

Country Snapshot

The Economic Department



Netherlands

General Information

Capital:	Amsterdam	Global Competitiveness Index Ranking (Out of 140):	5
Population (m):	17	Corruption Perceptions Index Ranking: (Out of 176):	8
Local Currency:	European euro	Ease of Doing Business Ranking (Out of 190):	32
Exchange Rate (LCU:US\$) :	0.9	Economic Freedom Ranking (Out of 186):	15
Head of State:	King – Willem-Alexander	Enabling Trade Ranking (Out of 136):	2
	Prime Minister – Mark Rutte		

Recent Economic Indicators	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018*
GDP (Bn\$) (market prices)	867	881	758	777	831	878
GDP per capita (\$)	51,673	52,358	44,878	45,796	48,612	51,085
GDP per capita (\$) (PPP)	48,743	49,123	50,179	51,441	53,730	55,820
Real GDP Growth (% change YOY)	-0.1	1.4	2.3	2.1	3.3	2.3
Real GDP per capita Growth (% change YOY)	-0.4	1.1	1.8	1.7	2.6	1.7
Export of Goods (Bn\$)	568	571	488	495	557	594
Import of Goods (Bn\$)	468	470	401	403	455	495
Unemployment Rate (% yearly)	7.3	7.4	6.9	6.0	4.9	4.4
Inflation (Av)	1.3	-0.1	0.4	0.7	1.5	1.6

Principal Export Destinations

Germany 24%, Belgium 11%, UK 9%, France 9%

Principal Import Destinations

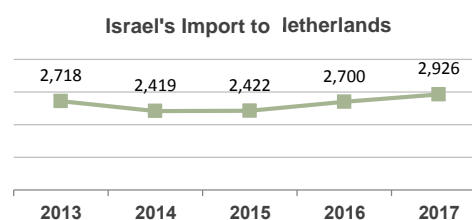
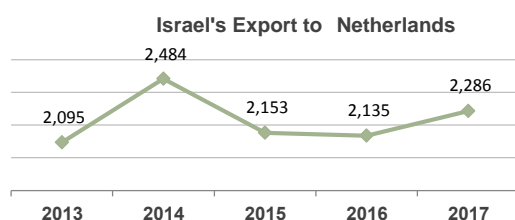
Germany 15%, China 14%, Belgium 8%, US 8%

The most problematic factors for exporting to Netherlands **

- 1 Tariffs and non-tariff barriers
- 2 Burdensome import procedures
- 3 Domestic technical requirements and standards
- 4 High cost or delays caused by international transportation
- 5 High cost or delays caused by domestic transportation

Israel's Goods Trade Relations with Netherlands ***

	M\$	% Change
Export	2286	7%
Import	2926	8%
Total trade (export + import)	5,212	
Trade Balance (export - import)	-639	



The Main Sector of Goods Trade between Israel and Netherlands ***

Sector	Export			Sector	Import		
	M\$	% Share	% Change		M\$	% Share	% Change
Machinery, Mechanic equipment	484	23%	16%	Machinery, Mechanic equipment	451	30%	109%
Pharmaceuticals	441	21%	-14%	Vehicles	166	11%	28%
Inorganic Chemicals	185	9%	-8%	Machinery, Electrical equipment	130	9%	-24%
Optic Machinery	129	6%	7%	Plastics	85	6%	-7%
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* EIU forecast

** World Economic Forum, Executive Opinion Survey

*** Excluding Diamonds

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