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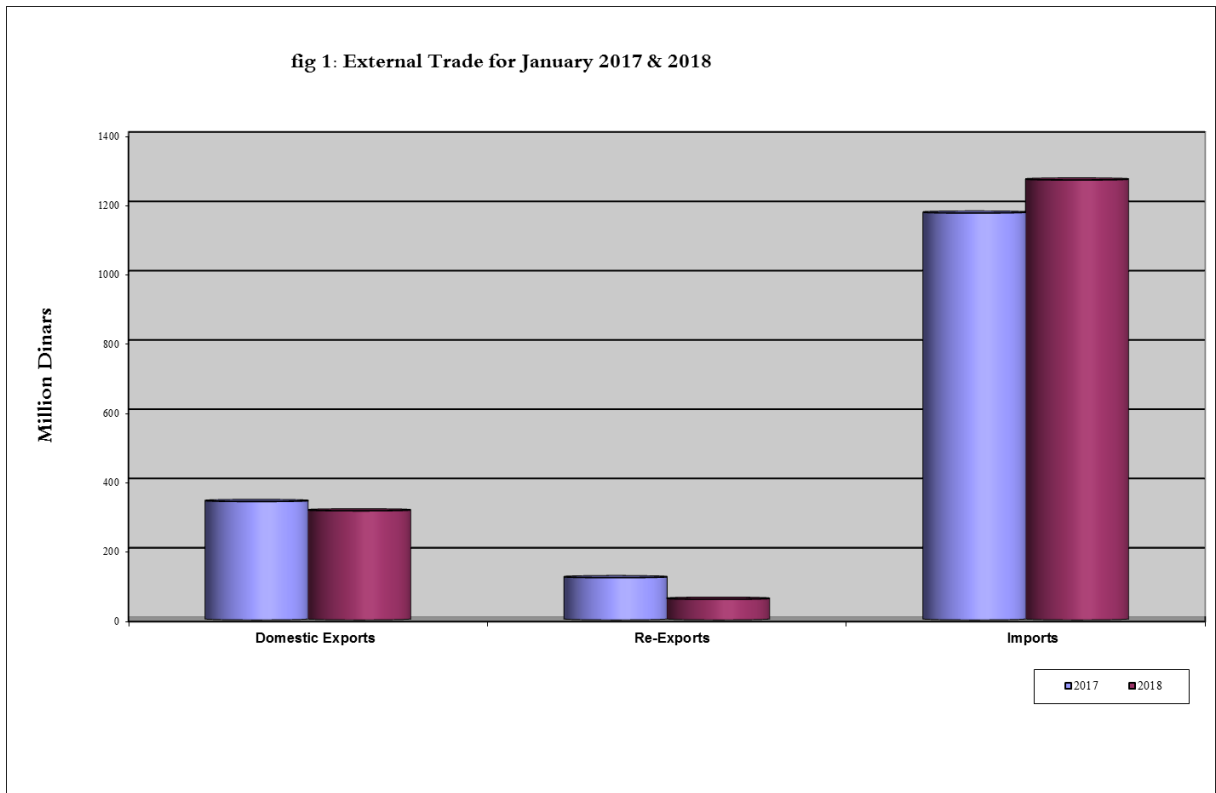
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The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

National exports decrease by (7.8%) and Imports increase by 8.1% during January 2018 compared with the same period of 2017

The statistical data issued by the Department of Statistics indicate that the value of total exports reached JD.376.4 million During January 2018 [i.e., a decrease by (19.1%) compared with the same period of 2017]. Meanwhile, the national exports value reached JD.315.8 Million during January 2018 [i.e. a decrease by (7.8%) compared with the same period of 2017]. The value of re-exports reached JD 60.6 million during January 2018 which indicates a decrease by (50.7%) as compared with the same period of 2017. The imports value reached JD.1270.6 million during January 2018, thus increasing by 8.1% compared with the same period of 2017.

The deficit in the trade balance, which is calculated by deducting the value of imports from the value of total exports, has reached JD.894.2 million therefore; the deficit has increased during January 2018 by 26.0% compared with the same period of 2017. The imports coverage by total exports has become 29.6% during January 2018 while it was 39.6% for the same period of 2017, which means a decrease by (10.0%) percentage points.



As for commodities, the main exported items that witnessed an increase in their export value were export value of clothes and its related accessories by 18.8% and Non- organic Chemical products by 17.1%, while there was a decrease in the crude phosphate by (13.3%), fertilizers by(24.6%), Crude Phosphates by (10.6%) and pharmaceutical products by (18.1%).

As for imports, there was an increase in the imports value of crude oil and its products by 40.8%, vehicles and motorcycles and their parts by 6.5%, cereals by 286.7%, electrical appliances and machines and their related parts by 17.1% and plastic products by 26.1%, while there was a decrease in the imports value of machines, machinery and their part by (2.4%).

Regarding trade with the main partners, there was an increase in the national exports to North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by 11.4% part of which USA by 9.4%, and Non-Arab Asian Countries by 0.3% part of which India by 65.8% and the European Union countries by 58.9% part of which is Netherland by 47.4%, While there was a decrease in the

exports value to the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by (22.4%) part of which KSA by (7.5%).

As for the imports, there was a noticeable increase in the imports value from the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 8.1% part of which KSA by 60.7%, the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by 62.2% part of which USA by 69.2% and the European Union countries by 17.6% part of which is Italy by 41.2% ,while there was a decrease in the value of imports from the Non-Arab Asian Countries by (5.0%) part of which is Turkey by (10.9%).

Regarding the value of imports from the Gulf Cooperation Council countries, it has reached JD.235.1 million representing 18.5% of the total imports during January 2018, while the total exports to these countries have reached JD.62.2 million representing 16.5% of the total exports during the same period.

The main reasons behind the decreasing value of national exports during January 2018 are attributed to a decrease in the value of national exports of the following commodities compared with the same month of 2017:

- 1- Fertilizers from JD.34.2 million to JD.25.8 million – a decrease by (24.6%).
- 2- Pharmaceutical products from JD. 23.2 million to JD.19.0 million – a decrease by (18.1%).
- 3- Crude potash from JD.31.6 million to JD.27.4 million – a decrease by (13.3%).
- 4- electrical appliances and machines and their related parts from JD.11.4 million to JD. 4.9 million – a decrease by (57.0%).

There was also a decrease in the national exports of livestock and its products from meat, guts and edible limbs, tobacco and its products, crude phosphate, soap and wash products, various chemical products, plastic and its products, products from stone or gypsum or cement, irons and its products and machines and machinery tools and their related parts.

The exports of the above mentioned items made up 41.4% of the total value of the national exports during January 2018 compared with 53.3% in the same month of 2017.

The data show an increase in the national exports value of Clothes and its accessories by 18.8%, Non- organic Chemical products by 17.1% and fodder by 90.0%.

There was also an increase in the national exports of products of meat and fish and cooper and its products.

Clothes have occupied the first rank among the national exported commodities in January 2018; Crude potash came second while Fertilizers and crude phosphate held the Third and the Fourth ranks respectively.

The United States situated the first one of the countries to which goods are exported , the value has reached 91.1 million dinars by 28.8%, followed by India at the second place with a value of 49.9 million dinars by 15.8%, the third place Saudi Arabia with 30.9 million dinars by 9.8% and the final one was Iraq with 27.3 million dinars by 8.6%. The total exports to these countries amounted to 63.0% of the total national exports during January 2018.

**The most important exported and imported commodities during
January 2017 and 2018**

Value in (JD Million)

National Exports				Imports			
Commodities	2017	2018	Growth Average %	Commodities	2017	2018	Growth Average %
Clothes and accessories	80.9	96.1	18.8	Crude Oil	176.0	247.8	40.8
Crude potash	31.6	27.4	-13.3	Vehicles, Motorcycle and their parts	124.9	133.0	6.5
fertilizers	34.2	25.8	-24.6	machines, machinery and their part by 2.4%	115.7	112.9	-2.4
Crude Phosphates	21.7	19.4	-10.6	Cereals	21.0	81.2	286.7
Pharmaceutical products	23.2	19.0	-18.1	Machinery, electrical appliances and their parts	63.6	74.5	17.1
Non-organic chemical products	11.7	13.7	17.1	Plastic and its products	38.3	48.3	26.1
Other items	139.4	114.4	-17.9	Other items	635.7	572.9	-9.9
National Exports	342.7	315.8	-7.8	Total of Imports (2)	1175.2	1270.6	8.1
Re-exports	122.8	60.6	-50.7				
Sum of total Exports (1)	465.5	376.4	-19.1	Trade Deficit (1)-(2)	-709.7	-894.2	26.0

**Main Trade Partners and Economic Blocs during January
2017 and 2018**

Value in (JD Million)

National Exports				Imports			
Economic Cartels	2017	2018	Growth Average %	Economic Cartels	2017	2018	Growth Average %
Greater Arab Trade Zone countries	141.5	109.8	-22.4	Greater Arab Trade Zone Countries	263.8	285.1	8.1
Of which Saudi Arabia	33.4	30.9	-7.5	Of which Saudi Arabia	115.8	186.1	60.7
North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	87.0	96.9	11.4	North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	109.0	176.8	62.2
Of which USA	83.3	91.1	9.4	Of which USA	88.2	149.2	69.2
Non-Arab Asian countries	77.9	78.1	0.3	Non-Arab Asian countries	407.9	387.6	-5.0
Of which India	30.1	49.9	65.8	Of which China	161.5	162.2	0.4
European Union Countries	7.3	11.6	58.9	European Union Countries	255.4	300.4	17.6
Of which Netherlands	1.9	2.8	47.4	Of which Italy	35.2	49.7	41.2
Other Economic Cartels	29.0	19.4	-33.1	Other Economic Cartels	139.1	120.7	-13.2
Of which Free Zone	17.1	16.3	-4.7	Of which Russia	5.8	21.5	270.7

Fig 2: Exports, Imports and Trade Deficit August 2017-January 2018

