



## **Trade statistics on the Swiss-EU agreement on mutual recognition in relation to conformity assessment (MRA) – 2020**

The Agreement between the Swiss Confederation and the European Community on mutual recognition in relation to conformity assessment (MRA) is an instrument designed to reduce technical barriers in trade of industrial products between Switzerland and the EU.<sup>1</sup>

The MRA covers 20 product sectors. In 2020, these 20 sectors covered approximately two thirds of trade in industrial products between Switzerland and the EU-27. This amounts to CHF 76 billion of Swiss exports to the EU-27 (equivalent to approx. 74 % of industrial products exported to the EU-27) and CHF 71 billion of imports from the EU-27 to Switzerland (equivalent to approx. 65 % of industrial products imports from the EU-27). For a breakdown by sector, please refer to the table below.

The following points should be borne in mind before considering the MRA trade statistics:

- The MRA trade statistics only show the volume of trade between Switzerland and the EU-27 in the product sectors covered by the MRA.
- The trade statistics do not capture, neither directly nor indirectly, the immediate benefits of the MRA for manufacturing businesses based in Switzerland and the EU. They include avoiding double certification, eliminating the need for Swiss exporters to designate an importer/a representative in the EU or preventing interruptions in the production and distribution chains.
- The MRA trade statistics are only an indicative estimate of trade in each product sector since the trade statistics are based on tariff lines, which may not necessarily be consistent with the product definitions used in the MRA.
- Trade statistics on good laboratory practice (GLP, Chapter 14) and good manufacturing practice (GMP, Chapter 15) cover all pharmaceutical and chemical products. However, the MRA only partially facilitates market access for these products by covering only some aspects of conformity assessment.
- Chapter 10 of the MRA (construction plant and equipment) is not included in the trade statistics as it only covers the noise emissions aspect of construction plant and equipment. Trade in these equipment products and machines is covered by the other MRA chapters.

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<sup>1</sup> [www.seco.admin.ch/mra](http://www.seco.admin.ch/mra)

- Trade in medical devices (Chapter 4) is only partially covered by the MRA, as the update of this chapter to the new regulation in this area has not taken place.

<b>Trade statistics on the MRA between Switzerland and the EU-27 for the year 2020</b>			
<b>MRA-Chapter</b>		<b>Import (CHF) from the EU-27</b>	<b>Export (CHF) to the EU-27</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Machinery</b>	10'611'958'798	9'703'903'582
<b>2</b>	<b>Personal protective equipment</b>	132'933'776	60'681'779
<b>3</b>	<b>Toys</b>	516'546'401	84'604'272
<b>4</b>	<b>Medical devices</b>	3'087'131'124	5'024'687'909
<b>5</b>	<b>Gas appliances and boilers</b>	220'952'594	117'074'161
<b>6</b>	<b>Pressure vessels</b>	572'685'283	531'580'704
<b>7</b>	<b>Radio equipment and telecommunications terminal equipment</b>	1'314'234'198	530'554'299
<b>8</b>	<b>Equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres</b>	778'579'333	799'315'421
<b>9</b>	<b>Electrical equipment and Electromagnetic compatibility</b>	3'074'609'357	2'505'503'211
<b>11</b>	<b>Measuring instruments and prepackages</b>	1'373'147'761	2'433'972'719
<b>12</b>	<b>Motor vehicles</b>	10'178'915'282	1'491'535'867
<b>13</b>	<b>Agricultural or forestry tractors</b>	354'147'301	38'928'910
<b>14</b>	<b>Good laboratory practice (GLP)</b>	5'679'811'374	8'559'688'848
<b>15</b>	<b>Medicinal products, GMP inspection and batch certification</b>	27'717'976'306	42'441'429'441
<b>16</b>	<b>Construction products</b>	5'561'144'689	2'121'676'656
<b>17</b>	<b>Lifts</b>	510'512'639	184'053'974
<b>18</b>	<b>Biocidal products</b>	80'764'422	62'990'290
<b>19</b>	<b>Cableway installations</b>	30'036'441	8'702'829
<b>20</b>	<b>Explosives for civil use</b>	27'135'053	32'443'283
<b>Total MRA trade</b>		<b>71'823'222'132</b>	<b>76'733'328'155</b>
<i>For comparison:</i>			
<b>Total industrial goods trade with the EU-27</b>		<b>109'665'343'037</b>	<b>103'780'575'760</b>