



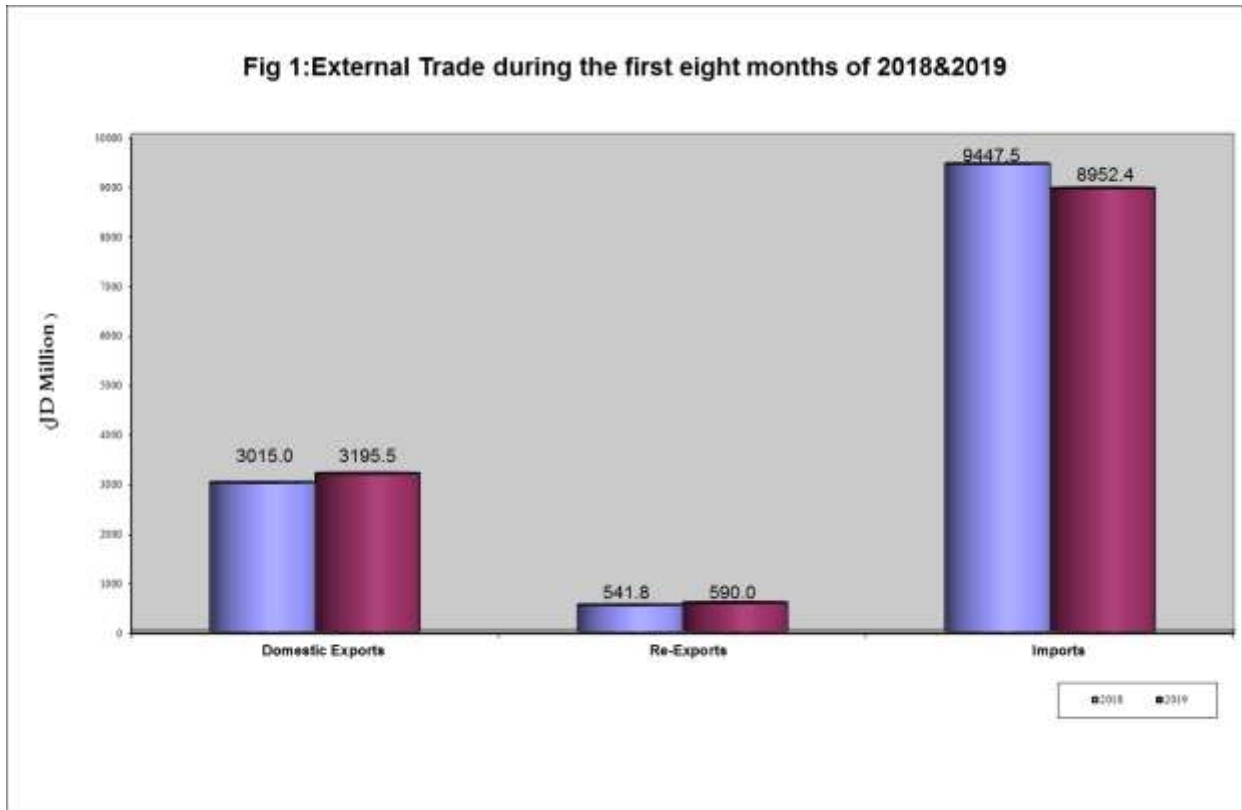
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## **National exports increase by 6.0% and Imports decrease by 5.2% during the first eight months of 2019 compared with the same period of 2018**

The monthly report issued by the Department of Statistics indicate that the value of total exports reached JD.3785.5 million during the first eight months of 2019 [i.e., an increase by 6.4% compared with the same period of 2018]. Meanwhile, the national exports value reached JD.3195.5 Million during the first eight months of 2019 [i.e. an increase by 6.0% compared with the same period of 2018]. The value of re-exports reached JD 590.0 million during the first eight months of 2019 which indicates an increase by 8.9% as compared with the same period of 2018. The imports value reached JD.8952.4 million during the first eight months of 2019, thus decreasing by 5.2% compared with the same period of 2018.

The deficit in the trade balance, which is calculated by deducting the value of imports from the value of total exports, has reached JD.5166.9 million therefore, the deficit has decreased during the first eight months of 2019 by 12.3% compared with the same period of 2018. The imports coverage by total exports has become 42.3% during the first eight months of 2019, while it was 37.6% for the same period of 2018, which means an increase by 4.7 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 8.1%, crude potash by 18.0% , fertilizers by 13.9% and chemical product by 39.7%. While there was a decrease in the pharmaceutical products by 0.7 % and crude phosphate by 5.5%.

As for imports, there was an increase in the imports value of machines and machinery tools and their parts by 0.7% and machinery, electrical appliances and their parts by 13.4%. While there was a decrease in the imports value of crude oil and its products by 19.0% , vehicles, motorcycle and their parts by 3.6%, iron and its products by 16.2% and plastic and its products by 8.0%.

Regarding trade with the main partners, there was an increase in the national exports to North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by 7.0% part of which USA by 6.3% , the non-Arab Asian Countries by 12.8% part of which India by 1.7% and the European Union countries by 15.7% part of which Holland by 6.1%. While there was a decrease in the exports value to the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 1.3% part of which Iraq by 7.9% .

As for the imports, there was a noticeable increase in the imports value from the Non-Arab Asian Countries by 6.2% part of which china by 10.9% ,while there was a decrease in the import value from the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 5.1% part of which KSA by 2.5%, the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by 4.8% part of which USA by 6.2% and European Union countries by 9.3% part of which is Germany by 6.0%.

On monthly level the value of Jordan exports has reached JD 446.1 million during August 2019 against JD 407.8 million during the same month of 2018 representing an increase by 9.4%.

The main reasons behind the increasing value of national exports during August 2019 are attributed to the increase in the value of national exports of the following commodities compared with the same month of 2018:

- 1- Clothes and its related accessories from JD. 109.8 million to JD.131.2 million –an increase by 19.5%
- 2- Crude potash from JD.33.7 million to JD. 21.5 million – an increase by 56.9%.
- 3- Fertilizers from JD.25.4 million to JD.38.5 million –an increase by 51.9%.
- 4- Chemical products from JD.15.4 million to JD. 22.5 million – an increase by 46.5%.

There also an increase in the Jewelries and ornaments ,crude phosphate ,iron products, pharmaceutical products, detergents and meat & edible guts.

The exports of the above mentioned items made up 73.1% of the total value of the national exports during August 2019 compared with 58.1% in the same month of 2018.

The data show a decrease in the national exports value of livestock by 53.8%, vegetables and fruits by 32.1%, Machinery, electrical appliances by 50.5% and plastic and its products by 31.7%.

Beside the national exports value has decreased for non- knitted clothes, papers, books, Aluminum, food prepared for animals, tobacco, meat products ,various chemical products and tanning extracts in August 2019.

**The most important exported and imported commodities during  
the first eight months of 2018 and 2019**

Value in (JD Million)

National Exports				Imports			
Commodities	2018	2019	Growth Average %	Commodities	2018	2019	Growth Average %
Clothes and accessories	820.6	886.7	8.1	Crude Oil and its products	2011.1	1628.2	-19.0
Crude potash	245.6	289.8	18.0	machines, machinery and their part	739.7	744.9	0.7
Pharmaceutical products	254.2	252.4	-0.7	Machinery, electrical appliances and their parts	556.4	630.7	13.4
fertilizers	188.4	214.5	13.9	Vehicles, Motorcycle and their parts	636.8	613.6	-3.6
Chemical products	117.2	163.7	39.7	iron and its products	401.5	336.6	-16.2
Crude phosphate	171.6	162.1	-5.5	plastic and its products	344.1	316.4	-8.0
Other items	1217.4	1226.3	0.7	Other items	4757.9	4682.0	-1.6
<b>National Exports</b>	<b>3015.0</b>	<b>3195.5</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>Total of Imports (2)</b>	<b>9447.5</b>	<b>8952.4</b>	<b>-5.2</b>
<b>Re-exports</b>	<b>541.8</b>	<b>590.0</b>	<b>8.9</b>				
<b>Sum of total Exports (1)</b>	<b>3556.8</b>	<b>3785.5</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>Trade Deficit (1)-(2)</b>	<b>-5890.7</b>	<b>-5166.9</b>	<b>-12.3</b>

**Main Trade Partners and Economic Blocs during the first eight months of  
2018 and 2019**

Value in (JD Million)

National Exports				Imports			
Economic Cartels	2018	2019	Growth Average %	Economic Cartels	2018	2019	Growth Average %
<b>Greater Arab Trade Zone countries</b>	<b>1287.5</b>	<b>1270.7</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>Greater Arab Trade Zone Countries</b>	<b>2566.2</b>	<b>2436.6</b>	<b>-5.1</b>
Of which Iraq	287.8	265.2	-7.9	Of which Saudi Arabia	1609.0	1568.0	-2.5
<b>North American Free Trade Agreement Countries</b>	<b>857.0</b>	<b>917.3</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>North American Free Trade Agreement Countries</b>	<b>928.3</b>	<b>883.6</b>	<b>-4.8</b>
Of which USA	818.5	869.9	6.3	Of which USA	821.8	770.7	-6.2
<b>Non-Arab Asian countries</b>	<b>607.4</b>	<b>685.0</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>Non-Arab Asian countries</b>	<b>2842.8</b>	<b>3018.3</b>	<b>6.2</b>
Of which India	315.1	320.3	1.7	Of which China	1272.5	1411.7	10.9
<b>European Union Countries</b>	<b>91.8</b>	<b>106.2</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>European Union Countries</b>	<b>2035.4</b>	<b>1845.9</b>	<b>-9.3</b>
Of which Holland	18.1	19.2	6.1	Of which Germany	424.7	399.4	-6.0
<b>Other Economic Cartels</b>	<b>171.3</b>	<b>216.3</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>Other Economic Cartels</b>	<b>1074.8</b>	<b>768.0</b>	<b>-28.5</b>
Of which Free Zone	118.5	150.9	27.3	Of which Argentina	138.2	128.2	-7.2

Fig 2:Exports,Imports and Trade Deficit (Mar 2019-Aug 2019)

