



## **Trade statistics on the Swiss-EU agreement on mutual recognition in relation to conformity assessment (MRA) – 2022**

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 2022, these 20 sectors covered approximately two thirds of trade in industrial products between Switzerland and the EU-27. This amounts to CHF 90 billion of Swiss exports to the EU-27 (equivalent to approx. 68 % of industrial products exported to the EU-27) and CHF 85 billion of imports from the EU-27 to Switzerland (equivalent to approx. 57 % 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.
- 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.

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

Trade statistics on the MRA between Switzerland and the EU-27 for the year 2022			
MRA-Chapter		Import (CHF) from the EU-27	Export (CHF) to the EU-27
1	Machinery	12'124'350'454	11'209'308'124
2	Personal protective equipment	150'154'469	69'914'095
3	Toys	545'661'050	103'359'532
4	Medical devices	3'137'522'715	5'938'968'067
5	Gas appliances and boilers	261'480'104	132'463'151
6	Pressure vessels	609'645'609	678'824'238
7	Radio equipment and telecommunications terminal equipment	1'227'114'169	536'835'850
8	Equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres	934'733'810	979'484'486
9	Electrical equipment and Electromagnetic compatibility	3'768'252'121	3'197'367'738
11	Measuring instruments and prepackages	1'574'405'412	2'682'168'406
12	Motor vehicles	11'423'992'903	1'605'772'482
13	Agricultural or forestry tractors	443'641'278	57'196'931
14	Good laboratory practice (GLP)	6'530'689'307	15'751'406'859
15	Medicinal products, GMP inspection and batch certification	35'728'971'520	44'977'162'767
16	Construction products	6'553'247'433	2'376'317'580
17	Lifts	487'853'527	207'587'981
18	Biocidal products	59'848'237	36'534'197
19	Cableway installations	13'090'628	323'121
20	Explosives for civil use	30'041'908	40'381'090
<b>Total MRA trade</b>		<b>85`604`696`654</b>	<b>90`581`376`695</b>
<i>For comparison:</i>			
<i>Total industrial goods trade with the EU-27</i>		<i>150'469'029'666</i>	<i>132'735'188'917</i>