



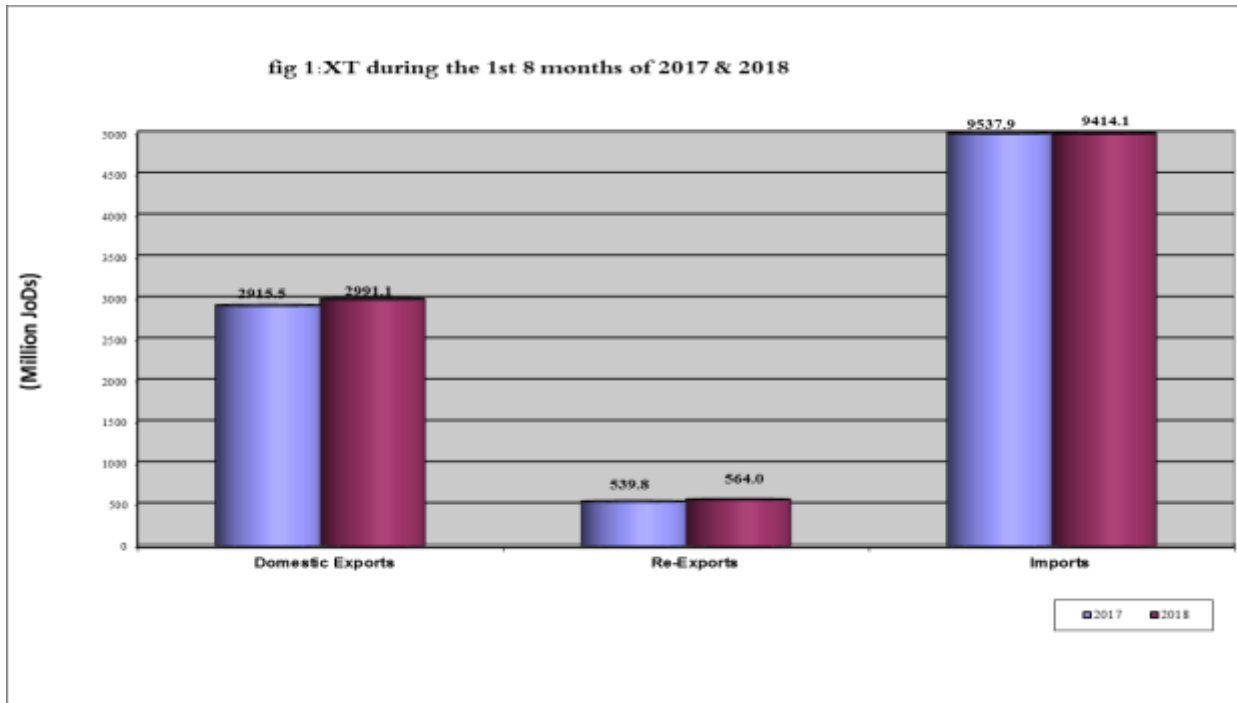
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National exports increase by 2.6% and Imports decrease by (1.3%) during the first 8 months of 2018 compared with the same period of 2017

The statistical data issued by the Department of Statistics indicate that the value of total exports reached JD.3555.1 million during the first eight months of 2018 [i.e., an increase by 2.9% compared with the same period of 2017]. Meanwhile, the national exports value reached JD.2991.1 Million during the first eight months of 2018 [i.e. an increase by 2.6% compared with the same period of 2017]. The value of re-exports reached JD 564.0 million during the first eight months of 2018 which indicates an increase by 4.5% as compared with the same period of 2017. The imports value reached JD.9414.1 million during the first eight months of 2018, thus decreasing by (1.3%) 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.5859.0 million therefore; the deficit has decreased during the first eight months of 2018 by (3.7%) compared with the same period of 2017. The imports coverage by total exports has become 37.8% during the first eight months of 2018 while it was 36.2% for the same period of 2017, which means an increase by 1.6 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 12.6%, crude potash by 12.4% and fertilizers 27.2%. While there was a decrease in the pharmaceutical products by (4.6%), fruits & vegetables by (12.0%) and crude phosphate by (6.2%).

As for imports, there was an increase in the imports value of crude oil and its products by 42.8%, iron and its products by 20.6% and plastic and its products by 3.5%. While there was a decrease in the imports value of machines, machinery and their part by (26.6%), vehicles and motorcycles and their parts by (30.8%) and machinery, electrical appliances and their parts by (4.5%).

Regarding trade with the main partners, there was an increase in the national exports to North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by 10.3% part of which USA by 9.9%, Non-Arab Asian Countries by 14.8% part of which India by 30.8% and the European Union countries by 17.4% part of which is Netherland by 4.0%, While there was a decrease in the exports value to the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by (4.7%) part of which KSA by (16.9%).

As for the imports, there was a noticeable increase in the imports value from the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 16.0% part of which KSA by 40.0%, while there was a decrease in the

import value from the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by (19.7%) part of which USA by (17.9%) , the Non-Arab Asian Countries by (7.7%) part of which china by (6.1%) and European Union countries by (0.02%) part of which is Italy by (18.2%).

Regarding the value of imports from the Gulf Cooperation Council countries, it has reached JD.2174.3 million representing 23.1% of the total imports during the first eight months of 2018, while the total exports to these countries have reached JD.747.0 million representing 21.0% of the total exports during the same period.

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

- 1- Clothes and its knitted accessories from JD 118.1 million to JD 109.8 million – a decrease by (7.0%).
- 2- Crude potash from JD.28.8 million to JD. 21.5 million – a decrease by (25.3 %.)
- 3- Pharmaceutical products from JD.34.8 million to JD.26.9 million – a decrease by (22.7%).
- 4- Livestock from JD. 20.2 million to JD.13.4 million – a decrease by (33.7%).

There was also a decrease in the national exports of organic chemical products , plastic and its products ,products of stone or gypsum or cement, ornaments and jewelry ,precious metals and Aluminum and its products.

The exports of the above mentioned items made up 48.5% of the total value of the national exports during August 2018 compared with 55.3% in the same month of 2017.

Clothes have occupied the first rank among the national exported commodities in Aug 2018; vegetables & fruits came second while pharmaceutical products and fertilizers held the third and the Fourth ranks respectively.

The data show an increase in the national exports value of fertilizers by 28.7%, vegetables by 16.3%, clothes and its un knitted related accessories by 86.5% and crude phosphate by 13.5%

,while the national exports value has increased for printing products , machines, apparatus and electrical appliances and their parts during August 2018.

**The most important exported and imported commodities during
The first 8 months of 2017 and 2018**

Value in (JD Million)

National Exports				Imports			
Commodities	2017	2018	Growth Average %	Commodities	2017	2018	Growth Average %
Clothes and accessories	728.5	820.6	12.6	Crude Oil	1408.0	2010.9	42.8
Pharmaceutical products	266.5	254.2	-4.6	machines, machinery and their part	1008.0	739.7	-26.6
Crude potash	218.5	245.6	12.4	Vehicles, Motorcycle and their parts	920.3	636.8	-30.8
Fruits and vegetables	240.0	211.3	-12.0	Machinery, electrical appliances and their parts	582.7	556.4	-4.5
fertilizers	147.7	187.9	27.2	iron and its products	333.0	401.5	20.6
Crude phosphate	181.1	169.8	-6.2	Plastic and its products	332.4	344.1	3.5
Other items	1133.2	1101.7	-2.8	Other items	4953.5	4724.7	-4.6
National Exports	2915.5	2991.1	2.6	Total of Imports (2)	9537.9	9414.1	-1.3
Re-exports	539.8	564.0	4.5				
Sum of total Exports (1)	3455.3	3555.1	2.9	Trade Deficit (1)-(2)	-6082.6	-5859.0	-3.7

**Main Trade Partners and Economic Blocs during the first 8 months
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	1327.1	1264.8	-4.7	Greater Arab Trade Zone Countries	2211.7	2566.2	16.0
Of which Saudi Arabia	376.3	312.6	-16.9	Of which Saudi Arabia	1149.0	1608.9	40.0
North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	777.1	857.0	10.3	North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	1155.7	928.2	-19.7
Of which USA	744.4	818.4	9.9	Of which USA	1000.7	821.7	-17.9
Non-Arab Asian countries	528.4	606.4	14.8	Non-Arab Asian countries	3080.9	2842.5	-7.7
Of which India	240.2	314.1	30.8	Of which China	1355.2	1272.0	-6.1
European Union Countries	78.2	91.8	17.4	European Union Countries	2019.7	2019.3	-0.02
Of which Netherlands	17.4	18.1	4.0	Of which Germany	403.7	424.7	5.2
Other Economic Cartels	204.7	171.1	-16.4	Other Economic Cartels	1069.9	1057.9	-1.1
Of which Free Zone	150.3	118.5	-21.2	Of which Argentina	127.7	138.2	8.2

Fig 2: Exports, Imports and Trade Deficit (Mar 2018-Aug 2018)

