

1932, and published at pp. 583-585 of the 1938 edition and in later Year Books. Comparisons on the 1936 base were continued to 1939 when a broader base (1935-39 = 100) was established. Indexes on this base are given in the 1946 Year Book and were compiled back to 1935. It was then felt that the value-volume calculations would benefit by some refinement in statistical method. In the intervening years, the problems of pricing and commodity classification had been studied and a system devised by which values, value indexes and the resultant volume indexes could be grouped on a comparable basis—a very important consideration affecting the integrity of the indexes. For this reason the publication of value-volume comparisons ceased after 1945 when the refinements were being applied. Indexes prepared by means of the revised method were published on a 1938 base in the 1950 Year Book. Indexes for post-war calendar years, however, have now been recompiled on a more recent base (1948 = 100) and are given in Table 19.

19.—Declared Values, Prices and Physical Volume Indexes of Foreign Trade, by Commodity Groups, 1946-49

Commodity Groups ¹	1946	1947	1948	1949
	DECLARED VALUES			
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Imports for Consumption—				
Agricultural and other primary products	354,911	414,457	403,014	422,469
Fibres and textiles	264,121	390,589	350,619	333,032
Wood products and paper	67,736	87,236	70,549	82,461
Iron and steel and their products	487,674	758,132	783,401	889,398
Non-ferrous metals and their products	124,369	167,840	156,419	177,861
Non-metallic minerals and their products	330,446	449,340	603,271	531,449
Chemicals and fertilizers	95,039	115,943	121,291	134,540
Miscellaneous	197,991	187,383	145,998	188,061
Commercial transactions	177,157	155,732	125,238	137,828
Special and non-commercial transactions	20,834	31,651	20,760	50,233
Totals, Adjusted Imports²	1,922,287	2,570,920	2,634,562	2,759,271
Imports on the United Kingdom Government's account	4,992	3,024	2,383	1,936
Totals, Declared Values of Imports	1,927,279	2,573,944	2,636,945	2,761,207
Exports of Domestic Produce—				
Agricultural and other primary products	914,484	982,017	1,045,471	1,085,648
Fibres and textiles	53,760	49,347	45,554	25,217
Wood products and paper	625,591	886,192	953,674	875,318
Iron and steel and their products	245,329	297,121	362,913	334,023
Non-ferrous metals and their products	247,810	303,937	395,948	426,608
Non-metallic minerals and their products	57,360	74,614	94,915	73,710
Chemicals and fertilizers	67,589	83,804	79,840	70,698
Miscellaneous	100,292	97,870	97,123	101,739
Commercial transactions	59,194	74,817	73,754	82,290
Special and non-commercial transactions	41,098	23,058	23,369	19,449
Totals, Adjusted Exports³	2,312,215	2,774,902	3,075,438	2,992,961
Export adjustments	—	—	—	—
Totals, Declared Values of Exports	2,312,215	2,774,902	3,075,438	2,992,961

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