

MERCHANDISE TRADE VOLUME

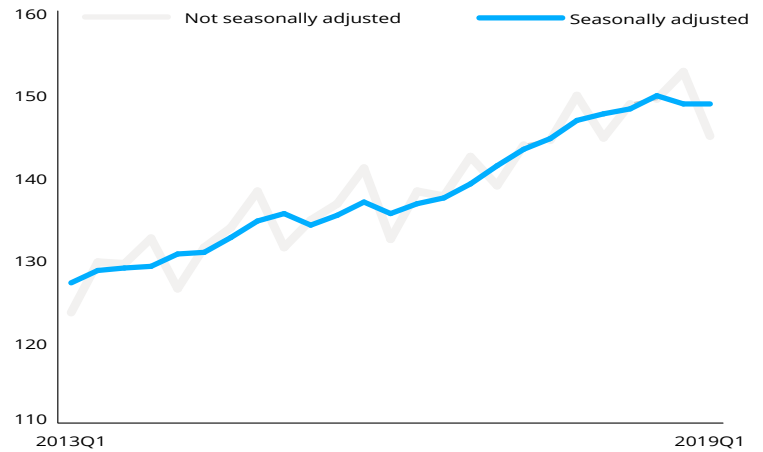
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0.0%

World merchandise trade volumes¹ were flat in the first quarter of 2019 over the previous quarter, in seasonal adjusted terms.

1. Average of exports and imports.
Source: WTO-UNCTAD

Indices, 2005=100



With the exception of Europe, all regions showed a decline or slow growth on both exports and imports in 2019Q1 (**1.0%** and **1.5%** respectively).

Quarter-over-quarter growth, seasonally adjusted, %

	Exports				Imports			
	2018Q2	2018Q3	2018Q4	2019Q1	2018Q2	2018Q3	2018Q4	2019Q1
World	1.0	-0.5	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.2	-0.9	0.0
North America	-0.8	-0.8	0.8	0.8	-0.1	1.8	1.0	-0.6
South & Central America	3.8	2.1	-0.3	-0.3	0.3	2.5	-3.1	1.3
Europe	0.3	-0.4	1.0	1.0	0.4	-0.7	0.1	1.5
Asia	1.5	-0.3	-1.0	-1.0	0.2	2.7	-3.0	-1.1
Other ¹	3.2	-1.8	-1.1	-1.1	-1.2	2.0	-0.3	-0.1

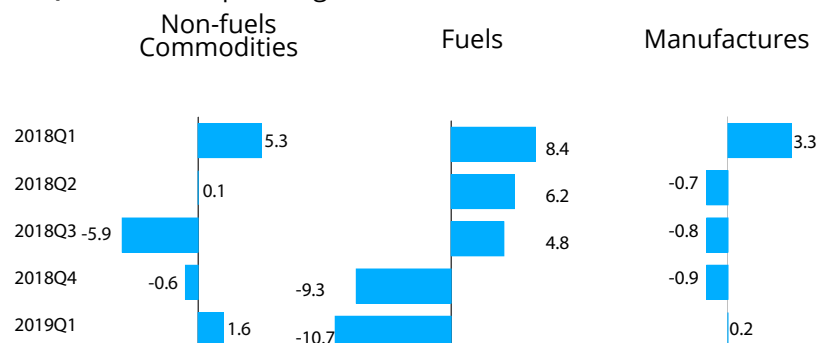
1. Comprise Africa, Middle East and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)
Source: WTO-UNCTAD

MERCHANDISE TRADE PRICES & VALUES

For the second consecutive quarter, Fuel prices further decreased at **11%** in 2019Q1. Non-fuels commodities increased 2%, after two quarters of reductions. Manufacture prices were flat (**0%**).

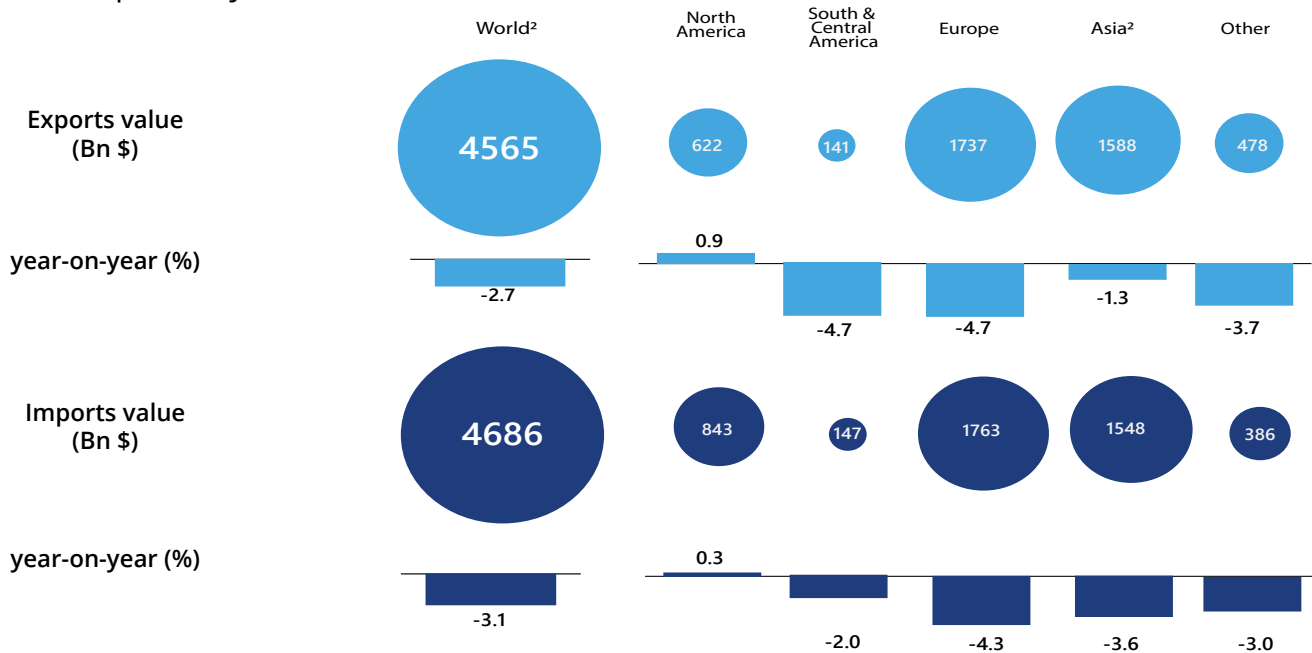
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Quarter-over-quarter growth, %



FIRST QUARTER 2019 MERCHANDISE TRADE

In value terms, world trade decreased at about **2.5%** and **2.9%** in year-on-year terms. North America was the only region in which trade had a positive trend, with exports and imports increasing at 0.8% and 0.4% respectively.



2. Include significant re-exports or imports for re-exports.
Source: WTO

NOTES

Annualized short-term statistics may differ from the annual statistics disseminated through WTO's on-line databases, publications or press releases. Data for the latest period are provisional.

1. Data can be downloaded at data.wto.org, by selecting the following indicators:

- Merchandise export volume indices, not seasonally adjusted - quarterly
- Merchandise import volume indices, not seasonally adjusted - quarterly
- Merchandise export volume indices, seasonally adjusted - quarterly
- Merchandise import volume indices, seasonally adjusted - quarterly
- Total merchandise exports - quarterly
- Total merchandise imports - quarterly

2. The publication is updated with the same frequency as the data release.

Q1 mid-June

Q2 mid-September

Q3 mid-December

Q4 end-March / early April, along with the release of annual data.

3. For more information on the methodology, please refer to the [metadata](#).

Questions? Comments?

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