



# THE NETHERLANDS *Fact Sheet*

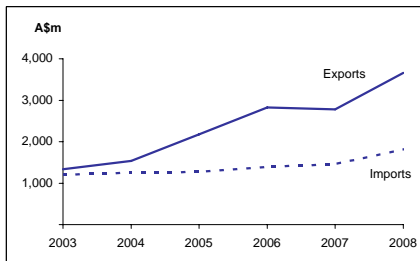
## General information:

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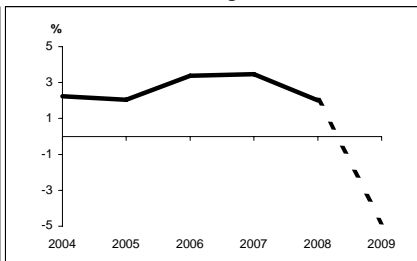
<b>Capital:</b>	Amsterdam	<b>Head of State:</b>	
<b>Surface area:</b>	42 thousand sq km	<b>Head of Government:</b>	Prime Minister HE Dr Jan Peter Balkenende
<b>Official language:</b>	Dutch		
<b>Population:</b>	16.7 million (2008)		
<b>Exchange rate:</b>	A\$1 = 0.5076 Euros (Feb 2009)		

<i>Recent economic indicators:</i>	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
<b>GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):</b>	610.7	639.6	678.0	777.2	868.9	743.0
<b>GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):</b>	539.1	571.5	609.9	648.0	675.4	649.2
<b>GDP per capita (US\$):</b>	37,520	39,211	41,477	46,774	52,019	44,259
<b>GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):</b>	33,122	35,039	37,311	38,995	40,431	38,675
<b>Real GDP growth (% change yoy):</b>	2.2	2.0	3.4	3.5	2.0	-4.8
<b>Current account balance (US\$m):</b>	45,898	45,551	55,874	47,376	38,339	17,586
<b>Current account balance (% GDP):</b>	7.5	7.1	8.2	6.1	4.4	2.4
<b>Goods &amp; services exports (% GDP):</b>	63.4	66.4	70.2	71.9	76.9	63.4
<b>Inflation (% change yoy):</b>	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.6	2.2	0.3

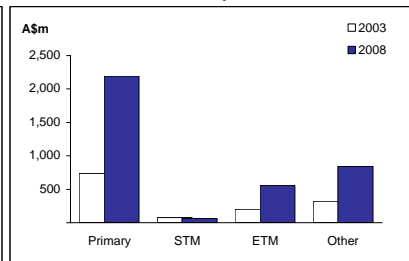
Australia's merchandise trade with the Netherlands



Real GDP growth



Australia's merchandise exports to the Netherlands



## Australia's trade relationship with the Netherlands (d):

Australian merchandise trade with the Netherlands, 2008:		<u>Total share:</u>	<u>Rank:</u>	<u>Growth (yoy):</u>
Exports to the Netherlands (A\$m):	3,657	1.6%	14th	31.5%
Imports from the Netherlands (A\$m):	1,822	0.8%	25th	25.0%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	5,479	1.2%	18th	29.2%

### Major Australian exports, 2008\* (A\$m):

Coal	1,490
Medicaments (incl veterinary)	315
Zinc ores & concentrates	242
Oil-seeds & oleaginous fruits	142

\*Includes A\$808m of confidential items, 22% of total exports.

### Major Australian imports, 2008 (A\$m):

Medicaments (incl veterinary)	139
Pharm products (excl medicaments)	99
Mechanical handling equip & parts	72
Road motor vehicles	64

### Australia's trade in services with the Netherlands, 2008:

		<u>Total share:</u>
Exports of services to the Netherlands (A\$m):	401	0.8%
Imports of services from the Netherlands (A\$m):	767	1.4%

### Major Australian service exports, 2008 (A\$m):

Personal travel excl education	167
Transportation	66

### Major Australian service imports, 2008 (A\$m):

Personal, cultural & recreational	215
Royalties & license fees	199

## The Netherlands' global merchandise trade relationships:

### The Netherlands' principal export destinations, 2007:

1	Germany	20.8%
2	Belgium	10.2%
3	United Kingdom	8.1%
36	Australia	0.3%

### The Netherlands' principal import sources, 2007:

1	Germany	16.6%
2	Belgium	9.1%
3	China	8.4%
52	Australia	0.2%

Compiled by the Market Information and Research Section, DFAT, using the latest data from the ABS, the IMF and various international sources.

(a) All recent data subject to revision; (b) IMF/EIU forecast; (c) PPP is purchasing power parity; (d) Total may not add due to rounding.