

**Documentation of statistics for
External Trade of Organic Products 2013**

1 Introduction

Under preparation.

The purpose of *Turnover of organic products in external trade* is to give information on magnitude and composition of the turnover of organic foods in external trade. The survey was conducted the first time for the year 2003.

2 Statistical presentation

Under preparation.

External trade of organic products gives detailed information on the composition and turnover of organic products in external trade - broken down by type of goods and by country. Threshold is introduced from 2010.

2.1 Data description

Under preparation.

2.2 Classification system

Under preparation.

2.3 Sector coverage

Under preparation.

2.4 Statistical concepts and definitions

Under preparation.

2.5 Statistical unit

Under preparation.

2.6 Statistical population

Under preparation.

2.7 Reference area

Denmark.

2.8 Time coverage

Under preparation.

2.9 Base period

Under preparation.

2.10 Unit of measure

Under preparation.

2.11 Reference period

Trade in calendar year.

2.12 Frequency of dissemination

Annual.

2.13 Legal acts and other agreements

Under preparation.

Act on Statistics Denmark.

2.14 Cost and burden

0,3 man-year.

2.15 Comment

Additional information can be obtained from Statistics Denmark.

3 Statistical processing

Under preparation.

3.1 Source data

Under preparation.

Information from establishments that has been certified to trade with organic products, and at the same time have had foreign trade with potential organic products.

3.2 Frequency of data collection

Under preparation.

3.3 Data collection

Web form.

3.4 Data validation

Under preparation.

3.5 Data compilation

Under preparation.

3.6 Adjustment

Under preparation.

4 Relevance

The statistics is used by interest groups, the Ministry of Food, other authorities etc. to assess the level and composition of foreign trade with organic goods.

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4.1 User Needs

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4.2 User Satisfaction

User needs are covered in the User Committee for Food statistics. Statistics Denmark is also in regular contact with key users, including the Ministry of Food and research institutions.

4.3 Data completeness rate

No requirements from legal acts.

5 Accuracy and reliability

Under preparation.

There can be some inaccuracy in the actual trade between Denmark and the rest of EU, as foreign trade statistics only includes Danish establishments with a yearly import or export over a threshold. The threshold varies from year to year, but level are normally 2-5 mio. DKK. It can be difficult to get data from firm under closing or re-organization. In such cases estimates are done by Statistics Denmark.

No measures of accuracy have been calculated.

5.1 Overall accuracy

Under preparation.

The overall accuracy is good.

5.2 Sampling error

Under preparation.

5.3 Non-sampling error

Under preparation.

5.4 Quality management

Statistics Denmark follows the recommendations on organisation and management of quality given in the Code of Practice for European Statistics (CoP) and the implementation guidelines given in the Quality Assurance Framework of the European Statistical System (QAF). A Working Group on Quality and a central quality assurance function have been established to continuously carry through control of products and processes.

5.5 Quality assurance

Statistics Denmark follows the principles in the Code of Practice for European Statistics (CoP) and uses the Quality Assurance Framework of the European Statistical System (QAF) for the implementation of the principles. This involves continuous decentralized and central control of products and processes based on documentation following international standards. The central quality assurance function reports to the Working Group on Quality. Reports include suggestions for improvement that are assessed, decided and subsequently implemented.

5.6 Quality assessment

Under preparation.

5.7 Data revision - policy

Statistics Denmark revises published figures in accordance with the [Revision Policy for Statistics Denmark](#). The common procedures and principles of the Revision Policy are for some statistics supplemented by a specific revision practice.

5.8 Data revision practice

Under preparation.

Normally only final statistics are published.

6 Timeliness and punctuality

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6.1 Timeliness and time lag - final results

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6.2 Punctuality

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7 Comparability

Under preparation.

7.1 Comparability - geographical

Under preparation.

7.2 Comparability over time

Under preparation.

The survey was conducted for the first time for the statistical year 2003 and have followed same method since. Therefore comparability is high.

7.3 Coherence - cross domain

Organic Denmark has over the last few years carried out a survey covering exports of organic products.

7.4 Coherence - internal

Under preparation.

8 Accessibility and clarity

Nyt fra Danmarks Statistik (newsletter in Danish) and Statbank.

8.1 Release calendar

The publication date appears in the release calendar. The date is confirmed in the weeks before.

8.2 Release calendar access

The Release Calendar can be accessed on our English website: [Release Calendar](#).

8.3 User access

Statistics are always published at 8:00 a.m. at the day announced in the release calendar. No one outside of Statistics Denmark can access the statistics before they are published.

8.4 News release

[Nyt, newsletter in Danish](#)

8.5 Publications

[Statistical Yearbook](#) (selection of results from Statbank)

8.6 On-line database

- [External trade with organic products by imports and exports and commodities](#)
- [External trade with organic products by imports and exports and country](#)
- [External trade with organic products by imports and exports, country and main SITC groups](#)

8.7 Micro-data access

The survey data can be made available as anonymised micro data under a special arrangement for researchers.

The basic material is stored in an Access database.

8.8 Other

No other accessibility.

8.9 Confidentiality - policy

Under preparation.

8.10 Confidentiality - data treatment

Under preparation.

8.11 Documentation on methodology

No further documentation of methodology.

8.12 Quality documentation

Results from the quality evaluation of products and selected processes are available in detail for each statistics and in summary reports for the Working Group on Quality.

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