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Motor Vehicles Exports Reduced the Trade Deficit

**International Trade in Goods (Change of Ownership) –**

June 2022

According to preliminary data in current prices, the trade balance of goods in June 2022 ended in a deficit of CZK 12.1 bn, which was by CZK 3.4 bn larger, year−on−year (y-o-y).

The total balance of international trade1) in goods2) was **negatively affected** mainly by a y-o-y increase in the trade deficit in 'crude petroleum and natural gas', which rose by CZK 19.0 bn due to the impact of rising prices in world markets. The trade deficit in 'basic metals' and 'refined petroleum products' widened by CZK 3.6 bn and CZK 2.0 bn, respectively. The total trade balance was **favourably influenced** mainly by a y-o-y larger trade surplus in 'motor vehicles, trailers, and semitrailers', 'electricity' and 'fabricated metal products' which rose by CZK 10.9 bn, CZK 3.9 bn and CZK 2.5 bn, respectively.

In June 2022, the trade **balance with EU Member States** improved by CZK 20.0 bn. The trade deficit with **non-EU** countries increased by CZK 23.0 bn.

**Y-o-y** **exports** increased by 15.3% to CZK 394.2 bn and **y-o-y** **imports** grew by 15.9% to CZK 406.3 bn. June 2022 had the same number of working days as June 2021.

*“In June, compared to the previous months, there were no significant changes in international trade in goods. Exports and imports increased markedly, but the trade balance showed again negative numbers for the fifth month in a row. This is still due to high prices of imported energy commodities and inputs whose y−o−y higher value even exceeded the growth of motor vehicles exports,“ says* Miluše Kavěnová, Director of the International Trade Statistics Department.

**Month-on-month,** the seasonally adjusted **exports** rose by 1.3%, while imports fell by 0.7%.

From **January to June 2022,** the trade balance ended in a deficit of CZK 76.0 bn, whereas it ended in a surplus of CZK 76.2 bn in the same period in 2021. Since the beginning of the year, y−o−y exports and imports have grown by 9.3% and 17.6%, respectively.

Methodological note:

*In accordance with the methodology of Eurostat, selected data for exports and imports of military equipment and weapons for the current period are for safety reasons included in other goods codes and another territorial structure so that the macroeconomic aggregate of international trade in goods is not influenced.*

*Since 2020, the Czech Statistical Office (CZSO) has changed terminology and the manner in which data is presented. The external trade is now referred to as international trade. The data based on the change of ownership between residents and non-residents (former so-called the 'national concept of external trade'), from now on, is referred to as 'international trade in goods (change of ownership)'. The 'cross-border concept of external trade' is referred to as 'cross-border movements of goods'.*

*Further information:* [*https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/changes-in-international-trade-statistics*](https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/changes-in-international-trade-statistics)

Notes:

*1)* *The* ***international trade balance*** *is the difference between exports from the Czech Republic and imports to the Czech Republic.*

*2) The* ***international trade in goods (change of ownership)*** *reflects export and import performance of the Czech economy, i.e. the international trade balance of the Czech Republic as well. It measures real trade in goods carried out between Czech entities and foreign ones, i.e. the change of ownership between residents and non-residents.*

*Data for companies, which are subject to the reporting duty and which failed to report data (non-response), has been imputed according to exports and imports these companies reported in the previous period. Data for companies exempted from the reporting duty were estimated on the basis of the data given in the VAT return forms. The data, which were not available from the VAT return forms, are estimated on the basis of the values for previous periods.*

***Data for respective months of 2021 and 2022 is preliminary; data up to and including year 2020 is final.*** *When data for the reference month is published, six previous months are updated. All months with preliminary data are updated when data for January, March and July is published. Final data is published always in September of the following year.*

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*Method of data collection:* *Intrastat forms and single administrative documents and value added tax return forms*

*End of data collection:* *20th working day after the end of the reference month*

*Following data sets:* [*https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/vzonu\_cr*](https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/vzonu_cr)

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*Annex:*

*Chart 1 Balance of international trade in goods (total trade balance, trade balances with the EU Member States and non−EU countries*