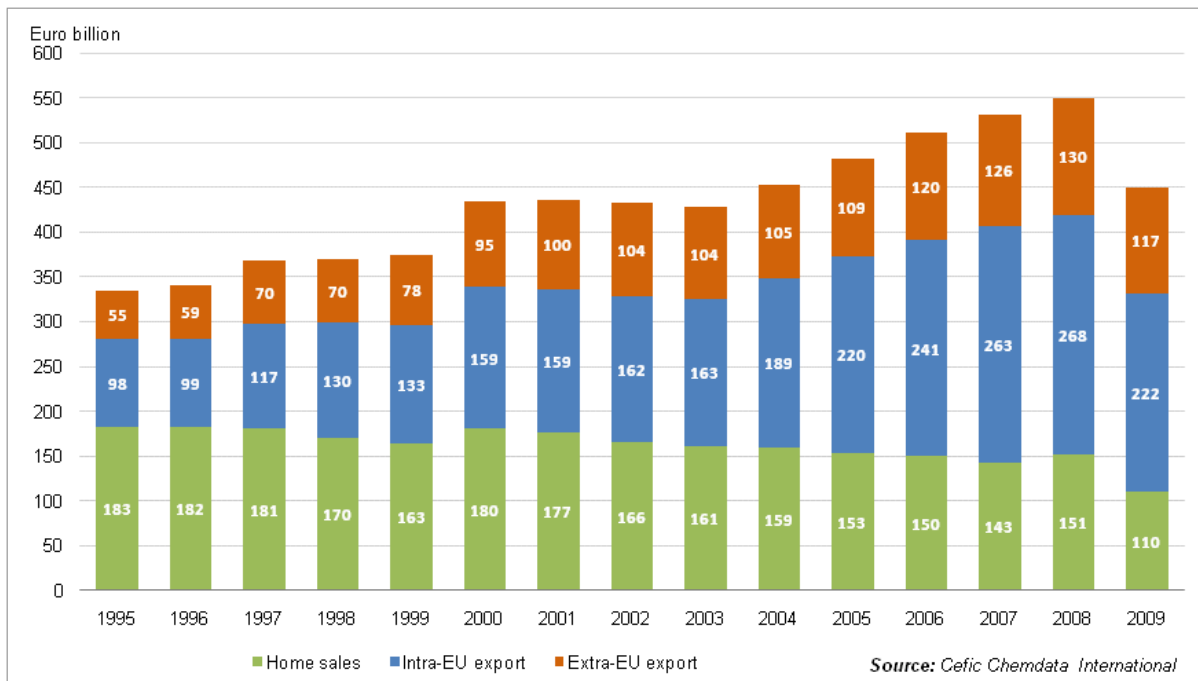




Chemical Industry Profile

EU chemicals industry sales: structure by destination



EU chemicals sales are valued at €449 billion in 2009. Sales to EU partner countries have more than doubled during the period from 1995 to 2009 (222 versus 98).

The European internal market during that 15-year period has had a profoundly positive effect on the chemical industry. Removing both trade and non-trade barriers inside the EU area has been a key driver for the growth and competitiveness of the EU chemicals industry. The internal market, today numbering 500 million consumers, is a key competitiveness factor. With the accession of ten new EU member states in 2004 and 2007, the internal market has received an intra-trade boost.