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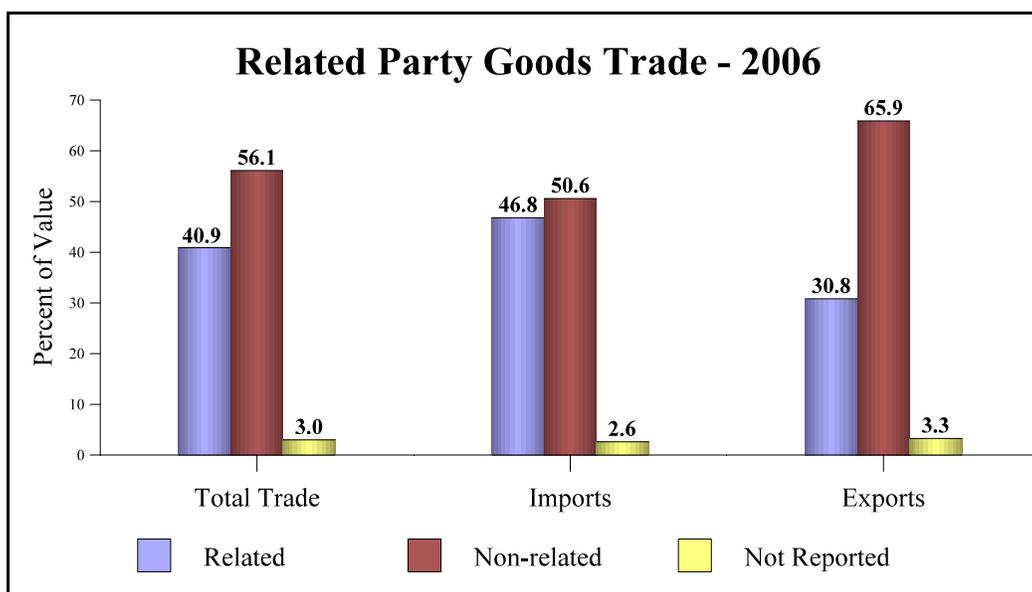
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## U.S. GOODS TRADE: Imports & Exports by Related Parties: 2006

The U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce, announced today that in 2006, related party trade accounted for 40.9 percent (\$1,182 billion) of total goods trade. “*Related party trade*” is trade by U.S. companies with their subsidiaries abroad as well as trade by U.S. subsidiaries of foreign companies with their parent companies. Related party trade accounted for 46.8 percent (\$863 billion) of consumption imports and 30.8 percent (\$319 billion) of total exports (Figure 1). These percentages are consistent with past U.S. figures. In 2006, U.S. related party trade increased by 11.6 percent (\$123 billion) from the previous year while total trade increased by 12.3 percent (\$317 billion) from 2005.

Figure 1.



## Overview of U.S. Related Party Trade 2006

Exhibit 1 shows a snapshot of U.S. related-party imports from selected world areas, and the top-ten countries sorted by related-party value. Exhibit 2 shows related-party exports from selected world areas and the top ten countries also sorted by related-party value. A listing of the countries contained in the selected world area groupings can be found in the “Technical Documentation Section” or at <http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/guide/sec5.html>. Exhibits 3 and 4 provide import and export commodity information in terms of the North America Industry Classification System (NAICS), thereby providing a link to domestic production data. They show the top ten three-digit NAICS codes, sorted by related-party values, for imports and exports, respectively.

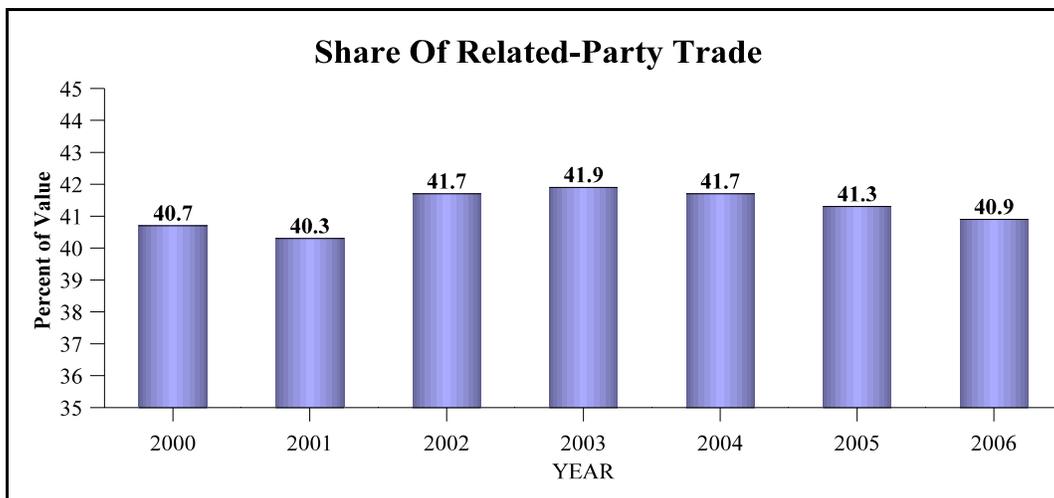
On Exhibit 3, the top ten 3-digit NAICS codes accounted for approximately 89 percent, or \$767.4 million, of related-party import value. In comparison, the top ten 3-digit NAICS codes on Exhibit 4 accounted for almost 76 percent, or \$241.7 million, of related-party export value.

Transportation equipment (NAICS 336), computer and electronic products (NAICS 334), and chemicals (NAICS 325) were the top three goods categories for both directions of trade. Users should note that the trade data are product based and do not always correspond completely to the industry based NAICS categories.

### Historical Trends

The relative share of related-party trade has remained between 40 and 42 percent of total trade over the last seven years (Figure 2). Over the same time period the value of both related trade and total trade increased 46 percent, \$372 billion in related-party trade and a \$911 billion in total trade.

**Figure 2.**



## **New Interactive Data Website for Related-Party Trade**

With the release of 2006 related-party trade, a new interactive data website is available to extract more detailed related-party data. The data years we currently have available online are from 2000 through 2006, which can be accessed at: <http://sasweb.ssd.census.gov/relatedparty>. The website provides output by year, country, and the North America Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes at the 2, 3, 4 or 6-digit level. The data can be totaled on related, non-related, and not-reported categories. The available file formats for generated output are web based (HTML), comma separated values(CSV), or Adobe (PDF).