

Government of Pakistan
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

SUB:- ADVANCE RELEASE ON EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2012.

EXPORTS:

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during December, 2012 amounted to Rs. 191,408 million (provisional) as against Rs. 181,961 million (provisional) in November, 2012 and Rs.165,652 million during December, 2011 showing an increase of 5.19% over November,2012 and of 15.55% over December, 2011.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in December, 2012 was \$ 1,969 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 1,896 million (provisional) in November, 2012 showing an increase of 3.85% and by 6.20% as compared to \$ 1,854 million in December, 2011.

3. Exports during July-December, 2012 totalled Rs.1,148,568 million (provisional) as against Rs.976,744 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 17.59%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July - December, 2012 totalled \$ 12,051 million (provisional) as against \$ 11,202 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 7.58%.

5. Main commodities of exports during December, 2012 were Cotton cloth (Rs.19,561 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.18,909 million), Knitwear (Rs.16,112 million), Rice others (Rs.16,006 million), Readymade garments (Rs.14,695 million), Bedwear (Rs.13,831 million), Jewellery (Rs.7,716 million), Towels (Rs.6,276 million) Cement (Rs.5,776 million) and Madeup articles(excl. towels & bedwear) (Rs.4,960 million).

6. The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities exported during December, 2012 over November, 2012 and December, 2011 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in December, 2012 over	
		November, 2012	December, 2011
1.	Cotton cloth	-0.30	20.62
2.	Cotton yarn	2.34	56.73
3.	Knitwear	15.53	23.85
4.	Rice others	25.76	15.49
5.	Readymade garments	2.85	18.32
6.	Bedwear	12.19	17.26
7.	Jewellery	-36.90	124.56
8.	Towels	20.65	32.74
9.	Cement	9.66	51.36
10.	Madeup articles(excl. towels & bedwear)	20.98	49.35

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IMPORTS

7. Imports into Pakistan during December, 2012 amounted to Rs.356,899 million (provisional) as against Rs. 346,229 million (provisional) in November, 2012 and Rs.380,672 million during December, 2011 showing an increase of 3.08% over November, 2012 but a decrease of 6.25% over December, 2011.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in December, 2012 was \$ 3,672 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 3,607 million (provisional) in November, 2012 showing an increase of 1.80% but decreased by 13.82% as compared to \$ 4,261 million in December, 2011.

9. Imports during July - December, 2012 totalled Rs.2,089,842 million (provisional) as against Rs.1,979,202 million during the corresponding period of last year showing an increase of 5.59%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July - December, 2012 totalled \$ 21,922 million (provisional) as against \$ 22,678 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 3.33%.

11. Main commodities of imports during December, 2012 were Petroleum products (Rs.73,262 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.48,356 million), Palm oil (Rs.15,555 million), Power generating machinery (Rs.11,856 million), Plastic materials (Rs.11,676 million), Iron & steel (Rs.10,598 million), Medicinal products (Rs.9,473 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs.8,806 million) and Raw cotton (Rs.8,227 million) and Mobile phones (Rs.5,764 million).

12. The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities imported during December, 2012 over November, 2012 and December, 2011 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in December, 2012 over	
		November, 2012	December, 2011
1.	Petroleum products	3.81	-10.68
2.	Petroleum crude	13.44	38.82
3.	Palm oil	-5.21	-23.24
4.	Power generating machinery	126.69	-48.46
5.	Plastic materials	18.41	7.27
6.	Iron & Steel	-10.63	8.70
7.	Medicinal products	111.55	70.65
8.	Electrical machinery & apparatus	57.42	-29.37
9.	Raw cotton	185.07	370.38
10.	Mobile phone	-4.51	28.00

BALANCE OF TRADE:

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in December, 2012 was (-) 165,491 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 1,703 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July - December, 2012 were (-) 941,274 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 9,871 million in US dollars.

14. Four statements giving quantity and value details of selected commodities of exports and imports for the month of December, 2012 and July - December, 2012 along-with the data for previous month and corresponding period are enclosed.