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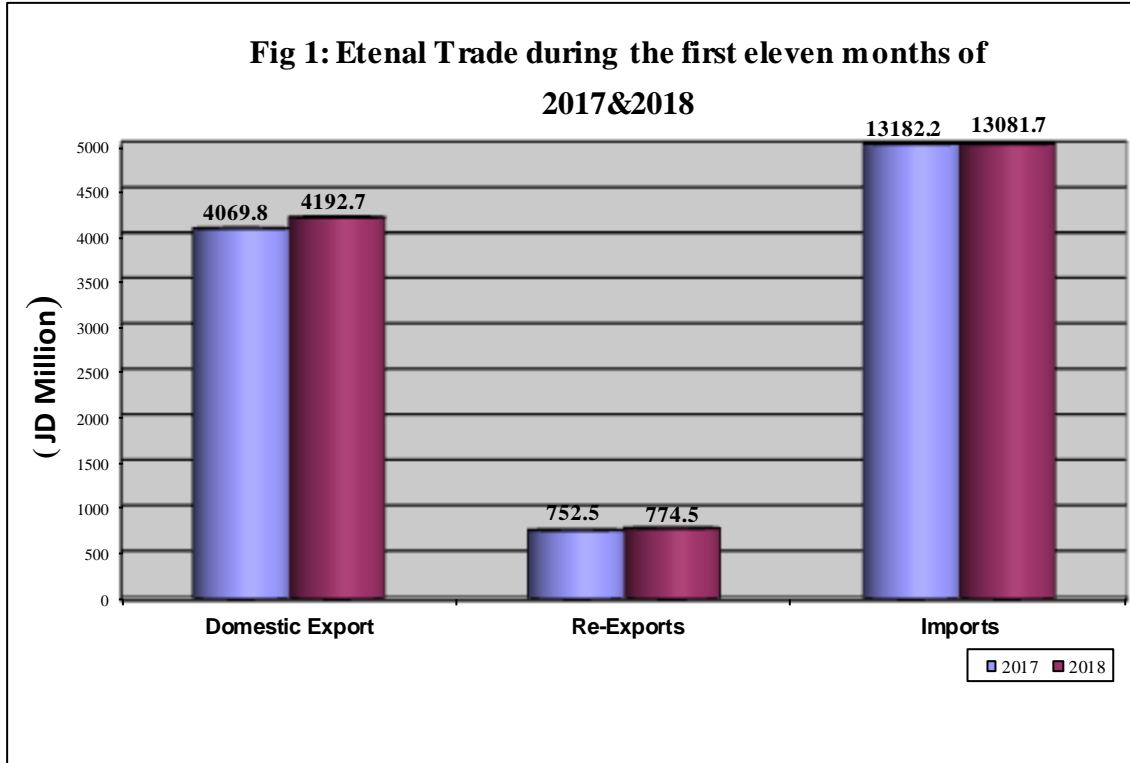
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The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

## **National exports increase by 3.0% and Imports decrease by (0.8%) during the first 11 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.4967.2 million during the first 11 months of 2018 [i.e., an increase by 3.0% compared with the same period of 2017]. Meanwhile, the national exports value reached JD.4192.7 Million during the first 11 months of 2018 [i.e. an increase by 3.0% compared with the same period of 2017]. The value of re-exports reached JD 774.5 million during the first 11 months of 2018 which indicates an increase by 2.9% as compared with the same period of 2017. The imports value reached JD.13081.7 million during the first 11 months of 2018, thus decreasing by (0.8%) 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.8114.5 million therefore; the deficit has decreased during the first 11 months of 2018 by (2.9%) compared with the same period of 2017. The imports coverage by total exports has become 38.0% during the first 11 months of 2018 while it was 36.6% for the same period of 2017, which means an increase by 1.4 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 10.8%, crude potash by 13.5% and fertilizers 14.2%. While there was a decrease in the pharmaceutical products by (1.5%), fruits & vegetables by (16.2%) and crude phosphate by (8.4%).

As for imports, there was an increase in the imports value of crude oil and its products by 29.2%, machinery, electrical appliances and their parts by 1.1%, iron and its products by 19.5% and plastic and its products by 4.3%. While there was a decrease in the imports value of machines, machinery and their part by (24.8%) and vehicles and motorcycles and their parts by (22.7%).

Regarding trade with the main partners, there was an increase in the national exports to North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by 9.7% part of which USA by 9.2%, Non-Arab Asian Countries by 8.0% part of which India by 24.0% and the European Union

countries by 17.2% part of which is Italy by 47.8%, While there was a decrease in the exports value to the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by (1.2%) part of which KSA by (11.8%).

As for the imports, there was a noticeable increase in the imports value from the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 14.4% part of which KSA by 30.2%, while there was a decrease in the import value from the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by (13.8%) part of which USA by ( 14.0%) , the Non-Arab Asian Countries by (3.3%) part of which china by (0.04%) and European Union countries by (3.1%) part of which is Italy by (24.1%).

Regarding the value of imports from the Gulf Cooperation Council countries, it has reached JD.2983.2 million representing 22.8% of the total imports during the first 11 months of 2018, while the total exports to these countries have reached JD.1070.4 million representing 21.5% of the total exports during the same period.

The main reasons behind the decreasing value of national exports during November 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 41.7 million to JD 18.8 million – a decrease by (54.9%).
- 2- vegetables from JD.21.9 million to JD. 12.5 million – a decrease by (42.9 %.)
- 3- crude phosphate from JD.25.0 million to JD.21.6 million – a decrease by (13.6%).
- 4- machines, machinery and their part from JD. 11.0 million to JD.7.4 million – a decrease by (32.7%).

There was also a decrease in the national exports of livestock and products from meat and fish , tobacco and its products, painting and tanning extracts, plastic and its products ,products of stone or gypsum or cement and products of iron, copper and aluminum.

The exports of the above mentioned items made up 25.0% of the total value of the national exports during November 2018 compared with 38.1% in the same month of 2017.

Clothes have occupied the first rank among the national exported commodities in November 2018; pharmaceutical products came second while crude potash and crude phosphate held the third and the Fourth ranks respectively.

The data show an increase in the national exports value of crude potash by 35.1%, pharmaceutical products by 32.0%, apparatus and electrical appliances and their parts by 98.5% ,clothes and its knitted related accessories by 2.9%, while the national exports value has increased for meat and edible guts ,food products from vegetables and fruits and soap and washing products during November 2018.

**The most important exported and imported commodities during**

**The first 11 months of 2017 and 2018**

Value in (JD Million)

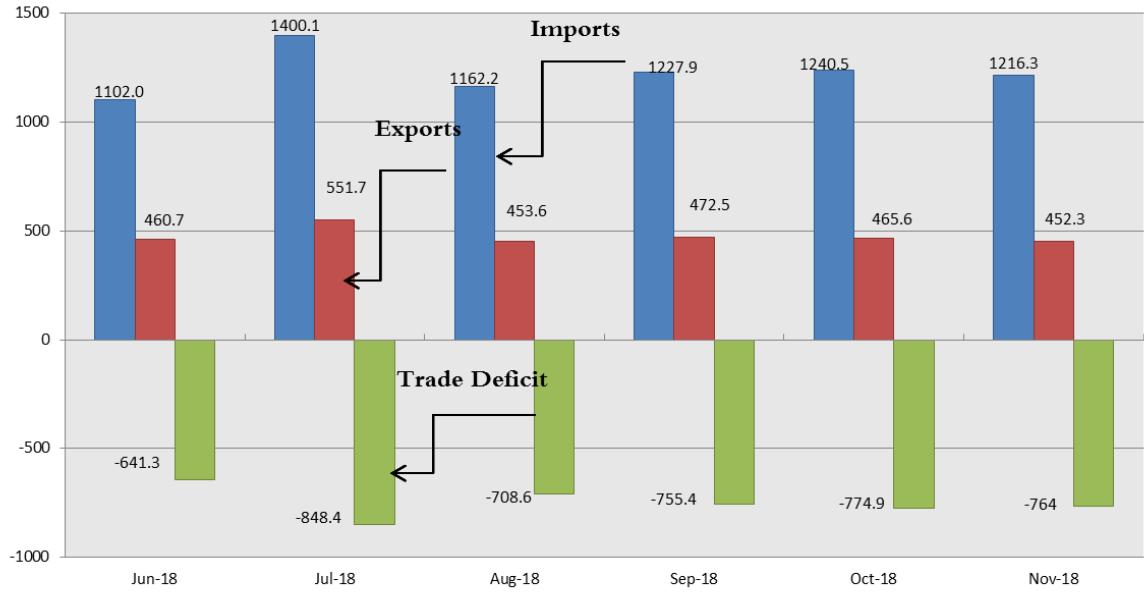
National Exports				Imports			
Commodities	2017	2018	Growth Average %	Commodities	2017	2018	Growth Average %
Clothes and accessories	995.8	1103.2	10.8	Crude Oil	2089.6	2700.1	29.2
Pharmaceutical products	382.5	376.8	-1.5	machines, machinery and their part	1329.2	1000.2	-24.8
Crude potash	303.1	344.0	13.5	Vehicles, Motorcycle and their parts	1281.3	990.3	-22.7
Fruits and vegetables	346.6	290.3	-16.2	Machinery, electrical appliances and their parts	802.0	811.2	1.1
fertilizers	231.8	264.6	14.2	iron and its products	468.6	560.1	19.5
Crude phosphate	249.6	228.6	-8.4	Plastic and its products	457.0	476.6	4.3
Other items	1560.4	1585.2	1.6	Other items	6754.5	6543.2	-3.1
<b>National Exports</b>	<b>4069.8</b>	<b>4192.7</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>Total of Imports (2)</b>	<b>13182.2</b>	<b>13081.7</b>	<b>-0.8</b>
<b>Re-exports</b>	<b>752.5</b>	<b>774.5</b>	<b>2.9</b>				
<b>Sum of total Exports (1)</b>	<b>4822.3</b>	<b>4967.2</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>Trade Deficit (1)-(2)</b>	<b>-8359.9</b>	<b>-8114.5</b>	<b>-2.9</b>

**Main Trade Partners and Economic Blocs during the first 11 months  
2017 and 2018**

Value in (JD Million)

National Exports				Imports			
Economic Cartels	2017	2018	Growth Average %	Economic Cartels	2017	2018	Growth Average %
<b>Greater Arab Trade Zone countries</b>	<b>1865.6</b>	<b>1842.5</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>Greater Arab Trade Zone Countries</b>	<b>3092.2</b>	<b>3536.7</b>	<b>14.4</b>
Of which Saudi Arabia	517.0	456.2	-11.8	Of which Saudi Arabia	1699.9	2213.9	30.2
<b>North American Free Trade Agreement Countries</b>	<b>1054.8</b>	<b>1156.7</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>North American Free Trade Agreement Countries</b>	<b>1550.3</b>	<b>1336.2</b>	<b>-13.8</b>
Of which USA	1012.2	1105.3	9.2	Of which USA	1325.8	1140.1	-14.0
<b>Non-Arab Asian countries</b>	<b>756.2</b>	<b>816.4</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>Non-Arab Asian countries</b>	<b>4127.1</b>	<b>3992.6</b>	<b>-3.3</b>
Of which India	352.6	437.3	24.0	Of which China	1806.6	1805.8	-0.04
<b>European Union Countries</b>	<b>109.8</b>	<b>128.7</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>European Union Countries</b>	<b>2899.8</b>	<b>2808.8</b>	<b>-3.1</b>
Of which Netherlands	26.8	26.4	-1.5	Of which Germany	569.9	598.3	5.0
<b>Other Economic Cartels</b>	<b>283.4</b>	<b>248.4</b>	<b>-12.4</b>	<b>Other Economic Cartels</b>	<b>1512.8</b>	<b>1407.4</b>	<b>-7.0</b>
Of which Free Zone	211.2	175.4	-17.0	Of which Brazil	157.0	212.7	35.5

### Exports, imports, and Trade Deficit (June-Nov 2018)



Source: DoS/Ex Trade Division