



# SWITZERLAND

Fact Sheet

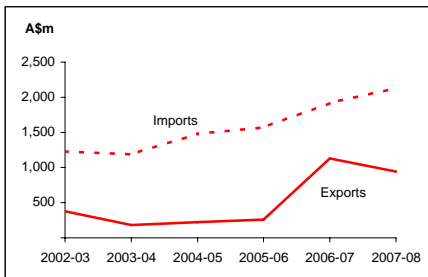
## General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; May and September

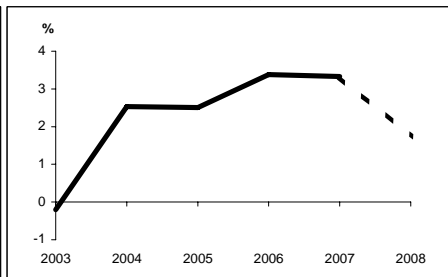
<b>Capital:</b>	Berne	<b>Head of State and Head of Government:</b>	
<b>Surface area:</b>	41 thousand sq km	HE Mr Pascal Couchepin, President of the	
<b>Official languages:</b>	German, French, Italian	Swiss Confederation	
<b>Population:</b>	7.3 million (2007)		
<b>Exchange rate:</b>	A\$1 = 0.9887 Francs (Aug 2008)		

<i>Recent economic indicators:</i>	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007(a)	2008(b)
<b>GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):</b>	325.3	363.4	372.6	388.7	427.1	492.6
<b>GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):</b>	240.5	253.1	266.0	283.8	301.2	313.2
<b>GDP per capita (US\$):</b>	44,886	50,052	51,219	53,340	58,513	67,379
<b>GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):</b>	33,182	34,856	36,567	38,953	41,265	42,841
<b>Real GDP growth (% change YOY):</b>	-0.2	2.5	2.5	3.4	3.3	1.7
<b>Current account balance (US\$m):</b>	41,845	47,005	50,535	57,192	70,797	45,731
<b>Current account balance (% GDP):</b>	12.9	12.9	13.6	14.7	16.6	9.3
<b>Goods &amp; services exports (% GDP):</b>	47.7	51.1	54.0	57.2	62.5	55.5
<b>Inflation (% change YOY):</b>	0.6	1.3	1.0	0.6	2.0	1.2

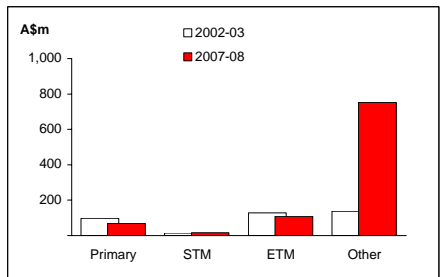
Australia's merchandise trade with Switzerland



Real GDP growth



Australia's merchandise exports to Switzerland



## Australia's trade relationship with Switzerland (d):

Australian merchandise trade with Switzerland, 2007-08:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to Switzerland (A\$m):	944	0.5%	27th	-16.5%
Imports from Switzerland (A\$m):	2,129	1.1%	20th	11.1%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	3,073	0.8%	24th	0.9%

### Major Australian exports, 2007-08 (A\$m):

Gold	737
Meat (excl beef)	34
Plastic plates, sheets & film	22
Pharm products (excl medicaments)	21

### Major Australian imports, 2007-08 (A\$m):

Medicaments (incl veterinary)	412
Pharm products (excl medicaments)	198
Watches & clocks	186
Orthopaedic appliances	183

### Australia's trade in services with Switzerland, 2007-08:

		Total share:
Exports of services to Switzerland (A\$m):	632	1.2%
Imports of services from Switzerland (A\$m):	1,063	2.1%

### Major Australian service exports, 2007-08 (A\$m):

Transportation	265
Business & professional	170

### Major Australian service imports, 2007-08 (A\$m):

Transportation	587
Royalties & license fees	257

## Switzerland's global merchandise trade relationships:

### Switzerland's principal export destinations, 2007:

1	Germany	20.3%
2	United States	9.7%
3	Italy	8.8%
19	Australia	1.0%

### Switzerland's principal import sources, 2007:

1	Germany	32.6%
2	Italy	10.7%
3	France	9.5%
47	Australia	0.1%

Compiled by the Market Information and Analysis 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.