

Change, monthly volume index

As from the publication of the first quarter of 2021, the volume indices for goods exports and good imports will be published on a monthly basis, in addition to the current quarterly and yearly publications.

This means there will be two new tables that will be updated monthly:

Imports and exports of goods by commodity groups SITC. Volume index 2015=100. Month

Imports and exports of goods by commodity groups SPIN2015. Volume index 2015=100. Month

The table called Trends in volume and value of exports and imports of goods, change in percent under Economic indicators, will contain monthly percentage changes for both the volume index and the value index.

In connection with the introduction of the monthly index, a method adjustment will be implemented in the production of the quarterly and the annual index. The quarterly index and the annual index will be calculated based on aggregated monthly values, in the same way as the annual index is currently comprised of an aggregate of quarterly values. This method adjustment means that the calculation will be based on the monthly exports and imports indices, rather than, as previously, an average of the three-month price index. For some SPIN groups, this may lead to changes in the quarterly and the yearly volume indices compared with previously published series. For the groups Iron ores, Products from Agriculture, forestry and fishing, and Crude petroleum, coal and natural gas, there will be a perceptible change compared with previously published volume index percentages. The largest change is among exports.

The fourth quarter 2020 data is not comparable with the new series, as the documentation in current prices has been revised since the previous publication. The first three quarters of 2020 will also be revised during the year in accordance with the regular revision plan, which means these quarters will also become incomparable.

New series for the monthly, the quarterly, and the annual index have been published since 2015, with 2015 as the base year. An item of statistical news will be published in conjunction with the monthly tables update.