Fewer providers of statistical information

In 1997 the thresholds were increased as a result of the work in Statistics Denmark to reduce the response burden of enterprises.⁸ The thresholds for imports and exports were increased to respectively DKK 1,500,000 and DKK 2,500,000.⁹

Transaction threshold

Under the Intrastat system, a threshold for the value of goods is used. Goods whose value – aggregated in the reference month – does not exceed DKK 3,000 and whose weight does not exceed 1,000 kg can be recorded under a special commodity category (»other commodities«).

Other exemptions

Finally, private persons, private companies and enterprises not obliged for declaring VAT, are exempted from reporting to Intrastat.

All together, the different thresholds imply that out of 52,900 enterprises exporting goods to or importing goods from the other EU member states in 2004, only 11,100 are obliged to declare Intrastat trade.

Table 3. Enterprises trading with EU countries and enterprises obliged to report to Intrastat

	Imports		Exports		Total	
	Imports from member states	Reporting to Intrastat	Exports to member states	Reporting to Intrastat	Trade with member states	Reporting to Intrastat
	number of enterprises —					
1993 ¹	25 949	10 876	15 828	6 221	31 822	12 831
1994	26 725	8 206	15 858	4 817	35 696	9 987
1995	30 686	9 254	18 072	5 626	39 922	11 484
1996	32 155	9 254	17 900	5 623	41 043	11 483
1997	33 623	7 838	18 072	4 672	42 512	9 778
1998	34 929	7 777	18 128	4 674	43 680	9 854
1999	37 337	8 624	18 371	4 867	46 027	10 712
2000	36 489	8 748	18 315	4 490	44 884	10 502
2001	40 475	8 541	18 660	4 669	47 993	10 298
2002	41 991	8 397	18 683	4 714	49 149	10 154
2003	43 954	8 428	18 517	4 646	50 792	10 096
2004	45 998	9 600	19 287	4 939	52 947	11 124

Note: Information on enterprises trading with EU member states is collected from the VAT reports to the Ministry of Taxation, Central Customs and Tax Administration. Figures for enterprises reporting to Intrastat are the number of enterprises which are obliged to report to Intrastat, i.e. enterprises with voluntary reports to Intrastat are not included. Some of the enterprises are only exporting or importing from EU countries so the figures for exports and imports do not add up to the total.

3.3 Thresholds under Extrastat

Statistical threshold

A statistical threshold is applied for trade with non-EU countries. To a certain extent, it can be compared to the transaction threshold of Intrastat. If the value of a transaction is less than DKK 7,500, provided that the weight of the goods is less than 1,000 kg, the goods can be recorded under a special commodity category (»other commodities«). From 2001 the introduction of a new Import declaration system at the Danish tax and customs authority resulted in a tightening of this rule. The rules apply now to the complete shipment, which can cover several commodity types. This has significantly reduced the value of the trade under this threshold. The scheme is voluntary so that the regular declaration procedure can always be followed.

¹ Due to missing VAT information, the number of enterprises trading with EU member states in 1993 is a average of the figures covering 1992 and 1994. Because of problems in connection with the implementation of the Intrastat system in 1993, the figures covering Intrastat reporting in 1993 are the number of enterprises, which actually reported to Intrastat during February-December 1993. January 1993 has been excluded because of too many enterprises with voluntary Intrastat reports.

⁸ Before 1997 the thresholds were DKK 500,000 for imports and DKK 800,000 for exports.

⁹ From 1 January 2005 the thresholds were increased to DKK 1,600,000 for imports and DKK 4,100,000 for exports. The change reduces the response burden of Intrastat for approximately 800 enterprises in 2005.