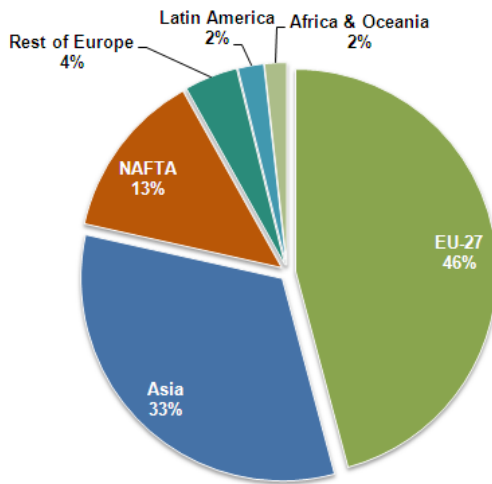




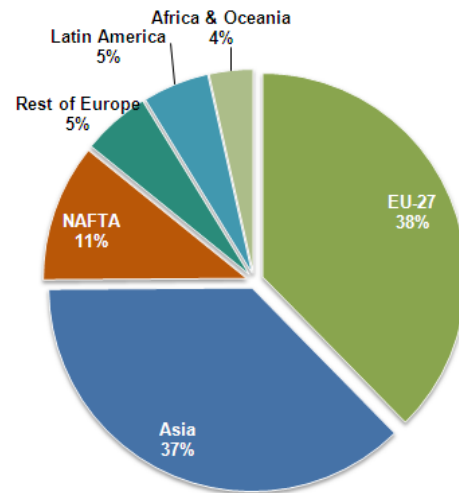
## Chemical Industry Profile

### World exports and imports of chemicals by regional shares

World exports of chemicals\*,  
2009 (share %)



World imports of chemicals\*,  
2009 (share %)



\*including intra EU trade

Source: Cefic Chemdata International

In 2009, the key trading regions were the European Union, Asia –including China and Japan – and the North American Free Trade Agreement. The European Union was the leading exporter and importer of chemicals in the world, accounting for 42 per cent of global trade, defined as the total value of exports plus imports. This includes intra-EU trade, mainly for reasons of comparison with other regions, as their figures include this trade activity as well.