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Foreign Trade

During 2006 – 2010 period the exports of “**Miscellaneous manufactured articles**” (Section XX according to the Harmonized System - HS) accounted for a share of 3.8 – 4.6% of the total Romanian exports in terms of value. Imports of this products accounted for a share of 1.6 – 2.2% of the total Romania imports.

The highest shares from this section were held, at exports as well as imports, by the products from chapter 94 HS “**Furniture; lamps and lighting fittings and other similar articles, not elsewhere specified; prefabricated buildings**”, which during the surveyed period held 89.4 – 91.6% and 59.0 – 64.0% respectively.

Foreign trade with furniture and parts thereof 2006 - 2010

- million EUR-

HS Codes and description*		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
9401	Seats, whether or not convertible into beds, and parts thereof	Export	246.9	451.1	518.9	525.1
		Import	84.2	135.1	162.0	96.1
		Balance	162.7	316.0	356.9	429.0
9403	Other furniture and parts thereof	Export	714.9	671.8	597.5	492.8
		Import	209.0	281.6	341.0	208.7
		Balance	505.9	390.2	256.5	284.1
9404	Mattress supports; articles of bedding and similar furnishing fitted with springs or stuffed or internally fitted with any material	Export	12.3	10.5	11.9	13.8
		Import	10.7	19.5	27.8	19.5
		Balance	1.6	-9.0	-15.9	-5.7

Source: National Institute of Statistics and Customs Authority of Romania; Romania Trade and Invest (data processing)

Note: * According to Combined Nomenclature – Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS)

The export value of the subchapter 9401 HS - “**Seats, whether or not convertible into beds and parts thereof**” accounted for 23.1 – 48.1% share of the chapter 94 during 2006 – 2010 period. At imports the share in the total Romania imports of the chapter “Furniture; lamps and lighting fittings and other similar articles, not elsewhere specified; prefabricated buildings” was very low, between 17.3 – 22.8%.

- The exports had an increasing trend, the lowest value being registered in the reference year with EUR 246.9 million. In 2010, the export reached EUR 619.1 million, the highest value being registered for the products 9401.90.80 HS – “Other parts of seats (auto)”, with EUR 219.2 million (35.4% of the total Romanian export of this subchapter); 9401.61.00 HS – “Seats with covered frames” with EUR 142.0 million (22.9%); and 9401.69.00 - “Other seats with wooden frames” with EUR 35.2 million (5.7%).

- The imports had a fluctuating trend during the surveyed period, with the lowest value being registered in 2006 (EUR 84.2 million) and the highest in 2008 (EUR 162.0 mil.). In 2010, the value of imports had raised 6.9% as compared to previous year, reaching EUR 102.7 million. The main imported products of this subchapter were: 9401.90.80 HS – “Other parts of seats (auto)”, with 38.4 EUR million (37.4% of the total Romanian export of this chapter); 9401.61.00 HS – “Seats with covered frames” with EUR 6.0 million (5.8%); and 9401.69.00 - “Other seats with wooden frames” with EUR 4.4 million (4.3%).
- The highest positive trade balance was registered in 2010, for the following products: 9401.90.80 HS – “Other parts of seats (auto)”, with EUR 180.8 million; 9401.61.00 HS – “Seats with covered frames” with EUR 136.0 million; and 9401.69.00 - “Other seats with wooden frames” with EUR 30.8 million.
- In 2010, the top five export partners for the product “Other parts of seats (auto)” were: Germany 41.7%, France 15.6%, Spain 7.8%, Great Britain 6.4% and Slovenia 5.8%; and the top five import partners were Poland 22.2%, Italy 14.2%, France 14.0%, Germany 11.4% and Hungary 10.6%. In 2010, the top five export partners for “Seats with covered frames” were: France 29.8%, Italy 19.3%, Great Britain 8.7%, Germany 8.7% and Belgium 4.9%; and the top five import partners were China 25.7%, Italy 24.4%, Poland 9.4%, Austria 8.9% and Moldova 4.1%. For “Other seats with wooden frames” the top 5 export partners were: The Netherlands 27.2%, Italy 10.0%, Germany 8.7%, France 8.4% and Spain 8.1%; and the top five import partners were Turkey 31.5%, China 20.8%, Italy 13.9%, Vietnam 10.4% and Poland 4.9%.

The export value of the subchapter 9403 HS - “**Other furniture and parts thereof**” accounted for 42.1 – 67.0% share of the chapter 94 HS during 2006 – 2010 period. The share in the total Romania imports of the chapter “Furniture; lamps and lighting fittings and other similar articles, not elsewhere specified; prefabricated buildings” was between 43.0 – 44.6%.

- The exports had a fluctuating trend during 2006 – 2010 period, the lowest value being registered in 2009 with EUR 492.8 million and the highest in 2006 when it reached EUR 714.9 mil.. In 2010, the export reached EUR 542.2 million, the highest value being registered for the products 9403.60.90 HS – “Other wooden furniture”, with EUR 189.4 million (34.9% of the total Romanian export of this subchapter); 9403.60.10 HS – “Wooden furniture of a kind used in the dinning room and living room” with EUR 184.8 million (34.1%); and 9403.50.00 - “Wooden furniture of a kind used in the bedroom” with EUR 60.1 million (11.1%).
- The imports had a fluctuating trend during the surveyed period, with the lowest value being registered in 2010 (EUR 198.5 million) and the highest in 2008 (EUR 341.0 million). In 2010, the main imported products of this subchapter were: 9403.60.90 HS – “Other wooden furniture”, with EUR 25.8 million (13.0% of the total Romanian export of this subchapter); 9403.60.10 HS – “Wooden furniture of a kind used in the dinning room and living room” with EUR 25.3 million (12.7%); and 9403.50.00 - “Wooden furniture of a kind used in the bedroom” with EUR 16.3 million (8.2%).
- The highest positive balance of trade was registered in 2010, for the following products: 9403.60.90 HS – “Other wooden furniture”, with EUR 163.6 million; 9403.60.10 HS – “Wooden furniture of a kind used in the dinning room and living room” with EUR 159.5 million and 9403.50.00 HS - “Wooden furniture of a kind used in the bedroom” with EUR 43.8 million.

- In 2010, the top five export partners for the product “Other wooden furniture” were: Germany 18.1%, France 14.6%, Italy 12.5%, Austria 12.1% and The Netherlands 9.4%; and the top five import partners were Italy 23.0%, Poland 21.9%, Germany 9.9%, China 6.9% and Bosnia - Herzegovina 5.6%. In 2010, the top five export partners for “Wooden furniture of a kind used in the dinning room and living room” were: Germany 15.8%, Italy 16.2%, France 15.3%, Great Britain 7.9% and Belgium 5.9%; and the imports were provided by Poland 28.1%, Italy 17.0%, Hungary 11.3%, China 9.2% and Germany 8.5%. For “Wooden furniture of a kind used in the bedroom” the top 5 export partners were: France 23.2%, Italy 16.8%, USA 10.7%, Germany 8.6%, and Belgium 6.4%; and the top five import partners were Italy 23.4%, China 16.3%, Poland 16.0%, Ukraine 5.5% and Hungary 4.8%.

The export value of the subchapter 9404 HS - **“Mattress supports; articles of bedding and similar furnishing fitted with springs or stuffed or internally fitted with any material”** accounted for 0.9 – 1.4% share of the chapter 94 during 2006 – 2010 period. The share in the total Romania imports of the chapter “Furniture; lamps and lighting fittings and other similar articles, not elsewhere specified; prefabricated buildings” was between 2.2 – 4.4%.

- The exports had a fluctuating trend during the surveyed period, the lowest value being registered in 2007 with EUR 10.5 million. In 2010, the export reached EUR 17.7 million, the product 9404.10.00 HS – “Mattresses support”, registered only EUR 0.02 million representing a very small share of the total Romanian export of this subchapter (0.1%).
- The imports had a fluctuating trend during 2006 - 2010 period, with the lowest value being registered in 2006 (EUR 10.7 million) and the highest in 2008 (EUR 27.8 million). In 2010, the value of import increased by 2.1% as compared to the previous year reaching EUR 19.9 million. For the main product of this subchapter 9404.10.00 HS – “Mattresses support”, the import value reached only EUR 0.6 million representing barely 3.0% of the total Romanian export of this subchapter.
- In 2010, the product 9404.10.00 HS – “Mattresses support”, registered a value of EUR 0.62 million trade deficit.
- In 2010, the top five export partners of the product 9404.10.00 HS – “Mattresses support” were: Bulgaria 40.0%, Hungary 38.4%, Germany 6.7%, Italy 6.4% and Cyprus 6.2%; and the top five import partners were Germany 26.9%, Italy 23.5%, Poland 19.6%, Austria 7.2% and Latvia 5.8%.

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