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*The following table is an overview of the tradeflow between the European Union and Benin*

Section	Year	Import(Euro)	Export(Euro)
<b>Animals &amp; animal products</b>	1996	1,250,780	19,112,990
	1997	713,860	26,042,910
	1998	1,194,820	36,637,590
	1999	1,367,760	49,084,570
	2000	2,348,230	76,352,310
	2001	4,291,530	95,200,560
	2002	3,865,230	77,834,860
	2003	2,120,440	61,044,400
<b>Vegetable products</b>	1996	17,857,370	9,186,570
	1997	21,039,450	11,190,400
	1998	20,966,560	11,561,790
	1999	9,442,320	9,596,630
	2000	12,512,060	12,651,970
	2001	12,633,790	13,816,590
	2002	6,620,040	12,969,450
	2003	9,754,290	11,240,700
<b>Animal or vegetable fats</b>	1996	0	1,724,130
	1997	9,740	2,228,070
	1998	601,760	1,745,860
	1999	2,210	4,457,890
	2000	252,530	3,594,850
	2001	5,750	2,283,940
	2002	10,010	2,055,090
	2003	1,220	2,093,890
<b>Prepared foodstuffs</b>	1996	1,817,270	35,666,280
	1997	1,147,530	74,200,310
	1998	1,579,900	64,360,750
	1999	2,205,190	101,876,580
	2000	1,934,490	74,171,920
	2001	3,945,450	43,931,090
	2002	5,639,470	51,083,080
	2003	3,631,240	47,132,100
<b>Mineral products</b>	1996	2,211,800	7,704,620
	1997	3,060,530	14,485,360
	1998	2,242,540	12,088,810
	1999	4,250	3,930,670
	2000	11,280	7,415,360
	2001	57,190	2,934,740
	2002	81,150	12,395,650

	2003	60,690	7,786,230
<b>Chemical products</b>	1996	68,150	30,831,910
	1997	22,300	38,855,740
	1998	15,960	40,677,740
	1999	513,170	42,822,360
	2000	1,368,250	54,533,810
	2001	23,970	49,974,780
	2002	6,368,750	49,306,890
	2003	50,530	47,791,220
<b>Plastics &amp; rubber</b>	1996	7,730	7,991,580
	1997	15,720	10,846,770
	1998	113,450	10,568,680
	1999	4,490	8,801,770
	2000	7,670	9,255,610
	2001	940	9,536,390
	2002	930	10,313,560
	2003	58,250	9,085,090
<b>Hides &amp; skins</b>	1996	15,640	331,690
	1997	9,140	413,290
	1998	26,830	567,030
	1999	1,196,620	655,390
	2000	29,868,880	1,524,860
	2001	14,988,200	1,580,060
	2002	18,257,280	736,120
	2003	2,802,880	711,340
<b>Wood &amp; wood products</b>	1996	974,110	82,820
	1997	1,365,450	111,160
	1998	2,312,080	86,790
	1999	1,876,330	345,780
	2000	2,847,830	213,370
	2001	4,045,140	135,820
	2002	2,552,520	123,610
	2003	2,812,630	392,270
<b>Wood pulp products</b>	1996	11,070	10,274,330
	1997	84,710	10,727,950
	1998	25,470	11,920,810
	1999	750,760	13,352,270
	2000	593,110	14,257,240
	2001	122,430	16,331,440
	2002	28,100	13,578,480
	2003	11,090	12,429,820
<b>Textiles &amp; textile articles</b>	1996	36,861,160	23,113,790
	1997	33,900,870	29,915,770
	1998	21,180,180	34,560,570
	1999	20,118,350	30,510,210
	2000	24,067,870	25,746,780
	2001	21,819,850	27,796,770
	2002	12,569,950	31,129,910
	2003	10,467,270	24,946,190
<b>Footwear, headgear</b>	1996	0	1,794,990
	1997	0	1,809,670
	1998	0	1,625,380
	1999	6,000	1,353,900
	2000	0	1,622,620
	2001	3,110	1,970,310
	2002	760	1,074,130
	2003	28,940	1,825,100
<b>Articles of stone, plaster,</b>	1996	24,770	3,682,570
	1997	34,170	3,888,950
	1998	66,510	4,519,710
	1999	913,030	5,406,480

<b>cement, asbestos</b>	2000	93,540	6,806,300
	2001	38,900	6,090,670
	2002	23,570	7,905,800
	2003	28,570	7,533,790
<b>Pearls, (semi-)precious stones, metals</b>	1996	1,084,170	18,701,800
	1997	1,033,340	23,059,070
	1998	1,226,260	28,868,160
	1999	151,620	34,160,480
	2000	238,420	40,713,470
	2001	120,200	50,820,330
	2002	778,530	49,321,260
	2003	114,680	38,235,450
<b>Base metals &amp; articles thereof</b>	1996	381,960	9,443,260
	1997	292,990	12,505,260
	1998	350,050	13,507,600
	1999	309,820	16,493,470
	2000	259,840	10,513,170
	2001	216,560	11,199,890
	2002	191,860	12,787,080
	2003	31,390	13,684,630
<b>Machinery &amp; mechanical appliances</b>	1996	380,010	35,992,900
	1997	126,250	32,573,950
	1998	392,550	50,890,780
	1999	836,260	60,928,860
	2000	126,010	74,560,480
	2001	358,230	55,049,760
	2002	94,770	50,432,390
	2003	258,640	61,931,070
<b>Transportation equipment</b>	1996	3,164,780	38,652,320
	1997	39,100	44,586,220
	1998	86,600	46,555,940
	1999	204,180	54,618,600
	2000	207,060	77,489,200
	2001	129,010	78,596,560
	2002	215,190	92,776,080
	2003	59,520	86,562,550
<b>Instruments - measuring, musical</b>	1996	15,710	7,318,020
	1997	27,500	4,384,680
	1998	152,580	7,382,460
	1999	8,960	8,748,410
	2000	37,260	8,344,630
	2001	207,100	7,118,970
	2002	61,920	8,491,040
	2003	42,500	6,038,090
<b>Arms &amp; ammunition</b>	1996	0	9,510
	1997	0	2,770
	1998	0	60,150
	1999	0	31,850
	2000	0	16,550
	2001	0	9,370
	2002	0	31,620
	2003	0	67,890
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	1996	64,120	4,510,270
	1997	16,660	5,361,410
	1998	15,680	6,044,240
	1999	80,320	8,054,650
	2000	62,860	5,351,550
	2001	88,100	6,092,170
	2002	92,570	5,942,170
	2003	79,480	5,893,580
	1996	113,720	0

Works of art	1997	155,530	0
	1998	71,760	4,820
	1999	70,370	0
	2000	85,510	1,360
	2001	66,740	16,580
	2002	6,820	6,800
	2003	46,400	0
Other	1996	30,520	455,360
	1997	61,510	434,240
	1998	372,700	462,050
	1999	236,040	624,400
	2000	68,370	461,160
	2001	29,220	511,600
	2002	24,480	912,420
2003	923,230	627,890	

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Agriculture and Fisheries

### Sanitary and phytosanitary measures

● [040035-Benin- Bovine meat, meat products, semen and animal feed \[2004-12-20\]](#)

Import ban on canned bovine meat and meat products, semen and animal feed because of BSE

- General statement on BSE to all Third Countries during SPS Committee in Geneva 17/03/2004, in reaction on the statement of the USA. During the XXXI SPS Committee in October 2004 the Commission has given a general statement on BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy). Some WTO members started to lift the ban due to BSE for some EU live ruminants and ruminant derived products (e.g.: China, New Zealand, Brazil, Philippines). The EC requested other WTO members to follow the same line and to respect guidelines as set up by international organizations (OIE).