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Appendix A - Summary of Scotland's International Export Sectors in 2023

International export sector	2023 (£ million) in current prices	Real terms change since 2018		Real terms change since 2022	
Total International Exports	37,665	↓	-4%	↓	-4%
Total Manufacturing	18,565	↓	-15%	↓	-10%
Food and drink	7,490	↓	-5%	↓	-16%
Coke, refined petroleum and chemicals	3,410	↓	-38%	↓	-19%
Machinery and equipment	1,615	↑	4%	↑	5%
Electronic and optical products	1,310	↑	18%	↑	17%
Other manufacturing, machinery repair and installation	1,065	↓	-5%	↓	-9%
Transport equipment	1,030	↓	-40%	↑	11%
Pharmaceuticals	585	↑	2%	↑	14%
Metals and metal products (except machinery)	575	↓	-18%	↑	2%
Electrical equipment	505	↑	73%	↑	12%
Rubber, plastic & other non-metallic minerals	405	↓	-60%	↓	-21%
Textiles and clothing	335	↓	-14%	↓	-12%
Wood, paper and printing	240	↓	-43%	↓	-47%
Total Services	15,565	↑	8%	↓	-2%
Professional, scientific and technical	4,615	↑	15%	↑	10%
Financial and insurance	2,565	↓	-10%	↓	-5%
Wholesale/retail and vehicle repair	2,190	↓	-16%	↓	-23%
Information and communication	1,970	↑	48%	↓	-1%
Education	1,425	↑	37%	↑	3%
Administrative and support service	1,095	↑	33%	↑	30%
Transportation and storage	1,060	↓	-11%	↓	-12%
Accommodation and food service	340	↓	-27%	↓	-19%
Other services	190	↑	16%	↓	-16%
Real estate	105	↑	2%	↑	10%
Total utilities, construction and natural products	3,535	↑	14%	↑	19%
Mining and quarrying	1,725	↓	-8%	↑	13%
Construction	920	↑	436%	↑	109%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	715	↓	-10%	↓	-2%
Utilities	180	↓	-38%	↓	-33%