



# **ESTONIAN FURNITURE CONFERENCE**

## **Situation of the Furniture industry**

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**UEA**



⌘ UEA

⌘ FURNITURE PRODUCTION

⌘ FURNITURE TRADE



# UNION EUROPEENNE DE L'AMEUBLEMENT

Founded in 1950

Members (EU countries) and associated members  
(European non EU countries)

2007: 27 national members (20 EU and 7 non EU)

President Calixto Valenti (also president of the  
World Furniture Confederation (42 countries))

UEA secretariat Brussels, rue de la Loi

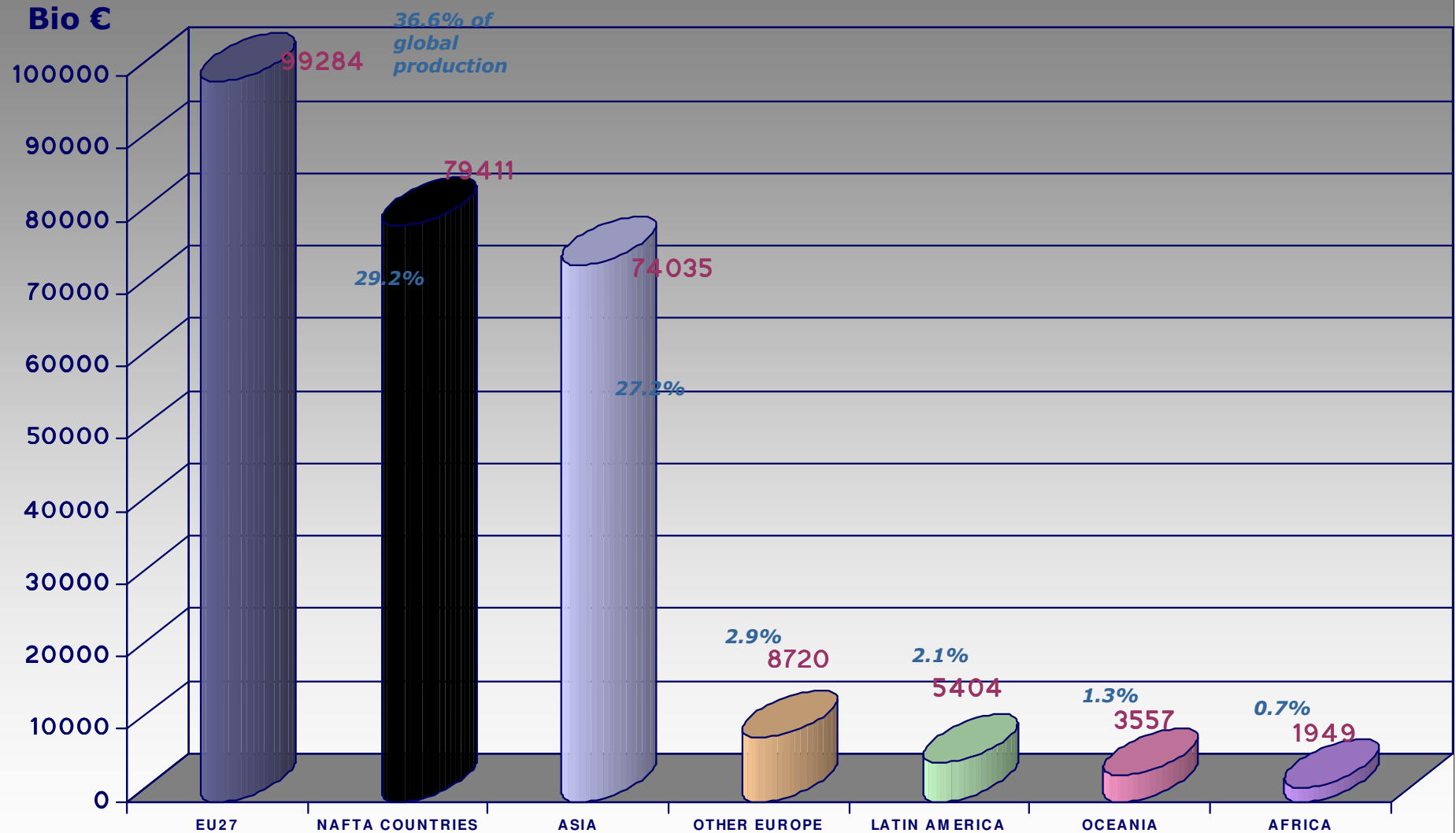


# UEA PRIORITIES

- ⌘ Elimination of import duties of furniture and materials used in the production of furniture:
- ⌘ Formulation of common positions:
  - ⊞ Formaldehyde:
  - ⊞ social VAT ( replacing social security with VAT),
  - ⊞ Fire safety directive,
  - ⊞ EDI in the sector
  - ⊞ Proposal for an environmental tax on imported products that do not have the same requirements in their production
- ⌘ elaboration of statistics:
  - ⊞ Presentation in directors board
  - ⊞ Secretariat elaboration statistics based on Eurostat and nat statistics
- ⌘ design protection.
  - ⊞ WFC: resolution
  - ⊞ Promoting existing EU design protection directive in the various countries:
  - ⊞ Italy: infraction concerns the cumulating of copyright which in Italy is not recognized for classical furniture.
- ⌘ Research and innovation: promotion and co-ordination of projects/identification of specific furniture research needs



# FURNITURE GLOBAL PRODUCTION IN 2006

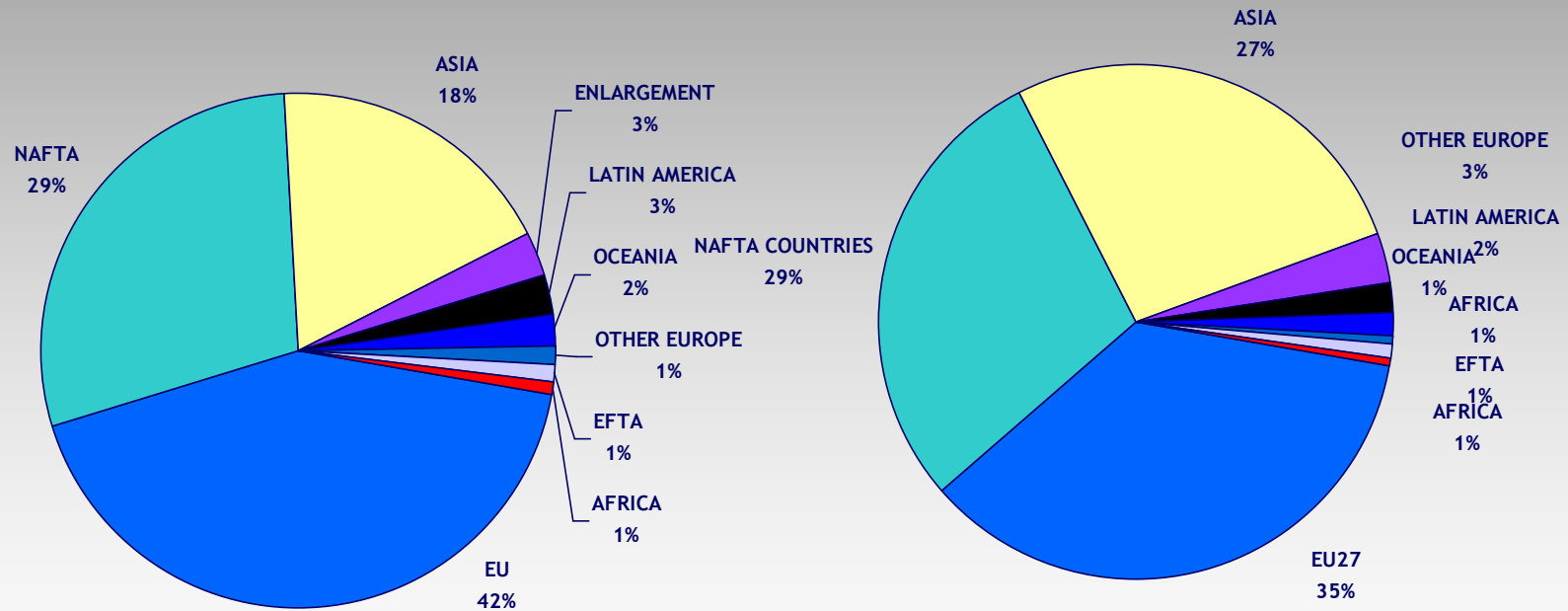




# FURNITURE GLOBAL PRODUCTION IN 1998 & 2006

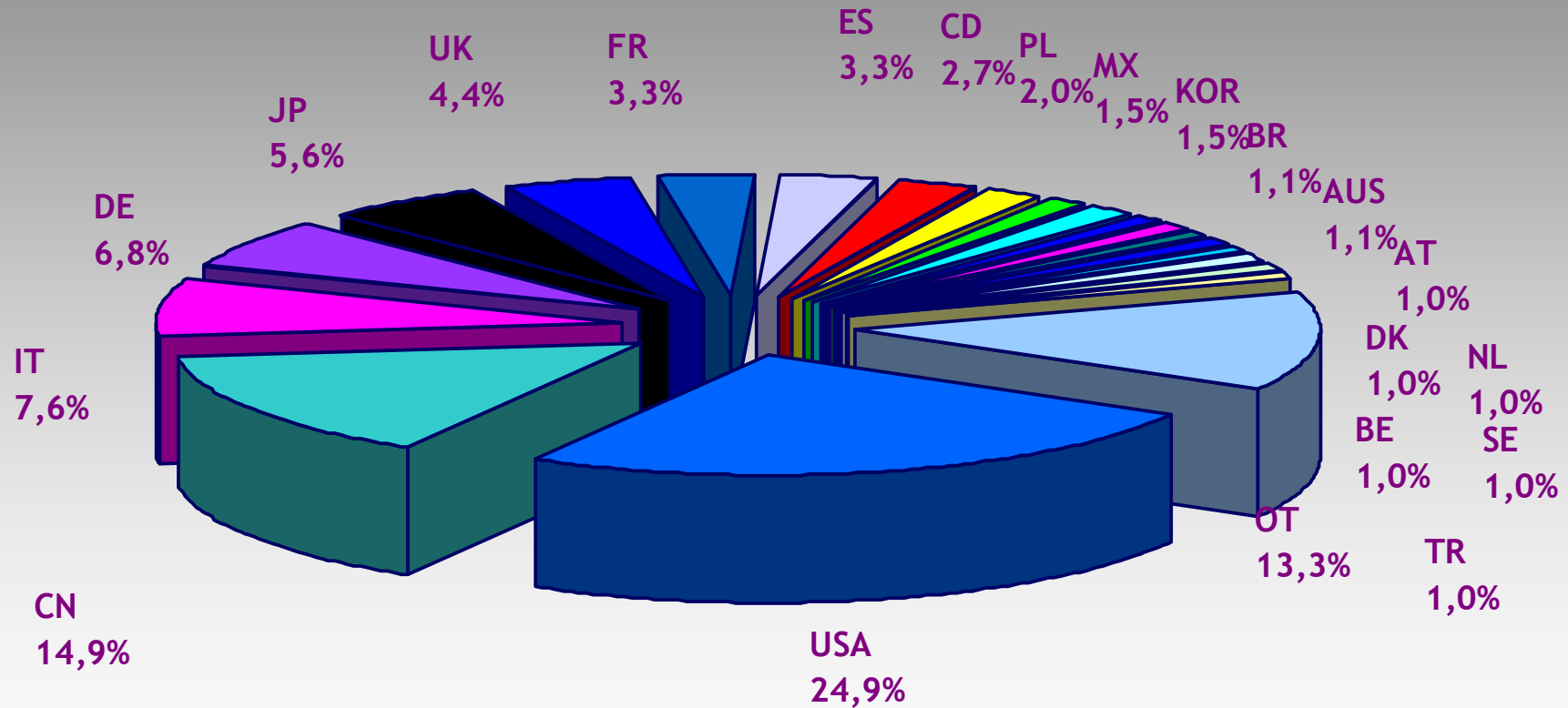
180.1 Bio €

271.9 Bio €





# TOP 20 FURNITURE PRODUCING COUNTRIES (>2 BIO €).

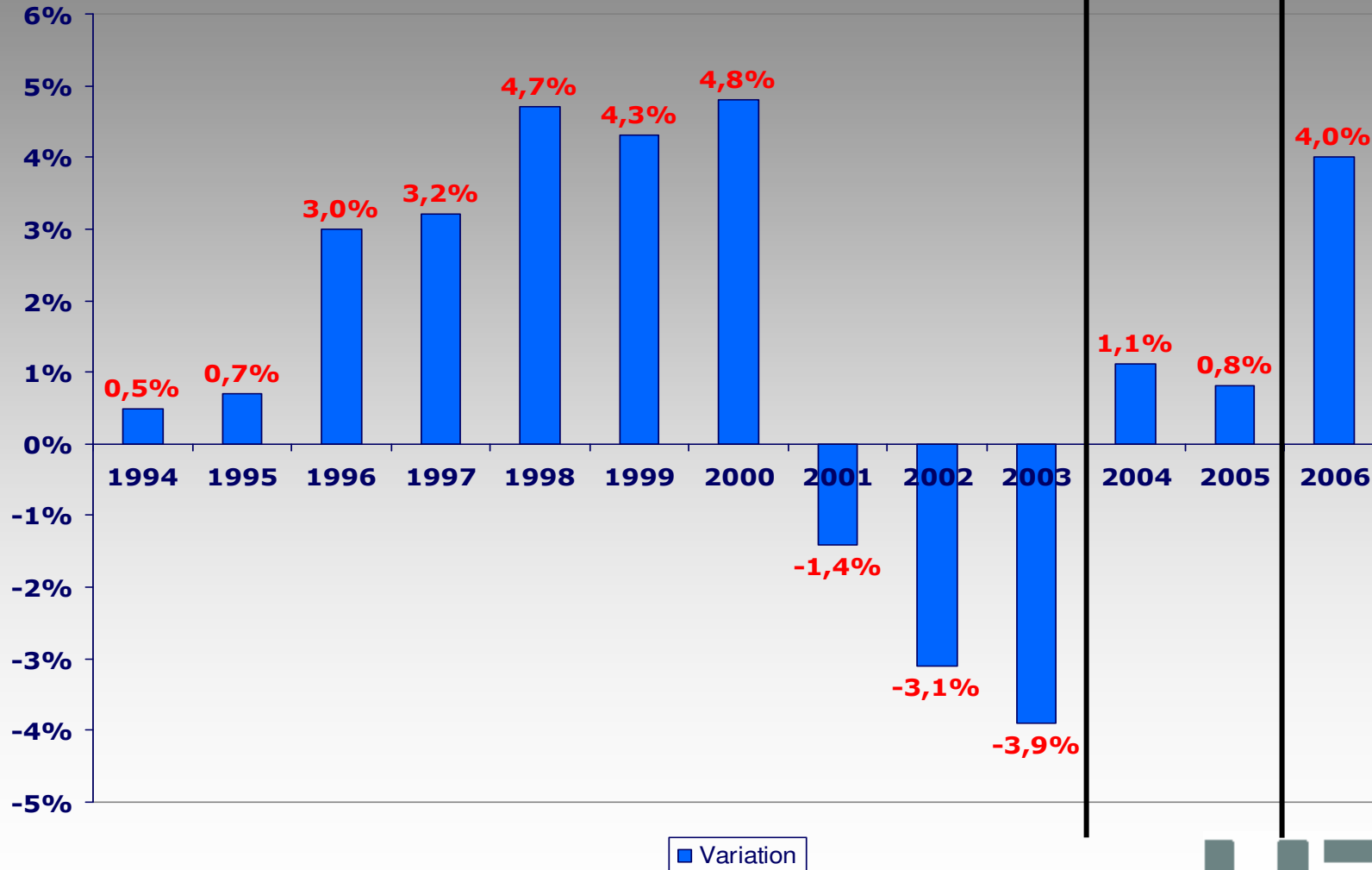




# FURNITURE PRODUCTION IN THE EU

## Annual Variations

In %



TOTAL 2006 PRODUCTION: 97.3 BIO € (EST EU25) & 99.4 (EST EU27)

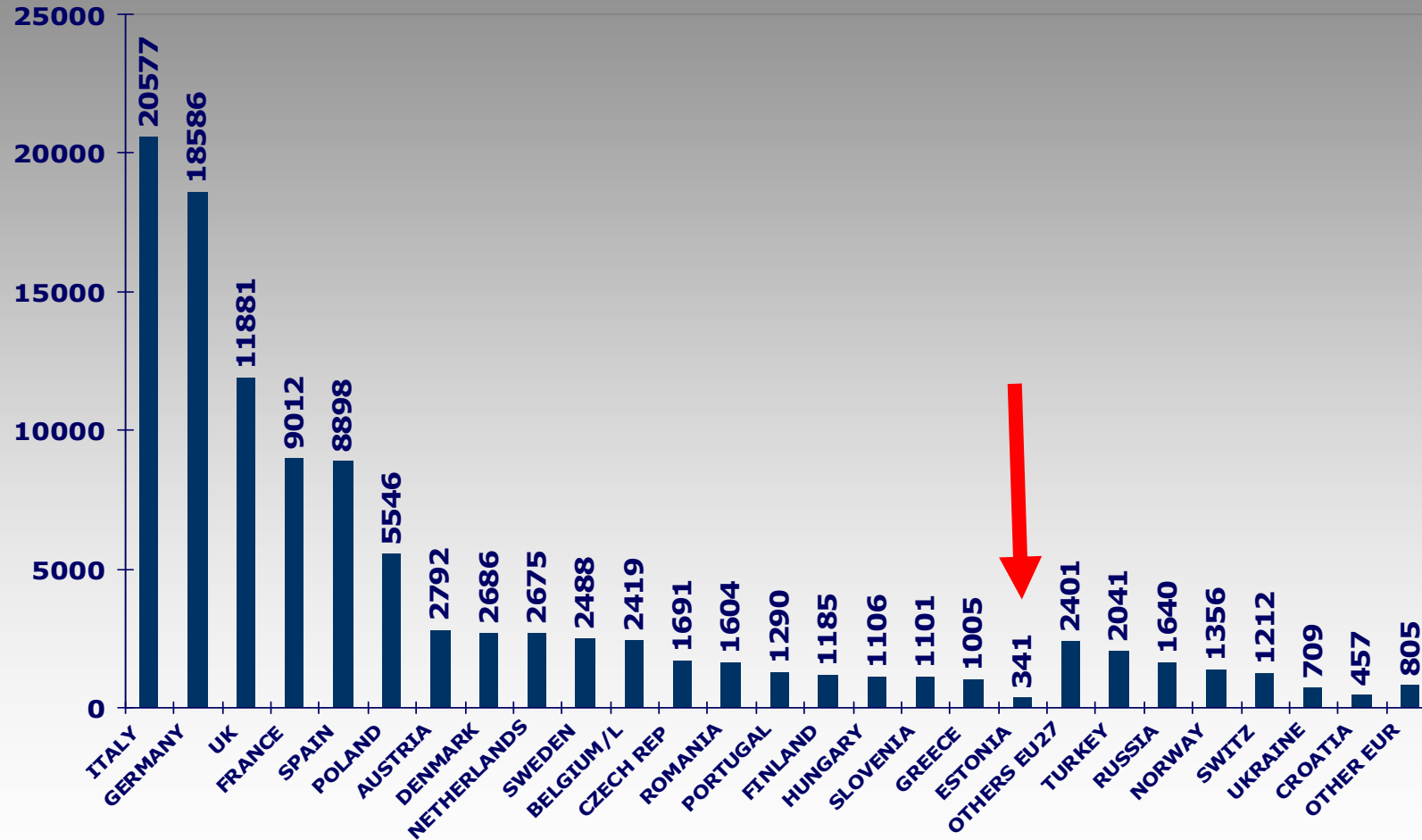
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# 2006 FURNITURE PRODUCTION IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

In MIL €



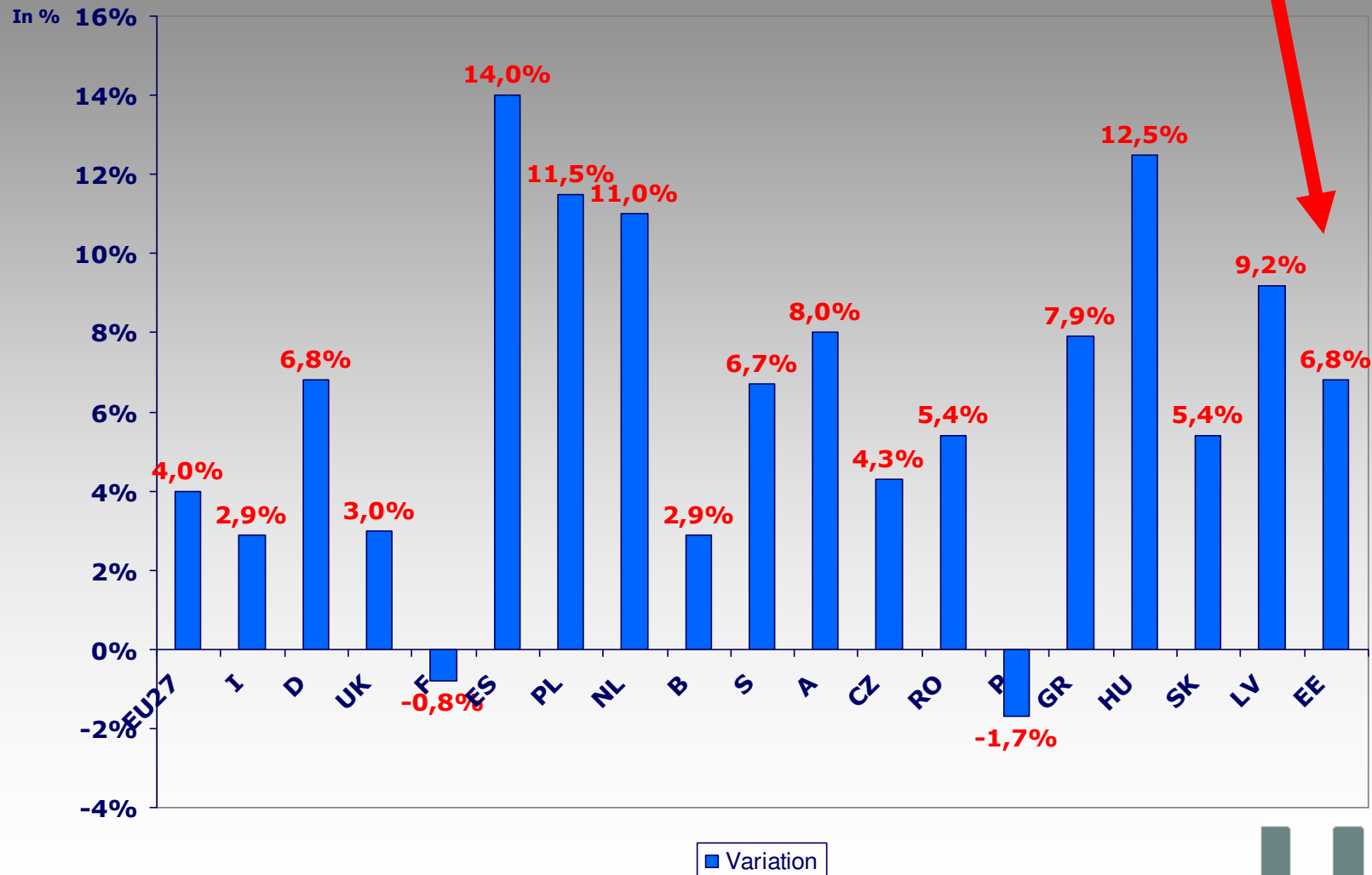
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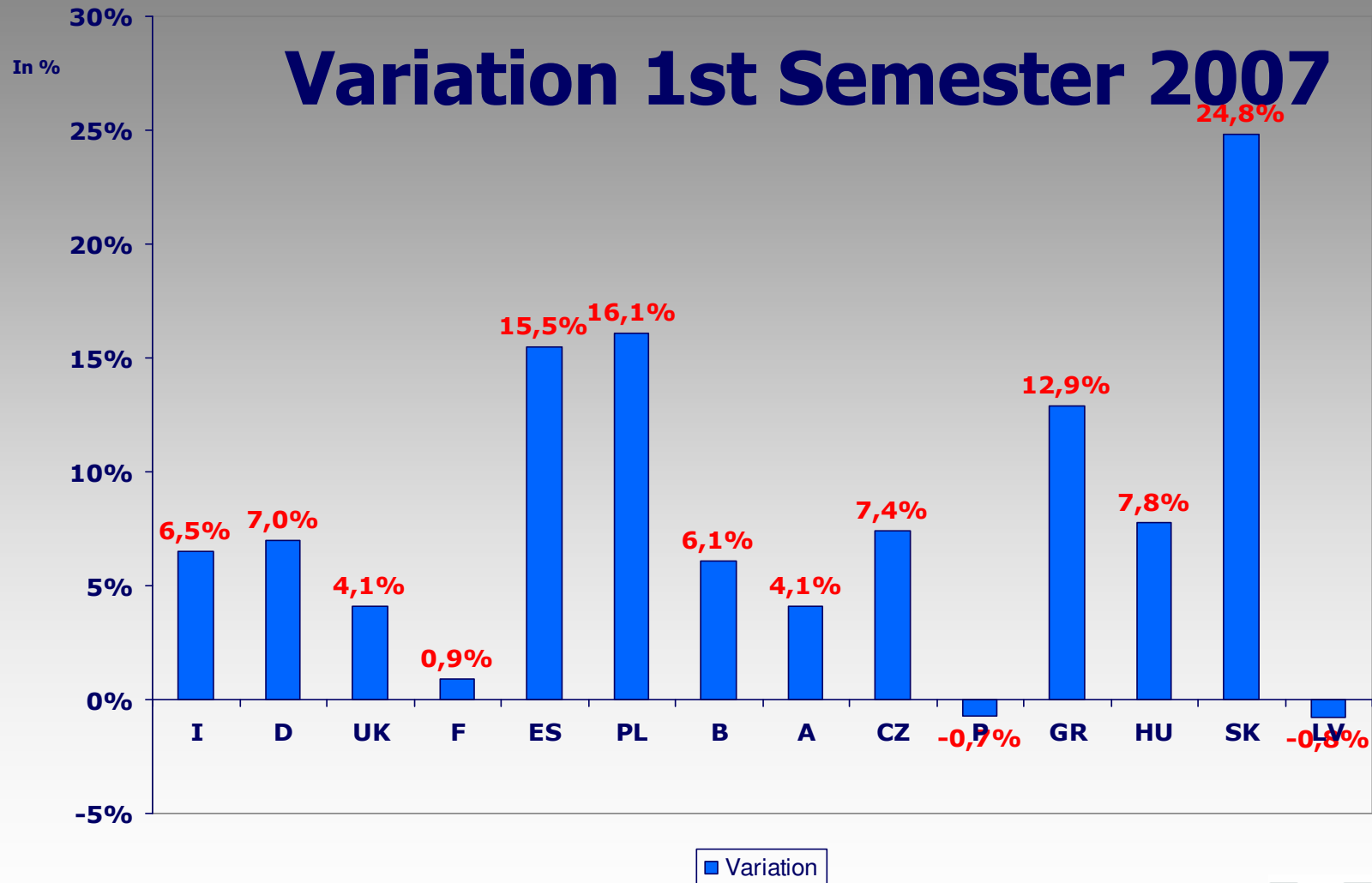


# 2006 FURNITURE PRODUCTION ANNUAL VARIATION





# EU FURNITURE PRODUCTION

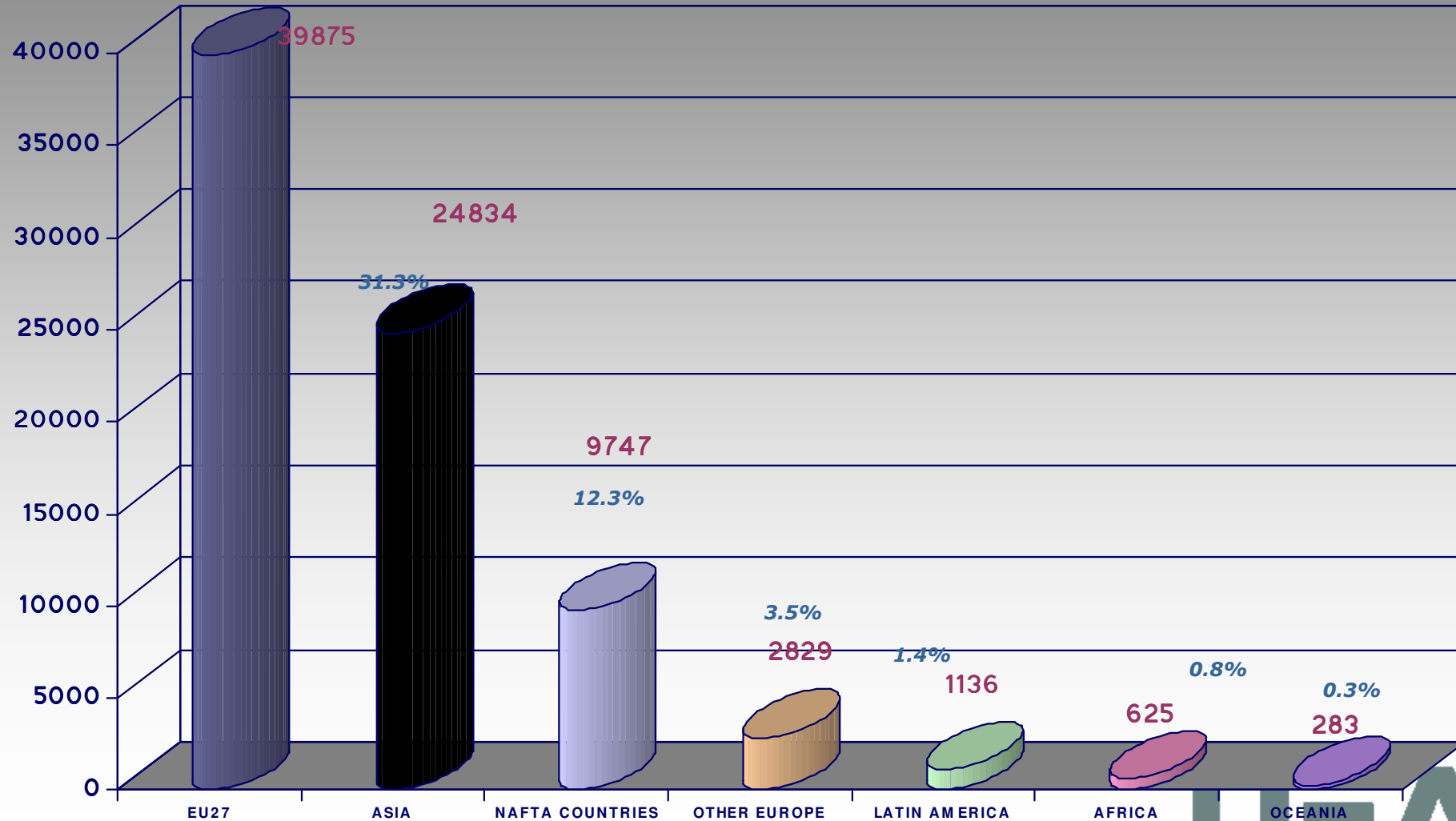




# FURNITURE GLOBAL TRADE IN 2006

50.4% of  
global  
exports

Bio €



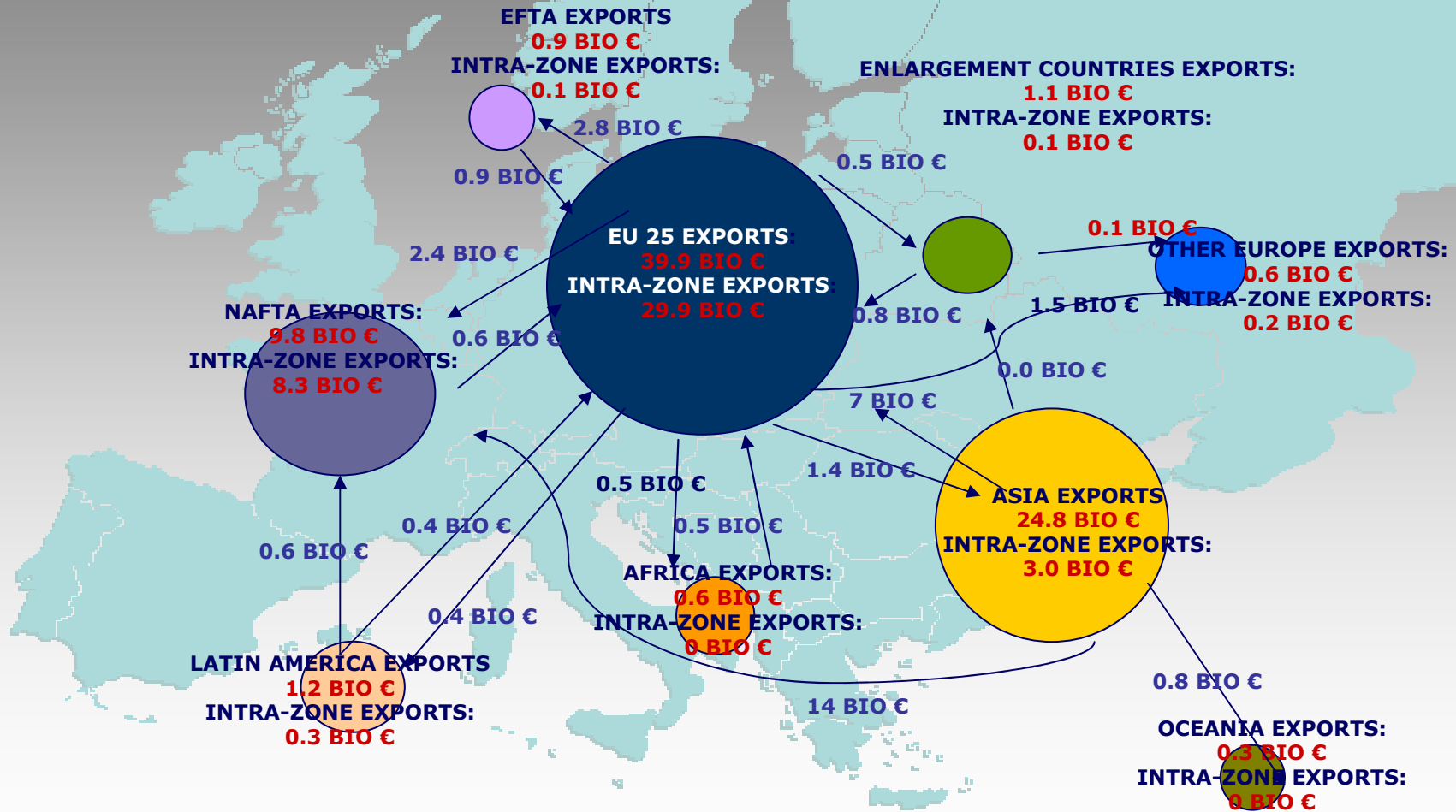
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**TOTAL: 79.2 bio Euro**





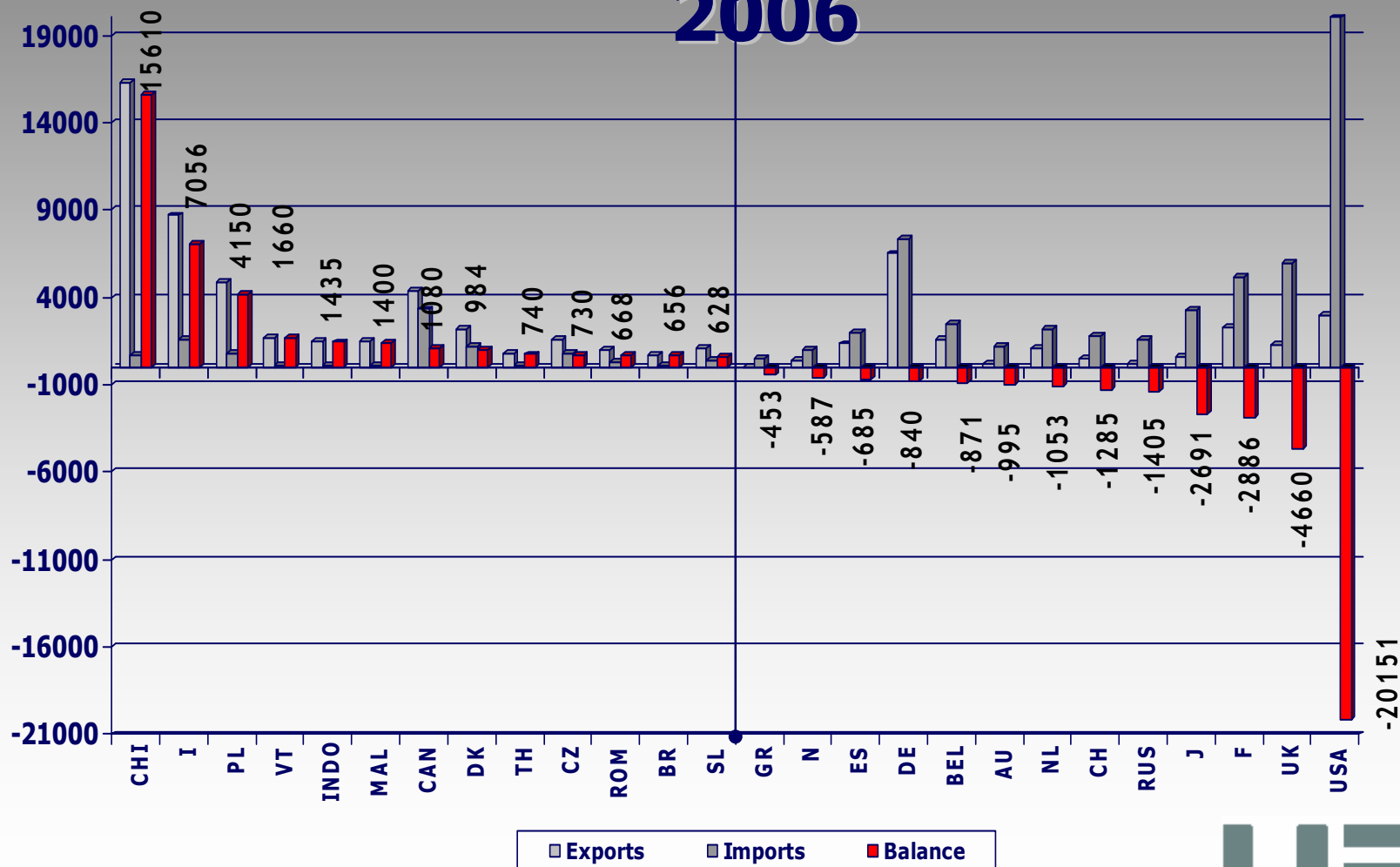
# 2006 GLOBAL FURNITURE EXPORTS 79.2 BILLION EUROS (+8.7%)





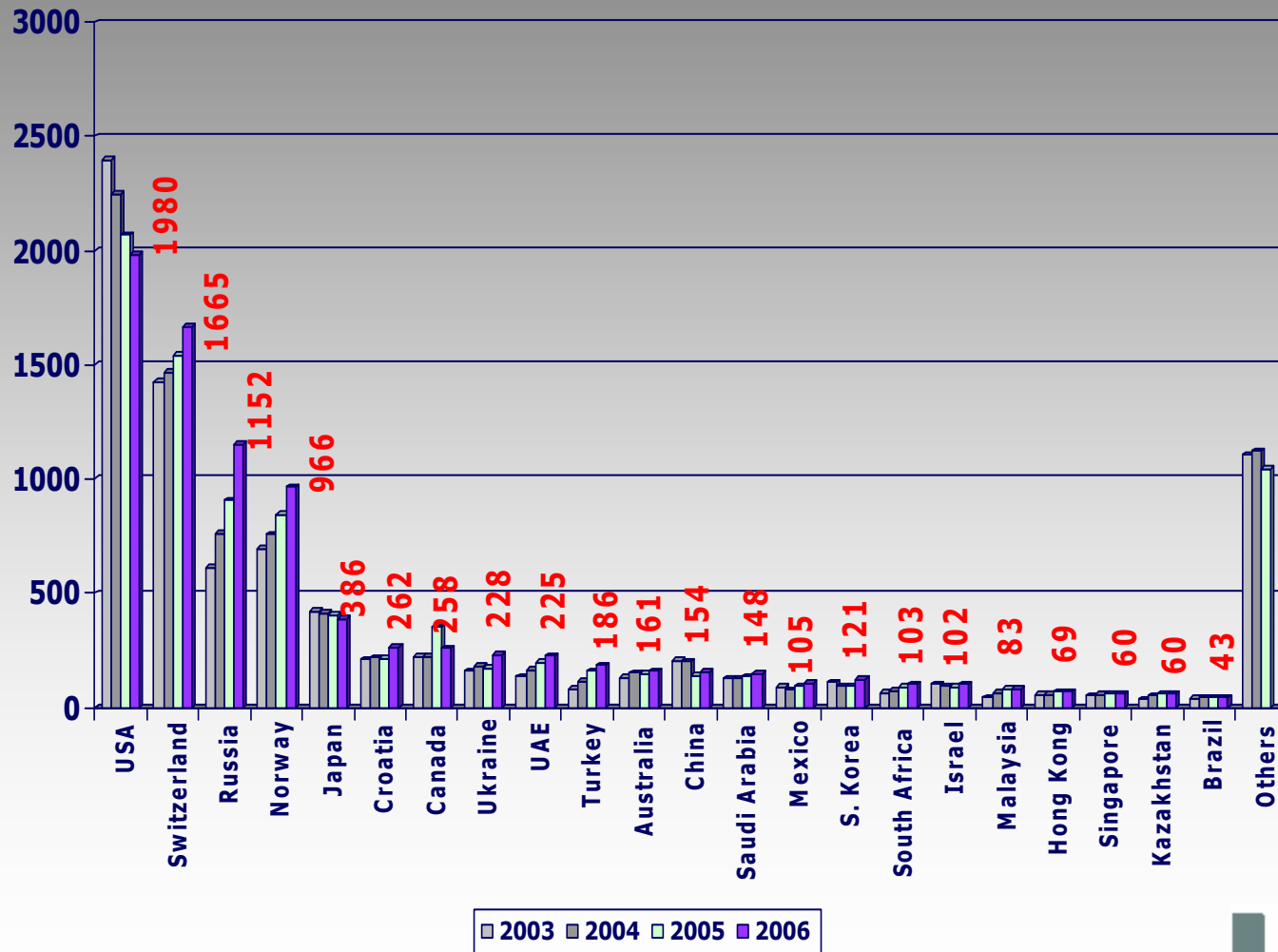
# FURNITURE TRADE BALANCES

## 2006



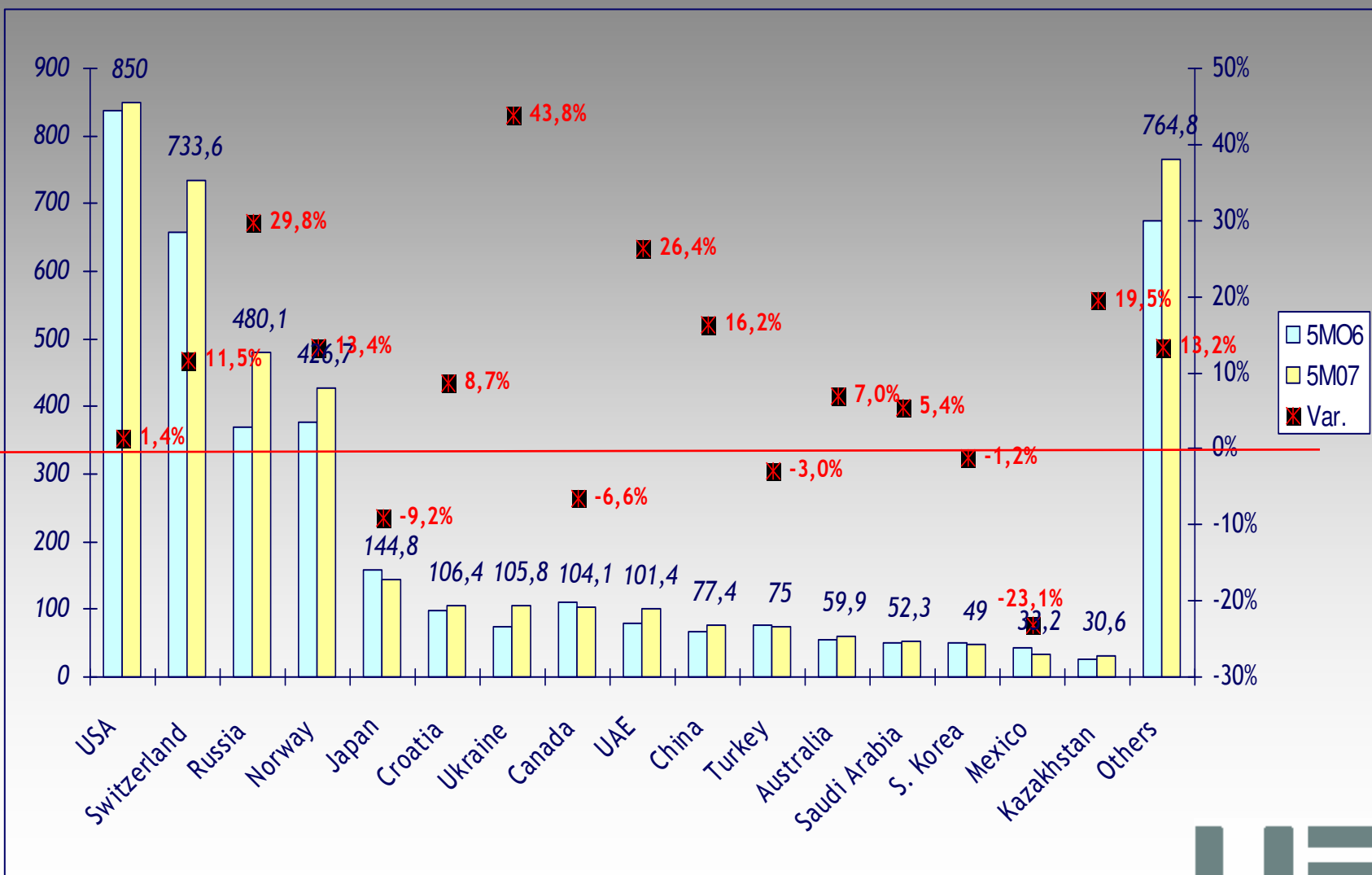


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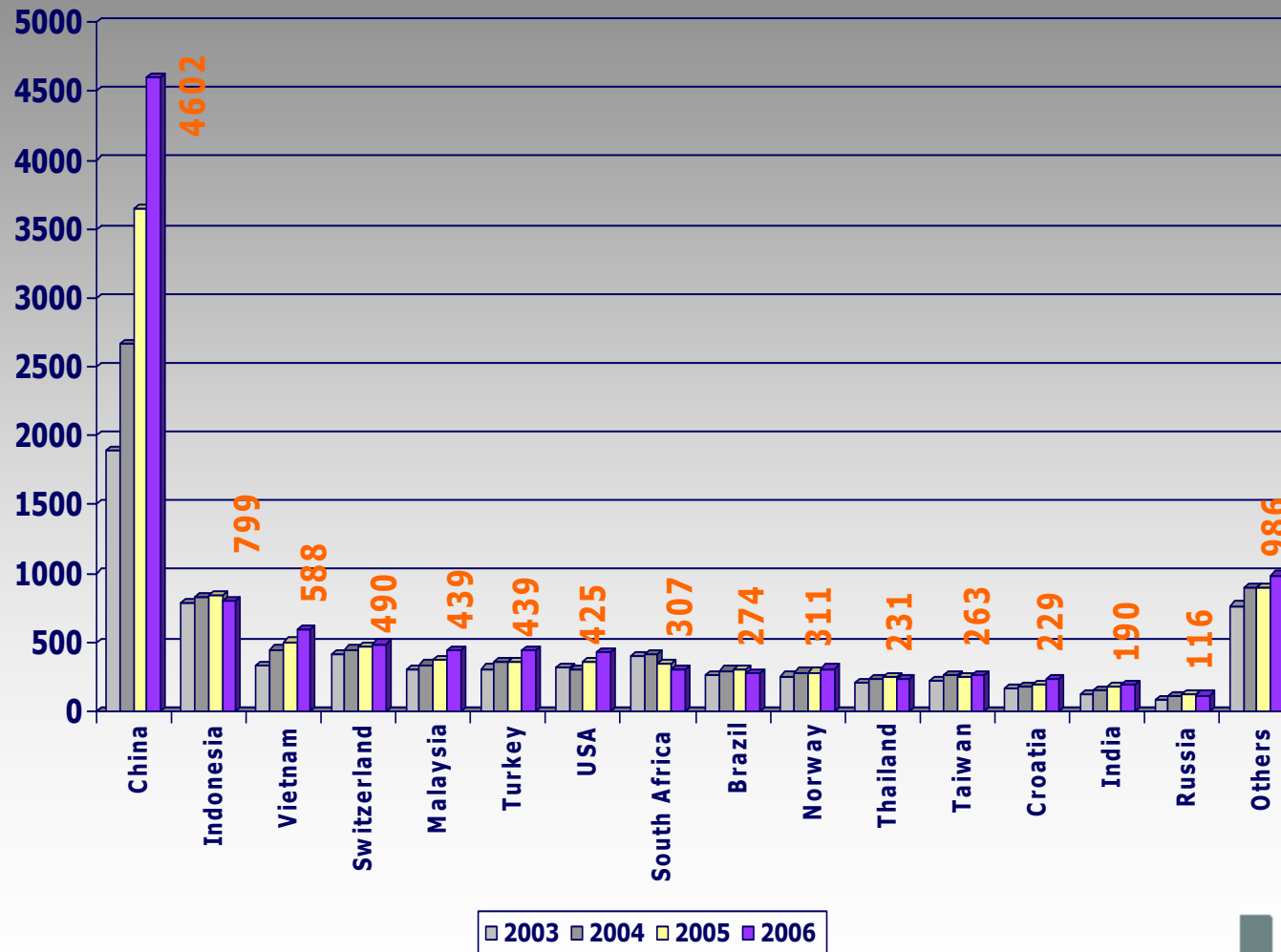
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Mio Euro



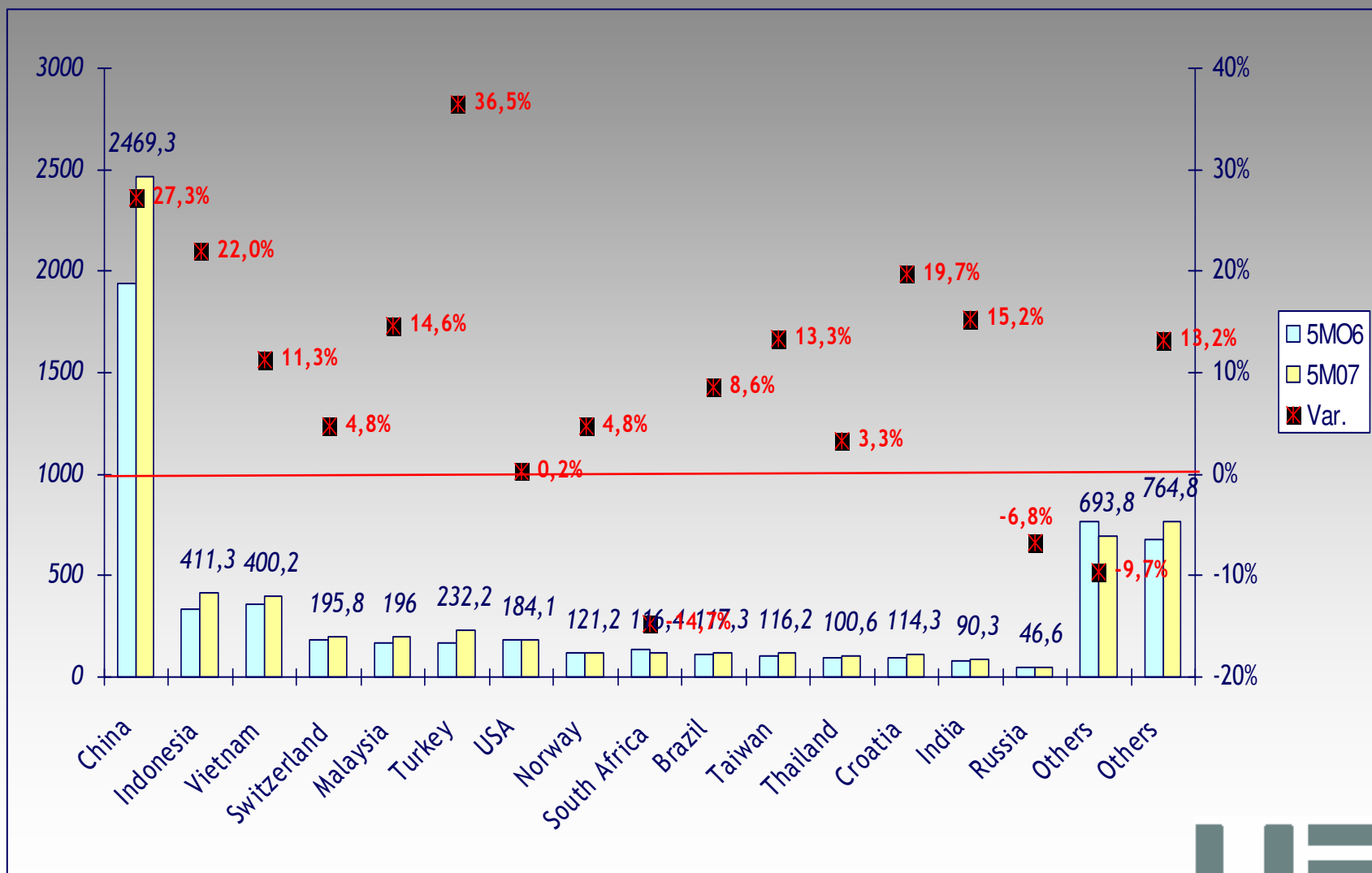


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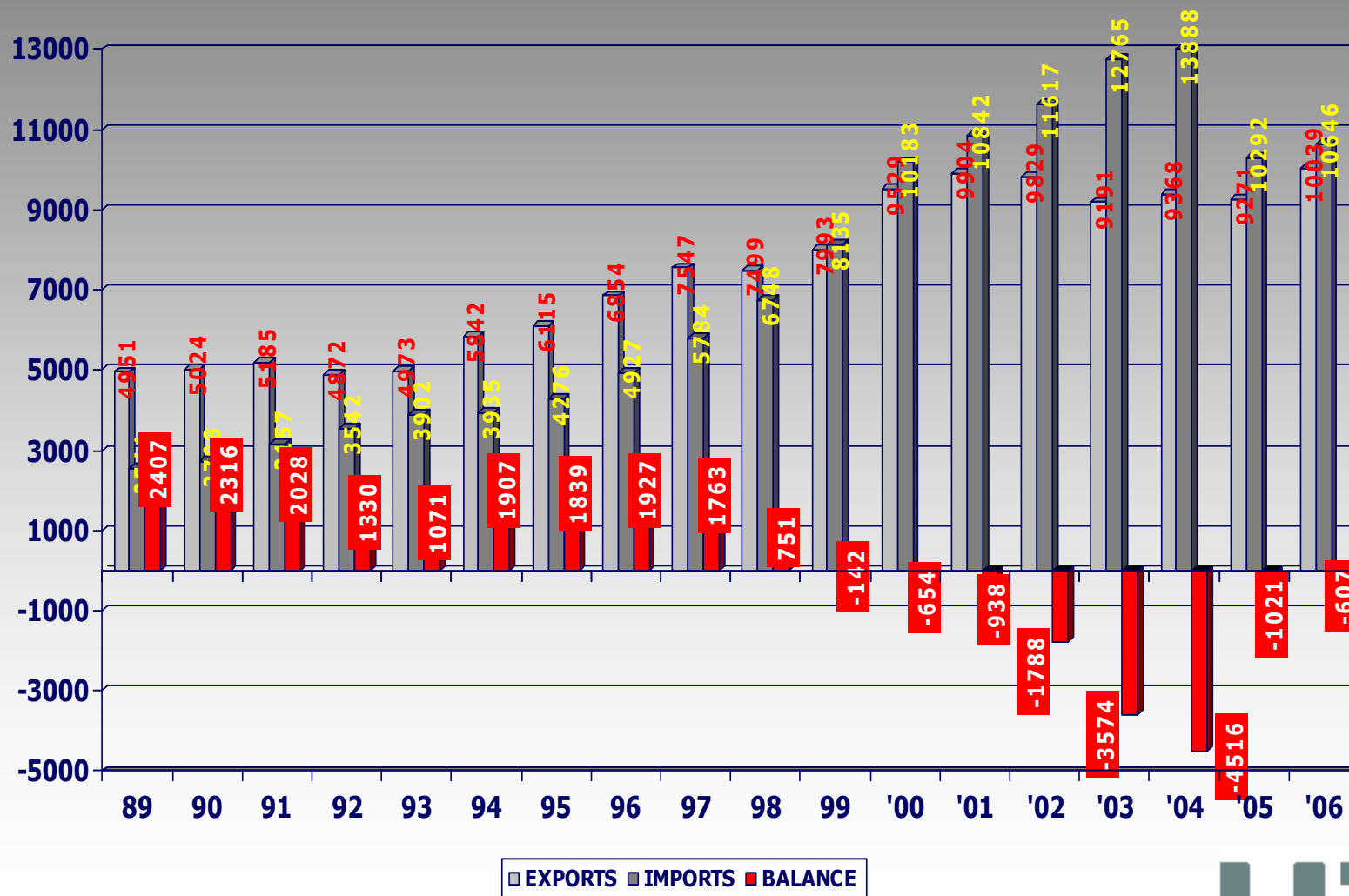
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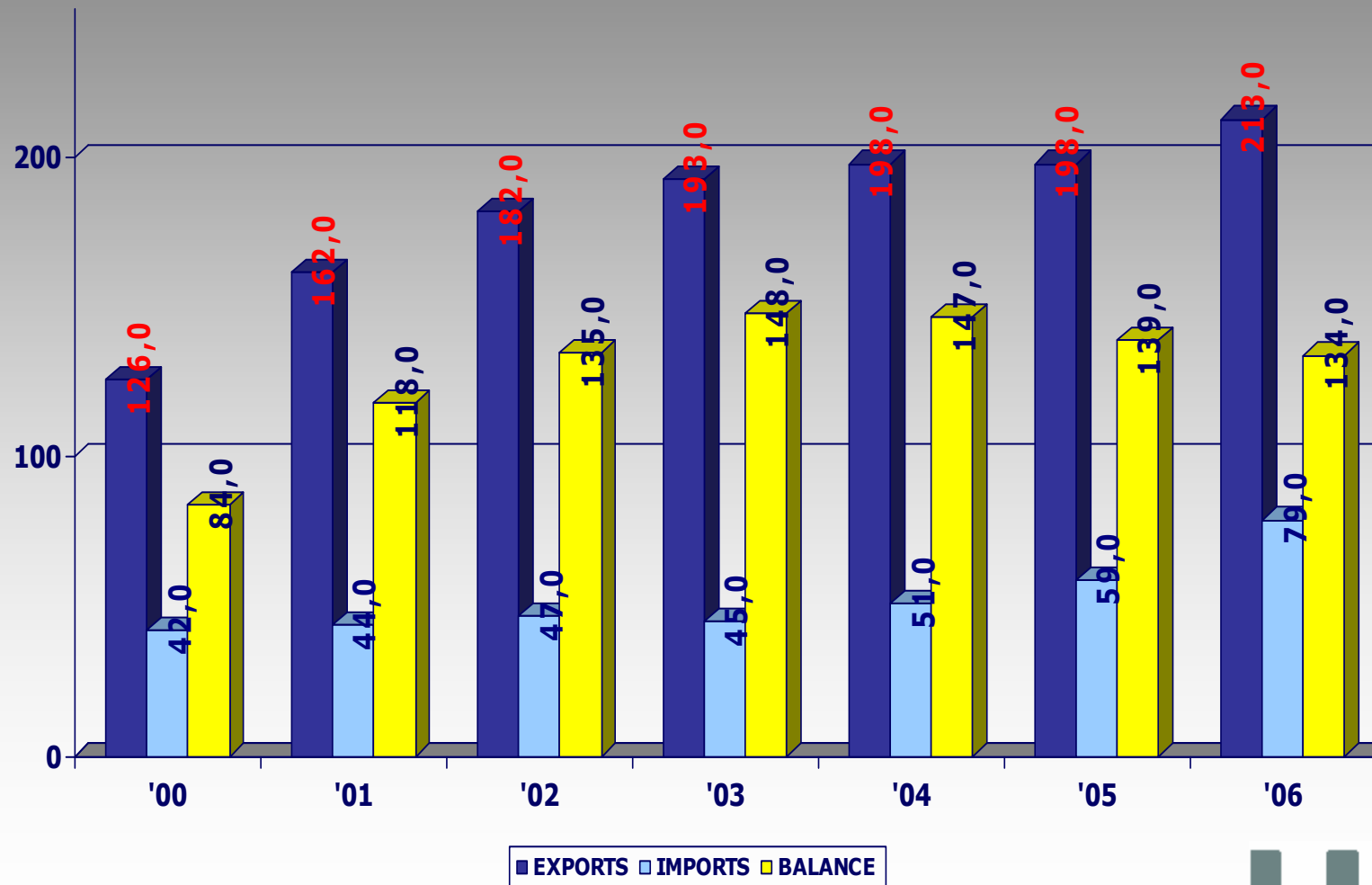


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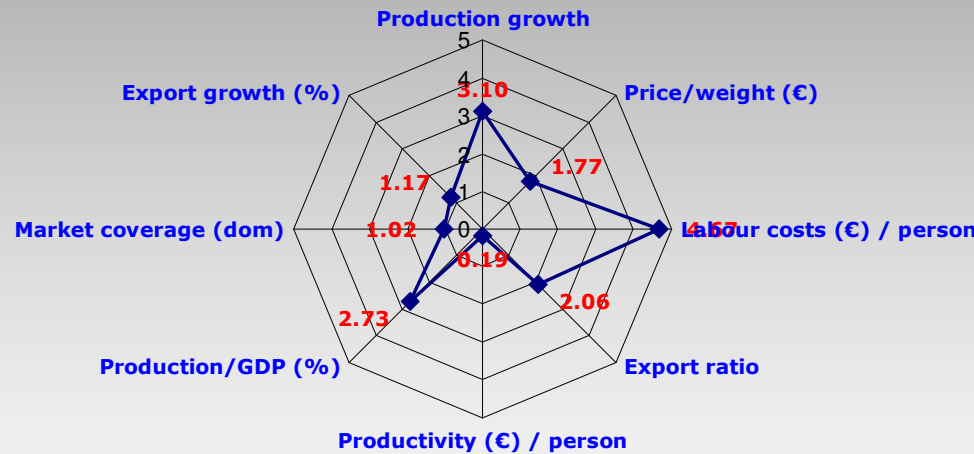


# FURNITURE TRADE BALANCE - EE





## COMPETITIVENESS EU15 – ESTONIA 2000



## COMPETITIVENESS EU25 - ESTONIA 2006

