5	80.6	116.9	150.6
Ukraine	81.6	91.0	194.5	263.2	148.4
Egypt	90.6	74.4	113.6	147.7	146.9
Ireland	36.2	55.3	77.3	122.8	143.4
Hong Kong	95.5	63.9	117.5	197.6	143.2
Russian	20.3	44.1	76.2	89.1	140.7
Mauritania	11.6	27.1	145.4	132.3	120.2
Guinea Bissau	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.3	99.0
Norway	29.0	56.2	79.5	77.1	93.0
Switzerland	68.2	79.9	53.0	83.3	79.0
Others ¹	816.1	574.4	1,017.2	1,257.9	1,178.0
Total	9,125.3	12,287.4	19,065.7	24,422.4	25,003.0

Source: GRA/GCMS

¹ Others include trading partners not mentioned in the above list.

Table 6: Exports by Section, 2009 - 2013¹*GH¢ million*

Section	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Live animals and products	30.8	25.7	55.5	41.3	41.1
Vegetable products	104.2	100.3	1,715.1	618.7	1,114.1
Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products	28.7	41.5	107.5	277.7	386.1
Prepared food	1,672.1	1,469.8	3,691.1	3,795.1	3,034.9
Mineral products	230.1	322.0	4,808.2	7,442.1	6,514.3
Products of chemical or allied industries	79.5	75.0	427.5	416.1	757.1
Plastics and articles thereof	211.8	148.5	699.6	234.6	264.1
Wood and articles of wood	311.5	281.6	732.5	677.7	928.3
Textiles and textiles articles	34.6	20.9	430.3	180.3	58.9
Articles of stone, plaster and cement	1.5	2.8	12.6	6.3	102.2
Natural and cultured pearls	3,865.2	4,820.5	7,334.8	12,741.8	10,520.5
Base metals and articles of base metals	77.0	213.1	277.4	324.0	387.7
Machinery and mechanical appliances	33.2	81.9	139.1	299.3	375.2
Vehicles, aircraft and transport equipment	81.1	15.4	76.6	42.7	55.0
Medical or surgical instruments	2.0	8.6	23.8	78.3	95.8
Others ²	95.3	26.9	357.3	36.8	37.3
Total	6,858.7	7,655.3	20,901.8	27,219.0	24,678.2

Source: GRA/GCMS

¹ Based on the Harmonised System Classification at the 2-digit level.² Sections with less than Ghc 15 million trade volume are summed up in others.

Table 7: Exports of Selected Items, 2009 - 2013*GH¢ million*

Selected Items	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Gold bullion	63.6	3,341.1	5,111.7	8,947.7	8,155.8
Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude	-	-	4,325.8	6,613.7	5,885.9
Cocoa beans, superior quality raw beans	1,529.0	1,211.1	3,127.7	3,530.4	2,694.3
Unwrought gold (incl. gold plated with platinum), non-monetary	178.5	539.4	1,395.2	2,338.3	2,106.8
Cashew nuts, in shell	23.7	19.1	709.4	273.0	454.0
Wood, sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, >6mm thick	56.1	36.1	90.0	66.0	382.0
Cashew nuts, shelled	2.1	1.3	51.3	11.6	359.7
Aluminium, unwrought, not alloyed	0.5	0.2	86.3	117.4	104.8
Palmitic acid, stearic acid, their salts and esters	0.7	2.9	1.6	2.3	101.3
Bauxite Ores	14.3	19.2	15.0	58.1	71.0
Sesamum seeds	1.9	4.7	9.2	21.3	65.3

Source: GRA/GCMS

Table 8: Exports to Major Trading Partners, 2009 - 2013*GH¢ million*

Country of consignment	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
South Africa	3,063.8	4,004.2	4,756.4	8,142.1	5,530.4
United Arab Emirates	80.5	505.6	1,502.2	2,934.1	3,239.7
Switzerland	709.3	308.3	1,308.7	2,176.5	2,287.8
Italy	68.5	55.2	1,574.2	2,202.7	2,142.2
France	96.5	92.8	2,603.3	2,530.5	1,837.7
Netherlands	618.2	417.5	1,074.2	1,362.7	1,480.4
Burkina Faso	292.4	111.7	756.6	664.9	910.9
India	83.4	69.5	1,091.6	426.1	909.3
China	64.8	73.3	389.7	1,125.3	893.2
United States	142.0	147.1	672.3	532.6	636.7
United Kingdom	228.5	251.5	538.1	441.4	545.5
Spain	70.5	95.6	200.4	481.8	405.4
Benin	176.6	186.9	132.0	172.6	382.0
Nigeria	111.7	144.7	297.7	446.0	275.4
Portugal	0.8	2.1	6.1	4.6	252.3
Belgium	68.1	157.6	609.7	234.1	243.4
Germany, Fed Republic	80.9	96.5	256.5	354.8	229.7
Malaysia	101.0	44.2	211.0	488.7	227.2
Taiwan, Province of China	2.2	2.4	1.3	0.7	192.7
Turkey	57.8	42.6	258.7	409.1	186.6
Japan	136.8	59.3	99.5	162.7	153.3
Niger	3.3	21.1	25.7	29.5	151.3
Togo	70.7	100.4	418.6	493.1	147.5
Cote D'Ivoire	88.4	64.9	734.9	148.0	114.8
Antigua	-	0.0	92.6	159.1	107.5
Mali	13.9	181.3	32.6	104.6	100.6
Estonia	49.8	113.0	184.3	145.2	99.1
Brazil	8.5	0.9	44.0	53.3	95.8
Bahrain	-	-	0.0	0.0	87.0
Vietnam	6.5	3.7	37.2	27.8	81.1
Ukrainian	35.6	55.6	84.2	29.2	72.2
Lebanon	4.7	5.3	10.8	28.3	57.3
Singapore	13.4	18.7	59.3	19.2	57.1
Hong Kong	1.3	0.7	3.8	6.3	51.1
Angola	0.6	5.2	4.6	7.5	44.6
Liberia	32.3	3.9	212.9	21.7	28.3
Senegal	18.6	13.4	24.7	24.9	27.7
Korea Republic	4.9	12.3	21.1	20.7	25.4
Others ¹	251.9	186.5	571.9	606.7	371.6
Total	6,858.7	7,655.3	20,903.6	27,219.0	24,681.6

Source: GRA/GCMS

¹ Others include trading partners not mentioned in the above list.

Table 9: Non-Traditional Exports, 2010 - 2013*GHC million*

Product	2010	2011	2012	2013
Cocoa products	986.6	1,324.8	1,320.4	1,149.3
Prepared foods, beverages, etc	282.3	513.6	490.1	595.4
Oil seeds and nuts	91.3	294.5	272.4	437.1
Plastics and plastic products	124.4	198.1	242.8	282.8
Wood products	147.2	171.7	258.2	259.9
Machinery and equipment	33.0	71.6	120.6	229.4
Animal or vegetable oils	93.2	158.4	132.0	178.2
Aluminium products	18.3	44.6	142.1	161.4
Iron and steel products	36.0	60.2	116.2	157.1
Rubber and rubber products	64.7	116.1	131.9	146.2
Fertilizers, dying extracts, paints	30.7	67.5	94.7	117.9
Hydrocarbons	19.3	36.4	141.1	114.1
Animal feed	4.3	9.4	26.7	85.9
Cosmetics, washing preparations and soaps	37.3	47.4	60.9	82.0
Textiles & garments	33.5	81.0	182.5	77.4
Horticultural products	70.6	84.3	97.6	76.2
Mineral products	41.4	58.7	59.3	75.5
Articles of base metal <i>nes</i>	32.2	44.9	70.9	68.5
Fish and seafood	68.7	48.9	113.8	65.7
Chemical or industrial preparations <i>nes</i>	17.4	38.8	48.0	55.2
Photographic materials	9.2	22.8	31.8	55.0
Organic and inorganic chemicals	8.9	11.6	11.9	31.1
Vehicle and parts	6.2	13.0	12.7	30.0
Dairy products	21.3	36.1	27.2	29.5
Electrical appliances	10.9	13.1	12.1	29.5
Articles for printing	20.0	19.2	22.0	24.6
Prepared cereals and tubers	8.4	18.8	16.4	21.3
Precious stones and metal	0.0	0.0	0.3	20.5
Articles of stone and glass	4.2	4.1	8.2	17.5
Coffee, tea, mate and spices	4.2	16.1	23.9	10.7
Other manufactured articles	5.1	7.6	8.5	10.2
Optical products, clocks, etc	0.1	3.4	3.0	5.6
Sugar and sugar confectionery	4.8	8.1	9.5	5.2
Handicrafts	4.0	5.4	7.4	4.8
Footwear and headgear	0.7	1.7	7.5	2.5
Pharmaceutical products	1.1	2.4	1.1	1.8
Vegetable saps and extracts	0.0	0.3	1.5	1.8
Leather articles and travel goods	1.2	3.8	8.1	1.6
Cereals	1.4	1.5	0.6	1.5
Others ¹	1.1	4.1	2.6	2.8
TOTAL	2,346.1	3,667.9	4,341.0	4,725.4

Source: GRA/GCMS

¹ Others are the sum of products not mentioned in the list above

Table 10: Exports to ECOWAS, 2009 - 2013

<i>GH¢ million</i>					
ECOWAS Countries	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Burkina Faso	292.4	111.7	750.6	664.9	910.9
Cape Verde	2.3	1.3	1.1	0.5	0.4
Benin	176.6	186.9	132.0	169.2	382.0
Gambia	3.2	8.8	8.3	5.7	5.7
Guinea	7.2	6.6	26.5	17.1	13.6
Cote D'Ivoire	88.4	64.9	1084.3	148.0	114.8
Liberia	32.3	3.9	212.9	21.7	28.3
Mali	13.9	181.3	32.6	104.6	100.6
Niger	3.3	21.1	25.7	29.5	151.3
Nigeria	111.7	144.7	297.7	446.2	275.4
Guinea Bissau	1.1	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.2
Senegal	18.6	13.4	24.7	24.9	27.7
Sierra Leone	13.1	6.9	33.1	25.6	24.6
Togo	70.7	100.4	418.6	493.1	147.5
ECOWAS	834.8	852.0	3,048.4	2,151.4	2,182.7

Source: GRA/GCMS

Table 11: Imports to ECOWAS, 2009-2013

<i>GH¢ million</i>					
ECOWAS Countries	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Burkina Faso	6.7	9.7	22.7	31.3	24.6
Cape Verde	0.0	0.1	1.2	4.1	3.2
Benin	1.2	1.6	5.0	5.6	10.1
Gambia	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1
Guinea	7.9	9.2	3.1	7.9	33.9
Cote D'Ivoire	76.6	89.7	104.5	288.3	179.1
Liberia	25.2	0.7	1.3	17.1	12.9
Mali	2.3	0.9	4.8	7.3	3.9
Niger	10.9	15.3	19.7	15.4	13.4
Nigeria	190.6	786.5	1273.0	763.5	686.0
Guinea Bissau	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.3	99.0
Senegal	4.1	12.4	44.0	76.8	20.8
Sierra Leone	1.7	1.9	3.1	18.9	11.9
Togo	130.9	123.0	209.8	258.9	360.3
ECOWAS	459.0	1,051.9	1,692.3	1,495.7	1,459.1

Source: GRA/GCMS

Table 11: Exports to World Economic Blocs 2009 - 2013*GH¢ million*

Economic Bloc	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
ASEAN	454.7	308.3	1,954.6	2,345.7	2,401.8
COMESA	13.8	10.2	30.0	55.0	41.3
CUSFTA	170.2	149.9	878.7	731.1	647.4
ECOWAS	834.8	852.0	2,698.9	2,151.2	2,182.7
EU	1,343.2	1,333.4	7,115.9	7,859.6	7,296.2
UNASUR	9.3	2.7	44.8	53.5	99.9

Source: GRA/GCMS

Table 11: Imports from World Economic Blocs 2009 - 2013*GH¢ million*

Economic Bloc	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
ASEAN	2,722.8	3,601.4	6,251.0	8,215.9	8,919.2
COMESA	105.7	116.9	139.2	185.5	189.2
CUSFTA	972.1	1,840.9	2,359.7	3,232.2	2,980.9
ECOWAS	459.0	1,051.9	1,692.3	1,495.7	1,459.1
EU	3,037.3	3,502.4	5,172.4	6,955.1	7,108.5
UNASUR	400.3	378.2	603.0	561.6	696.4

Source: GRA/GCMS