

## **Notes on methodology of external trade statistics**

This publication contains external trade data broken down by CPA 2.

In order to achieve a better explanatory power and comparability of data between external trade statistics, enterprise statistics and national accounts, data have been converted according to the structure of the Classification of Products by Activity (CPA) down to the two-digit level.

The source of information on external trade are data collected by customs authorities. Starting from processing of the January 2004 data, data collection and the first check are carried out by the Directorate General of Customs, whereas the Czech Statistical Office is in charge of further data processing, checks and publishing.

**External trade statistics is made up of the sum of intra - Community trade (trade with the EU Member States) and trade with third countries.** Data on goods traded between Member States of the Communities are supplied by reporting units to the customs office on the Intrastat questionnaire, with information on dispatches of goods or arrivals of goods. Data on imported and exported goods in trade with third countries are given in a Single Administrative Document (SAD).

Imports and exports data should be regarded as preliminary ones. Data published by individual quarter will be subsequently updated.

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The following two notes apply to all tables of this publication – „External Trade by CPA, January - December 2008“:

**2007** data for January to December are final, referring to 28 August 2008 closing date.

**2008** data for January to December are updated, referring to 27 February 2009 closing date.

**Casual differences on the last digit position arise for rounding off the absolute number.**