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

Section	Year	Import(Euro)	Export(Euro)
Animals & animal products	1996	227,250	25,098,340
	1997	251,350	26,643,030
	1998	150,450	24,844,090
	1999	24,410	26,656,400
	2000	122,980	26,462,380
	2001	89,150	25,330,880
	2002	71,250	27,235,610
	2003	18,400	22,999,430
Vegetable products	1996	105,200	1,926,010
	1997	187,830	2,320,510
	1998	91,780	2,186,060
	1999	46,650	3,036,150
	2000	114,280	4,647,500
	2001	188,990	4,956,530
	2002	29,680	6,231,310
	2003	8,890	4,814,290
Animal or vegetable fats	1996	0	940,110
	1997	0	825,980
	1998	26,830	794,430
	1999	71,320	617,230
	2000	6,950	1,313,210
	2001	4,620	682,880
	2002	194,850	873,680
	2003	13,640	739,910
Prepared foodstuffs	1996	60,430	12,388,130
	1997	57,860	20,970,810
	1998	213,210	24,033,420
	1999	25,850	23,282,800
	2000	39,130	26,722,260
	2001	67,810	33,953,330
	2002	60,250	30,674,670
	2003	34,710	32,243,660
Mineral products	1996	85,130	12,572,120
	1997	15,386,800	11,841,510
	1998	53,713,230	20,212,710
	1999	75,087,730	4,671,920
	2000	69,841,840	11,235,470
	2001	116,456,540	10,035,930
	2002	255,260,020	8,114,900

	2003	259,919,960	14,056,460
Chemical products	1996	5,551,510	54,500,100
	1997	2,391,800	58,248,400
	1998	7,006,220	66,616,800
	1999	579,190	51,846,910
	2000	14,029,040	63,868,390
	2001	12,311,360	76,749,070
	2002	15,115,500	87,818,420
	2003	42,418,120	89,625,140
Plastics & rubber	1996	60,980	17,943,850
	1997	10,460	19,287,390
	1998	2,641,870	22,323,340
	1999	1,757,530	19,376,950
	2000	579,510	26,749,830
	2001	191,630	20,895,980
	2002	9,700,920	28,712,750
	2003	28,200,870	22,492,550
Hides & skins	1996	70,660	2,237,160
	1997	227,510	3,479,470
	1998	85,120	2,829,560
	1999	33,920	2,585,000
	2000	38,200	2,371,110
	2001	66,370	2,747,050
	2002	9,450	3,978,970
	2003	70,450	2,688,300
Wood & wood products	1996	0	2,938,070
	1997	4,570	2,690,850
	1998	9,130	1,052,590
	1999	1,970	1,038,790
	2000	29,640	1,619,730
	2001	1,680	1,891,580
	2002	1,410	1,723,140
	2003	2,850	2,155,680
Wood pulp products	1996	11,620	10,525,440
	1997	16,040	34,066,800
	1998	107,620	11,994,550
	1999	41,070	14,802,500
	2000	158,330	13,487,990
	2001	109,730	12,901,660
	2002	506,030	14,404,020
	2003	109,780	24,049,080
Textiles & textile articles	1996	401,140	20,488,280
	1997	315,610	27,289,270
	1998	454,510	35,170,600
	1999	625,890	23,542,150
	2000	2,696,540	32,620,690
	2001	1,455,890	34,551,470
	2002	1,996,250	38,462,170
	2003	2,495,500	32,600,990
Footwear, headgear	1996	13,670	5,135,860
	1997	20,300	7,012,730
	1998	23,740	8,441,440
	1999	17,820	5,696,520
	2000	27,210	6,710,960
	2001	33,760	6,891,160
	2002	36,190	6,696,140
	2003	71,830	5,755,550
Articles of stone, plaster,	1996	27,160	22,668,720
	1997	181,060	23,436,710
	1998	32,230	27,880,820
	1999	64,350	20,473,670

cement, asbestos	2000	133,410	27,865,520
	2001	28,440	34,743,960
	2002	25,720	37,514,220
	2003	85,530	32,198,260
Pearls, (semi-)precious stones, metals	1996	3,262,570	21,190,140
	1997	3,063,840	10,795,530
	1998	19,848,580	29,554,930
	1999	669,960	3,707,820
	2000	6,198,800	10,690,990
	2001	2,571,720	12,218,620
	2002	177,410	5,771,230
	2003	7,740,470	13,706,660
Base metals & articles thereof	1996	318,770	106,923,540
	1997	517,310	109,086,400
	1998	441,460	80,551,830
	1999	396,840	37,807,100
	2000	1,318,300	78,800,480
	2001	436,070	126,331,170
	2002	291,840	180,132,940
	2003	1,736,110	105,929,830
Machinery & mechanical appliances	1996	1,977,040	466,002,250
	1997	2,746,810	769,327,410
	1998	3,878,520	575,884,080
	1999	4,219,610	290,222,950
	2000	12,681,840	449,865,300
	2001	7,231,990	602,596,290
	2002	9,049,970	517,726,630
	2003	11,228,780	587,635,220
Transportation equipment	1996	88,788,140	112,932,580
	1997	72,740,120	643,040,710
	1998	2,744,140	140,372,990
	1999	2,429,360	88,856,310
	2000	8,838,510	46,409,550
	2001	790,810	88,260,450
	2002	882,340	48,028,000
	2003	20,117,900	734,990,670
Instruments - measuring, musical	1996	1,374,860	23,237,700
	1997	1,573,560	78,914,430
	1998	2,944,510	49,816,710
	1999	2,662,220	25,959,420
	2000	3,593,010	40,316,180
	2001	3,528,340	43,395,120
	2002	1,581,510	57,946,310
	2003	4,192,840	61,533,730
Arms & ammunition	1996	0	246,640
	1997	46,330	909,570
	1998	43,860	5,422,290
	1999	0	1,435,110
	2000	86,430	1,279,510
	2001	27,100	2,553,150
	2002	1,499,870	3,465,140
	2003	10,610	1,005,680
Miscellaneous	1996	82,340	27,283,000
	1997	148,160	40,319,640
	1998	147,180	31,648,730
	1999	197,730	25,141,670
	2000	975,450	40,146,400
	2001	799,210	39,551,690
	2002	1,027,070	41,253,890
	2003	269,790	36,190,350
	1996	0	1,611,890

Works of art	1997	4,580	12,003,980
	1998	0	20,249,080
	1999	312,270	9,663,470
	2000	124,180	38,324,350
	2001	208,000	17,072,730
	2002	27,870	31,013,370
	2003	753,820	68,861,880
Other	1996	2,044,900	5,039,190
	1997	21,003,300	1,511,430
	1998	32,784,220	5,676,280
	1999	1,793,270	2,650,690
	2000	3,928,790	1,185,400
	2001	1,596,710	1,839,380
	2002	1,994,600	1,659,120
2003	3,742,070	6,369,580	

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Agriculture and Fisheries

Sanitary and phytosanitary measures

● 040107- Qatar- Pomace olive oil [2004-12-20]

Ban on the import of Pomace olive oil due to alleged contamination of Aromatic Polycyclic Hydrocarbures-Benzopyrene. The measure was applied in 2001 and the ban still remains only for some Gulf Countries.

Since August 2004 exports of olive and pommace oil can take place only if they are accompanied by a health certificate stating that the merchandise is free of benzopyrene traces. The same ban applies to other 4 Gulf Countries : United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Oman and Bahrain.

- The European Union rose at the last SPS Committee in Geneva (June 2004) the import ban applied to the Spanish olive and pommace oil by some of the Golf countries due to the presence of Benzopyrene traces detected in some Spanish consignments during 2001. In response, the Commission received a note on 1 August 2004 (ref MEC/46/59 2004/1852) via the secretariat of the SPS Committee (Mrs. Stanton) in which Qatar Competent authorities state that there is no objection from our side to release the shipments of Spanish olive oil provided that an official certificate states that the product is free from any traces of Benzopyrene to be attached to each consignment . This implies that in future, all consignments of Spanish olive and pommace oil intended to be exported into Qatar will have to be sampled and analysed for the presence of Benzopyrene traces. The Commission has requested (September 2004) to the Qatar Competent Authorities to review the requirement for certification of Spanish consignments of pommace oil free of traces of Benzopyrene so that EU exports of pommace oil to Qatar can be normalised accordingly. During the SPS Committe in October 2004 another bilateral followed on this topic with a positive outcome. For pomace oil export is possible pending of a final guarantee to be provided by the concerned EU Member States.