Chemicals exports include a huge variety of products, such as paints, perfumes, fertilisers, pesticides and soap. This category includes many items that if not used directly by us, are evident in our daily lives such as painted walls, or the chemicals used when growing much of the food eaten around the world. Thus it is no surprise that chemicals make up 8% of the earnings from all international exports.

Only three regions make net profits from the export of chemicals, and of these Western Europe earns six times more (US$ net) than Japan, the second highest net exporting region.

**Technical notes**
- There were no net chemical exports recorded for 165 territories. For 4 territories in the Middle East the regional average was used.
- See website for further information.