

Government of Pakistan
Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

SUB:- ADVANCE RELEASE ON EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2015.

EXPORTS:

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during August, 2015 amounted to Rs.187,737 million (provisional) as against Rs. 162,532 million (provisional) in July, 2015 and Rs.190,351 million during August, 2014 showing an increase of 15.51% over July,2015 but a decrease of 1.37% over August, 2014.

2. In terms of US dollars the exports in August, 2015 was \$ 1,835 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 1,598 million (provisional) in July, 2015 showing an increase of 14.83% but decreased by 3.52% as compared to \$ 1,902 million in August, 2014.

3. Exports during July - August, 2015 totalled Rs.350,269 million (provisional) as against Rs.380,108 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 7.85%.

4. In terms of US dollars the exports during July – August, 2015 totalled \$ 3,432 million (provisional) against \$ 3,825 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 10.27%.

5. Main commodities of exports during August, 2015 were Knitwear (Rs.21,634 million), Cotton cloth (Rs.20,296 million), Bedwear (Rs.18,368 million), Readymade garments (Rs.17,983 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.14,085 million), Rice others (Rs.8,764 million), Towels (Rs.6,597 million), Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear) (Rs.5,323 million), Rice basmati (Rs.3,663 million) and Meat and Meat preparations (Rs.3,478 million).

6. The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities exported during August, 2015 over July, 2015 and August, 2014 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in August, 2015 over	
		July, 2015	August, 2014
1.	Knitwear	-1.22	23.88
2.	Cotton cloth	18.26	5.57
3.	Bedwear	14.94	19.60
4.	Readymade garments	-3.22	33.36
5.	Cotton yarn	17.75	-11.44
6.	Rice others	50.51	30.01
7.	Towels	10.84	30.84
8.	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear)	1.93	25.57
9.	Rice basmati	5.99	-1.56
10.	Meat and meat preparations	96.61	128.37

IMPORTS

7. Imports into Pakistan during August, 2015 amounted to Rs.391,260 million (provisional) as against Rs. 342,878 million (provisional) in July, 2015 and Rs.469,537 million during August, 2014 showing an increase of 14.11% over July, 2015 but a decrease of 16.67 over August, 2014.

8. In terms of US dollars the imports in August, 2015 was \$ 3,823 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 3,371 million (provisional) in July, 2015 showing an increase of 13.41% but decreased by 18.50% as compared to \$ 4,691 million in August, 2014.

9. Imports during July - August, 2015 totalled Rs.734,138 million (provisional) as against Rs.789,208 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 6.98%.

10. In terms of US dollars the imports during July - August, 2015 totalled \$ 7,194 million (provisional) as against \$ 7,931 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 9.29%.

11. Main commodities of imports during August, 2015 were Petroleum products (Rs.55,110 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.41,797 million), Iron & steel (Rs.20,436 million), Palm oil (Rs.17,395 million), Plastic materials (Rs.16,207 million), Power generating machinery (Rs.13,033 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs.9,026 million), Iron & steel scrap (Rs.8,528 million), Medicinal products (Rs.6,238 million) and Mobile phones (Rs.6,141 million).

12. The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities imported during August, 2015 over July, 2015 and August, 2014 is given below:-

S.No.	COMMODITIES	%Change for value in million Rupees in August, 2015 over	
		July, 2015	August, 2014
1.	Petroleum products	17.35	-42.24
2.	Petroleum crude	86.95	-35.90
3.	Iron & Steel	89.20	41.36
4.	Palm oil	60.68	3.48
5.	Plastic materials	16.16	-11.40
6.	Power generating machinery	35.34	48.07
7.	Electrical machinery & apparatus	-44.86	-15.75
8.	Iron & steel scrap	7.81	-5.82
9.	Medicinal products	1.80	-30.64
10.	Mobile phones	33.07	-8.15

BALANCE OF TRADE:

13. Based on the provisional figures of imports and exports the balance of trade in August, 2015 was (-) 203,523 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 1,988 million in US dollars. The balance of trade figures cumulative from July - August, 2015 were (-) 383,869 million in terms of Rupees and (-) 3,762 million in US dollars.

14. Four statements giving quantity and value details of selected commodities of exports and imports for the month of August, 2015 and July - August, 2015 along-with the data for previous month and corresponding period of last year are enclosed.