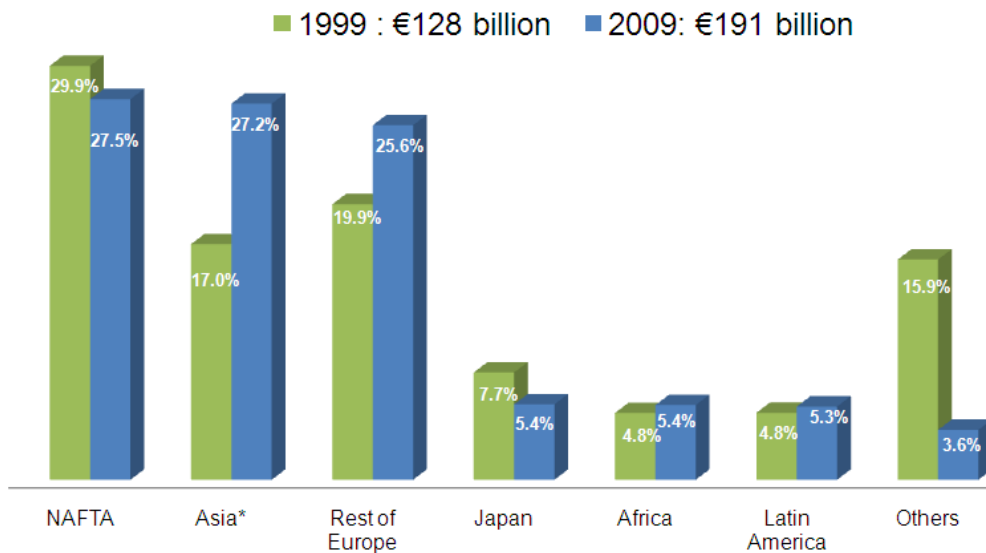


International Trade

Extra-EU chemicals trade by region (exports & imports)



Source: Cefic Chemdata International, *Asia excluding Japan

Extra-EU chemicals trade flow, calculated as total exports plus imports, was mainly attributable in 2009 to the North American Free Trade Agreement market (NAFTA), with 27.5 per cent of total flow. Asia, excluding Japan, was 27.2 per cent while the share of trade flow of other European countries was 25.6 per cent during the same period.

Taken together, the NAFTA, Asia and 'Rest of Europe' markets contributed in 2009 to 80.3 per cent of extra-EU chemicals trade. Comparing 2009 with 1999, the contribution of the three main partners of the European Union increased by 13.5 percentage points from 66.8 per cent to 80.3 per cent.