



UK-Brazil trade statistics

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This short note looks at UK/Brazil trade statistics.

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1 UK trade with Brazil

The appended table 1 show the UK's trade in goods with Brazil in value terms and as a percentage of the UK's total trade in goods from 1948.



The chart above shows that, over the whole period, Brazil has become a relatively less important goods trading partner for the UK.¹ However, since the beginning of the 1980s, Brazil has become a relatively more important market for UK goods while it has remained as relatively important as a source of goods for the UK.

1.1 Trade in goods and services

From the countries which can be identified from the *Pink Book*, in 2010, Brazil was the 27th most important destination for UK goods (£2.2 billion or 0.8% of all UK goods exports) and the 35th most important destination for UK services (£0.8 billion or 0.5% of all UK services exports).

Brazil was the 26th most important source of goods for the UK (£3.1 billion or 0.9% of all UK goods imports) and the 36th most important source of services (£0.4 billion or 0.4% of all UK services imports).

The UK had a trade deficit of £0.9 billion in goods with Brazil and a trade surplus of £0.4 billion in services.²

¹ Source: IMF, DOTS via ESDS 24 April 2012

² ONS, *The Pink Book* 2011, 2011

Tables 2a and 2b below show that, between 2000 and 2010, UK goods and services imports from, and exports to, Brazil rose by just over 170%:

Table 2a
UK trade with Brazil

£millions

	Exports			Imports			Balance	
	2000	2010	% change 2000 to 2010	2000	2010	% change 2000 to 2010	2000	2010
Goods	772	2,217	187%	1,129	3,111	176%	-357	-894
Services	350	836	139%	174	447	157%	176	389
Goods and services	1,122	3,053	172%	1,303	3,558	173%	-181	-505

Table 2b
UK trade with Brazil

% of total UK trade

	Exports			Imports		
	2000	2010	Percentage point change 2000 to 2010	2000	2010	Percentage point change 2000 to 2010
Goods	0.4%	0.8%	0.4%	0.5%	0.9%	0.3%
Services	0.4%	0.5%	0.1%	0.3%	0.4%	0.1%
Goods and services	0.4%	0.7%	0.3%	0.5%	0.7%	0.3%

Source: NS, *The Pink Book 2011*, 2011

Over the period, Brazil has become a relatively more important trading partner for the UK: both UK imports and exports of goods and services from and to Brazil in 2010 accounted for 0.3 of a percentage point more of total UK imports and exports of goods and services than in 2000.

1.2 UK sector (goods) trade with Brazil

Estimates of the UK's trade in goods by sector are available from HMRC's uktradeinfo.com from 1999. Not all data is identifiable as some data is suppressed:³

HMRC aim to publish as much of the collected, detailed trade data as possible. However, we are obliged to protect sensitive business and national interests through preventing disclosure where there is a clear requirement to do so. Consequently some sensitive information is suppressed in OTS publications, predominantly at the request of businesses with the majority of trade.

Data is available at an 8-digit commodity code level but it is not yet possible to download the entire 8-digit data set from uktradeinfo.com - only for a single country at a 4-digit level.

The appended tables 3a and 3b show the largest trade sectors (4-digit level) by value, of goods between Brazil and the UK in 2011. The largest sector of UK goods exports, by value, to Brazil in 2011 was "motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons" (£325 million or 14% of all UK exports of goods to Brazil in 2011). The largest sector of imports by value from Brazil was "iron ores and concentrates" (£596 million or 21% of all UK goods imports from Brazil).⁴

³ uktradeinfo.com

⁴ UKTradeinfo

2 Brazil's trade with the World

2.1 Main trading partners

Table 4a below shows that in 2000, Brazil's main trading partner for imports and exports of goods was the US (accounting for 23% of Brazil's total imports and 22% of Brazil's total exports):

Table 4a

Brazil, main goods trading partners, Exports, 2000

\$million at current prices

		As % total exports
1 United States	13,381	22%
2 Argentina	6,233	10%
3 Netherlands	2,796	5%
4 Germany	2,526	4%
5 Japan	2,472	4%
6 Italy	2,146	4%
7 France	1,732	3%
8 Mexico	1,711	3%
9 United Kingdom	1,498	3%
10 Chile	1,246	2%
World	59,644	

Source: IMF, *Direction of Trade Statistics*, via ESDS

Brazil, main goods trading partners, Imports, 2000

\$million at current prices

		As % total imports
1 United States	14,303	23%
2 Argentina	7,528	12%
3 Germany	4,863	8%
4 Japan	3,255	5%
5 Italy	2,387	4%
6 France	2,075	3%
7 Algeria	1,658	3%
8 South Korea	1,572	3%
9 Venezuela	1,462	2%
10 United Kingdom	1,356	2%
World	61,875	

The UK was the 9th most important destination for Brazil's exports and the 10th most important source of imports.

Between 2000 and 2010 the UK has become a relatively less important source of goods for Brazil but a relatively more important market for Brazilian goods:

Table 4b

Brazil, main goods trading partners, Exports, 2010

\$million at current prices

		As % total exports
1 China	30,786	15%
2 United States	19,466	10%
3 Argentina	18,523	9%
4 Netherlands	10,228	5%
5 Germany	8,138	4%
6 Japan	7,141	4%
7 United Kingdom	4,635	2%
8 Chile	4,258	2%
9 Italy	4,235	2%
10 Russia	4,152	2%
World	201,930	

Source: IMF, *Direction of Trade Statistics*, via ESDS

Brazil, main goods trading partners, Imports, 2010

\$million at current prices

		As % total imports
1 United States	29,990	15%
2 China	28,146	14%
3 Argentina	15,868	8%
4 Germany	13,806	7%
5 South Korea	9,263	5%
6 Japan	7,679	4%
7 Nigeria	6,511	3%
8 Italy	5,327	3%
9 France	5,291	3%
10 India	4,668	2%
13 United Kingdom	3,466	2%
World	199,754	

Table 4b shows that by 2010, Brazil's main trading partner for the export of goods was China (accounting for 15% of Brazil's total exports) while its main trading partner for the import of goods remained the US (accounting for 15% of Brazil's total imports). The UK was the 7th most important destination for Brazil's exports and the 13th most important source of imports.

The table also shows that while the value of UK imports into Brazil increased by almost 160% between 2000 and 2010, Brazil's total imports of goods increased by just over 220%.

2.2 Trade in goods and services

Tables 5a and 5b below show that "manufactures" were Brazil's main goods imports in 2010, particularly "machinery and transport equipment" accounting for 70% and 38% of all Brazil's

goods imports respectively. Exports were more balanced with “agricultural products”, “fuels etc” and “manufactures” accounting for 34%, 28% and 35% of its goods exports respectively:

Table 5a

Brazil, goods imports 2010

\$million at current prices

Agricultural products	10,769
Food	8,373
Fuels and mining products	36,102
Fuels	29,957
Manufactures	134,664
Iron and steel	5,904
Chemicals	32,357
Pharmaceuticals	6,841
Machinery and transport equipment	71,996
Office and telecom equipment	17,507
Electronic data processing and office equipment	5,027
Telecommunications equipment	7,836
Integrated circuits and electronic components	4,644
Automotive products	17,698
Textiles	3,779
Clothing	1,356
Total	191,491

Source: WTO statistics database

Table 5b

Brazil, goods exports 2010

\$million at current prices

Agricultural products	68,655
Food	60,836
Fuels and mining products	56,242
Fuels	19,843
Manufactures	71,112
Iron and steel	8,899
Chemicals	12,283
Pharmaceuticals	1,360
Machinery and transport equipment	33,491
Office and telecom equipment	2,061
Electronic data processing and office equipment	387
Telecommunications equipment	1,515
Integrated circuits and electronic components	159
Automotive products	12,639
Textiles	1,106
Clothing	188
Total	201,915

Source: WTO statistics database

Tables 6a and 6b below show Brazil's services imports and exports for 2010:

Table 6a

Brazil, commercial services imports 2010

\$million at current prices

Commercial services (Services excl. government services)	59,746
Transportation	11,339
Travel	16,422
Other commercial services (Commercial services - Travel & Transport)	31,986
Communications services	271
Telecommunication services	270
Construction	6
Insurance services	1,529
Financial services	1,679
Computer and information services	3,505
Computer services	3,414
Royalties and license fees	2,850
Other business services	20,874
Personal, cultural and recreational services	1,271
Audio-visual and related services	957
Government services, not included elsewhere	2,846
Services	62,592

Source: WTO statistics database

Table 6b

Brazil, commercial services exports 2010

\$million at current prices

Commercial services (Services excl. government services)	30,294
Transportation	4,931
Travel	5,919
Other commercial services (Commercial services - Travel & Transport)	19,444
Communications services	435
Telecommunication services	401
Construction	29
Insurance services	416
Financial services	2,073
Computer and information services	210
Computer services	195
Royalties and license fees	397
Other business services	15,777
Personal, cultural and recreational services	108
Audio-visual and related services	32
Government services, not included elsewhere	1,527
Services	31,821

Source: WTO statistics database

3 Further information:

The WTO last examined Brazil's trade policy by carrying out a “Trade Policy Review” in 2009. The full report is available for downloading on the WTO website:

www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/tpr_e/tp312_e.htm

The Brazilian Government's response is also available at:

www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/tpr_e/g212_e.doc

More information on trade with Brazil is available on UKTI's website:

www.ukti.gov.uk/export/countries/americas/southamerica/brazil.html

The BIS Trade policy pages: www.bis.gov.uk/policies/trade-policy-unit

Table 1

UK trade in goods with Brazil*Smillion*

	Imports	Exports	Balance	As % of UK total		Imports	Exports	Balance	As % of UK total		
				Imports	Exports				Imports	Exports	
1948	96	105	9	1.2%	1.7%	1980	689	507	-182	0.6%	0.5%
1949	87	128	41	1.0%	2.0%	1981	739	352	-387	0.7%	0.3%
1950	114	121	8	1.6%	2.0%	1982	777	278	-499	0.8%	0.3%
1951	185	155	-30	1.8%	2.2%	1983	851	238	-613	0.9%	0.3%
1952	44	148	104	0.5%	2.0%	1984	850	319	-532	0.8%	0.3%
1953	81	50	-31	0.9%	0.7%	1985	789	273	-516	0.7%	0.3%
1954	104	25	-79	1.2%	0.3%	1986	810	432	-378	0.6%	0.4%
1955	89	19	-70	0.9%	0.2%	1987	1,045	573	-472	0.7%	0.4%
1956	75	43	-32	0.7%	0.5%	1988	1,316	542	-774	0.7%	0.4%
1957	86	52	-34	0.8%	0.6%	1989	1,338	555	-783	0.7%	0.4%
1958	75	55	-20	0.7%	0.6%	1990	1,269	589	-680	0.6%	0.3%
1959	104	38	-66	0.9%	0.4%	1991	1,350	596	-753	0.6%	0.3%
1960	82	54	-28	0.7%	0.5%	1992	1,562	481	-1,081	0.7%	0.3%
1961	83	46	-37	0.7%	0.4%	1993	1,357	622	-735	0.7%	0.3%
1962	73	49	-24	0.6%	0.4%	1994	1,408	807	-601	0.6%	0.4%
1963	78	53	-25	0.6%	0.4%	1995	1,535	1,067	-468	0.6%	0.4%
1964	84	38	-47	0.5%	0.3%	1996	1,533	1,323	-210	0.5%	0.5%
1965	79	30	-49	0.5%	0.2%	1997	1,564	1,687	123	0.5%	0.6%
1966	88	48	-40	0.5%	0.3%	1998	1,539	1,505	-34	0.5%	0.6%
1967	74	54	-19	0.4%	0.4%	1999	1,627	1,200	-427	0.5%	0.4%
1968	91	107	16	0.5%	0.7%	2000	1,756	1,170	-586	0.5%	0.4%
1969	122	105	-17	0.6%	0.6%	2001	1,911	1,171	-740	0.6%	0.4%
1970	151	146	-5	0.7%	0.8%	2002	2,126	1,331	-795	0.6%	0.5%
1971	174	205	31	0.7%	0.9%	2003	2,477	1,356	-1,121	0.6%	0.4%
1972	216	211	-5	0.8%	0.9%	2004	2,893	1,452	-1,442	0.6%	0.4%
1973	386	274	-113	1.0%	0.9%	2005	3,205	1,517	-1,688	0.7%	0.4%
1974	458	335	-123	0.8%	0.9%	2006	3,585	1,696	-1,889	0.7%	0.4%
1975	387	358	-30	0.7%	0.8%	2007	3,859	2,093	-1,765	0.6%	0.5%
1976	431	314	-117	0.8%	0.7%	2008	4,444	2,864	-1,580	0.7%	0.6%
1977	529	446	-83	0.8%	0.8%	2009	3,616	2,616	-1,000	0.7%	0.7%
1978	546	424	-122	0.7%	0.6%	2010	3,912	2,168	-1,744	0.7%	0.6%
1979	851	609	-242	0.9%	0.7%	2011	3,841	2,434	-1,407	0.6%	0.6%

Sources: IMF, *DOTS* via ESDS

Table 3a

Trade in goods with Brazil, Imports 2011*Ten largest sectors*

	£	as % of all UK goods imports from Brazil
2601 - Iron ores and concentrates, incl. roasted iron pyrites	595,842,574	21.3%
1201 - Soya beans, whether or not broken	212,373,411	7.6%
1602 - Prepared or preserved meat, offal or blood (excl. sausages and similar products, and meat extracts and juices)	158,094,694	5.6%
4703 - Chemical wood pulp, soda or sulphate (excl. dissolving grades)	124,931,027	4.5%
1701 - Cane or beet sugar and chemically pure sucrose, in solid form	108,981,561	3.9%
2304 - Oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not ground or in the form of pellets, resulting from the extraction of soya-bean oil	94,589,344	3.4%
8409 - Parts suitable for use solely or principally with internal combustion piston engine of heading 8407 or 8408	89,748,236	3.2%
4802 - Uncoated paper and paperboard, of a kind used for writing, printing or other graphic purposes, and non-perforated punchcards and punch-tape paper, in rolls or in square or rectangular sheets, of any size...	89,724,579	3.2%
0901 - Coffee, whether or not roasted or decaffeinated; coffee husks and skins; coffee substitutes containing coffee in any proportion	82,764,359	3.0%
0210 - Meat and edible offal, salted, in brine, dried or smoked; edible flours and meals of meat or meat offal	80,615,850	2.9%
Total	2,800,504,758	

Source: *uktradeinfo.com*

Table 3b

Trade in goods with Brazil, Exports 2011*Ten largest sectors*

	£	as % of all UK goods exports to Brazil
8703 - Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons, incl. station wagons and racing cars (excl. motor vehicles of heading 8702)	324,542,820	14.0%
3808 - Insecticides, rodenticides, fungicides, herbicides, anti-sprouting products and plant-growth regulators, disinfectants and similar products, put up for retail sale or as preparations...	170,258,960	7.3%
3004 - Medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses, put up in measured doses "incl. those in the form of transdermal administration" or in forms or packings for retail sale...	162,359,726	7.0%
2710 - Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals (excl. crude); preparations containing >= 70% by weight of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals...	114,347,437	4.9%
2208 - Undenatured ethyl alcohol of an alcoholic strength of < 80%; spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages (excl. compound alcoholic preparations of a kind used for the manufacture of beverages)	106,417,929	4.6%
3002 - Human blood; animal blood prepared for therapeutic, prophylactic or diagnostic uses; antisera and other blood fractions and modified immunological products, whether or not obtained by means of biotechnological processes...	95,434,772	4.1%
8411 - Turbojets, turbopropellers and other gas turbines	91,261,459	3.9%
2933 - Heterocyclic compounds with nitrogen hetero-atom[s] only	71,759,245	3.1%
8431 - Parts suitable for use solely or principally with the machinery of heading 8425 to 8430, n.e.s.	58,207,947	2.5%
8481 - Taps, cocks, valves and similar appliances for pipes, boiler shells, tanks, vats or the like, incl. pressure-reducing valves and thermostatically	40,297,052	1.7%
Total	2,321,919,662	

Source: *uktradeinfo.com*