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

Section	Year	Import(Euro)	Export(Euro)
<b>Animals &amp; animal products</b>	1996	807,210	86,969,830
	1997	355,100	87,494,130
	1998	1,205,110	81,642,180
	1999	656,710	74,615,500
	2000	1,175,150	68,310,600
	2001	258,400	57,079,420
	2002	1,057,030	54,236,140
	2003	353,450	62,479,650
<b>Vegetable products</b>	1996	41,080	10,677,350
	1997	54,310	13,380,160
	1998	166,130	8,520,850
	1999	9,750	15,677,090
	2000	14,350	33,404,600
	2001	31,620	12,884,520
	2002	58,020	14,554,150
	2003	10,210	19,846,370
<b>Animal or vegetable fats</b>	1996	7,480	3,501,720
	1997	2,190	3,647,220
	1998	770	3,758,820
	1999	0	3,168,590
	2000	0	4,307,110
	2001	603,520	3,436,240
	2002	608,760	2,960,570
	2003	0	3,246,700
<b>Prepared foodstuffs</b>	1996	161,020	64,405,890
	1997	98,720	85,221,440
	1998	2,156,930	97,560,110
	1999	157,230	98,264,240
	2000	130,250	112,000,080
	2001	410,270	129,677,730
	2002	92,020	115,593,800
	2003	242,410	152,773,020
<b>Mineral products</b>	1996	1,483,154,710	16,545,540
	1997	1,334,121,890	16,664,280
	1998	473,066,220	14,054,690
	1999	1,215,792,750	13,764,830
	2000	2,840,206,720	12,879,620
	2001	2,116,940,420	18,022,520
	2002	1,525,523,720	14,700,940

	2003	1,543,355,660	19,364,580
<b>Chemical products</b>	1996	510,140	154,303,970
	1997	404,660	178,151,120
	1998	33,763,210	184,770,720
	1999	28,088,440	193,395,070
	2000	50,512,340	218,932,440
	2001	42,851,460	255,382,510
	2002	37,554,340	284,777,200
	2003	53,825,530	256,270,380
<b>Plastics &amp; rubber</b>	1996	1,598,850	57,137,890
	1997	902,910	68,861,870
	1998	12,275,720	63,862,020
	1999	24,033,260	50,767,410
	2000	53,747,360	57,752,650
	2001	23,093,580	64,726,120
	2002	14,003,330	65,254,090
	2003	12,001,100	64,806,280
<b>Hides &amp; skins</b>	1996	102,940	9,030,700
	1997	126,460	9,820,020
	1998	192,570	10,892,170
	1999	162,470	9,860,930
	2000	1,091,790	13,379,940
	2001	3,375,970	13,355,390
	2002	1,132,280	15,032,910
	2003	1,345,840	14,676,660
<b>Wood &amp; wood products</b>	1996	4,970	7,983,080
	1997	3,470	6,473,120
	1998	410	5,095,020
	1999	29,080	4,161,490
	2000	1,460	5,769,850
	2001	3,680	11,298,600
	2002	9,930	9,150,620
	2003	3,310	10,362,620
<b>Wood pulp products</b>	1996	189,090	42,629,650
	1997	251,080	46,462,080
	1998	177,330	48,837,660
	1999	566,880	52,846,530
	2000	250,980	59,316,900
	2001	127,210	64,371,000
	2002	1,269,640	70,528,430
	2003	146,740	68,585,860
<b>Textiles &amp; textile articles</b>	1996	2,516,340	117,243,060
	1997	3,160,420	139,619,940
	1998	3,210,180	157,520,120
	1999	3,190,350	139,674,700
	2000	3,925,010	154,928,990
	2001	3,631,930	169,428,780
	2002	3,406,950	174,858,200
	2003	2,542,180	163,979,030
<b>Footwear, headgear</b>	1996	76,010	28,134,900
	1997	61,330	26,177,640
	1998	79,190	28,059,800
	1999	390,910	24,706,430
	2000	123,790	26,506,140
	2001	110,960	34,483,440
	2002	212,420	29,998,420
	2003	276,890	24,520,100
<b>Articles of stone, plaster,</b>	1996	414,930	82,156,750
	1997	844,620	97,304,160
	1998	483,620	86,872,230
	1999	176,850	84,278,630

<b>cement, asbestos</b>	2000	63,270	103,034,920
	2001	67,600	102,007,990
	2002	67,590	102,899,260
	2003	40,840	87,516,840
<b>Pearls, (semi-)precious stones, metals</b>	1996	8,719,770	19,521,990
	1997	37,935,140	59,134,900
	1998	968,330	17,656,200
	1999	3,489,890	13,238,830
	2000	1,586,610	20,565,230
	2001	758,570	16,485,800
	2002	1,759,860	15,669,750
	2003	1,356,310	15,894,400
<b>Base metals &amp; articles thereof</b>	1996	441,760	150,524,660
	1997	1,343,470	163,428,210
	1998	1,062,030	169,881,960
	1999	1,289,100	86,934,800
	2000	1,590,480	92,673,140
	2001	1,880,340	122,355,350
	2002	756,440	153,442,480
	2003	1,988,610	164,786,750
<b>Machinery &amp; mechanical appliances</b>	1996	7,677,070	475,160,000
	1997	8,104,250	454,882,060
	1998	9,407,180	490,634,400
	1999	28,559,350	526,087,270
	2000	40,096,610	554,702,050
	2001	19,239,970	712,240,590
	2002	79,978,720	809,499,750
	2003	62,438,000	865,673,680
<b>Transportation equipment</b>	1996	586,610	76,677,430
	1997	5,123,340	135,408,420
	1998	4,365,870	103,272,500
	1999	4,324,640	94,901,070
	2000	1,230,260	185,617,890
	2001	2,537,010	275,883,680
	2002	2,158,280	261,061,120
	2003	2,063,810	308,865,730
<b>Instruments - measuring, musical</b>	1996	3,635,000	42,682,500
	1997	7,857,240	54,451,670
	1998	2,860,830	57,380,850
	1999	2,478,470	54,033,560
	2000	4,043,160	71,350,450
	2001	3,541,440	87,663,100
	2002	4,793,460	93,361,960
	2003	6,702,900	106,058,630
<b>Arms &amp; ammunition</b>	1996	188,400	2,090,010
	1997	1,639,590	2,533,210
	1998	3,527,410	6,465,680
	1999	593,670	2,673,040
	2000	559,830	59,322,060
	2001	3,585,410	81,417,980
	2002	14,428,760	3,246,040
	2003	0	3,280,960
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	1996	221,580	59,987,660
	1997	229,130	64,264,680
	1998	320,690	73,432,540
	1999	136,260	64,794,050
	2000	346,910	71,779,970
	2001	463,900	89,658,590
	2002	313,830	92,788,070
	2003	158,580	95,944,590
	1996	395,950	2,220,140

Works of art	1997	956,640	2,475,780
	1998	91,050	2,788,600
	1999	743,510	7,051,380
	2000	1,537,770	5,721,980
	2001	93,900	3,236,130
	2002	164,400	3,260,650
	2003	264,290	7,726,820
Other	1996	3,185,290	8,334,730
	1997	2,542,700	4,132,810
	1998	3,171,860	5,398,500
	1999	1,984,780	4,425,440
	2000	5,399,730	2,815,140
	2001	3,842,420	5,089,240
	2002	3,336,460	4,158,070
	2003	3,154,970	11,727,580

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Agriculture and Fisheries

### Sanitary and phytosanitary measures

● [040046-Kuwait- Live bovines, bovine products and derivates \[2004-12-20\]](#)

Ban on the import of live bovines, bovine products and derivates due to BSE

- General statement on BSE to all Third Countries on 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 derivated 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).