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This chapter provides data on foreign trade for ESCWA member countries. Data were primarily collected from national sources.

Table X-1 includes the region’s share of total world trade, and of the trade of developed and developing countries for 1990, 1995, 2000, and the period 2005-2012. It indicates that the region’s share of the total exports of developing countries increased from 17.4 per cent to 19.3 per cent from 2011 to 2012, while its imports share represented 7.3 per cent of the total imports of developed countries in 2012.

Table X-2 illustrates the total value of imports, exports and balance of trade for the period 2008-2012. Data indicate that the total value of the exports of ESCWA member countries increased by 14.6 per cent from 2011 to 2012, and that the net balance of trade registered US$ 570 billion in the same year.

Tables X-3 and X-4 present the geographical distribution of imports and exports during the period 2008-2012. Tables X-5 and X-6 highlight the value of imports and exports, including oil, during the period 2008-2012, based on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS).

Some differences may be found between data in tables X-5 and X-6 on the values of imports and exports and those in tables X-2, X-3 and X-4. Those differences may be attributed to the non-distribution of oil import/export values or re-export values by HS sections according to different countries and economic blocs, the non-distribution of import/export values of the free zones or non-monetary gold, or the differences in mathematical approximation.

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