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According to report released Jan. 21 by the official statistics bureau (Instituto Nacional de Estadísticas y Censos-INDEC), trade with MERCOSUR member-nations (Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay) over the first eight months of 1991 totaled US\$2.1519 billion, up 39% compared to the same period in 1990. Exports were valued at US\$1.209 billion, and imports from the three nations, US\$943 million. On an annualized basis, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay account for 17% of Argentina's foreign trade. Over the first eight months of 1991, 76% of the US\$1.209 billion in exports corresponded to Brazil; 16% to Uruguay; and, 8% to Paraguay. Manufactures (mainly machinery, chemical products, and electrical components) accounted for 37.6% of exports to Mercosur. Argentine imports from the three nations were up 93% compared to January-August 1990. Brazil supplied 83% of imports from Mercosur; Uruguay, 15%; and, Paraguay, 2%. Intermediate inputs accounted for 56.7% of the total. (Basic data from Agence France-Presse, 01/21/92)

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